

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knighly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## And A Happy New Year . . .

It has been a rugged three quarters of a semester.

We have experienced an extremely lean football year. We have had six months of drouth, punctuated with an occasional "West Texas Rain" which dusted up the campus from gate to gate.

The grade points have been particularly elusive. After many sessions of midnight candle burning, there are only low grades and frustration for our pains. Mentally and physically we are a bit jaded.

But twenty four hours from now, all will be roses and violin music. The Christmas holidays will be underway.

## To The Victor Still The Spoils . . .

"It was a victor's trial," coldly remarked former Premier Hideko Tojo after hearing the International Military Tribunal's pronouncement of the death penalty for him and six other Japanese "war criminals."

The statement had peculiar applicability to the Tokyo trials, and also to the Nurnberg trials. At both trials the victor had spent months, millions of words, and millions of dollars to convict leaders of the vanquished nations.

Many citizens of these vanquished nations accepted the war crimes trials as a new twist to the old procedure of lining up unvictorious military and political leaders and killing them. Death was the penalty of defeat.

Had their nations won the war, they admit that very probably our leaders would have been arranged before some sort of tribunal and the results would have been the same—death to the losers. Some may commend this sporting attitude. Undoubtedly in America there are many who hold this view.

But America and the United Nations are attempting to present themselves to the world in a different light, not merely

## The Passing Parade . . .

From Austin comes this release. Sen. Jimmy Phillips of Angleton said today that he will introduce a bill in the Legislature next month to appropriate \$4,196,075 for rehabilitation of the Texas Prison System.

The bill, he said, incorporates the plan advocated by prison general manager O. B. Ellis for improvement of the state's antiquated penal system.

"The decapitation of a prisoner this week was not the first time something like that has happened," he said. "It was just that this killing made a better newspaper story. But prisoners who have been killed before are just as dead as the one that had his head cut off."

Phillips said the bill he proposes would help prevent such incidents.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



—don't want too much for myself, just so she has a blue convertible, is fairly wealthy, and —

## No Gag Either . . .

### Egyptian King Asks for Copy Of A&M Professor's Speech

By DAVE COSLETT

When H. P. Smith of the A&M Agricultural Engineering Department makes a speech, the King of Egypt wants a copy. The Egyptian ruler has entered a request for one of Smith's speeches through Seton Ross, managing editor of the Cotton Trade Journal.

In a recent letter to Smith, Ross said, "My pal King Farouk I of Egypt is asking me to supply him with a copy of some recent talks you have made on mechanization." A post script at the end of the letter assured Smith that "this is not a gag."

Smith, who is just as surprised as anybody at the request, isn't quite sure why King Farouk wants a speech or why the King chose his speeches. It's quite possible, Smith admits, that the land of the mummies and the pyramids is launching a program of agricultural mechanization, for latest reports on farming methods in Egypt indicate that the nation is using farming methods almost primitive as those used before the time of the pharaohs.

This is not the first time, though, that Smith has received recognition from foreign lands. One of his articles, "Production of Cotton in the United States," was published in the July, 1947, edition of The Empire Cotton-Growing Review, a magazine printed in England. The A&M prof thinks that King Farouk might have gotten a copy of that article and based his request on it.

There are several possible solutions to the question, since Smith has written several magazine arti-

cles, any of which might have been brought to the Egyptian king's attention. In addition to these magazine articles, he has written one textbook, Farm Machinery and Equipment, and numerous bulletins.

Smith, besides being well-versed in all phases of cotton production, has contributed greatly to the development of several types of agricultural machinery. A list of his achievements along this line runs from the invention of a cotton stripper to the perfection of a garlic digger.

The professor, inventor, and author has been at A&M since 1919 when he started as an associate professor of the college. By 1930, he rose to the position of chief of the Division of Agricultural Engineering of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. He assumed his present job as professor of agricultural engineering in the Agricultural Experiment Station in 1947.

A member of several professional societies, Smith received his B. S. in agriculture from Mississippi State College in 1917, his M. S. from A&M in 1926, and his professional degree in Agricultural Engineering from A&M in 1940.

### AGGIES LISTED FOR HOUSTON 'BOWL'

HOUSTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Major inter-sectional football games involving the University of Texas, Texas A&M and Rice Institute are virtually assured for Houston if a 100,000 seat stadium is built, city councilman W. A. Kirkland said today.

## Trampling Out The Vintage . . .

### 'Woman-Hater's Week' Fails; Male's Cooperation Lacking

By FRANK CUSHING

Those existing within the confines of Aggieland will never be able to understand the whys and wherefores of lads attending co-ed schools. For instance consider the male students of Southern Cal who attempted to replace women in their natural, servile status recently. Entitling the project "Woman Hater's Week," the lads laid down specific restrictions against shaving, wearing anything but old clothes, and so much as talking to females.

The frat fellows dived into the campaign with great zeal. Appointing themselves enforcers of the plan, some of them organized into roving bands seeking out all law-breakers. These Greeks rushed madly about grabbing violators and locking them in cages and

old-fashioned stocks constructed for the occasion. The water treatment was given to those considered deserving.

When the groups were on the rampage, there were few hiding places for darters. Not content merely to apprehend cart-couriers the enthusiastic lads even climbed through windows of sorority houses in search for fugitives.

The whole glorious plot came to naught though. Apparently there weren't as many woman-haters as the originators believed.

A professor at Louisiana State took it upon himself to clarify the items confusing his class. Explaining effects of heredity, he voiced this masterpiece of understatement:

"The chances are," he generalized, "that if your father and mother don't have any children, you won't either."

A judge in Stockholm, Sweden

reached a decision that deserves quite a bit of explaining but gets none. The ruling was given in a woman's suit against a man whom she alleged to be the father of her twin children.

The judge allowed blood tests to be made and introduced on the behalf of the defendant. When results were known, the court held that the man had fathered the son, but not the twin sister.

## Think of This

"Let him eschew evil, and do good." 1 Peter 3:11

The new Revised Standard Version translates the verses for today, "Let him turn away from evil and do right." There is only one way for the Christian to grow to the realization of this exhortation. We turn away from evil only as we draw near to Calvary. The light of the cross makes the sinfulness of sin to be laid bare. To know Christ and to turn from sin go hand in hand. (Read 1 Peter 3:8-17)

A judge in Stockholm, Sweden

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