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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Another Great Issue to Be Discussed . . .

An audience in Guion Hall will find out tonight about another "Great Issue" facing the world today.

This is the fourth in a series of speakers for the Great Issues Class and the second one which has been open to the general public in our largest auditorium.

First Churchill and now Roosevelt are presenting their ideas on world issues. Roosevelt as was Churchill, is partially stymied because he is following in the wake of a relative who is world renowned.

Roosevelt, in his discussion tonight, plans to take his audience on a tour of another continent, "The Near East." This lecture sounds like it may concern a subject which is 6,000 miles away; and it is. But it is less than 20 hours by air from Washington.

The liberal arts students will be interested in what Roosevelt has to say be-

cause of the historical and cultural implications.

The agricultural students, or part of them, will come with the idea that they may hear something about their major subject.

Engineering students, and particularly petroleum students, will be interested in knowing the status of the oil interests in Arabia, Iraq, and Iran. The controversy over petroleum in these countries could carry us into a third war.

Not of minor interest will be the Communist elements in these countries. Roosevelt is certain to discuss how the countries under the brow of Russia are operating.

The near East will continue functioning whether you attend this lecture or not, but you will have a better idea of just how they are going about it if you do attend.

Updated, College Station Spring Song . . .

Warm and inviting sunshine sifted on to the Main Drill Field outside my office window. I gazed out on newly budding trees and farther to the emerald grass of the field.

The bright outdoors was like a magnet. Through all nature pulsed the reinvigorated breath of the vernal season. Birds twittered, butterflies fluttered and the grass glittered beneath the entrancing inspiration of March. Truly, it was spring.

On the boughs of an old elm two sparrows chirped at one another. They hopped from branch to branch, playing coyly at the world's oldest game, setting up a musical din happier than a merry-go-round.

The boughs they skipped o'er also proclaimed the season. Tender green dots of color, like a closely-observed Toulouse-Lautrec painting, shone on the rich brown bark.

I could not remain indoors when all nature beckoned me out. I waltzed to the door, floated down stairs, and was wafted away into the arms of fresh, warm spring-time.

I saw another nature-lover across the street and I decided to ask him what the blessed season meant to him.

"Spring!" he roared. "Spring be blasted! If you think this nasty sunshine is all for the good, you gotta nuther think coming. I have to sweat and strain and walk all over Brazos County because of that darn yellow translucent phenomenon. I have to 'level' this whole place and be able to say which river a drop of rain

falling off Sully Ross's statue will go to. Pfooye. And it only happens when spring comes around."

I felt that the lad was twisted in his appreciation, so I wandered on.

Another fellow loomed up on the horizon. He moved slowly and deliberately as if the spirit of the season were within him. I asked if it was.

"Aw nuts! When spring comes long, we have to give the cattle barns their regular spring cleaning. That ain't no fun. And besides, I keep remembering that Pa is planting cotton at home right now. When school's out, I'll have to go home and hoe, hoe, hoe."

He signed off with a few colorful remarks and trudged Eastward. I was still carried on the crest of the vernal impulse carried right down to Kyle Field.

A group of big, uniformed hombies were sitting in the shade, panting and perspiring. I asked one if he did not agree that spring is a delightful season.

"Ugh! Give me the dead of winter! There's no spring training then. I don't have to get out here and strain my poor aching back when it's snowing. Besides, you're all fouled up anyway—spring doesn't start until March 21. Why don't you drop dead?"

I was thunderstruck, amazed, taken aback, and awed. But I quickly calculated the equinoxes and had to agree that I was being premature. It wasn't spring at all.

Like a groundhog that has been thoroughly frightened by its shadow, I slunk back to my hole and resumed hibernation where I had left off. Pfooye to spring!

This ought to prove that doctors are people. Dr. S., reporting to the *Wichita* (Kas.) *Eagle*, says, according to *Medical Economics*, he is "hale and hearty at 65, . . . all he wants is a little peach and quiet."

In a basketball game, as described by the *Columbia* (Mo.) *Missourian*, a player named *Pippin* "brought the spectators to their feet as he . . . spun the ball through the hoop."

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"New man, McClure, I'll speak to him first thing in the morning."
We May Be Licked Yet . . .

A&M Stamp Issue Will Have Happy Start, End—Maybe

By GEORGE CHARLTON
An idea, determination to follow it up, and results later—maybe—but it's not the same old story. This story was brought to mind when The Battalion and some of the city papers carried the news about the resolution introduced in congress for the issuance of a stamp commemorating A&M's 75th Anniversary. The resolution has gone through quite a bit of red tape from the time when it was only a thought in the mind of Jack Happy, junior business student in A Flight Air Force. The idea occurred to Happy a few weeks before the Christmas holidays when he and a local post office employee were discussing stamp collecting.

Happy then began the trek through "beaucoup" channels in order to put his idea across. He first talked to W. G. Brazeale, assistant director of student affairs. Brazeale referred him to Henderson Shuffler, director of information, and at his suggestion, Happy wrote a letter to Congressman Olin Teague. Teague in turn suggested he write the Postmaster General. Then on January 15 Happy was promised utmost cooperation from the presidents of some of the former students associations when he outlined his idea before them at their annual meeting on the campus.

100 FFA Boys Will Judge Cattle Here

One hundred FFA boys will meet at College Station on April 9 for a dairy cattle judging contest, Professor A. L. Darnell of the Dairy Husbandry Department, said today. The boys will represent Area 3 of the agricultural education division of the state. Similar contests are being held in all parts of Texas. Ten per cent of the highest ranking teams will be eligible for participation in the All State Contest, Darnell said. The All State Contest will be held on the campus late in May, Professor Darnell added.

Think Of This

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Prov. 23:7
Men doctors will tell you that a large percentage of the people who come to them for treatment are actually not physically sick at all. The patient many times merely thinks himself to be ill and soon becomes thoroughly convinced of the presence of nonexistent pains. This will prove to a person that the mind has powerful control over the body. With this thought in mind, it is easy to understand what the Lord meant when he taught that not only was it bad to commit a sinful act, but that the very act of thinking on things displeasing to God was to be avoided.

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Aggieland Then and Now 1914-1918

War Years Were An Era Of Famous Firsts Here

By CHUCK MAISEL
Unlike the war years just past, Aggieland was a hub of activity and building during the First World War. New buildings and new traditions were springing up like weeds. The era 1914-1918 at A&M saw more "firsts" than probably any other time in the college history.
The first of the annual bonfires before the Turkey Day game was burned in '15. After the football team was beaten by Rice in the same year, the Corps fell out to meet the gridders' train at 2 a. m. marking the first time this was ever done.
The Longhorn of '16 had the first Senior Favorites section. Vanity Fair made its appearance in the same annual, although the pictures were of such people as "The Most Popular Cadet," "The Most Military Cadet," and so on.
The first references to the football team and the student body as "Aggies" were in 1914 newspapers and the first use of the term and the act of "wildcatting" came in '17. The campaign had made its initial debut on the campus when the uniforms were changed from the old Cadet Greys to the new army type khaki uniforms with "leggings" to match.
In '18, the Field Artillery and Signal Corps marked the first branches other than the Infantry at A&M. Mom Claghorn, beloved head nurse at the hospital, and Dana X. Bible first made Aggieland their homes during the four year period.
The first class of Aggies to be inducted in the Army en masse entered Fort Sheridan. That was the Class of '17 and they were soon followed by the Classes of '18 and '19. With the end of the war, A&M saw her first non-regs. These were former officers in the Army who had their choice of corps or non-corps student life. Ex enlisted men were returned to the corps, however.
Students of the period saw the Academic Building open for business. Sbis was finally finished as was the YMCA. A new college hospital was built along with Guion Hall and Bizzell Hall.
Scholastics went on the upgrade with more and more departments being added to the school under the new president, W. B. Bizzell. Enrollment more than doubled during the four years going from 1000 to 2500. Hazing was again a "thing of the past."—to quote the Longhorn—but the old Brass Rule to "do unto others as it was done unto you" still was prevalent.
Corps Trips and nightly Call to Quarters were part of the new set up. There was even a proposed Corps Trip to San Francisco in '14 but the plan fell through. And the main event of the annual social calendar at Aggieland was the yearly Campus Carnival which drew visitors from throughout the State.
A student of those days had to answer to a roll call a total of 15 times each day. If absent at any one of these, he was subject to four hours on the bull ring. The bull ring at that time consisted of chopping weeds on Saturday afternoon.
In '17 and '18, all students at the school were required to sign enlistment papers in the Students Army Training Corps—forerunner of advanced ROTC. They received a base pay of one dollar per day. All were discharged in December of '18 with much relief to the cadets as the army had more or less taken over the school, shoving academic duties to the side.
1917 saw A&M's first undefeated, untied, unscored on football team. The '17 Aggies ran up a total season score of 270-0. Bible did this with a completely inexperienced group, only three regulars having returned at the start of the year.
But with all this building and establishing of traditions, the thing uppermost in the minds of the sophomores in '17 and '18 was the fact that freshmen students were separated from other upper-classmen living in dorms all to themselves. The second year cadets were absolutely certain that the school had never been in a worse condition and equally sure that the A&M they had known was dead—never to rise again. Who says history doesn't repeat itself?



High School English Group To Meet Here

The third meeting of the Joint Committee on Integration of English Teaching in High Schools and Colleges will be held here March 25-26. Dr. T. F. Mayo, head of the English Department, is chairman of the committee. The group will lay plans for the October workshops and discuss comprehensive tests for high school juniors, to be followed by remedial work in senior year. There are eleven districts in the state, and a conference for each district will be held for high school and college teachers of English. College members of the committee are Prof. R. B. Daniels, Houston; Sister Mary Genevieve, Sars, Antonio; Prof. Harry B. Sanders, Kingsville; Prof. A. M. Gunn, Lubbock; Prof. W. A. Ransom, Arlington; Prof. H. L. Bagley, Alpine; Dr. L. E. Dudley and Prof. Etheridge, Kilgore; Mrs. Mattie E. D. Shelton, Abilene; Miss Jane Swayne Mack, Canyon; Prof. William Vann, Belton; Prof. L. W. Courtney, Waco; Dr. Fred Eckfeldt, Austin and Dr. Cleo McChristy, Brownwood.
High school members, Miss Laurie Barefoot, Brady; Miss Olo Casey, Austin; Miss Janet Aren-Lee Freeman, Waco; Miss Bertha dale, Beaumont; Miss Ollie Stratton, San Antonio; Miss Thelma Walworth, Harlingen; Miss Glens Hancy, Lubbock; Miss Mary Belle Whitsett, Weatherford; Miss Maud Isaacs, El Paso; Miss Tommie Clark, Abilene; Miss Bennie Works, Wichita Falls; Miss Irene Walters, Texarkana and Mrs. Alice McDavid, Amarillo.

Y Cabinet Elects Committee Heads

Floyd Kernes was chosen new leader of the committee on literature and pamphlets Monday at the regular meeting of the YMCA cabinet.
Lloyd Manjeot became chairman of the community and campus service group. Don McClure heads the membership committee. Bob Latson and King Egger lead the discussion groups.
Tom Fields will head the program committee and publicity will be under the direction of Bill Batey.
Two films, "Human Destiny" and "City of David," which pictures Jerusalem as it is today, were shown during the meeting.

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