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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Are They Old Enough

Should the vote be extended to 18-year olds?

This question looms large on the political horizon as a result of a vigorous campaign in Texas to reduce the voting age. Persons close to the Austin scene of activity have reported that bills to accomplish this end will be introduced early in the sessions of the state legislature.

It is quite possible the legislators have already decided how they will vote on the question. We even suspect that some may have decided without considering completely both sides of the question.

Although we ourselves favor the extension of the vote to 18-year-olds, we would like to present several of the arguments offered on both sides of the issue.

All too often opponents of the extension feel that a comment like "Put the government in the hands of a bunch of kids!" suffices for a reason. Standing on firmer ground are those who base their position on the fact that since persons under 21 are not legally bound by contracts, 18 year-olds shouldn't be given such an important privilege before they are saddled with legal responsibility.

State laws which are uniform throughout the country control this age limit on contract responsibility. Perhaps a change in the voting age would lead to a corresponding change in the "contract-responsibility" age.

Certainly many a parent who was sued for damages resulting from an 18-year old's traffic accident would have been relieved—and richer—if the age of responsibility were 18. Under the present state the traffic law passed last year parents

are responsible for the actions of their under-21 offspring.

State laws on marriage apparently have managed to straddle the fence on 18-year-olds. The male of the specie must be 21 before he can have the knot tied without his parents' consent, yet the female need only be 18.

Many feel that an 18-year-old is too immature to judge life's problems with the correct perspective. We can only say, "Look at our local, state, and national governments today. Do you feel that any of them are adequate proof of the superiority of above-21 thinking?"

A much more positive line of thought is the belief that when the citizens begins to vote at 18 and consequently receives earlier training in citizenship, the voting record of the United States will reveal more and better ballot casting.

Our final point has been repeated time and time again, but repetition has not dimmed its poignancy. If an 18-year-old is old enough to be drafted and to die for his country, surely he should be old enough to vote.

The man who can base his arguments on the money side of the question—contract and damage responsibility—without succumbing finally to the side based on the value of a life surely must have a warped sense of values. We feel that in the final consideration the fact that the value of a life is infinite completely outweighs any legal principles.

As long as the country demands that the 18 year old sacrifice his life when the occasion arises, the country owes it to him to allow him to vote.

The Dixiecrats Try Again . . .

That heterogeneous collection of political has-beens, tidelands oil barons, disgruntled Democrats who lacked courage enough to vote Republican, and a few sincere states righters who composed the States Rights Party, better known as the Dixiecrats, seems like a snake whose head is chopped off but continues to squirm.

Some of the boys rallied around the confederate flag in Birmingham the other day and decided to establish a "States Rights Institute" in Washington. The "Institute" was announced as a "non-partisan, non-political organization." Their purpose will be to protect Southerners from the White House "tyrant" whom a sufficient number of American voters chose to remain in office for another four years.

Just where the "Institute" will get its money, the Birmingham committee did not say. And people are always curious to know where the money for such enterprises comes.

From here it looks like another "spe-

cial interest" lobby posing as the great protector of Southerners rights.

To a few it is convenient and profitable for there to be a sharp cleavage between the South and the rest of the United States. "The South first, then the United States" is their chant.

Since the Civil War all thinking Southerners have been attempting to have the South recognized as an integral part of the United States. Only through integration and cooperation with the rest of the United States can the South develop and prosper.

Several Texas Congressmen hold key positions in the federal government. Their concept is national, not sectional. Their contribution is to the whole nation.

Such "Institutes" as the States Righters propose to maintain, could only serve to continuously stir ill-feelings toward the national government. Purposely or inadvertently they would be serving a cause which threatens the world.

This cause is a red cancer that feeds on dissention, prejudice, doubt and hate.

One thing about reading the book before seeing the movie is it makes guess-work more difficult.

Will Rogers was described as "a man without enemies." Will never ran for president, either.

The Battalion

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"What a difference a quiz makes!"

Letters To The Editor

THREE POINTS

Editor, The Battalion: After two years of continuously promising ourselves to write a letter to The Batt every time something meets our disapproval, we have finally decided to air our views.

FIRST, a recent letter in The Batt stated that it was the policy of Guion Hall to show the best available pictures at the lowest possible cost at the earliest possible time. It seems, however, that the Guion charges nearly the same rates as other local movies, yet the films are still mostly second and third class and always late. As far as we can see, we are seeing the same type shows that have been shown for the last two years at an increase in price. Since other shows make sizeable profits at a slightly higher rate, why can't Guion, (a non-profit organization?), operate on lower rates and still show first class pictures? Our opinion, and supported by others, is that the price isn't the issue with first rate movies at the earliest possible time, but when these movies as we have them now were shown a month later along with second and third rate shows, we can't see why there should be an increase in rates. In short, either better shows at present rates, or the same type we have now at lower rates.

SECOND, we are just back from the Saturday mid-night show at the Campus Theater. We are stunned—we went to see the great Aggie football team of 1940 in action, to see Kimbrough, Pugh, Johnson, Robnet, and all the rest in action doing their stuff. We were cold sober, yet to our knowledge the first frame was the kickoff of the game and also ended the first quarter. The second, third, and fourth frames showed the above mentioned stars in action making touchdowns (three in seven minutes), which was good, but then the fifth frame found the Cadets carrying the victorious team off the field. Oh yes, there were several other frames but not more than a dozen in the whole bunch. This game, beyond doubt, will go down in history as the shortest 60 minute game ever played on Kyle Field. Since many of us went only to see the films of this great Aggie aggregation of '40 which was so widely advertised, we hope that

the Campus and its management are well pleased with the splendid support of the Aggies, their main source of income. We sincerely hope that the A&M vs. Baylor game will live up to its advanced advertisement and will consist of more than a few random shots of the game. In short, we are two Aggies that don't like to get hoodwinked by false advertising. We suggest cutting some of the commercials which most Aggies don't give a hoot-in-hell for, all Aggies know by now about " . . . Since '38" and "Scar-basher's Friendly Service," and in their place showing a decent film of the game, or next best, a good "Tom and Jerry."

THIRD, way back in the good old days of traditions, there was an honored publication here at Aggie-land, a magazine known as "The Battalion." This did much to add to the Aggie "esprit de corp." Since we pride ourselves in our school in all of its aspects, it would seem to our benefit to once again start this real magazine which would put T.U.'s "Ranger" and all the rest to shame. We admit that it had its shady side, but if T.U., a co-ed school, can publish its lewd literature, why can't we, a male school throughout, at least have a magazine with a few jokes, Aggie stories, and other articles so necessary to the Aggie way of life. By this we could add another item to our growing list of things to be proud of.

We realize that this will probably take half of The Batt, so we will quit now before we really get started.

A. G. SEELKE '50
J. L. BROWN '50

Think of This

"More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." Psalm 19:10

Our appreciation of a thing is largely determined by the profit or the pleasure that we can get out of it. According to the psalmist we should, therefore, regard God's Words highly, for here are to be found both great profit and exquisite pleasure. The Bible is an armory against all evils of the world, a chart for every unknown road, a medicine for every malady and a ray of hope in every despair.

Official Notices

Engineering School: All engineering students who expect to register as classified juniors or above in the next or succeeding registrations will be required to present a copy of their graduation plan before their assignment card will be approved by the Dean of Engineering at the time of registration. Complete information concerning graduation plans is available at departmental offices.

H. W. BARLOW, Dean of Engineering

Agricultural School

AGRICULTURAL SENIORS: There will be an important meeting of all agricultural seniors who expect to graduate this semester in the Agricultural Engineering Lecture Room at 4 p.m. Monday, January 17, 1949.

Professor V. M. Faires, in charge of the post graduation studies, will discuss the opportunities of this program with graduating seniors. Other matters of interest to this group will also be discussed.

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Kinsey, Polls Have Filched Average Man's Last Secrets

By HAL BOYLE

Schizophrenic fellow, Mr. America.

NEW YORK—(AP)—It's a goldfish life today for the average man. He doesn't have any secrets any more. He's afraid to open his mouth for fear it'll be taken as a confession.

What does the American male think about the birds and the bees? Just read Mr. Kinsey. If his scientific poll of the masculine Libido hasn't made sex more respectable, it at least hasn't diminished its popularity.

And now along comes Archibald Crossley, the business researcher, with a study of "Mr. America's" dreams, wants and habits in commercial matters. It turns out that the common man is quite a market, and spends a considerable share of the family budget.

Yes, sir, he's some guy—this

Daddy Too

The Crossley poll, made for Argosy Magazine, shows, for example that papa wants to smell sweet, just like mama does. At least most papas do. Some 57 per cent use mouthwashes, regularly or occasionally. More than 59 per cent smear or pour something on their scalp to ornament or anoint the shrubbery thereon.

And 42.5 per cent now use deodorants, usually the same kind the lady of the family likes.

He stills prefers a white shirt and a blue suit, this mythical cross section male.

Most men still wear pajamas, top and bottom, in the winter, but only 35.4 per cent don both pieces in summer. Only 6.7 per cent sleep

raw the year round.

Booze?

Now take booze. Well, only 68 per cent do, and beer is the top drink.

But 79 per cent of the men like tobacco. But only 4.8 out of 100 chew it anymore, and as for snuffing it—only seven men out of 1,000 do that.

A stout 39.3 per cent said they went fishing, and 29.7 per cent went hunting, at least six times a year.

No Garters

They're neater than you might suspect, these males. It's true that 79 per cent still don't wear garters, but 40 per cent shave at least once a day and another per cent scrape 'em off three times a week or more. And 44 per cent wear a tie clip—or own one.

About 93 per cent pack a wallet or billfold.

One thing is omitted from this Kinsey-of-commerce's probe into the average male's material earnings—how a man can get the dough to buy more of what he wants.

This is the survey Mr. America is really awaiting.

Israeli Representative at UN Prepares New Blast at Britain

By MAX HARRELSON

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 11 (AP)—Israel was reported today to be preparing a new blast at Britain despite efforts of Washington and United Nations officials to ease the growing Palestine tension.

There still was no official word here whether or not Israel would abandon her plan to file a formal complaint in the security council against Britain on any of the several issues over which the two countries are arguing.

Israel representative Aubrey S. Eban, however, arranged a news conference for 1 p.m. (CST) and this touched off rumors a new attack on Britain was on the way.

Positions Open In Civil Service At Home And Abroad

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has openings for Cartographic Survey Aid, Highway Engineer and Highway Bridge Engineer, and Bacteriologist (antibiotics).

Positions for Cartographic Survey Aid pay ranges from \$2,152 to \$3,727 a year and are in the Geodetic Survey with openings in various parts of the United States. Most of these positions are with mobile units, and persons who apply should be willing to travel extensively.

Applicants must have had from 2 months to 5 years experience or professional training. Some training can be substituted for experience. Examples of some of the jobs are engineer aid, draftsman, computer, or other specialized engineering, scientific or mathematical work.

The Highway Engineer and the Highway Bridge Engineer position pay ranges from \$3,727 to \$5,232 per year. These positions are in the Public Roads Administration located in Washington, D. C., and various parts of the U. S., and a few are overseas.

Written tests are not required for any of the examinations.

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VA Asks Vets For Change of Status

Veteran students who plan to graduate, resign, or change schools at the end of this semester should fill out a VA change of address form, Taylor Wilkins, Veteran's Adviser, said today.

Forms may be obtained in Room 104, Goodwin Hall, Wilkins added. The form is used by the VA in case further correspondence with the veteran is necessary, Wilkins said.

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Early Fee Payment Begins January 18

Students now enrolled in school may pay their fees and make room reservations beginning at 8 a. m. next Tuesday, January 18, Harry Boyer, chief of housing, said yesterday.

A representative of the Fiscal Office will be in Room 104, Goodwin Hall, Tuesday and Wednesday. This will enable students to obtain their fee exemption slips from the Veteran's Adviser, Room 104 of Goodwin, and to pay the remainder of their fees in the same building, Boyer said.

EL PASO TO HAVE OWN "BOYS TOWN"

EL PASO, Jan. 11 (AP)—Land for use as a site in organization of a non-denominational project patterned after boystown has been given to Father John Kehoe of El Paso, secretary to Bishop S. M. Metzger of El Paso.

The land, totaling 350 acres is located near Dell City, which is 90 miles east of El Paso. The donors include Wayne Chandler, of San Angelo; C. W. Voyles, Austin; and R. L. Merrill, El Paso.

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