

Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

First Things First, Please . . .

The Battalion Editorial Staff spent yesterday afternoon discussing the pros and cons of a golf course in preference to an outdoor swimming pool. It all started with that scatter shot letter in the letters column yesterday.

The grand vizier of the editorial office stood up to his full height and said he favored the golf course above all things, but mainly because it's almost an accomplished fact. It will be easier to get the golf course than something else as yet unconceived. He also stated that more people should know how to play golf out of pure self-interest. Golf, bridge, and small talk are the vital organs of success.

Then as a clincher, he said he would personally like to learn the game. He hasn't done so in the past because the links were too far distant, but if he could step from class to the first tee with the greatest of ease, he would soon be giving Lloyd Mangrum a run for his money.

Opinion number two was sparked by that aforementioned letter. A middle-sized wheel picked up the idea that better use could be made of the allotted funds. He drifted mentally towards an outdoor swimming pool which could be transformed into an ice-skating rink during the cold months. Sunburn in the summer, bruised spinal columns in the winter! Wheel second class said he didn't use the present

No More Fly-Swatting for Them . . .

There is something stirring among the bovine circles nowadays.

According to the Columbia Missourian it all began when Farmer Glen Fuqua returned to his 360-acre home to find Iodine, one of his prize cows, sticking her head out the second story window of the barn, looking at her calf.

Fuqua had to poke Iodine with an electric shocker with one hand and hold her back with the other on the 45-degree stair. After Iodine did that a second time, Fuqua decided to keep the door shut.

Then it was Hot-Shot in Kansas who rebelled and climbed a narrow winding flight of stairs into the hayloft. She was rebelling against being milked by machine.

Out in Colorado, a large cow slipped through a small door into a silo. Ralph Patridge, farm editor for the Denver Post had to grease the adventurous bossie before he could push her through the small opening. Patridge agreed that a two by four on a hinge across the opening would prevent a repeat.

Finally an Illinois bovine character, named Joie, refused to be left in a dark barn all night. She developed a technique of manipulating the light switch with her

The Passing Parade . . .

Washington sends some interesting, although not too useful, information on income taxes. (AP quote)

Income-tax day note: The government's tax collections for last year, stacked in \$1,000 bills, would make a pile 14,652 feet high.

pool much in the summer because it is enclosed from the sunlight. In the summer, he asserted, mankind likes to toast to a creamed-coffee color. Golf course money should be used for a year-around pool, he said.

A third person had an idea about the controversy. His idea was to apply the so-called golf course funds to air-conditioning those spots on the campus that are most unbearable in the summer heat.

He, like Oscar Wilde, indulges in no outdoor sports except an occasional game of dominoes outside a French sidewalk cafe. But when he studies, he does it with a will. And in the summer, he said, it's a terrible bother to have to wear a handkerchief on his forehead to keep the perspiration out of his eyes while he is studying in the library. People have yakkety-yakked this air-conditioning business for a coon's age, but hell still hasn't frozen over, or even become noticeably cooler.

The editorial controversy aroused by that one letter has convinced us that much remains to be done—we can use a golf course, a swimming pool-skating rink, and an air-conditioning system flung here and there around the campus.

But maybe we won't be able to get all of them—at least not at once. Let's decide which should come first. What do you think?

nose.

What is causing bossie to become dissatisfied with her placid lot of chewing her cud and swatting flies? Some barnyard observers close to the outbreaks aren't sure, but they point out the similarity between these defiance of authority and recent declarations around the world.

Bovine leaders in Oklahoma, Kansas, Illinois and Colorado have thus far spoken up. Why have Texas' million and a half dairy cows not taken a stand or possibly taken the lead of the four other states?

Thus far local resistance has been pacific in nature, but from the widely scattered outbreaks, dissatisfaction may spread faster than the pyramid clubs.

It remains to be seen whether this series of alarming adaptations of human instruments and conveniences is communist inspired. To be on the safe side, some national legislation may be necessary to satisfy this discontent. Perhaps our busy, filibustering Congress can find time to push through an emergency Pure Hay and Fodder Act to quell our barnyard rebellion.

That, said Rep. Mack (R-Wash) respectfully, would be "about 2 1/2 miles high, or 26 times as tall as the Washington monument." (end quote)

And the stack of cigarette papers, burned by people figuring them out, would make a pile as tall as the Empire State building.

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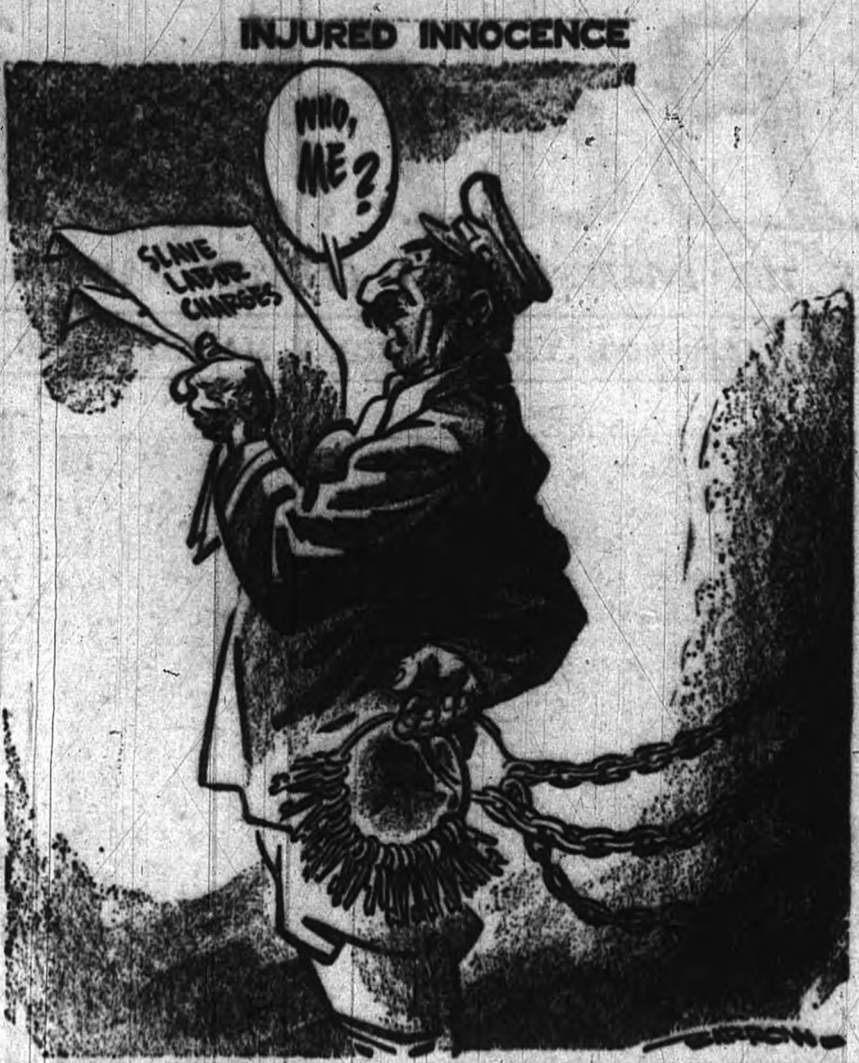
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Resin in the Joe . . .

Spoonless Tuesday Riles Cave Clients

By DAVE COSLETT

Early morning coffee drinkers at the Cave, more familiarly known as Casey's, found room for speculation Tuesday morning when they noticed the lack of silverware for coffee-drinking purposes. The traditional silver spoon had been replaced by a wooden model.

This seemingly trivial matter was the cause for much consternation with the drowsy diners. The wooden spoon, they moaned, must be outlawed for it poses a menace to the very foundations of the coffee drinking institution.

The first difficulty occasioned by the non-metallic silverware was the inability to correctly measure that exact amount of sugar. Even frenzied slide-rule calculations failed to determine the exact ratio between one normal spoonful

of sugar and one wooden spoonful. The lucky few who accidentally discovered the formula were faced with still another problem. Any attempt to stir the brew resulted in a couple of burned fingers, since the rather short pseudo-spoons proved entirely inadequate in reaching the bottom of a full cup.

Another cause for gripes was the amazing propensity of the spoons to float away from those who failed to maintain a firm grip. A spoon floating in a cup of coffee incidentally, is rather hard to retrieve.

From the flavor angle, some customers maintained that the pine picnic spoons altered both the aroma and taste of the morning cup. Resin, they say, melted out of the spoons and gathered in a thin skin on top of the liquid.

Art Exhibit Being Shown in Library

One of six traveling art exhibits touring Texas is now being shown in the lobby of Cushing Memorial Library, Paul Balance, acting librarian, has announced.

The exhibit is being sponsored at A&M by the Campus Study club under the chairmanship of Mrs. E. R. Alexander of College Station.

Three groups of paintings make up the exhibit—professional, amateur-adult, and amateur-student.

Among the paintings and sketches shown are "The Fisherman" by Ruth Dunn, "Ruffled Petunias" by Bill Culwell, "S P Yards at Night" by Robert Reed and "Wings Over Jordan" by Lois Miller.

Anyone interested in having his own paintings included with the exhibit may contact Mrs. Alexander, who has details for entry, Balance said.

The exhibit will be shown in the library for two weeks, Balance added.

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Rankin's Veterans Pension Bill Killed By Single Vote

WASHINGTON, March 25—(AP) By a one vote margin, the House yesterday shelved the Rankin Veterans' Pension Bill.

A roll-call vote of 208 to 207 sent the measure back to the veterans committee for further study. It is possible for the Veterans' Committee to write a new bill and send it back to the House at a later date.

But Chairman Rankin (D-Miss) told the House the vote to recommend meant that the bill is dead.

Bill "Killed" "That kills this legislation for this congress," Rankin said.

Rankin's Bill already had been so amended that it bore little resemblance to his original proposal for \$90 a month pensions at age 65 to all world war one and two veterans.

The vote to throw it back to committee climaxed a series of maneuvers on the floor.

Rep. Teague (D-Tex) made the motion to send it back. The roll call vote was first announced as 209 to 208 against the motion.

Tabulations Err But on a recount, it developed that the tabulators had erred on the first count.

There were no vote switches on the recapitulation.

Rep. McCormack (D-Mass), presiding in the absence from the city of speaker Rayburn, ordered the recount on his own initiative.

The House sat in tense silence as the names of each member and the way they voted were called out by clerks. It was so quiet the automatic counter used by the clerks could be heard clicking.

It was the closest vote on a major bill in the House since late in 1941 when, by a one-vote margin, the bill to continue the draft law was passed.

Teague Leads Way Teague first moved to strike out the bill's enacting clause—

ordinarily a motion that kills a bill if it carries. That lost 169 to 158 on a standing count.

Then Teague got a teller vote on the same motion. It carried then, 171 to 168.

Teague's motion to send the bill back to committee followed, bringing the roll call and the recount

of the vote first announced at it. When McCormack announced the result of the recount a few members applauded.

Rankin's Face Flushed Rankin, his face flushing, slowly gathered up his papers without challenging the result.

For the Mississippian, it was a galling defeat. A change of two votes would have made the passage of his bill virtually certain on a direct vote on the bill.

When all the checking and re-checking was over, the roll call showed that 151 Democrats and 87 Republicans teamed up to send the bill back to the committee.

Against were an even 100 Democrats, 106 Republicans and the one American Laborite.

The result capped a series of flip-flops on the part of the House. Previously, at the start of debate three days ago, it had voted

to shelve the bill by an off-the-record vote but reversed itself when put on the record.

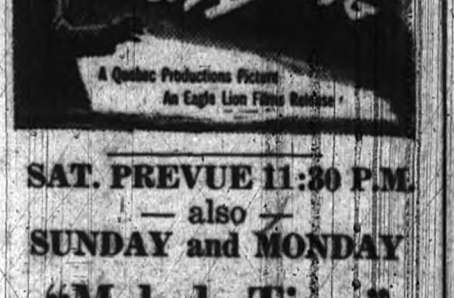
How Texans Voted Here is how Texas members of the House voted today on the motion to shelve the veterans' pension bill: (all Democrats).

For: Bentzen, Barleson, Combs, Fisher, Gossett, Killey, Lucas, Mahon, Pickett, Poage, Regan, Teague, Thomas, Thompson, Thornberry, Wilson and Worley.

Against: Beckwith, Lyle and Patman.

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