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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Sportsmanship Spreads Out . . .

Sportsmanship has cropped up in the platforms of several candidates for next year's student government offices at Rice. Ben Hammond, strong contender for president, pledges "an earnest effort to win the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Award." Alice York, vice leader this year and seeking the vice-presidency, promises to "direct a welcoming committee (presumably similar to the A&M Senate Welcoming Committee) during football season. Well organized parties would increase chances of winning SWC Sportsmanship Trophy and strengthen affiliations with other schools."

The impetus that sportsmanship has gained this year give it great chances of becoming recognized as normal behavior rather than a forced process of goodwill. This year has seen the active and sincere participation toward sportsmanship by an overwhelming number of students. Many of these students, and in turn, stu-

dent bodies, were heretofore unaccustomed to the ways of clean rivalry and good sportsmanship.

Here a change for the better is definitely noticeable. Accompanying this friendly attitude of sportsmanship there seems to have arisen a more thoughtful and gentlemanly behavior when the occasion expects it.

Sportsmanship is something that is as dynamic as life itself and our efforts and disposition should constantly strive toward higher achievement of this abstract quality that produces tangible results.

The whole Southwest Conference is in a receptive mood to strengthen the customs of sportsmanship and to work together in harmony. This attitude, presented as it has been, is new to American colleges. There can be no doubt that this atmosphere of good sportsmanship that our conference enjoys will spread beyond to other campuses.

North Texas Has a Birthday . . .

Today North Texas State College is fifty years old.

Established as a privately owned normal college in 1890, the Denton institution has grown into one of the state's largest and best educational establishments.

While it has long been accepted in educational circles as an upper bracket college, North Texas has only recently received the public recognition it deserves. No longer purely a training school for future teachers, the college has a wide, general curriculum. It is particularly outstanding in music and the arts.

A bill is now before the state legisla-

ture, and seems certain to become law, to make North Texas a full blown college with its own board of directors. This, together with the dropping of the normal title of "Teachers College," will complete the streamlining of the Denton school.

Today the students, faculty and friends of the college will celebrate the progress they have all made in a half century of academic construction.

If we may be a bit pre-mature, we want to welcome the Eagles to the ranks of separately maintained, state supported, senior colleges. Glad to have you aboard, North Texas, the benefit is all ours.

Not Dollars But Arms . . .

Combat men of the last war, and mothers at home, remember rumors that circulated persistently concerning hundreds of basket cases (men who had lost both hands and both feet) piling up in Army and Navy hospitals.

The current issue of the American Legion Magazine reports only two basket cases from World War II. Other figures on amputations are given below:

| | WW I | WW II |
|--------------------|-------|--------|
| 1 hand | 934 | 3,322 |
| 1 foot | 2,384 | 10,405 |
| 2 hands | 13 | 64 |
| 2 feet | 194 | 731 |
| 1 hand and 1 foot | 35 | 114 |
| 1 hand and 2 feet | 5 | 10 |
| 2 hands and 2 feet | 4 | 2 |
| | 3,569 | 14,648 |

The Passing Parade . . .

A dispatch from New York assures us that there is no dearth of modesty in the Communist Party.

(quote) —(AP) Two top leaders of the American Communist Party urged today that the United States sign "A pact of friendship and peace with our great war-

time ally, the Soviet Union."

William Z. Foster, Communist National chairman, and Eugene Dennis, General Secretary, made the proposal in an open letter to President Truman in which they likened themselves to Lincoln and Jefferson as advocates of peace. (end quote). Oh, fellows, come now!

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THREE MEN IN A HORSE



Poultry Judgers Win Second Place In Memphis Meet

A&M's Junior Poultry Judging Team placed second in the Southern collegiate poultry judging contest held Tuesday at Memphis, Tennessee, according to C. E. Ryan team coach. The University of Arkansas was the first place team.

The A&M team won first place in the production and market divisions of the contest.

Each member of the team won individual honors. Grady Scroggins placed first in production judging and was the fourth highest individual in market judging with Delvin Barrett placing second in the same event.

The team left Memphis Wednesday morning to return to College Station.

Cushing Gets New Biographical Book

Life stories of 343 persons who figured in the news during 1948 appear in the "Current Biography 1948", which has just been added to the reference collection of the college library, Paul Ballance, librarian, announced Tuesday.

Because much of the limelight of 1948 was focused on the elections, many new senators and representatives are included in the volume. The book contains biographies of persons important in the fields of literature, art, science, education, world politics, and industry, Ballance added.

ANN FLEETWOOD CHOSEN SPANISH CLUB DUCHESS

The Spanish Club, in a recent meeting, elected Miss Ann Fleetwood of Del Rio as Duchess to the Cotton Ball, Martell Moore, club president, said.

Miss Fleetwood will be escorted by Dave Kreager.

See Page 38 of the March 26th issue of Saturday Evening Post, and then come and try OUR "Courtbouillon" which is being featured today. Also that old favorite, "Chicken a la Marengo." (Just received a shipment of Fresh Gulf Speckled Trout!)

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Rep. 'Tiger' Teague Emerges As Leader in Pension Fight

By TEX EASLEY

WASHINGTON, —(AP)— Rep. Olin E. (Tiger) Teague of College Station emerged from the House scrap over veterans' pensions as one of the leaders among the younger members of Congress. The purple heart veteran offered the motion that shelved the controversial pension bill by sending it back to the House Veterans Committee. Teague's motion carried by only one vote, 208 to 207. When a substitute bill limited to World War I veterans was introduced later, Teague commented that most of its provisions are in existing law.

Six times wounded in combat against German infantry and artillery fire, Teague is typical of the World War II veterans who played an important role in defeating the bill by Rep. Rankin (D-Miss) to give a \$90 a month pension to all veterans at age 65, regardless of need.

The Texan said he, as a member of the veterans' committee, believed any such measure should be "reported" only after it had been subjected to thorough study.

He said the Rankin bill as sent to the floor was a last-minute version on which there had been no testimony from veterans organizations, government financial experts or others. Seven members walked out of a session of the committee in protest; Teague was one of the three opponents of the bill who stayed in the committee meeting and voted against reporting the bill.

Rep. Serivner (R-Kan.), commenting on that episode, told the House:

"It is a question of opinion as to whether or not it took guts to walk out of the Veterans committee. That is a question of opinion. I happen to think it takes more guts to stay and fight than it does to walk away from a fight."

Opponents of the measure asserted it was a bid for veterans' votes, that its coverage was too broad in that it would pay an equal amount to rich or poor alike and whether they had served a few months' desk duty in the states or had seen real fighting.

"There are all kinds of angles to such a bill that should be thoroughly considered before we are asked to pass upon it," Teague said.

"We who voted to recommit are not gloating. We honestly want to give everyone a chance to study and comment on the effects of such a measure. There are too many ex-GI's to just pass any kind of bill. Some of the committee members were for a pension, regardless. Veterans pay taxes like everyone else, and we don't want to bankrupt our nation."

Teague pointed out that pensions already are provided for veterans and that more than 100,000 of them now draw pensions. Any veteran reaching 65, who is unemployable and earns less than \$1,000 yearly if single

or \$2,000 if married, is entitled to a \$72 monthly pension. Because of age, he is automatically considered 10 percent disabled. The question of paying a pension automatically to all veterans (Continued on Page 4)

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