

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## The Editors Want More Names . . .

The Student Life Committee has approved a Student Body Election to decide whether the name of our yearbook is to be changed or not.

On the ballot is to appear all of the suggested names in the event of a change. We have heard several suggestions, a few of which were mentioned in our Letter to the Editor Column. Many of these sug-

gestions have sounded good.

But we feel that the more suggestions for names that are turned in and placed on the ballots, the more certain that a proper name will be selected in the event the annual name is changed.

The Longhorn co-editors will accept any and all names submitted to them up to 5 p. m., January 4. This is an important issue so plan to do your part.

## Will You Die Over the Holidays? . . .

Aggies, who will be intent on enjoying their Christmas holidays the last two weeks in December should remember the traffic dangers which exist in increasing numbers during this period.

Statistics released by the National Safety Council and Northwestern University Traffic Institute reveal conditions in hard cold figures that make the Christmas holidays a period calling for special vigilance by Aggies.

In 1 out of 5 fatal accidents the road was wet, muddy, snowy, or icy. One-fifth of the drivers involved in fatal accidents were reported to have been drinking.

Extensive celebrating with the accompanying drinking of intoxicants and bad winter weather both contribute to the high fatal accident rates for December. Deaths from motor vehicle accidents both on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are 2 to 3 times the annual daily average. Last December traffic accidents killed 3,190—more than 50 per cent above the monthly average of 2,692.

Northwestern studies revealed the fatal accident rate, in terms of miles operated, of drivers under 20 years of age was

89 per cent higher than the average. The rate for persons between 20 and 24 years of age was 24 per cent higher than the average.

The studies showed that persons of college age should be the world's best drivers. Persons of this age are young, strong, and have keen, active minds. By actual tests their eye-hand coordination as a group rates first.

But, unfortunately, being young means other things too. It means that we take chances and speed into tight spots from which even better-than-average ability cannot always save us.

Speed and the frequency of death from injuries in automobile accidents have a definite correlation as indicated by the following table.

Deaths Per 1,000 Injury Accidents	Up to 20 m.p.h.	20 to 30 m.p.h.	30 to 40 m.p.h.	40 to 50 m.p.h.	Over 50 m.p.h.
	14	22	27	33	77

Remember that the holiday season is the most dangerous time of the year to be driving an automobile—and conduct yourself accordingly.

## He Can't See the Forest for the Tidelands . . .

Governor Jester, while attending the Southern Governors' Conference in Savannah, Georgia this week, has again spoken of only one thing—his opposition to government control of tidelands oil.

Our governor has repeated his sentiments on tidelands oil on manifold occasions. The press wires of the past months since his election to the governorship have carried very few statements of the governor other than variations on the tidelands theme. One begins to feel that the Governor has selected the fight against tidelands control as his sole duty, his sole mission in life.

Meeting also in Savannah this week, Southern educators met to discuss a regional education plan that would give greater and better educational opportunities to the school children of the South. Governor Jester has no comment on education; tidelands was his subject.

On the Governor's desk is a request for a special session of the legislature to pass

legislation to improve the school system of Texas. Though we boast more natural resources than any other state, our public school system is disgraceful even to a poor state. But our Governor speaks only of tidelands oil.

Our resources are being pumped out of Texas in prodigious quantities (320 million cu. ft. natural gas daily). Taxes on natural resources are nominal, and 85 per cent of our natural resources are consumed outside of Texas. But our Governor has nothing to say about a natural resources tax for our schools.

It seems the governor would concern himself publicly about such a public matter as education. We feel that the people of Texas would rather have their Governor crusading for a better educational system for their children than have him waging the fight against tidelands.

We can get worked up over a better educational system.

But, really Governor, we just can't get worked up over tidelands.

We learned from a visit to the cosmetologists' convention that hair-dressers artificially shape most women's eyebrows. That takes a lotta pluck.

## RED PEPPER IN THE RICE BOWL



Once Again . . .

## Lass-O Presents Editorial Views On "Tessie Letters"

The following editorial was printed this week in the daily "Lass-O" student newspaper of TSCW.

**"BROTHER-SISTER FEELING"**  
(Quote) Last week the "Battalion," A&M's student publication, printed two anonymous letters, presumably from TSCW girls.

In these letters the girls referred to the conduct of the Singing Cadets at TSCW and an alleged letter to the TSCW's dean of Women. They felt that the traditional A&M-TSCW feeling was disappearing.

The writers stated that a letter had been received by the dean in answer to her letter asking if the Singing Cadets wished dates during their recent visit at TSCW. The statement lifted from the answer was "We have our little black books filled. Ha!" The girls further admonished that this was not the type letter to be addressed to an administrative official.

Rumors have a way of spreading at TSCW, just as they do anywhere. This one happens not to be true. Correspondence between the Singing Cadets and TSCW at the time of the concert was carried on through the business manager's office and was addressed to the business manager, not the dean. The letter is informal, but not sarcastic as implied by the anonymous letters.

TSCW and A&M need each other to make their social lives complete on their campuses. This opinion was expressed by several signed letters received from A&M this past week recognizing the matter and apologizing for any past behavior which might have offended TSCW students.

One student writes: "I am not speaking for myself alone but wish to express the feelings of many of us Aggies here at College Station. We are extremely sorry for the incidents which happened recently. It is truly regrettable and if it will help any, we wish to express our sincere apology to you as a group."

Due to the lack of space in the Lass-O, the paper is not attempting to print all the letters received from A&M. With one exception they convey the same idea.

The TSCW Student Council and

administrative officials are striving for a workable solution for Corps Trip behavior. A&M officials are also working toward the same end.

One writer stated: "At the present time the senior class is working on a course in etiquette to be given to the underclassmen during the first part of the Military Science Class. This course is designed to do some of the training that I think you meant we need."

"We know that you girls are keeping up your end of the relationship between schools as evidenced by the treatment of the Aggie Sweetheart selection committee. Those twelve seniors never expressed publicly their appreciation for the wonderful hospitality shown them last October, but I know each one individually wrote two or three of the girls thanking them. That is the kind of thing that must be encouraged and it can be done if both schools cooperate."

TSCW and A&M have been considered brother-sister schools for many years. Each year with a new influx of students, new problems arise. With the cooperation of both student bodies agreeable solutions to these problems can be reached and the schools may remain close together. (end quote.)

## Think of This

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:57

Whenever we find ourselves defeated by temptations and questionable habits, we may be sure that the reason for it is that we fought the temptations in our own strength and tried to shape our habits alone. The New Testament is abundantly clear on this point. "Without me ye can do nothing," said Jesus (John 15:5). The most persistent worker in the kingdom is the man who has surrendered to Christ and with gratitude receives the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Read 1 Cor. 15:54-58)



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## Trampling Out The Vintage . . .

# Trusting Jailor Promotes Prisoner to Delivery Boy

By FRANK CUSHING

A sheriff in Missouri had quite a shock recently. The law officer had made a tiresome trip to Florida and returned with a prisoner charged with murder. Upon arrival home, the accused fellow was deposited in the local jail.

The sheriff returned for his charge the next morning to take him to court. The jailor informed him that the prisoner was out at the present time but was expected back momentarily. As the sheriff's blood pressure rose past danger point, the guard told him that he had made the accused a trusty and sent him off to get groceries for the evening meal. He'd been gone quite a while, the bored jailor remarked as an after thought.

The now-purplish sheriff, fearing his journey had been in vain, collected his deputies and quickly began a search for the new trusty. Then came the shock. The missing gent was found patiently sweating out a long line at a nearby grocery.

Inflation news: A new magazine probably not intended for the masses, is about to hit the market. The yearly subscription rate for the periodical is a mere \$150. Writer Jack Tarver, notes that the door-to-door sales will probably be handled by crews of Phi Beta Kappa working their way through Harvard.

An innovation in the "Aggie content" line retails for \$5. The above average cost of the article is due to the commodity's distinct, new feature. It's perfumed.

A cute miss received an RSVP from the authorities in New York, upon charges of presenting a "lewd and indecent" performance. A curious cop noticed something in the dancer's hand.

He quizzed the artist, billed as "The Flaming Redhead"—

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"What's that — a necktie?"  
Her answer gave some clue to the validity of the charges against her. "That's my costume," she said.

Movies certainly interested a young man in a Uruguay town. The native individual was carried off by the plot of the flicker he was attending. The shiny dog of a screen villain was robbing a whole family. As a final insult, the cad was not only brazenly staring at the heroine, but he was attempting to put his arm around her.

That was too much for any chivalrous-minded person like our movie-goer friend. Jumping to his feet, he whipped out his reliable .38 equalizer and squeezed off a round at the screen. Heartless real life cops hauled the would-be hero off to jail.

Such for the goose didn't hold true for a divorce seeking wife in Indianapolis, Indiana. She testified her husband beat her for smoking.

The judge asked, "Doesn't your husband smoke?"

"Oh, yes. Pipe, cigars—and he chews too." She continued by saying her husband came home, smelled smoke, and charged the women with taking up the vulgar nicotine habit. Confidently, she didn't deny the charges and made the mistake of daring her spouse to strike her. Her husband cheerfully obliged by breaking her jaw and blacking both eyes.

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