

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## Let's Kill Thursday and Friday . . .

Dead Week, like the repair of Pfeiffer Hall, has long been a campus joke.

As the end of each semester approaches, students speak wryly of their plans for the "Dead Week Vacation", knowing full well that some of their profs are making plans to have a smooth bridge of quizzes leading into their finals. The profs, just as smilingly, speak of the rest everyone will get these last five days as they heap the quizzes on.

Our question is, "What is so funny about the whole thing?" Few students like to combine so much studying and quizzing. We haven't heard of a prof who enjoys grading the mountain of papers that result from dovetailing quizzes and finals. Still it goes on.

This semester, why don't we knock off this old foolishness? The consensus of opinion seems to be that two days free of

quizzes prior to exams would be sufficient breathing space. Any more than that would lead to thoughts of travel; any less would render the mind incapable of thought.

To the profs we urge that you consider your students physiques and grades as well as your own arm and pencil supply. Education is sufficiently rugged without this post-semester obstacle course.

To the students we say, "Have words with your profs." Most of them are logical men, or they wouldn't be teaching. If they realize the true situation, few of them will bend your back with extra work.

If there are those who persist in "doubbling-up" and laughing it off, we invite you to submit their names for publication. Lets all agree on and observe a "Dead Two Days." To prof and student it will be mutually beneficial.

## The Evolution of the Swinging Door . . .

Everyone knows what a pub is.

Its an English institution, a meeting place for the neighborhood to sit around tables in a little beer shop and talk over the days events.

Outside of London and outside several industrial centers in the British Isles the government is constructing large satellite cities. These cities will be twentieth century suburban cities with around a million population. And certainly included in the planning of the cities are pubs.

These will be large, well lighted, chromium-plated pubs serving beer produced by government breweries and operating under government licenses.

Britishers as well as others who remember the quaint, dark, stuffy old pubs are reluctant to having their government streamline the traditional pubs.

Ah, what is more British, more enjoyable than to enter a stuffy, smoke-filled pub and order a warm glass of bitters!

"They can nationalize everything but the pub" is the attitude some have exclaimed. Britishers who have voiced objection to the government pub claim that they do not want the chromium of twentieth century streamlining brought into their sanctified pubs. "Leave it like it is, like it has been for generations, old and homey," they cry.

Also complaints have been made about the government beer. Its weak, its clear, its no good. But a government official has assured austerity saturated Britishers that the government beer is "almost as good" as private enterprise beer. There is only a slight difference in their specific gravities.

We take sides with the British people. There is just something that an old, dirty, smoky beer hall has that these new fangled modern ones don't have. Maybe its rats.

## The Passing Parade . . .

The recent flurry between the Mayors of Houston and New Orleans, now laughed off by the latter official, gave us a chuckle. It read in part:

A "real bet" on whether Houston or New Orleans will have the biggest population in the 1950 census was offered by Mayor Oscar F. Holcombe today to Mayor Delesseps S. Morrison of New Orleans, who recently kidded Mayor Holcombe in a telegram belittling Houston's growth through annexation.

"If Houston doesn't have a larger population than New Orleans in the 1950 census, I'll retire from public life, provided Mayor Morrison promises to retire from public life, if Houston has the larger population," Mayor Holcombe said. "I stand ready to make that bet."

We understand that some opponents of Holcombe were chagrined when the bet failed to materialize. It was, after 8 terms for the popular official, the only glimmer of hope they had in taking his sign off the mayors desk.

This one is a "local boy makes good" story from the first meeting of the state legislature:

The junior senator from Texas, Lyndon B. Johnson, had his hour in Capitol Hill's spotlight yesterday.

He presided over the Senate for an

hour in the absence of President Pro Tem McKeller (D-Tenn). Debate on the anti-illibuster bill was underway while he held the gavel.

One of our frustrated feature writers suggests that one of Mr. Stevenson's men was probably hidden in the gallery and had his eye on that gavel all the time.

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"Do you reckon the critter is really dead?"

## Letters To The Editor

**MEN OF THE SAME NATION**  
Editor, The Battalion:

A few nights ago my wife, baby and I went to a picture show. After the show I had to run by a dormitory and get some material to study by from another student. Just as I reached the east gate entrance after leaving the dormitory parking lot, one of the local Campus Security patrolmen stopped me. His question was as follows: "What were you doing with her in the parking lot?" "I guess you know you aren't supposed to have women on the campus!"

Well, I was amazed that a person cannot have the freedom (this is a free country, I hope) to drive with his wife on the campus and attend to his business without being stopped and questioned so abruptly about it. Other than referring to my wife (this way was very obvious as the baby was in her arms) as her, the patrolman was not particularly discourteous and I also know they do not make the rules they are required to enforce.

As these patrolmen have to

### Official Notices

**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. Tuesday, January 18, 1949.  
This meeting was previously scheduled for Monday January 17.  
Professor Y. 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.  
CHAS. N. SHEPARDSON  
Dean of Agriculture

enforce this petty, childish rule, why not publicize these rules and regulations of the school on a big sign board at the entrance to the college? If this institution must be made a concentration camp, let's don't do it half way. I have been to two other colleges and this situation is worse here than I have ever encountered or heard of.

Why can't something be done to improve these kind of incidents which are nothing but a thorn in the side to everyone. It is my opinion that some of our college officials have forgotten, that we are all men of the same nation and walk of life, and we should be treated as such.

W. M. Soyars, '47

### Think of This

"I know thy works," Rev. 3:15  
It is very true that "You can fool some of the people all of the time." However, when a man is dealing with God, he finds a different situation entirely, for you can not fool God any of the time. Many of the things that we think are hidden from the eyes of men but God has said that he knows even the secret desires of men. Let's play fair with God and be in the position to claim his promise to play fair with us.

**CATHOLIC MASS**  
Friday  
6:45 a.m.  
ST. MARY'S CHAPEL

## DANCE SNOOK HALL

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## TSCW Dateline . . .

# Holidays Bring Upswing In Engagements At Tessieland

By JEANINE BROWN

We are trying to think of a holiday that the President could declare for about two weeks from now—maybe the school would forget all about exams. And everyone still has the holiday spirit. We can't get used to class even if it is just to take tests and turn in final reports.

Quite a number of girls don't know what they are doing anyway though—they came back flashing a wonderful Christmas present, an engagement ring. I've never seen so many engaged people! Those girls are happy, though one wonders what these looks from the career-hopeful girls mean. Oh, well engagement rings don't give one

a new way to hide notes or pass an exam so we are all the same in that respect.

If this weather keeps up, there isn't much one can do except to stay inside and—perhaps study. I was trying to find a fourth for an after-dinner game of bridge last night, but everyone had the same idea. There were games in every room in two wings of the dorm—well, maybe we'll get around to studying. Anyway we aren't running and playing outside.

A couple of thousand braved the storm last week, however, to see the movie "Henry V." It was at our main auditorium, which made it nice. Some went to see it for the second time—which is a clue that it was a wonderful show. And now the Shakespeare class won't have to read that play. The love scene was awfully cute—one spoke only French and the other one spoke English, and she thought he was presumptuous by kissing her hand. Well, it was a long time ago, so what if it does seem only a fantasy now!

## Texas Agricultural Workers Will Hold Meet In Ft. Worth

The Texas Agricultural Workers Association will hold its twenty-second annual meeting in Fort Worth next Friday and Saturday.

The chief purpose of the association is to spread accurate news and information to the state's agricultural interests.

Members of the association include: E. R. Alexander, head of the Agricultural Education Department; Dr. R. D. Lewis, director of the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station; Tyrus R. Timm, Agricultural Economics and Sociology Department; Louis Franke, of the Extension Service; Maurine Hearne state home demonstration agent; and P. T. Montfort, of the Agricultural Engineering Department.

TSCW is going back a little, too, when we present our Vaudeville Show this Thursday night. W.R.A. (Women's Recreation Association, of which everyone up here is a member) is sponsoring the show and anything goes! Since there aren't enough clever dogs around for one of the dog acts—humans are taking the place of the dogs. A

### DALLAS CLUBS REPORTED CUTTING LIQUOR SALES

DALLAS, Jan. 13 (AP)—Private clubs in Dallas are complying with a Texas Liquor Control Board ultimatum to cease selling mixed alcoholic drinks, the Dallas Times Herald said Wednesday.

### SKYWAY DRIVE-IN THEATRE

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