

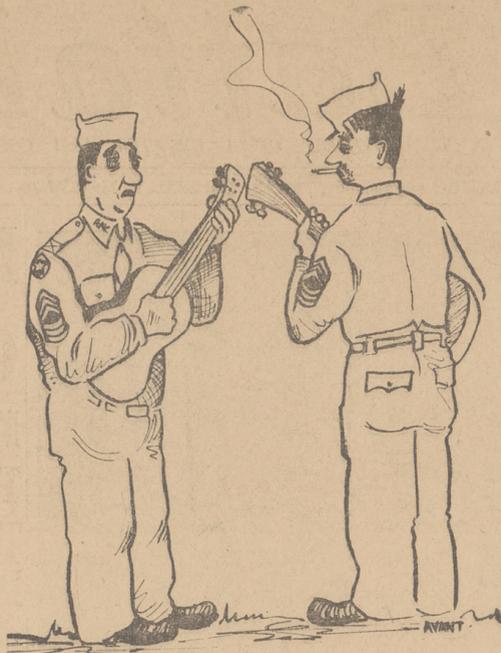
Battalion EDITORIALS

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THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1949

"Soldier, Statesman, Knighly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions



"You think you've got troubles? Why just the other night - -"

Manners In the Manners Course . . .

A group of seniors on the campus has been working hard the past few weeks in an effort to put over effectively the course on Aggie Social Customs and Courtesies. However, all the hard work can be undone by an unthinking few.

When the first few classes of the course were over, several of the students were heard to remark, "It was a big joke" "Why, that guy made a joke of it himself."

The lower classmen who made these remarks must have had some reason for making them. Evidently, the instructor of that particular class did make a joke out of it. But we like to think of this as an exception rather than the rule.

True, these senior students are not experts on the courses they teach. They do not claim to be. All of them do not claim to be expert public speakers or instructors. They are learning just like the rest of us.

However, these senior instructors have put in some time studying their particu-

lar phase of the course, and each of them has a few definite points that he is trying to put across. These points are for the student's benefit, not his. He already knows them.

Perhaps more time in preparation should be spent by some of the instructors. Their attitudes and methods of presentation will do much in aiding them to convey ideas to the classes.

On the other side of the picture, an attentive attitude by the class will aid the instructor in his presentation. The talks are only about 10 minutes long. That's not too long to spend in paying attention to something that will be to each individual's benefit.

This method of learning manners is new to A&M, but the idea is a good one. Its purpose will be defeated however if instructors and students are not willing to meet each other half way.

The successful completion of the course depends on everybody's cooperating.

By the People, Of the People . . .

From Austin, Tuesday, came one of the most heartening demonstrations of this legislative year.

During a public hearing on a rural roads bill by the House Committee on Revenue and Taxation, 3,000 people crowded into the house galleries to hear discussion of the bill. The people, for the most part were farmers, ranchers and small business men. They came to urge passage of a measure they felt would, to quote the AP, "pull them out of the mud, help them get their children to school, move their products to market, and generally promote their welfare."

This direct interest and approach by the people of the state is the best, and possibly the only, way to improve a government.

Our first impulse, upon hearing of laxity in government, is to go directly to our governmental representatives. Momentarily this approach can be effective. But if evolution in government is to be continuous, it must stem from a majority of the people.

Individuals, newspapers, and political-interest groups may plug away at legislative bodies to no avail. If they should manage to dispose of legislative laxity, but without the interest and backing of

the public, the laxity will reappear shortly in other places and other forms.

Our state has so many potentialities for development that we shudder at the number missed annually. This year the possibilities for improvement are even greater than usual. There are bills before our state congress to aid schooling, road construction, and state institutions, as well as a myriad of other beneficial measures. If the people back them—and demonstrate their backing as forcibly as they did Tuesday—Texas will advance, and rapidly.

Legislative work is tedious and, at times, maddening. Our representatives frequently become lost in details and it becomes easy to grow complacent in their positions. But interested constituents in the gallery can be a strong reminding force.

Tuesday's delegation gave proof that interest in legislation pays. The road aid bill was not only passed in the committee, but by a substantial vote and in record time.

The phrases "Write your congressman and 'See your legislator'" are not as empty as they sound. If you show an interest in your legislator, he will consequently display a stronger interest in your problems.

The Passing Parade . . .

A group met in Washington this month and came to this conclusion:

The schoolhouse of the future should have smaller classes in larger classrooms, a commission of educations and architects said today.

The building should be so located, the commission added, that elementary pupils don't have to walk more than three-quar-

ters of a mile or ride a bus longer than 30 minutes. It said secondary pupils shouldn't have to walk more than two miles or travel more than an hour each way.

A fellow traveler in our business class remarked that he sure wished that group had gotten together before Boomtown was constructed.

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Boyle's Column . . .

Adopted New Yorker Hal Boyle Reviews His City

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK —(AP)— Howdy, stranger.

Like our town? Sure I'll be glad to tell you something about it. Sit down and rest your feet.

Well, sir, it's small as towns go—only 12½ acres. But there's only 54 cities in the USA with more'n our 160,000 population. We do count our daily visitors in that figure, but the Chamber of Commerce in your town probably does, too.

Of course, your town may not average 128,000 visitors a day. Ours does.

Yep, there are only fifteen buildings. But you just tell me where you can find fifteen anywhere like em—and I'll eat 'em. Cost \$74,

000,000, they did.

Our town pays \$3,000,000 real estate taxes. And we fork out \$3,-500,000 rent every year to help keep neighbor "Ike" Eisenhower's Seminary running up there in the suburbs. Yes, that's right—Columbia University owns the ground.

What else have we got? Stranger, we got what all you want. You can buy anything here from a canary to Jack Benny. Oh, no, I'm wrong there. Jack Benny was bought out of here the other day.

Well, sir, we got 20 foreign consulates here, two radio networks, 12 airlines, 36 travel bureaus and 20 railroad offices—almost. You can get a passport here, a permanent wave, have your eyeglasses

repaired, your teeth filled, or your finger bandaged. We even got a drugstore that still sells aspirin tablets. But we don't have a hotel or a jail.

Do we have culture? Why, our town's crawling with culture. We got an outdoor ice and roller skating rink. We got the largest indoor movie parlor in the world—seats 6,200. And it doesn't show double features either.

I tell you, stranger, there never was a town like ours. Sometimes I almost wished I lived in it. We got the fastest moving stairway in the world—125 feet a minute. We got the largest chandelier in the world—weighs six tons and has 590 bulbs, all electric.

Now wait a minute, stranger. I know you're beginning to think I'm the world's largest outdoor liar. But I ain't.

Who's the big family in our town, stranger? W-e-e-l-l, we got a lot of big families here. But I guess you might say the Rockefellers are the biggest. In fact we named our town after them—Rockefeller Center. They own it—pretty much. One thing about the whole family, stranger. They got a darn fine sense of propriety. And the whole thing started from \$500. Some time ago, that was.

Bryan Lady Listed As Aggie Graduate

By GEORGE CHARLTON

Yeah, this is a man's school. But it is a fact that A&M had one woman graduate. The holder of this title is Mrs. L. B. Locke, the only woman to be awarded a degree from this institution.

Mrs. Locke, formerly Evelyn Crawford, finished Bryan High school in 1918 and was the star player on the girls' basketball team.

As a "fish" during the school year, 1918-19, she attended the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, now known especially around these parts as Tesseland. The following year she attended the University of Texas and later taught in the rural schools of Brazos County and the city schools of

Bryan. Then it happened. In 1924 she enrolled in A&M. Although before this time daughters of college employees had been allowed to visit classes, they had never been officially enrolled. At the time of Mrs. Locke's entrance, however, that rule had been changed so that girls who were relatives of college employees might register. Some eight to ten such girls had registered.

Mrs. Locke took a course in Liberal Arts majoring in English and minoring in Education. She graduated in the summer of 1925.

The friendly, publicity shy lady now lives in Bryan and is the wife of L. B. Locke, assistant secretary of the Former Students Association.

Referring to her treatment while a student she laughingly said, "We were tolerated by some of the administration and that's all."

"When I entered A&M, I didn't want to get any publicity. I just wanted a better education. I studied as hard as I could and tried to complete every assignment, even if it wasn't exactly right." The papers Mrs. Locke wrote must have been fairly accurate because she didn't fail to make either an "A" or "B" in any of her courses during her years here.

"I wasn't given a diploma in any sort of ceremony. The secretary of the registrar just handed it to me," she added.

Her distinction is a unique one, and is likely to be long lived because of a court decision in 1934 by which the Board of Directors was empowered to decide who might be admitted as students to the college.

English Group To Discuss Philosophy

Dr. S. S. Morgan, associate professor of English, will address the first meeting of a discussion group for English majors. His topic will be Plato.

The group was formed to give English majors a background of philosophy, according to Robert Barzak, secretary of the group. Literature is closely related to philosophy, he said.

Meetings will be held every second week. Other speakers scheduled to talk to the group include M. A. Hugget and Dr. J. P. Abbott of the English Department; Dr. J. H. Hill of the History Department, and Dr. Joseph Stadelman of the Modern Language Department.

Anyone interested in the talks are invited to attend them. Barzak added. The group will meet Monday night at 7:30 in the YM-CA lounge.

Amplification Department

By CARROLL TRAIL

pay off in the long run.

Dear Sir: I want to thank you for your answer to my letter printed in the Batt last Tuesday. In it you explained the article on the soccer player. I thought you had lost your marbles until I read in Wednesday's Dallas News, page 1, section 1, column 1 this story corroborating your answer:

"London, March 8 —(UP) King George's physicians announced Tuesday night he would undergo an operation on his leg in the near future."

I guess you were right. Sincerely,

N. S.

Answer: Yes, N. S., I was right, and apparently the king kicked the player harder than I had thought. While the king's leg is not seriously hurt, I understand that his circulation has been hampered somewhat. And I am happy to report that he will be all right.

However, let this incident be a lesson to all athletes: good sportsmanship and clean living certainly

helpful suggestions to the legislature and promised he would do so soon after giving the new situation "careful and prayerful study."

Jester said the possibility that legislature "will be forced to levy new taxes" can not be overlooked.

Lieut. Gov. Allan Shivers said he still thought spending should be kept within limits of available funds, but if the people demand the increased appropriations, "these can only be met through additional taxes."

Shivers said he had always opposed more taxes except "in cases of urgent necessity," but that he had never hesitated to vote for new taxes "where the demands of the people upon their government justified expenditures."

State Faces Financial Crisis With Most Money in History

AUSTIN, Texas, March 10—(AP)—The state of Texas today had more money in the bank than ever before in its history, but it was up against a financial crisis.

It had more money, it was spending more money, but it also wanted to spend more money during the next two years than the experts said it would have to spend.

That was the crisis, because the constitution forbids the state to spend more money than is in hand or in sight. The legislature either has to cut down on projected appropriations, increase revenue with new taxes, or go on deficit financing. It can run in the red only by four-fifths vote of its members, and that has not happened since the constitution was amended to put the state on a cash basis.

All that came about by the announcement yesterday from Comptroller Robert S. Calvert that earlier revenue estimates were too rosy by 22 million dollars.

It left a gap of 80 million dollars between what Gov. Beauford H. Jester called "our means and our desires."

He said he had no inclination to dodge any responsibility to make

Buying Newsprint By Carload Begun

Fifty-three thousand pounds of newsprint were shipped here last Friday for use by the Battalion, Roland Bing, director of student publications, announced.

Until now, 5 tons per month were brought here by truck. Bing said freight costs saved by obtaining carloads of the print will amount to at least eight hundred dollars a year.

The Southland Mills of Lufkin supply the newsprint.

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Palmer Re-enters Veterinary Corps

First Lieutenant Jack S. Palmer of the Veterinary Corps in the organized reserves, has re-entered the army on a tour of extended duty. Colonel Oscar B. Abbott, executive officer for the Texas Military District, announced today.

Palmer will be stationed with the Inspection Service in Chicago Illinois.

A native Texan, Palmer is a 1946 graduate of Texas A&M. His home is in Stanton, Texas.

HIGH COURT CLOSES CIVIL SERVICE CASES

AUSTIN, March 10—(AP)—The Supreme court closed its book Wednesday on the attack against validity of the firemen and policeman civil service act passed by the legislature two years ago.

It refused a motion for rehearing, sought by the city of Fort Worth, in the case in which the court had upheld the law permitting cities to adopt the civil service provisions.

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