

# Battalion EDITORIALS

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## Our New Summer School . . .

If the Texas Legislature is willing (to the amount of \$200,000) A&M will build a camp-like summer college near Junction, west of here in Kimball County.

A bill appropriating that amount has been introduced in the present session of the state legislature, and college officials are optimistic about its chances of passing.

The new school site would be a summer college only. The buildings would be inexpensive structures designed for coolness primarily, and comfort secondarily.

Its primary function would be a training center for freshmen intending to enter A&M for the fall semester. The need of a sort of training center has long been felt by the College. Too many freshmen (about 200 a year over the past ten years) have been forced to drop out of A&M because their educational background was insufficient for them to pass A&M freshmen courses.

This college, located on a four hundred acre tract of land near Junction, would offer expectant freshmen courses designed to prepare students for the regular curriculum. College credit up to six hours could be achieved in a six weeks session.

If, at the end of this training period, the student was still found incapable of carrying a regular freshman load at A&M he would be advised (but not made) to attend one of branch schools of the A&M System where preparatory courses for A&M are offered.

Located in the beautiful and rugged

## This Year, Old Army . . .

This week the turf will really begin flying on the football practice fields. With the first few days of organization out of the way, the blocking pads will begin to clang in earnest.

At this point A&M finds itself in a peculiar gridiron position. While we are just emerging from a most disastrous and unrewarding period of football drouth we have in spring training literally droves of good football talent from which to pick a squad. Our big problem is not having enough good men but rather being able to choose the best men from a flock of good athletes.

While our coaches are not so abundant, they are equally new here. In terms of years coaching at A&M, they are all freshmen. But in terms of football ability and experience they are far from green. They are young. Probably the youngest aggregate staff in the conference and close to the youngest in the nation. Since they have recently played the game they know the players end of it and they realize its changes. One of them is so freshly emerged from the pro circuits that the first day out he could suit up, take a half back position, and demonstrate his points by running the tackles ragged.

The business end of our team seems

G. B. Shaw says women nowadays don't have the sex appeal they once had. Mr. Shaw is 92-years old.

terrain of Kimball County, the college would hold a vacation attraction as well as an educational one. The tract offered by Junction citizens has a mile and a half frontage on the spring-fed, rapid flowing Llano River. Going to college in such surroundings might conceivably be a pleasure.

Nor would the curricula be restricted to freshman training, though that is its major role. The Civil Engineering summer surveying courses and the Geology summer field courses would be based there.

If interest is sufficient and funds hold out, it is conceivable that many other regular courses would be added.

A bill similar to the one introduced in this legislative session was presented during the last session two years ago. Then it was caught in the last minute rush of legislation and failed to pass.

We commend this planning and foresightedness on the part of college officials and the Board of Directors. There does exist a need for both the freshmen training center and a camp-like college where main campus students could attend summer school and not suffer College Station's terrific heat. Naturally the field courses should be the first to be established at the Junction college. But we hope professors teaching many other courses will soon follow the advance guard of freshmen and field course instructors.

Truly this would be a great stride forward toward our constant goal—a greater A&M.

to be well in hand. Now let's look to our part. During spring workouts go down and watch the team. Both the coaches and the players like to know you have an interest in their progress. Spring training is a good time to size the team up and learn who the players are, since you may not be able to do either when the fall secret practices begin.

Another difficulty with this years squad is that several key athletes are having eligibility troubles. If A&M were an uptown school with oil wells on our back pasture we could afford to hire more tutors. Since we are not, students must shoulder the tutoring duties. If you have an athlete in your classes who is having difficulty with the course, make it a point to study with him. It won't damage your grade any and will put us a little nearer on equal footing with the better financially blessed institutions.

The most important thing, of course, is the attitude. Our enthusiasm as a student body will do a great deal toward determining our final position in this seasons pennant chase.

The gag expression for five dry years has been "Next Year, Old Army." The next year is here.

This year, Old Army.

A feature headline in the Atlanta (Ga) Journals "Atlanta Matrons Pack For Week's Relaxation at Florid Houseparty."



Aggie Summer School of the Future

## Thoughts for Religious Week

1. Do we need to be saved?  
"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23  
"Jesus answered and said unto him, Truly, truly, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3  
"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in which all, that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of condemnation." John 5:28-29
2. Who can be saved? Who may have eternal life?  
"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16  
"This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." I Tim. 2:3-4
3. What must we do to be saved? To have eternal life?  
"And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31  
"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is a gift of God; not because of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8-9  
"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6  
"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23  
"But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God." John 1:12

## Amplification Department

By CARROLL TRAIL  
Dear Sir:  
Does three plus four always equal seven?

J. M.  
Answer: I'm glad you asked this question, J. M., for it was recently posed during a meeting of the mathematical bigwigs of the country at a northern university. Almost immediately debate started and the argument became so heated that the meeting was forced to adjourn until a future date.

Hence, if these brains cannot agree on the matter, I can hardly give a satisfactory answer. However, I have inquired of several officials on the campus for their opinions.

A professor of mathematics believed that the sum gave a good approximation of seven. "If one will set up a Fourier series for the expression, differentiate term by term, expand the result (we can do this since Cauchy's integral test proves the series converges for all values of x), solve this expression using a Bessel function, and make the approximation that since x equals x, one will get for an answer 6.999999, which, for all practical purposes equals 7," he said.

However, a representative of the

Registrar's office was not convinced. He even went so far as to say that the total hardly ever equalled seven. "For instance," he explained, "four hours of thermodynamics with a grade of A plus three hours of integral calculus with a grade of B, taken at SMU, will only transfer as one hour of general elective for a ChE at A&M."

A mechanical engineering professor wasn't sure. Taking out his 20-inch Keuffel and Esser, he said, "I really can't commit myself on the subject, but I'll be happy to find three to the fourth power, or four to the third power; or, I can find four times three, three divided by four, or four divided by three. But addition is not on the slide rule. What do you want to know for? If the process cannot be performed on the stick, it's not worth knowing anyway."

To get a lay opinion, I asked a North Gate Merchant. "My friend," he said, "three and four never equal seven in my profession. Why, if it did, I'd be out of business."

REDS TIGHTEN BLOCKADE  
BERLIN, Feb. 14 (AP)—The Russians tightened their blockade today to stop the Swedish Red Cross from supplying food for western Berlin's children.

## Tac Officer Doesn't Rate . . .

# Guard Room Rates New Look With Sofas, Chairs, Radio

By C. C. MUNROE

Cadet Agg O. Knee surveyed the company bulletin board and groaned. His name was displayed prominently under the section which read "Cadet corporals of the guard will be as follows." Cadet Agg O. Knee didn't like guard duty.

A few days passed and finally Cadet Knee's time for duty arrived. Jamming his helmet liner on his head he took off for the guard room in dormitory 12, determined to stick out his tour in spite of his feelings toward the matter.

He climbed into the dormitory through the laundry station window, paused to snuff out a cigarette and walked into the guard room.

He turned around and walked out again, for this wasn't the guard room, it couldn't be. But it was, as Cadet Agg O. Knee soon discovered. Something had happened to the guard room. The new look had hit A&M.

The first sight greeting Cadet Knee's eyes as he re-opened the newly painted door lettered "Cadet Guard Room" was a set of curtains with maroon AMC's on them. Underneath the curtained window was another new addition, one which looked good, a large green overstuffed sofa.

After looking around the room Agg O. Knee discovered a second sofa, this one brown. Scattered here and there were sights pleasing to his eyes—four easy chairs covered with a plastic material. All looked comfortable.

A large console radio with record attachment sitting beside the green sofa made the coming guard duty look a little more promising than it had before.

Cadet Agg O. Knee sat down,

this was too much to comprehend. But, he looked pleased and surprised.

Everyone who walks into the newly decorated guard room looks pleased and surprised. In addition to the sofas, chairs, curtains and radio, other things have been put in the room to make it more attractive and comfortable.

Two former shower stalls have been converted into telephone booths to replace the wooden contraptions which once housed the phones.

The two bunks have been put into another part of the ex-shower and are separated from the rest of the guard room by a blue curtain.

The OD's desk has been sanded and painted, and the partitions which once extended into the room have been removed. Pictures have been hung around the walls. Cadet colonels of past years are shown, and a picture of the signing of the truce between the United Nations and Japan, which took place on the U.S.S. Missouri, hangs just inside the door.

A large picture of Fleet Admiral Nimitz is on the wall opposite the door.

The labor necessary to paint all the exposed piping in the guard room was provided by "volunteers" from the Saturday bull ring. In addition to the painting, acoustical blocks were placed on the ceiling. All the work was done between noon on Saturday and 3 p. m. Tuesday afternoon when the last of the furniture was moved in.

The only unsolved problem about the guard room's new look is determining just who was responsible for the change. Through in-

vestigation resulted only in the old army game, and after consulting everyone who has been on guard duty for the past three years, only one man would take credit for the improvements.

He was a five year man who had three years duty left to do on the bull ring and thought the publicity might help him out.

Cadet Agg O. Knee didn't care who was responsible, for he liked it.

From his seat he could see into the tactical officer's office. "Too bad," he thought, "that he had to get all the furniture thrown out of the guard room. I guess he just doesn't rate."

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