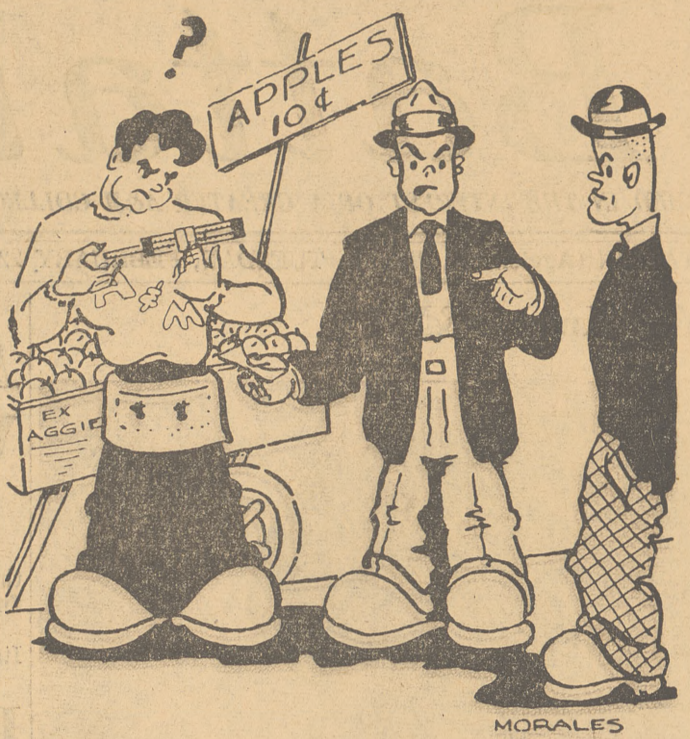


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Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions



"None of these engineering graduates can make change without a slide rule!"

Boyle's Column . . .

Saga of the Pied Piper Of Ratville's Crusades

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK, (AP)—Once upon a time there was a young smart alec rat called Sharpie. Yes, a real four-legged rat.

One night as Sharpie was nosing around the nursery of the home in which he was a non-paying guest, he came upon a strange sight.

A little old man only half-a-foot high sat on a footstool bathed in moonbeams. He was blowing upon a small reed. And the music he made was sweet and sad and wonderful.

Said the little man complacently, "I'm a Leprechaun—an Irish fairy. I heard a baby crying in this crib, and I thought it would put the poor thing to sleep. You see, this is a magic reed. When I blow on it and wish somebody to do something—why, they just have to do it."

"Anything?" asked Sharpie. "Yes, anything," said Mac, the Leprechaun.

Sharpie immediately belted the fairy in the stomach and grabbed the reed. He blew upon it and wished: "Get going, Mac."

The Leprechaun hesitated a second and then floated up a moon-beam and disappeared, his face still surprised.

Sharpie ran down to the basement and told his family their

troubles were over. So they crept into the cook's bedroom. Sharpie piped his tune and wished for her to get up and put some cheese on the kitchen floor. She did. The cat came prowling near. Sharpie blew again and wished: "Stand on your head."

Up went the cat on its head—and stayed there.

Overnight Sharpie's dream of power grew greater.

He decided—to start with—to get rid of all the cats, dogs and people in New York City. Early the next morning he began the great rat crusade.

Sharpie transfixed a tax driver with his magic music, and commanded the cab. He crawled up on top. As six giant rats held a megaphone before him, he blew upon his reed and thought:

"Cats, dogs and humans—follow me!"

And they did. Out from the houses, shops and skyscrapers poured cats, dogs and people, capering together in the streets behind Sharpie. Brokers forsook their ticker tape, bums left the Bowery.

But when the tremendous mass of cats, dogs and people reached the waterfront up spoke a grey, wise old rat:

"If you get rid o' all the people, who will rule the world?" cautioned the wise old rat. "Why we'll

have to—the rats. And do you know what that means? It means that in time rats will become tame—like people? We'll have to work for a living. Do we want that?"

Sharpie hesitated. But the lust for power was strong in him. He raised the reed to blow again. Instantly the wise old rat snatched the magic instrument from his paws, broke it in half, and threw it on the ground.

That broke the spell. The rats ran for the nearest holes. The cats began to chase the rats. The barking dogs began to chase the cats. The people started to run after their dogs.

Moral: Nobody wins in a rat race.

The Understanding Heart . . . Woman Poses Lover-Friend Dilemma to Batt Sociologist

By DR. CARROLL C. TRAIL, D.D.T., Battalion Sociologist

Dear Dr. Trail:

I have a problem which will tax even you. Last Saturday night I was out on a date with my boy friend, and in the course of the evening, he proposed marriage. Of course, I refused by telling him "I needed time to think it over," so I could formulate a tactful way of refusing him.

I can't understand how he ever got the idea of proposing in the first place. Never in the twelve years that we have been going steady have I given any indication of being anything more than a dear friend.

And I want to remain his friend, but I'm afraid that if I refuse to marry him, he will break off our relationship. Ours has been a great friendship and we have had some swell times together: quite often we hop in his Cadillac and go down to his beach house, or go for a cruise on his yacht, or perhaps fly to Vienna in the spring.

Yes, we're great friends, and I'd like to keep it that way. Can you suggest a tactful means of refusing him?

Answer: Madam, your problem is not uncommon. I betray my sex when I say that men are headstrong and quite often unreasonable. Many of us headstrong unreasonable become too serious in our love life and think that a young girl's innocent flirtation is an invitation to marriage.

Your boy friend has jumped to the unfounded conclusion that you are in love with him. And for you to come out and bluntly tell him that you are not would be disastrous. Frustrated lovers so often

Army Needs 11,000 2nd Lieutenants

The army still needs at least 11,000 second lieutenants, according to a release from Col. Oscar B. Abbott, executive officer of the Texas Military District.

Officers in other grades can be used in the Medical, Dental, Veterinary and Nurse Corps, and the Army also has places for first lieutenants qualified for duty as chaplains or judge advocates, Col. Abbott said.

Volunteers for long-term service in the higher grades have filled current officer requirements, and extended active duty tours are no longer available for Reserve and National Guard officers in higher grades, except for a small number of technically trained men needed to replace officers leaving the army.

The army reported that on November 30, 67,162 officers were on active duty, but estimated that this number has increased since that date.

Think of This

"One body . . . one Spirit . . . one hope . . . one Lord, one faith. Eph. 4:1-8.

Whatever might be the name of your church, let us remember that we are all a part of the greatest organization on the face of the world, the church of the living God. If a person were to try to make a trip he might find several paths along which to travel and still reach the same goal. In working for the Lord, let us remember that we are all trying to reach the same goal. So, let's put aside all hate and scorn and all pull together.



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Bell County Picks Duchess Selectors

A committee of three to select a duchess representing the Bell County Club at the Cotton Ball and Pageant was appointed at the last meeting of the Bell County Aggies.

Leo Mikeška, M. T. Sheppard, and George Marks will select a young lady to represent the club. Any member who wants to enter a girl as candidate for duchess should leave her photograph with Ben Oliver in Room 78 Leggett, Oliver announced.

Maj. Cowan to Talk On Atomic Physics

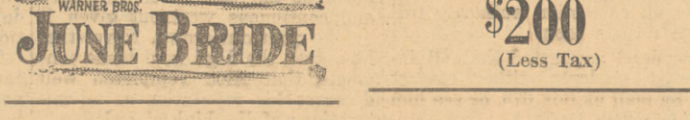
Major Alvan E. Cowan will give a lecture on the "Elements of Atomic Physics," Thursday night at 7:30 in the Physics Lecture Room, Lt. Col. William S. McElhenny, Executive Officer of the Military Department, announced yesterday.

Maj. Cowan was formerly in the G-2 section of the Fourth Army, and served in the European Theater during the war. He is now attending Texas University studying courses in advanced physics.

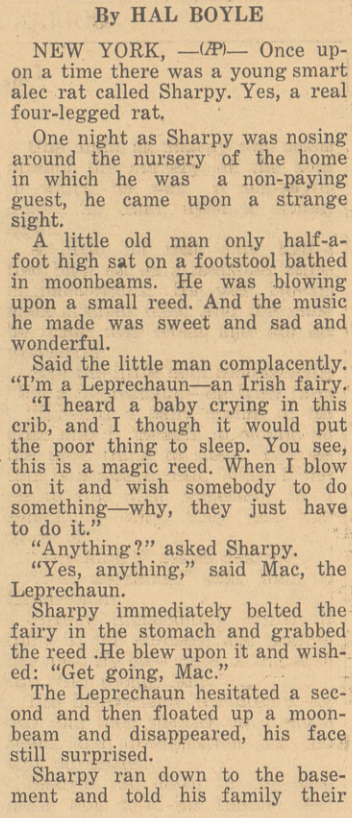
"As one of the outstanding speakers in the Army, Maj. Cowan is well versed on this subject and presents a lecture that can be understood by all," McElhenny said.



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Arts And Pastimes Filled Washington's Entire Life

By GEORGE CHARLTON

George Washington whose birthday we celebrate today is the most commemorated and remembered of the past Americans, but how many of us actually know how versatile our first president was?

Washington is remembered primarily as the great American soldier and statesman. We probably overlook that he was a scientific farmer, a boxer, a scholar, and an inventor.

As a scientific farmer he experimented widely with various fertilizers, often mixing them himself, and practiced crop rotation to balance his farm program. He desired to leave his land in better shape than he had found it. By scientific breeding he improved his livestock so much that he doubled the wool production of his flock of sheep and greatly increased the milk production of his cows. He also branded all his cattle and mules.

In the role of an inventor, he designed and improved the plow and invented what he called a "barrel plow," a crude, but workable grain drill for sowing peas and small grain.

But basically Washington was a scholar. He was familiar with Shakespeare, Homer and the other classic writers. He has written letters which show us his overall knowledge of many subjects as well as his clever choice of words in expressing himself.

Naturally most of the biographies dealing with Washington's life emphasize his prowess as a soldier. And well they may, for his New Jersey campaign was proclaimed by such men as Frederick the Great as the most brilliant of the century.

One hundred and sixty-eight years ago a group of his friends and former officers met and first celebrated Washington's birthday.

Then Virginia society began the custom of celebrating the occasion with balls and dances. The custom spread rapidly and by the time of his death, Washington's birthday was being observed throughout the nation.

The holiday became official when on December 30, 1799, both the houses of Congress passed a resolution that the people should come together and celebrate his

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Tech Schools Open For AF Reserves

Air Reservists under the jurisdiction of the 2591st AFRTC have been requested to inform the headquarters if they desire to attend technical or service school between July 1, 1949 and June 30, 1950, W. S. McCulley, AF representative, has announced.

Reservists who plan to drop out of school during the fall semester because of curriculum changes will have an opportunity to renew and extend their training during the time they are not in school.

Applications for the course must be submitted in time to reach the 2591st AFRTC, Ellington Air Force Base not later than next Sunday.

Reservists desiring more complete information about Technical and Service School courses may obtain it from W. S. McCulley, AF Liaison Representative, Room 220, Academic Building.

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we make our earnest
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keep the United States
in Thy holy protection."
—George Washington,
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ness houses for jobs. One such degree holder told us that after half a dozen rebuffs he stopped demanding a minimum wage and began just asking for a job.

What does this mean to us, the students who will soon graduate and begin our own job search? It means simply that there are now fewer jobs, and employers can be, and will be, more demanding.

With fewer positions to go around, we must of necessity be better qualified than the men we compete with. The place and time to improve is here and now.

When we choose our subjects for study, we must choose them more wisely. When we study, our study must be more intense. And to pass the pack, we must learn to dig out information for ourselves. In the post-boom battle for jobs, it will be that extra kick that takes the position.

As yet, there is no "Early Thirties" depression approaching. But we are entering a definite belt-tightening period.

We must correspondingly tighten our educational armor.

The Recession Is Here . . .

Despite the cheerful denials of big business, the national news magazines and the nation's used car dealers, our country seems to have entered the headwaters of an economic recession.

To be sure, the price break is nothing like the fearfully destructive bust era of 1929. We hope our economists learned enough in that school of bitter experience to prevent a recurrence of those times.

But nevertheless, the signs of "tighter times" are all around us. That delicate indicator of prosperity, the night club business, has fallen off perceptibly during the last two months. Used car prices have been lowered, not only once, but several times. Customer-enticing sales projects are reappearing in retail windows and the "Customer is always right" is replacing "If you don't like it we'll sell it to someone else" as the sales watchword.

And most important of all to us, jobs are no longer as easy to obtain as they once were. Recent graduates tell us they have been greeted with "We aren't hiring, we're firing" when they approached busi-

Business Houses For Jobs . . .

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The Passing Parade . . .

The red-tinged, Bulgarian Fourth Estate seems to be committing the cardinal journalistic sin of creating news:

The communist-dominated press for the third successive day printed a purported confession today of one of the 15 protestant church leaders facing trial Friday on charges of treason, espionage and black market money dealings.

The latest was attributed to Georgi Chernev, head of the Pentecost Church in

Bulgaria. Others printed over the weekend came, the papers said, from Yanko Ivanov, supervisor of Methodist churches and Vassil Ziapokov, congregational church leader.

Its downright amazing how much sin has come to light in Bulgaria since the Reds have come in. Reminds us of the skunk who said he was being discriminated against because ever since his arrival the normally sanitary rabbit burrow had been smelling like the dickens.

We have lost all our interest in Socialism since it was explained that it meant work for everybody. A speaker wants to know when "the taxpayer will be relieved?" Not later than December 15.

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