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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Our Fifteenth President . . .

Today we saw the inauguration of our fifteenth president.

This installation differed from the normal conception of an inauguration in that an old administrator was not replaced by a new and untried president.

To A&M, Dean Bolton is anything but new and untried. He has been affiliated with the college in some administrative capacity for almost forty years. As a professor, head of a department, and dean of the college he has worked for a greater A&M. So much so, in fact, that he has be-

come a part of the school and the school has become a part of him.

Few men possess his qualifications for the presidency. He is a graduate of an ROTC school, a leader in the field of practicing engineers, and an educator in the true sense of the word.

For these reasons we feel that his name will fit well onto the list headed by Thomas Gathright and Sullivan Ross.

Your title, Dean Bolton, has been increased from Dean to President. Your stature in the eyes of A&M leaves no room for an increase.

One of Those Chinese Puzzles . . .

The Chinese have always been a problem to the western world.

Their oriental abrasiveness and our language differences have made their normal actions difficult for us to understand or appreciate. We have coined paraphrases like "confused as a Chinese fire drill" to exemplify the ultimate in disorganization. We have named one of our most confused games: Chinese checkers because the very word "Chinese" is synonymous with confusion.

We frankly have difficulty in figuring them out. Unfortunately we must figure them out. The Chinese problems can no longer be considered merely as intellectual problems or as a source of stimulation for academic curiosity. The problems of Asia are now our problems, and inextricably tied into our economic and political life.

Chinese-American relations are now in a crucial stage, fostered partially by our ignorance of Chinese character and culture—but primarily by our careless attitude toward Asia and China. Now we find that our carelessness has led us into a difficult problem.

We are committed to the support of an inefficient and corrupt dictatorship. The only valid claim it has for our support is that it opposes the Chinese communists.

It is obvious the thin trickle of aid we are sending to the Nationalists is inap-

able of stemming the communist advances. The Chinese Reds are blessed by more vigorous leadership and by strong support from Russia. They are now in a good position to force important concessions from Chiang's corrupt and faltering government. North China now appears doomed to their advances.

The Chinese Reds must be stopped. The Chinese economy must be bolstered and reinvigorated. Conditions must be stabilized so normal constructive progress can be made. But no amount of American aid will be useful unless it is accompanied by American supervision of its use. . . and new and more vigorous Chinese leadership.

Our State Department is faced with a difficult decision. Shall we offer aid only on the condition of a reform and purge? Such a move on the part of the Chinese could be accomplished, only by revolutionary efforts and is highly unlikely. Or shall we walk in and take over the task of protection, ignoring the consequences of such a rash action? This too would be revolutionary. Unfortunately, the only two promising paths are both revolutionary.

We can take strong action or we can take no action. There seems to be no logical median.

We'll probably do nothing . . . and regret it later.

The Passing Parade . . .

Spain will hold her first municipal elections since the civil war Nov. 21.

Best available statistics indicate approximately 6,000,000 heads of families will be eligible to vote, but actual balloting likely will be limited to larger cities. There is a general lack of interest in the elections, considered to be non-political and without the party rivalries which marked municipal balloting before the dictatorial regime of Generalissimo Fran-

cisco Franco.—The AP.

Our Spanish "Charge D'Affaires" gives us this message and adds that political activity in Spain is much like ours.

In Madrid too, there is discussion of a third party. Of course, our informant continues, there is one small stipulation. The third party (along with the first two) can do anything it likes in the way of platform and policies, just as long as it supports Generalissimo Franco.

The House of Lords refused to concur in a Commons bill to reduce from two years to one the time the Lords can delay a bill, thus demonstrating that the time the Lords can delay bills should be reduced from two years to one.

The Department of Justice, which wants to force ALCOA to dispose of some of its plants and properties, asks that the corporation submit a plan of divestiture. Big corporations are, however, the very poorest hands at strip tease.

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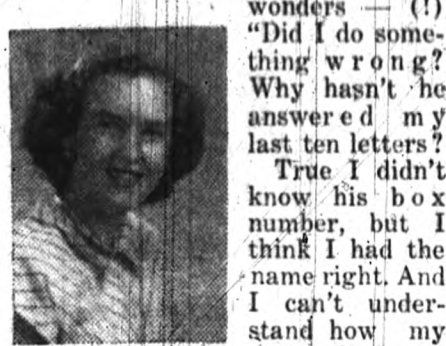


TSCW Dateline . . .

Tessies Recall Corps Trip; Choose Class Beauty Nominees

By JEANINE BROWN

After two weeks of reminiscing about the corps trip and the comparing of notes, we agreed to retain all these memories—as we look forward to next year's adventure. But then again, as the words of "What Did I Do?" sink in, she wonders—(1) "Did I do something wrong? Why hasn't he answered my last ten letters? True I didn't know his box number, but I think I had the name right. And I can't understand how my ex-steady found out that I had two late-dates." And have you heard the one about the girl who couldn't sleep because there was such a loud party next door? Still, our conclusion is this:



I'd rather be a Texas Tessie. A true southern gal Than from any other school from New York to Cal. I'd rather shuffle off to Cow Town and get a southern rum Than have Van Johnson for my blushing groom. I'm true to the colors of maroon and white Win or lose, or if they're wrong or right. But if they lose, old pal, you'll always hear me say Let's go down to Mac's and drink our cares away. Rather be out on a corps trip, and see an Aggie game Or be at College Station where

the spirit's the same. I'm just a plain ole Tessie, though Denton is dry. I guess I'll be a Tessie 'till the day I die.

Another momentous decision has arisen for the classes on our campus, and was met with skill and wonderful selection—the choosing of class beauty nominees. Each class nominated between 15 and 25 girls in their separate class meetings, and the next day voted by secret ballot for four girls nominated by her class. The senior beauty nominees are Frances Granbury, Laura Sessions, Claire Williams, and Florence McGrew.

Junior nominees are Bess Averyt Evelyn Balcar, Florence Feuille, and Mary Lou Jordahl; sophomore nominees are Jeannine Holland, Dorothy Mangum, Virginia Springer, and Kathy Huffman. The freshmen are Ruth Ann Clanton, Agnes Haynes, Carolyn Jung, and twins Betty Akagi and Bessie Akagi.

The custom has been that the school chooses some well known person to select the most beautiful one of each class's nominees. Last year, if you remember, it was Carmen Cavallaro during his appearance at A&M. There are rumors circulating around up here that it is to be a woman this year at some dance on our campus. I don't know how authentic this is, so take it in the spirit it's offered—only a rumor! Whoever it happens to be—it will be a difficult task for him or her because all the girls are so pretty. But, more power to him.

I thought perhaps the Sun-

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Workbench Proves Creative . . .

Prexy Uses Hobby For Both Production And Relaxation

By DAVE COSLETT

Feel tired after an average day around A&M? Then you can take consolation in the fact that you aren't the only one. Why, even President Bolton suffers from that malady.

But Prexy has found a way to relax. After a particularly hard day, he takes a little jaunt out to his garage and indulges in a little productive relaxation. He has one part of the building partitioned into a wood-working shop stocked with an arc saw, a jointer, a hand saw, a lathe, and a small grinder.

With the help of these few simple tools and a fair share of natural dexterity, the President of Texas A&M has fashioned several pieces of furniture and other small knick-knacks for his friends and family.

Of course President Bolton doesn't find too much time to devote to his novel avocation, but he has turned out quite a few products. Most elaborate of these is a "parlor butler," a type of folding dinner table which he made from mahogany as a present for his daughter.

Other creations to come from the small work shop have been various types of tables, ice-carts, and ornamental wooden items.

President Bolton has been working at this hobby for three years now. Before moving into the Prexy's home, he kept his tools and equipment in the basement of his former house. Frequent visitors to this basement work-shop were the small children of the neighborhood. With the help of some borrowed tools and some scraps of wood and blocks which they found around the shop, these tots would often effect minor repairs on a few time-worn toys or launch out on a little construction work of their own.

Another drawing card to the younger set was a jar which Prexy kept on the shelf. He kept this jar well stocked with candy which he never failed to offer to his little visitors.

The pint-sized kibitzers often came up with carpentry ideas of their own. One little lady, though, decided that the shop, which was quite naturally strewn with saw dust and wood shavings, needed a woman's touch. After thoroughly scolding her host she left only to

return with a small broom with which she remedied the situation. President Bolton, who derives much pleasure from his form of creative relaxation, believes that a hobby is an essential to a well-rounded life. His advice to all tired individuals is to get astraddle a hobby horse and ride it well—you might find that it's a lot of fun!

Think of This

Romans 12:21a "Do not be overcome by evil." It is needless to warn an American against being overcome by a Russian, because an American is vigorous in his resistance against such. The same American may, however, become a complete slave to evil thoughts, evil habits, and evil speech may overcome him slowly, silently, yet completely.

beam to A&M this last Friday afternoon would be anything but crowded with Tessies because Thanksgiving holidays are so near, money gone for multi reasons, but I guess I was wrong! I thought it was holiday time as I was shoved down the stairs and swept swiftly along in the general direction of the train by the overly anxious crowd.

I thought those spike heels would ruin my feet, but the gentle soaking in the nice muddy puddle which I stood in Saturday at the game made them feel much better. And just because I have laryngitis and a cold now doesn't necessarily mean the water in that puddle was too cold and wet! And another optimistic outlook on the story—I needed a new pair of shoes anyway.

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