

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

The End of One War

Armistice Day, 1948, finds the American people once again, observing the future with apprehension. The fall of Mukden, the crisis at Berlin, the conflict in Palestine—incidents and policies every day cast new clouds over the sun of human relations.

When the United States entered the first World War in 1917, the statesmen cried that "this war is to end all wars." When the warring nations signed the armistice on November 11, 1918, the collective peoples of the world breathed a sigh of relief. Peace had come.

Yet in the 30 years since that fateful day in November, 1918, the world has been subjected to the ravishes of innumerable conflicts including the most terrible struggle of all time, World War II.

Although we have the unofficial "V-J Day" on August 14 and the day on which Japan surrendered, September 2, no one has attempted to set one particular day on which we should celebrate the ending of World War II. Could it be that we real-

Mrs. Roosevelt's Political Theory

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is a controversial figure.

Several times in the past we have disagreed violently with her views; several times we have supported her theories.

At any time she is worth hearing as an intelligent and politically adept woman.

Her views here, expressed in a recent radio address, show two trends of thought affecting our state and nation. However you feel about her ideas, they are important enough to look over.

"Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said today she would like to see 'the permanent ousting of the Southern Dixiecrats from the Democratic party.'"

Regarding the states Rights Party, Mrs. Roosevelt said:

"They won four southern states and 28 electoral votes, which might well have defeated Mr. Truman if the voting had been closer. Now, when to their utter amazement he has been reelected over their strenuous opposition, they are anxious to get back into the Democratic party."

"The reason is that since the Democrats have now won a majority in both the House and Senate, several of these southerners are entitled to important committee chairmanships under the sen-

The Passing Parade

Like Mark Twain's famous weather, soil conservation is something everyone knows about but few people do anything about it. A recent wire release brings the point home.

"Almost 800,000,000 tons of Texas top soil will wash away in the next year."

That warning came from W. S. Davis, Jr., of League City, president-manager of the Soil Conservation District Supervisors Association.

Addressing a convention dinner last night, Davis said:

"A total of 796,748,000 tons of topsoil

ize a war does not just "end!"

Wars like everything else have their aftermaths, political, social, economic. No one "wins" in a war, but someone should insure that some good is derived from the military victory.

For this reason it may be just as well that the American people do not emphasize the ending of the past conflict. Instead should we not strive to improve our world so that we and our children may live in peace?

As we observe the folly of winning a military victory and then sitting back and ignoring the aftermath and the causes of the war, let us rededicate ourselves to humanity and peace.

Armistice Day is a day on which we should remember and honor the men and women who sacrificed their lives for humanity in World Wars I and II. And from these thoughts may we gain strength for the struggle to eliminate all causes of war from our world.

Letters To The Editor

ity system if they are considered as Democrats.

"Among those who will lose committee chairmanships if they are not considered Democrats are John Rankin of Miss., one of the worst reactionaries, and Sen. Olin Johnston of South Carolina who snubbed President Truman, campaigned against him and then was one of the first on the train at Washington to congratulate the victorious president after his election."

"I think the people who voted for President Truman did so out of approval for his civil rights bill and other progressive measures and would not want to see him hampered by having important committee chairmanships in the hands of the fellows who most bitterly opposed the president."

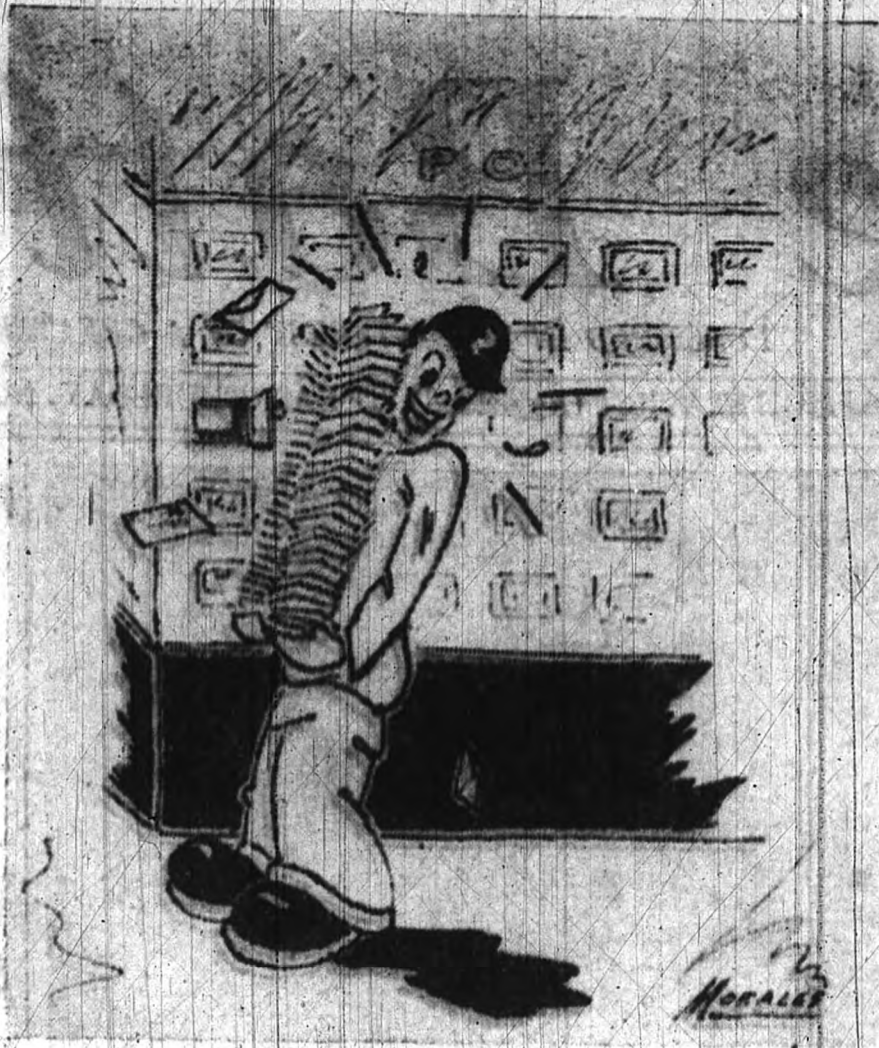
She added: "My husband tried to rid the Democratic party of some of the most reactionary southerners some years ago when he undertook to defeat several legislators whom he felt were sabotaging the liberal measures he felt he had been mandated to put into effect."

"He failed in this, but now that the Dixiecrats have chosen of their own accord to walk out on their party during an election, I think the Democrats should insist that they stay out."

is going to wash and flow off the surface of our great proud state in the next twelve months. Letting our topsoil, our lifeblood, disappear this way and at this rate is squandering astronomical sums of money.

In years to come, continued losses such as these are going to cost us and our children the civilization we know today. The ten million dollars we are asking the state legislature for during the next two years is peanuts by comparison."

And if we don't get on the ball we may not have enough soil left to raise peanuts for comparison.



"Could this be the Aggie Dream we fight together for?"

Sneak Preview

Bond Servant Makes Good In "Rachel and The Stranger"

BY ANDY DAVIS

Rachel and the Stranger (RKO) starring Loretta Young, William Holden, and Robert Mitchum. (Campus).

Over a century ago, in the days of the God-fearing pioneers, men acquired their women either by love or by paying a price for them. In this case, William Holden pays the price for his bond servant, Loretta Young, and marries her. There is no love involved between this man and wife, because Holden treats Rachel only as a bond servant. His young son resents her, thinking she is trying to take his mother's place, and never

gives her a kind word. Life isn't too pleasant for Rachel until the stranger, Robert Mitchum, makes his appearance, and then she is showered with attention. Even Holden begins to take notice of her, and before too long, realizes he is in love with Rachel.

Romance is cut short when the Indians stage a raid on Holden's cabin in the wilderness, but all are saved from destruction. The stranger decides to journey on, and Rachel, her husband and son plan on starting anew. The film has all the qualities of assuring the audience of an enjoyable ninety-two minutes.

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AIN'T IT SO?

Editor, The Battalion: When you say, probably with a pious gleam of brotherly love in your eye and a self-rendered pat on the back that you have (so open-mindedly) decided to give the other side an airing on the issue of a more liberal education in this, a technical school, and then proceed to print a parable or fable (Monday editorial, "It Ain't Necessarily So") that I don't think gives the other side, even one strike, not to mention a full airing, I think you're just looking in the mirror and heartily admitting that the fellow you see there is undoubtedly a fine specimen of broad-minded, logical reasoning, personified.

On top of it all, after you printed your holdover from the hill-country gazette, you pose that oh, so pertinent, enlightening, and juvenile question: "Will any of those (dear, cute, cuddly-wuddly, itsy-bitsy) animals, upon graduation be forced to hold down a full time job, fighting a nine-to-five job, and then come to the boss' party that night to play bridge with the boss' wife, discuss Rise Stevens with his daughter, and answer his son's questions on why the atomic cloud was radio-active?"

To begin with, if his boss is the kind of boss he should be, the employee will be rightfully expected to do more than put forth every effort while he is on the job to do it well and efficiently, and to go his best to improve himself, his work, and be of help to his fellow employees. IN THE LINE OF WORK HE HAS BEEN HIRED TO DO, which in this case, I think the assumption is that he is doing a technical job learned in school.

As for me, if I were to make the mistake in the first place of hiring myself to a boss who expects me to engage in all of that bridge-playing and opera-discussing as a necessary requirement to keep my job, I would presume he were looking for a tea-sip, immediately tell him so, and leave after getting a time-check.

I honestly believe that any employer who actually felt his employees would be the one kind of employer that should not be tolerated by ANYBODY. The very fact that people do work for pe-

ple like that is just an admission to themselves that they don't know their line of work well enough to keep their job unless they appease the boss and his personal whims.

This is a technical school, Mr. Editor; carry on your gallant crusade if you will, but know this: If a man comes here with his mind made up that he need not know one speck of anything besides technical poop, he is not going to be much good as an engineer with liberal education or without.

But if he comes here and faces the fact that even though his first love is to harness power or build bridges, or learn about generators, or the latest methods of scientific farming, he can't do his best when he leaves unless he knows some other things too, there is no federal, state, local, or national law that says he can't learn enough of those other things, (THOSE LIBERAL THINGS) on his own initiative to round out his education.

And please don't ask why he can't just go to some school and get a liberal education and learn the technical know-how, on his own because just as sure as you do, I'll say why don't you? I came here because I like the curriculum as is.

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Collins Will Begin Active Duty Tour

Thomas H. Collins, '45, a Captain in the Infantry Section of the Organized Reserve Corps will re-enter the Army on November 15th on a three year tour of extended active duty. Colonel Oscar B. Abbott, Senior Army Instructor for the Organized Reserves in Texas, announced today.

He will be stationed with the 4th Infantry Regiment at Fort Lewis, Washington, and will revert to his war time rank of 1st Lt.

Captain Collins, of Houston, Texas has been on temporary duty with the Office of the Senior Instructor of the Reserves in Austin. He first entered the service in 1943 and was commissioned the same year after attending officer candidate school. During the war he served in the Italian campaign with the 87th Mountain Infantry and participated in two major en-

Think of This

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called" Eph. 4:1.

"What is your business?" inquired my fellow passenger as we soared high above the earth in a plane bound for Houston.

"I am a minister," was the reply. "Are you practicing your profession?" he asked.

"Oh, yes," I answered, but his question continued to bother me. "THINK! Whatever your vocation might be 'Are you walking worthy of your call in life?' Read Eph. 4:1-7."

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