

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

And Lo, the Water Flows . . .

Our board of directors has whipped out.

At their Fridays' meeting in Stephenville the college trustees allocated \$20,000 for fountains in the dormitories.

We are equally as happy about the fountains as we are the other appropriations for street improvements and building repair. Some of the buildings we only go in occasionally. The streets we only run on during weekends when the mad race to Dallas and Houston begins. But those water fountains—there is something a man can take to his heart, and stomach, and feel as if it is a personal gift to him.

This summer, when the pitch is bubbling on the rooftops and "perspiration" is the password, the fountains will be more precious yet. What so aids the pursuit of grade points as a tall pitcher of cold water by the elbow? Take away the EE lab and the Academic building, but spare us those water coolers.

Gentleman of the Board, we thank you. No longer will you be looked upon as a far removed group of efficient but shadowy figures. Both you and the Good Samaritan will be long remembered for your gifts of cool water.

Fifteen for the fountains.

It's About Time . . .

Ever since our military forces first entered Germany in the latter stages of World War II, men with stars on their shoulders have been rulers of the roosts over Germany. For a long time the State Department in order to communicate with General Clay had to send their messages through the War Department.

Sometimes the War Department answered for the General without his being consulted. Other times the State Department found it necessary to ask the General just what was going on in Germany.

This unhappy situation was the result of several previous conditions. The State Department was not prepared to step in upon Germany's capitulation and assume the leadership that the military was all too eager to handle and maintain. The military men regarded Germany as their personal conquest and were not too hesitant in telling civilians so.

Civilians will hail the recent announcement by the State Department that they expect to assume the responsibilities of administration of occupied Germany on July first. A civilian will be named U. S. High Commissioner and the Army will be under him.

The wheels of reconversion from a war time footing to the more stable foundation of peace often turn very slowly. Immed-

ately following Germany's capitulation our military forces were present all over our part of Germany and they were the logical ones to administer the occupation until civilian State Department officials could be trained and sent into Germany.

There were and are, the tedious tactical problems attendant to sharing the German pie with several other powers.

But to delay this change-over for four years seems hardly excusable. With a vise like grip the Army has controlled both our occupation of Germany and Japan. The State Department whose very function should encompass such matters as occupation of conquered nations has been playing a pitifully poor second fiddle.

The stars and bars of the Army are impressive, but Americans have always held an inherent distrust of their becoming too numerous or too powerful. Democracy is a word that the military cannot use in its vocabulary. A military organization must exercise discipline and regimentation, antipodal practices to easy going, vote-of-the-majority democracy.

In this country we must have a strong military establishment. But never should this military establishment become so politically powerful that it can, or even think it can, run the affairs of the nation better than men who wear double breasted suits in preference to single breasted blouses.

fellow representative, Edith Miller. Snow asked Miller to marry him.

Said Miss Miller (in her thirties) ". . . on a point of personal privilege I accept Mr. Snow's proposal."

An ideal conclusion to such a story would be ". . . they married, lived happily ever after, and had many, many constituents."

There was many an interesting headline on the fact that a steamship needed repairs when it ran aground off the coast of France. Typical, perhaps, is this from the *Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer*:
"Cement Poured
Into Queen Mary."

The Passing Parade . . .

Its getting so that a chairman doesn't know what to expect from someone recognized on the floor. This is becoming especially true about the floors of our legislative assemblies.

The other day a state representative, Edwin Snow, rose on the floor of the Idaho legislature and was recognized by the chair. Representative Snow's proposal was directed to a pretty, redheaded

Under the heading of not particularly funny is this attestation to a legal document, appearing in the *Somerset (Pa.) Daily American*: "I . . . , cashier of the above-mentioned bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief . . ."

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IT'S A SMALL WORLD



Banquet, Drill And Ball Fill RV Week

By C. C. MUNROE

The oldest student organization in the state of Texas, the Ross Volunteer Company, revealed Friday and Saturday that in addition to being the oldest, it is on the road to becoming, again, one of the outstanding of the state's many student organizations.

In the first real RV weekend since before the war, the members of the company celebrated with a banquet and ball Friday evening, a drill exhibition on Kyle Field Saturday afternoon, and a western style dance Saturday night.

At the ball, which the entire membership attended, the Ross Volunteer duchess to the Cotton Ball Festival was chosen. She was Miss Norma Cook, a junior from TSCW.

Cadet Captain J. E. Rochelle, commander of the company, introduced Miss Cook.

Colonel H. L. Boatner, PMS&T and official sponsor of the RV Company, was the main speaker for the banquet in Sbis Hall. He commented on the problems encountered in the company's reorganization and stressed the need for an active RV Company.

"I will make one promise," Col. Boatner stated, "That so long as I am PMS&T and sponsor of the RV Company, there will be no lowering of the standards for membership in the company."

Mom Claghorn, superintendent of the college hospital, was another speaker at the banquet. She talked briefly of her associations with the RV's in the past.

Pinky Downs, class of 1906 and former member of the Ross Volunteers recalled for the guests his

Chief of Engineers Lauds A&M Men

President Bolton recently received a letter from Major General Lewis A. Pick, chief of engineers, complimenting the President for the splendid men being turned out by this institution.

A portion of the letter reads as follows: "I had a lot of A&M men with me during the war and I have had letters from many of them in recent weeks. I want you to know that I have never had an A&M man to fail me in any capacity. They have all done a splendid job wherever they have been placed."

His letter continued "I had them during the military construction in the United States and also on the road and I have some working for me now. It seems that A&M does something to a man that fixes him for the rest of his life to render valuable service in whatever capacity he is placed. I have always been pleased that I had an opportunity to be a part of the institution for a short period of time."

Major General Pick was at A&M during the year 1930 at which time he had a captain's rating.

experiences 41 years ago when he became a member of the company. A history of the RV's dating from the time of their organization in 1887 by Colonel T. M. Scott was given by Cadet Lt. Col. George Edwards, first platoon leader.

After the banquet, members of the company, their dates and guest took part in a grand march which preceded the formal RV ball. Music was furnished by the Aggieband Orchestra.

Saturday morning, RV's from the Houston area posed for pictures for the Houston Chronicle. The Ross Volunteers will be the subject of a pictorial feature in that newspaper's Sunday color supplement in the near future.

According to present plans, a full page photograph of the company in formation in front of Dunham Hall will be on the cover of the weekly supplement.

Half-time activities for the annual Sports Day football game were provided by the company in its first appearance this year as a drill unit.

On Saturday evening a western dance at the Bryan Country Club brought to a close the weekend of festivities.

NTAC Club Elects Officers at Meeting

At its first regular meeting, Wednesday night, the NTAC Club elected Dick Scott president.

Other officers who were elected at the meeting are John Cummings vice president; Laurence Seth, secretary-treasurer; Oscar L. Brown, reporter, and Chester B. Stroud, social chairman.

The club voted to have its regular meetings the first and third Wednesday of each month, and to have its picture made for the Aggieband 1949.

A duchess and an escort for the Cotton Ball will be selected to represent the club. Pictures of the nominees for duchess should be turned in by the next meeting, Wednesday, March 16, Scott said.

Think Of This

"There they crucified him" Luke 23:23.

"There they crucified him." Many times we read these words and shudder to the very depths of our beings as their meaning burns its way into our minds. However, let us take time to listen to Christ, the man that they crucified, as he says "Even as ye have done it unto one of these, my brethren, ye have done it to me."

Do our daily actions toward those about us, those of other races, those that speak other languages, those of other beliefs, crucify again the Christ of the cross? The teachings of Christ tell us to honor and respect all people.

Grocery Heir Plans West Coast Artist's Sanctuary

By GEORGE TUCKER

NEW YORK — (AP) — When a young artist gets out of college, said Huntington Hartford, he ought to work at it.

He ought to sit down and paint, or compose. But how can he if he has to look for a job? How can he write novels or sculpt heads if he is tied to a filling station five days a week?

Huntington Hartford is going to do something about that.

Young Hartford is the heir to the A. & P. grocery fortune. He is 37. He has more than a million in annual income of his own.

In his younger days he wanted to be a reporter—and found out that too much money is almost as bad as too little.

So he says he plans to endow, through the Huntington Hartford Foundation, not a school for geniuses, as was reported, but a place where the up-and-comers of today can go instead of killing their incentive in corner garages.

As he plans it, his sanctuary will have about 150 acres in the Santa Monica mountains of California. There will be cabins with soundproofed walls for composers. The painters will have plenty of light. There will be all the necessary tools for writers.

"Our little community will be complete in itself," he said. "There will be a large dining room, with motion pictures. The University of California at Los Angeles is interested and we are working out a deal for the use of their library."

But it won't be a school in any sense of the word—no classrooms, no processors. Just work, and the equipment to work with.

"I want to get them away from fuel and light bills," said Hartford. "Away from the rent."

How will applicants be selected?

"If you are a writer of promise, you must be recommended by at least two established men in that field. For instance, if you have merit as a novelist, we'd like an okay from, say, Sinclair Lewis and Lloyd Douglas. People like that."

Another category is for established artists temporarily down on

their luck.

"Take Clifford Odets. He was quoted recently as saying he borrowed \$2,000 to move west and rehabilitate himself. An established writer of Odets' qualifications probably would be welcome to live in our community, freed from financial worries, until he wrote his way out of his difficulties. It would be good for him—and it certainly would have a stimulating effect on the young writers around him."

Positions Open In Meteorological Aid

Examinations for filling vacancies in the position of Meteorological Aid have been announced by the Civil Service Commission. Salaries range from \$2,498 to \$2,974 a year.

Employment will be with the U. S. Weather Bureau and other Federal agencies in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

Application forms may be obtained from the College Station Post Office; executive secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Room 527, U. S. Court House, Fort Worth, Texas; or from the regional director, 14th U. S. Civil Service Region, 210 South Harwood Street, Dallas, Texas.

Hillel Club to Hear Account of Present Israel Conditions

Mrs. Alisa K. Eskol will speak to the Hillel Club at 7:30 tonight in the YMCA Chapel on the "State of Israel."

She is touring the U.S. lecturing on her personal observations of her homeland's present conditions.

Mrs. Eskol began her lecture career in World War II when she was a public-relations worker under the auspice of the Tel-Aviv Services Club. She worked with the English-speaking soldiers of the Allied armies.

In 1948, she traveled nearly 115,000 miles in the U.S. and Canada, lecturing to Town Hall meetings and other organizations. Last summer she returned to her home in Palestine and has just returned for her second series of lectures.

A graduate of the Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus, Mrs. Eskol has written many articles on present-day conditions in Israel. She has witnessed much of what has happened to her native land.

Livestock Awards, Medals to Be Given At Cattleman's Ball

Livestock judging team awards and senior medals will be presented at the Cattleman's Ball in Sbis Hall, March 19, Carl Kemplin, president of the Saddle and Sirolo Club, said today.

Riley R. Kothman, '48, of the Alamo Livestock Commission Company will present the six senior medals, which will be awarded to the men who competed in the Chicago and Kansas City judging meets, Kemplin said. The medals have been donated by the Alamo Company.

R. G. Wheat, R. H. Meriwether, J. R. Stroope, F. T. Wilkinson, W. L. Kruse, and W. E. Steele will receive the senior medals this year, Kemplin stated.

Wheat, Stroope, Wilkinson, H. D. Robinson, Steele, C. D. Schmidt, C. D. Rankin, J. F. Davis, and L. E. Dube will be awarded 1948 Junior Livestock Judging Team awards, Kemplin said.

P. W. Weyerts, V. O. Hildreth, C. R. Kemplin, G. R. Sawyer, and J. R. Straus will receive 1949 junior livestock judging team awards Kemplin said.

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