

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Somebody Else, Not Me . . .

"It wuz somebody else, not me . . ." is the answer we always receive when we ask a person if he was the reckless driver who passed us on the way to Dallas.

Let's suppose he is right in so far as not being the person driving the vehicle.

But too many persons feel that they are not connected, directly or indirectly, with the reckless driving of other Aggies. They fail to realize that a great deal of the reckless driving that takes place while they are only watching or riding is the result of exhibitionism.

If this reckless driving does not impress them and if they would say so vigorously and often—they would prevent much of the tragedy that will exist among their fellow students.

There is no excuse for exhibitionism and allowing it to be practiced without being attacked will only result in innocent bystanders suffering together with the culprit.

Even when exhibitionism is not the cause of reckless driving, the cause being instead thoughtlessness or poor judgment we should attempt to eliminate the recklessness. It isn't necessary to blurt out, "Stop, you fool, before you kill us all!" More often the power of suggestion or a hint will turn the trick—without having offended anyone.

When subtlety doesn't work, a person may have to use stronger means of making the driver realize that his actions are

More Than Just A Seal . . .

Christmas seals of the National Tuberculosis Association go on sale today for the 42nd time.

Since the first seal drive in 1907, tuberculosis has dropped from first to seventh place nationally as the cause of deaths. Yet nearly 50,000 Americans still die annually from the ravages of the disease.

Tuberculosis takes more lives between the ages of 15 and 44 than any other illness, but no age group is safe from it.

Texas in 1947 ranked twelfth highest nationally in the death rate from this disease. The Texas tuberculosis rate was 38.6 deaths per 100,000 population and was well above the national rate of 33.2 per 100,000. Texas had 3.2 cases of tuberculosis reported for each annual death; the national average was 2.8 cases for

The Passing Parade . . .

"Gov. Beauford H. Jester said today he would recommend a constitutional amendment to the next legislature providing for a four-year term for Texas governors."

In an interview preceding a meeting of county Democratic chairman here today, Jester also said that he has not yet made up his mind whether to call a special session of the legislature in December to consider the Gilmer-Aikin committee report on public education. The session was requested by Lt. Gov. Allan Shivers recently.

Discussing the proposal to make the

dangerous. But at no time should the attitude of "it's none of my business" prevent us from attacking recklessness. For it is our business, just as much as anything else which can effect our life is our business.

And someone had to be driving the car that was endangering the lives of its passengers and others using the road. If YOU are the driver of such an automobile—one which can bring tragedy into the lives of others as well as into your own life—stop and think for a moment. Do you really feel that putting on a good show for the boys or even getting to Dallas 15 minutes sooner is worth your life? Or do you feel that either reason is worth an injury to yourself or anyone else?

Then why do we continue to drive recklessly?

Lack of thought probably causes as many accidents as do drunken drivers. Few drivers drink while on the road. But the best car handlers lapse into that moments distraction that can result in a month in the hospital or an end to your conception of time.

Chiefly from a lack of thought, over 40,000 people in our country died on the highways last year. They didn't think it would happen to them. Now they're dead.

That should give you and I something to think about.

Let's observe traffic regulations and use our common sense.

No one enjoys Silver Taps.

each annual death.

These facts show that Texas is one of those states in which tuberculosis is to be feared most. They also are proof that we as Texans stand to gain the most from contributing generously to the purchase of Christmas seals.

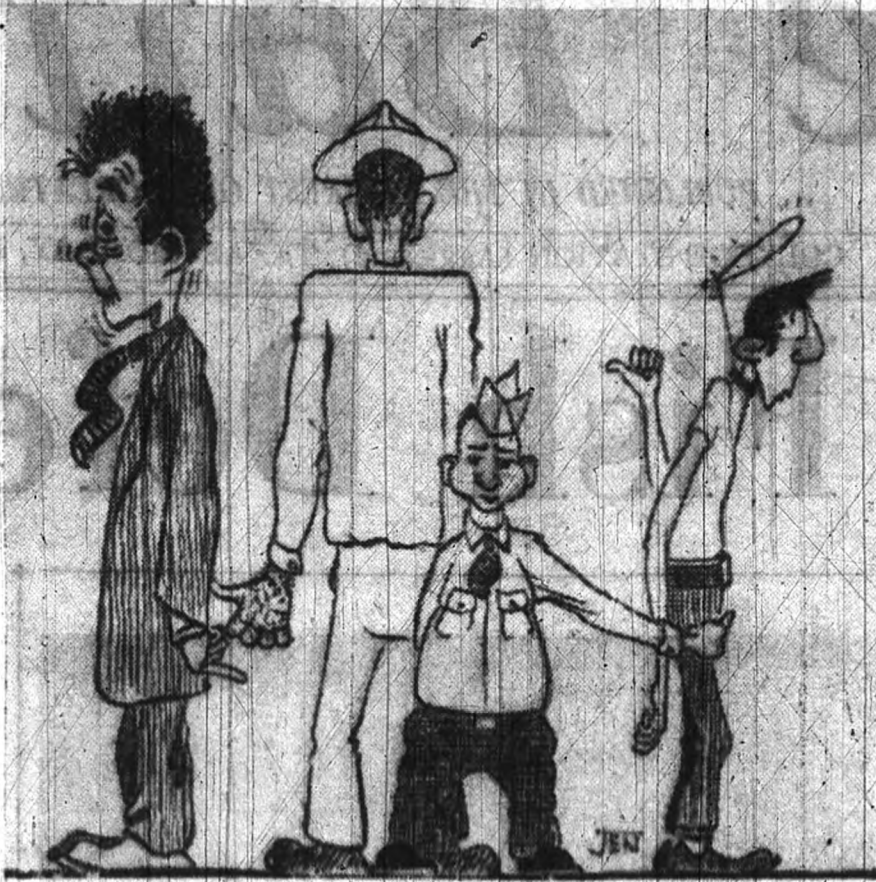
The program of the tuberculosis association which is made possible by proceeds from the sale of Christmas seals includes health education, case-finding, research, and other related activities.

The seal drive will continue through Christmas Day. Locally the sale is being conducted by the Brazos County Tuberculosis Association with Mrs. Mit Dansby of Bryan as the chairman.

Give generously because in this way we may render helpless a disease which is today the scourge of our state.

governor's term four years, Jester said that he would also recommend that the constitution limit the governor to a one four-year term. Jester said that frequently governors were forced to start running for re-election soon after they took office for their first term, and that it would be more expedient for the governor to be able to devote more time to his duties and not be concerned with running for re-election."

And think of the novelty. A governor who ran the state instead of a party or an election.



Open season on passing the buck, or "It was him whut hit that cow at Dime Box, not me"

Amplification Department

By FRANK CUSHING

Dear Know-Nothing: Would you please tell me what happened to that proficient student waiter in Sbis Hall who dished out only twenty-three beans. He seems to have disappeared from the line and another "23 beaner" has taken his place.

Thank You, SKB

Answer: SKB, that fellow had a tough time of it after his fame grew through this column. The publicity went to his head. Fact of the matter is, he started to try and cut down his servings to 22 1/2 beans with the usual half table spoon of water.

Naturally that was an impossible task and no mortal should have undertaken it. However our friend was not one to give up easily. Eventually it got him. The management moved him to the gravy department where he was quite successful for a period.

Evidently though, the demotion had been preying on his mind. One fateful day he broke completely—two servings got by him with no gravy upon the ice cream. The mess hall regretfully let him go.

The Sbis public relations head

states that the new man is shaping up fine. To date his water measurements have been completely satisfactory. Still, he is rough on the beans, lacking the complete consistency of 23 beans. It's too early to tell, but great hopes are held for him.

Dear Amplified:

I am a bit confused on a point of etiquette. When I am escorting two girls down the street should I walk between them or on the street side?

Curiously Yours, T. O.

Answer: T. O., old boy, please don't pull my leg. In the first place where would anyone get TWO girls around this place. And, if an Aggie's dreams came true and you did have two . . . what do you care about etiquette?

Never-the-less, if you must have an answer Emily Post says that gentlemen walk on the street side. That of course, would not apply upon the campus. I'd suggest in that situation you walk about ten steps behind, alertly watching all directions and carrying a 75mm recoilless ready for action.

Think of This

"Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him." Psalm 103: 13

A small lad was carrying a heavy sack of flour home from the store. He remarked that he wished that his daddy were there to carry the heavy bundle for him. About that time a pair of hands reached down and took the bundle from the lad's arms. He looked up amazed to see his father walking right by his side. As this father cared for his son, so the Lord cares for his children. He also stands by our side to accept the burdens that we find too heavy for us to carry alone.

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Between the Bookends . . .

Young's 'Light In the Sky' Reflects Birth of Industry

By T. NANNEY

LIGHT IN THE SKY, by Agatha Young, Random House, New York, 1948.

What America needs most is a steady source of good historical novels. It doesn't need more of the darn things; it just needs better ones. Light In The Sky is a fair example of contemporary work in the field of the historical novel.

It isn't good and it isn't bad . . . and for this reason it is unnecessary. It will bore a few of us and please a few of us, but it will leave the majority of us with no impressions at all. It's not what America needs.

The background for the story is Cleveland in the 1870's. The blast furnaces of a new steel industry were laying the foundations for great industrial advances. The use of steam was just beginning to exert its influence. The industrial giants of the east were just beginning to realize that they would have to face competition from the growing west. The imbrogio is a perfect setting for conflict on a big scale. Miss Young doesn't quite put it over.

She is a research specialist in costume design and is on steady ground when she describes the customs, dress and manners of that age. She has written another book, Recurring Cycles of Fashion, under the name of Agnes Brooks Young. She has been a member of the faculty of the Yale School of Drama and a costume consultant for the Cleveland Play House Theatre. She will be more successful when she decides to write about a less tempestuous era. Only a man could successfully write about the industrial growth of the U. S. and make his writings vigorous enough for the subject.

As for the love story: It is handled in an adequate manner. It has no unusual twists, no unusual intricacies, no overpowering passion. It's straight women's magazine stuff . . . and a lot of women will enjoy it.

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Air Force School Open to Reserves

Qualified Reserve Officers on inactive duty status who are assigned to a reserve unit are eligible to attend the Air Force Liaison Pilot School at San Marcos for five and one-half months to train under field conditions, Colonel Oscar B. Abbott, senior instructor for the Texas Organized Reserve, announced today.

To qualify for this training, officers must volunteer, have a commission in an arm or service authorized light aviation and must not weigh more than 170 pounds, he said. Previous flying experience is not required.

Applications and further information can be obtained from all local Organized Reserve Instructor's Offices, Abbott added.

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