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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Mr. Evans Come Up With One . . .

The following four paragraphs appeared on the AP wire two days ago:

A tax on natural gas transported out of Texas was proposed by Roger Q. Evans as a method of providing funds for a veterans' bonus.

The former state legislator from Denison made the suggestion last night at a meeting of Fort Worth Veterans. After the meeting, attended by around 200 persons, about 100 veterans signified their intention to form a Texas Veterans Bonus Club chapter here.

Evans termed his suggested payment an "appreciation bonus," and also urged adoption of legislation for a state veterans' relief or disaster fund, based on \$50 a month, with a maximum of \$600 annually.

His suggested bonus calls for \$10 monthly for domestic service, \$25 monthly for overseas service, with a maximum of \$600, with the exception of a \$1,200 maximum for next of kin of those killed

in service. He also advocated more than \$600 annually for those partially disabled in service.

To aid Mr. Evans in his campaign, we offer him the results of a survey taken by The Battalion last year. In this survey, of the large percentage of veteran students favoring a state bonus, almost 90 percent of them suggested raising the necessary funds by taxation of the natural resources leaving the state.

We aren't, by any means, panning Mr. Evans for being a year late with his suggestion. There have been so few good ideas for utilizing the excess profits from natural resources leaving our state daily, that when one does appear, we say, "Better late than never."

But with this one as an example of what our campus spawns, we invite Mr. Evans and any of his colleagues to our campus to talk with our students.

It is surprising what good ideas they have sometimes.

Not in Keeping With His Policy . . .

"I favor the constitutional provisions for electors to continue as they have for the last 160 years," the Dallas Morning News reports President Truman as saying Wednesday night at the dinner of the electoral college.

Although no other details were given about the President's statement or his reason for making it, the one sentence which the News' reporter, Walter C. Hornaday, gave would seem to offer a definite contrast to many of Truman's liberal views.

For a man who supports federal housing aid, compulsory enforcement of certain policies aimed at racial discrimination, and other similar programs, this statement seems quite strange.

We believe that the electoral college as it is now organized needs to be overhauled. The change advocated in bills introduced by Representative Ed Gossett, Democrat from Wichita Falls, and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican from Massachusetts, should improve the situation greatly.

This non-partisan bill would propose a constitutional amendment that would divide the electoral votes of the states proportionately among the presidential candidates. At present a candidate who receives a plurality of the popular vote receives the entire electoral vote.

One of the main advantages of the

proposed system is the lessening of the influence of so-called "pivotal" states. Today such states as New York, Pennsylvania, and Calif. receive an undue amount of attention from the courting politicians. These erstwhile officials realize that in such a state they can gain an enormous bloc of votes by swinging the "fluid minority"—that group which will go to the candidate whom it feels offers it the best opportunities for favorable policies.

Too often the candidate must sacrifice a policy which would benefit the large group of people who are fairly sure to support him in order to keep from alienating the minority. Sometimes this may result in an unforeseen good, but all too often it can be injurious to the large group of dependable voters.

Under the proposed system a candidate could concentrate on policies which would be supported by a majority of the people. Unless he could offer such a program he could not expect to win his election. Thus the will of the majority would be observed much better than it is now.

Unless the President attached some meaning to his statement other than the one which the reader will readily see, or unless he has some other definite and good reason for opposing a change, we feel that his position on the electoral college is a definite weakness in his program for the country.

The Passing Parade . . .

Here is some information from the March of Dimes Headquarters in New York.

Pretty Linda Iris Brown of San Antonio, who will be four years old Jan. 13, has been named poster child for the 1949 March of Dimes campaign.

Her birthday will be the day before

the campaign starts. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis announced the selection yesterday. It said Linda was a victim of infantile paralysis in 1946.

Spend some money on this cover girl men, you'll probably get more satisfaction from that dime than any money you've spent on women in a heck of a long time.

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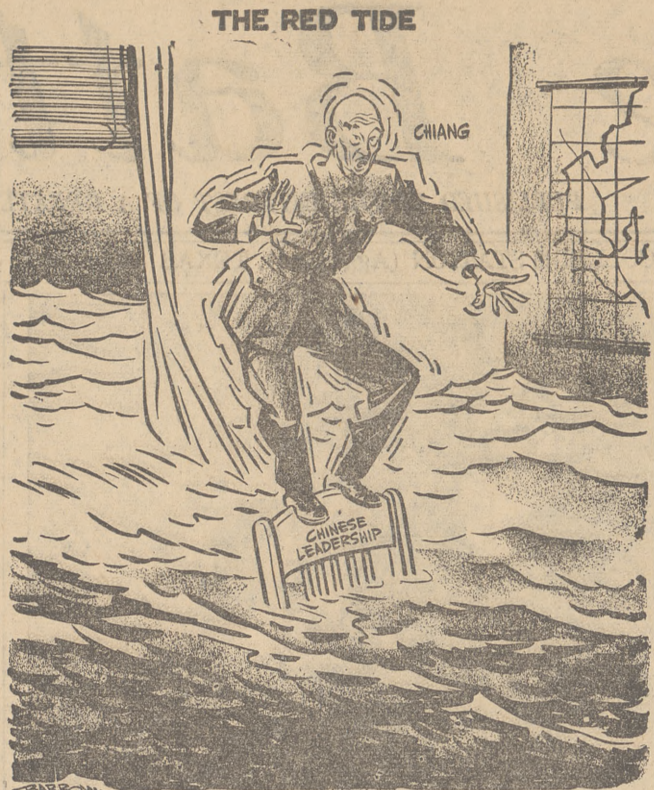
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The A&M Pistol Team won its firing match last week against the United States Coast Guard Academy, according to Lt. Col. Frank Swoger, officer in charge of the team.

The A&M team scored 1363 points against 1340 for the Coast Guard.

This match brings the team's total to 14 wins, 2 losses, and one tie.

Members firing in the competition were John B. Alto, C. P. Suderman, D. T. Gentry, P. G. Silber and E. F. Smith.

Think of This

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matthew 5:48

Under the shadowing of approaching final examinations it is difficult to believe in perfection. Humanly speaking, perfection is impossible. Yet God did not make the promise in today's Scripture verse lightly. He really meant for his people to attain the perfection of which he spoke. Is it not possible to have a perfect faith in God? and a perfect love and respect for our fellow man? With God, it is possible for man to achieve perfection.

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Wives of Veteran students who wish to take college extension courses next semester are invited to meet January 25 at 7:30 p. m. in the solarium of the YMCA. At this meeting it will be decided which extension courses will be offered.

T. F. MAYO English Department

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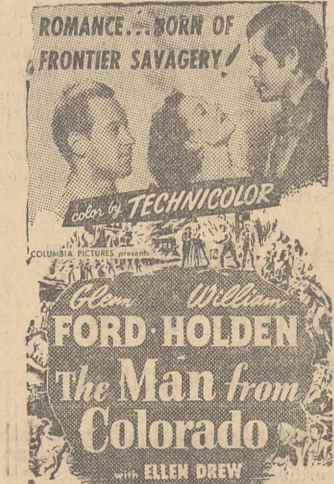
All students who are on probation for the fall semester 1948 and all students passing less than ten hours or making less than ten grade points at the end of the semester must secure the approval of their respective deans to register for the spring semester 1949. The deans will require a copy of the grades before passing on the eligibility of a deficient or probation student to register. It is the student's responsibility to provide the dean with his grades. This may be done by obtaining a special grade report form at the Registrar's Office on which the student records his posted grades. Grades will be posted on departmental bulletin boards not later than 8:00 a.m. Monday, January 31. Deans or their representatives will be in their offices ready for an interview as soon as a complete report of grades can be obtained. Permits to register will be issued from the deans' offices only.

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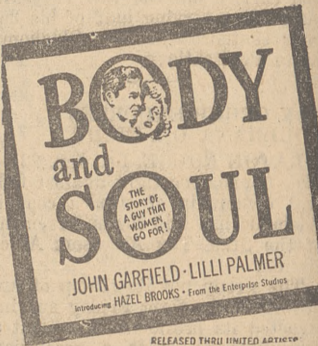
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