

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## Invite A Silent Guest . . .

Texans are being asked to seat a "silent guest" at their tables from Thanksgiving through Christmas.

Governor Beauford H. Jester called for Texans to support again this year the plan for direct aid to famine areas of Europe.

The American silent guest committed is asking each American family to "entertain" one or more "silent guests" during the month by calculating the cost of feeding an extra mouth for one month and turning that amount over to the committee for the purchase of food.

Aggies who have seen the wasted areas and impoverished peoples left behind by the searing sword of war will realize completely the conditions of famine so widely spread in the world today.

Even those Aggies who are fortunate enough not to have seen these conditions with their own eyes know how bad the situation is in war-ravished lands. The

## The Type Comment We Want . . .

From the Editorial page of Saturday's Dallas Morning News:

"Southern Methodist University has been paid a compliment more significant than all the magazine ballyhoo about its star football team and wonders of the Y formation . . . from the Battalion, student paper of Texas A&M College.

"The Aggies were beaten by SMU in the Cotton Bowl. The Aggies don't like to get beat, but they usually take it well. The hospitality and sportsmanship accorded them here are singled out for praise.

"We all get worked up about football. It is, after all, a game. It is certainly nothing to cry over in remorse or to become so psychologically unbalanced as to throw pop bottles and wild fists.

"Well, the Aggie cadet corps and SMU students shook hands and danced and patted each other on the back after that game. In other words, they were civilized about the whole thing. In any contest character is measured not only by how well one can lose, but how graciously one can win.

A visitor to that game from a neighboring state remarked he enjoyed it because he wasn't bothered by the inebriated who, he said, afflict the stadiums of his town. That, too, is a tribute to the Southwest—a tribute, incidentally, to its own brand of football. Down here football is so fast and frisky a man needs eyes and mind undisturbed by alcohol to follow it."

## The Passing Parade . . .

"The Dunn and Bradstreet wholesale food price index on Oct. 19 held at last week's level of \$6.48 and compared with \$6.90 a year ago. The index represents the total wholesale cost of a pound of each of 31 foods in general use."

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coverage by newspapers, magazines, and newsreels has afforded all of us an opportunity to learn the plight of those persons who were caught up in the merciless tide of total war.

Surely everyone realizes that the only humanitarian thing for Americans to do is for us to sacrifice some of our bountiful possessions for the good of the needy.

For those who are inclined to feel that "giving for the sake of giving" offers no particular advantages, it should suffice to say that there are other arguments for giving in this case. Other arguments shouldn't be necessary, but they do exist.

Kindness to the fellow who is down will be repaid tenfold when he is able to help. And the peoples of Europe will assume a more advantageous position in the future. When this occurs, they will repay us fully for any kindness which we exhibit towards them now.

But whatever your reason, give now—and generously.

From the Editorial Page of Saturday's Rice Thresher:

"The Aggies have gone out of their way this year to be nice, they really want all those visiting their campus to come as friends, and to maintain a spirit of friendly rivalry that will make firm friends instead of lasting enemies. The efforts of the Aggies are too numerous to mention here.

"The Aggies acknowledge their 'two-percenters,' the very small group that delights in rowdyism, and they apologize for them, and try to make up in good deeds what the reputation of their school might have lost from the actions of a small group."

These are only two of the more recent complimentary remarks from school and state papers. There have been many others.

Prior to this year we weren't always so favorably received by the papers and people who read those papers.

Personally, we prefer the present attitude.

We realize it hasn't been easy to attain. Aggies, always voluble in support of their team no matter how it fares, have bit their lip many times this year. They have sacrificed a few arguments and have gained a better reputation. It was a good sacrifice.

Congratulations on your attitude, Army. You've worked hard to build it. Now it's paying off.

According to this comparison the cost of food has taken a noticeable drop from the level of last years prices.

One of our cartoonists wishes to wager that roast beef, stuffed peppers, and lima beans aren't included in that list of 31 articles.

# The Battalion

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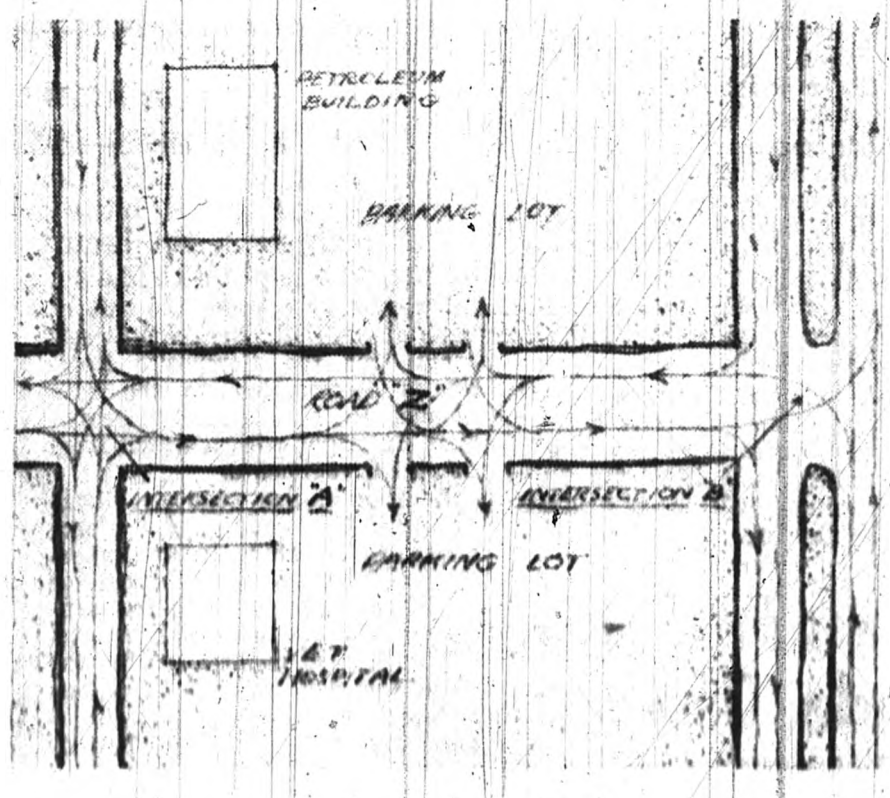
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WHILE WE GIVE THANKS, OTHERS STARVE

## Letters To The Editor

Editors, The Battalion  
Dear Sirs:  
I invite your attention to the intersection of Road Z and the Farm to Market Highway, as a striking example of the need for a planned campus traffic system. I designate as Road Z the eastern most of the campus north-south street intersecting the Farm to Market Highway.  
The traffic situation here is roughly as pictured.  
Where every crossing of the traffic flow arrows represents traffic "friction." Approximately the reverse of the situation pictured is true for 12 noon and 5 p. m.—all times plus or minus 10 minutes. A smaller peak occurs at 9, 10, and 11 a. m. and 2, 3, and 4 p. m., all plus or minus 10 minutes.  
From the rough diagram, the most confused traffic seems to occur at intersection "A"—yet I believe the most dangerous point to be intersection "B"; I know it is for foot traffic.  
To picture this situation graphically, car counts would have to be taken for a 7-day period at the peak load times, and diagrams be prepared for each of those periods—such is obviously beyond the scope of this letter, the purpose of which is merely to call attention to the situation with the hope that some action may result.  
Such car counts, diagrams, etc. might properly be part of the initial work of a committee of the Student Senate on traffic planning—or of a problem in city planning by the Architecture or Civil Engineering Departments, both of which I believe concern themselves with such matters.  
Or perhaps such a detailed analysis of the situation is unnecessary, and the responsible office of the college can institute corrective measures on the basis of casual observation and experience, once having been informed that a rather obvious problem exists.  
In this connection credit must be given to the Campus Security Office for an effort to solve the problem at intersection "B" by posting a KK there at peak hours. Your observation is requested of this measure as a half measure—a temporary expedient—a partial solution.  
Our campus is no longer the quiet, carless campus of the pre-war and war periods—it is time to recognize that one of the growing pains is a traffic problem comparable to that of a large city. I would be surprised if there were more cars in an equivalent area of downtown Houston or Dallas than there are within the central area of the campus.  
In closing—must we have an accident, perhaps a life lost, at intersection "B," as is inevitable under the present situation of half control—or can preventive action be taken now? This is not melodrama—several lives were lost in proving the necessity of a RR signal at West Gate.  
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BILLY L. COOK  
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## Foreign Consuls To be A&M Guests

Twelve consuls of Latin American countries stationed at Houston have been invited to be guests of A&M November 16. Their visit will mark the college's participation in the Good Neighbor Week proclaimed by Governor Jester recently.

The Latin-American visitors will be guests at a dinner preceded by a regimental review of the cadet corps at 5:15 p. m. on the parade grounds, R. L. Ekins, administrative assistant to President Bolton, is in charge of arrangements.  
The Good Neighbor Policy Week is being observed by state schools throughout Texas.

## Waco Club to Have Research Man Is Longhorn Pic Made Magazine Reporter

Members of the Waco-McLennan Club will have their pictures taken for the Longhorn at 7:15 Monday evening in the YMCA Assembly Room. Ross Fryer, president, announced today.

Plans for the club Thanksgiving party to be held November 26, have been completed, Fryer said.

A Cecil Wamble, manager of the Cottonseed Products Research Laboratory at A&M, has been named as local reporter for the Southwest Retort.

The Retort is the magazine of the American Chemical Society's southwest division, which is published at Dallas for all members in this area.

**Think of This**  
Romans 12:21b "Overcome evil with good."  
A certain remedy for starvation is the eating of adequate amount of good food. This positive measure must be adopted because of starvation, if left alone, will bring death. Likewise evil cannot be overcome by a negative attitude, that is, by doing nothing. But the complete antidote for evil is a life which is filled with active good.

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