

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## One Day of Frivolity...

April Fool. Although you probably won't find those words actually written anywhere in our news columns today, the thought is woven all through each and every story. For this is our annual April Fool's edition in which we try to provide both ourselves and our readers with a little humor by poking fun at some of the things we may begin to take too seriously day by day. In today's paper not all the stories are farcical. The Front Page, Freshman Page are free of imaginative news. But on the Editorial Page, Page 3, and Sports Page, just read the stories, take them for what they are worth, and the devil take the hindmost. Aside from the humorous angle, we think good natured ribbing can accomplish many other good ends. People who can laugh at themselves never grow rigid with self centeredness but keep the healthy flexibility of being able to correct their own weaknesses as they see them.

## Michigan Grades Its Profs...

"Michigan was worried"—shouldn't A & M be worried, too? Last December Michigan decided to find out if its teachers were really good teachers. In January, 1948, A&M conducted a survey to discover the same thing—if our teachers are really good teachers. Since the first local check was made, further surveys have been relegated to the indefinite abyss of "sometime in the future." Apparently such a famed educational institution as Michigan has decided that the students are in a position to observe and judge many actions of the teacher which the department head might never have the opportunity to discover. TIME magazine, which reports the goings-on at venerable Michigan, states the student ratings "would be a major factor in deciding faculty promotions." The article adds that "a bad grade year after year might well lead to dismissal."

Michigan felt that it might have placed too much emphasis on scholarship (in its faculty members) and not enough on teaching. The questionnaire which 7,500 Ann Arbor students filled out called for marking the professors on such points as (1) clarity, (2) intellectual honesty, (3)

## The Passing Parade...

From Los Angeles, the land of leisurely thought, comes this new easy going twist on taxation. (AP quote) This is the season for daffy income tax returns and internal revenue collector Harry Westover entered this one today. Written on the back of a cocktail lounge napkin and signed "Goldie, San Diego," it read:

★ FORMER BOY TURNS TO BANK ROBBING —Barnes (Kan.) Chief. Still living in the past, probably.

From history we should have learned the lessons of people who have lost their freedom because they could not criticize their government and their friends, and of the others who have prospered by a cheerful and occasionally jesting attitude toward their problems of social contact and self control.

We believe this principle can be narrowed down to our own localities and our own personalities. Very little of the fungus of oppression and injustice can flourish under the white light of scorn and jest.

To these principles of freedom of action and freedom from worry we devote this issue.

At the risk of badly misquoting a verse we faintly remember and whose author we don't recall, we leave this as the theme of today's Battalion.

Laugh, and the world laughs with you, cry, and you cry alone.

The world has its share of sorrow; but never enough happiness of its own.

fairness in grading, and (4) general effectiveness.

The average score of the 410 Michigan faculty members graded was 3.1 out of a possible 4.0. At the end of the year the individual professors will be allowed to see their "report cards."

Dean Lloyd S. Woodburne of the Michigan College of Literature, Science and the Arts said, "if a man is a brilliant scholar, he must be a passable teacher. If a brilliant teacher, he must be a passable scholar." According to the article, if he is all of one and none of the other, Michigan will want him no longer.

Although A&M was among the first educational institutions in this region to begin student ratings, we seem to be failing to maintain the advantage which we gained in initiating the system. Are we now going to fail to hold a second survey?

If one can judge the advisability of regular surveys from the actions of a first class university such as Michigan, the administration should make plans to conduct a survey about once in every 12 month period and at a "surprise" time so that there will be no "framing" on the part of the participants.

"My total earnings last year were \$620. Withholding tax was \$1.10. where do we stand?"

"If I owe you anything, holler—if you owe me anything, forget it." (end quote)

Sounds like she might have written the script for the last "Just Whistle" movie.

★ Senator Abington said the taxation of liquor has reached the point of saturation, a point that is likewise reached by some consumers.

## The Battalion

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## Cadet Admitted Into Hospital For Face Burn

Ted Copeland, fire-eating Air Force Group commander, was admitted to the College Hospital last night, suffering from severe facial burns.

"Mom" Foghorn, the hospital's head nurse, said that Copeland's burns would probably not disfigure him, but they were serious. He was so badly burned, she said, that all the nurses were calling him "Hot Lips" Copeland.

Copeland's room-mate, Dick Joseph, revealed the circumstances leading up to the burns.

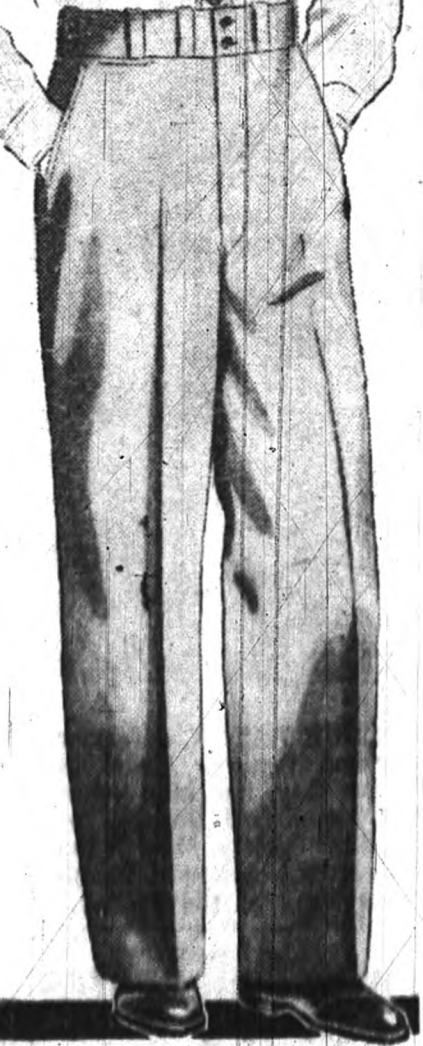
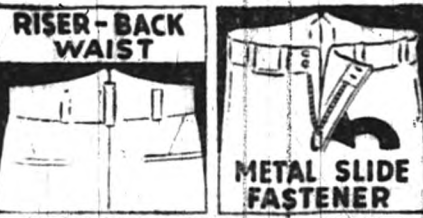
"Ted has been (sob) trying to cut down on his smoking lately. He bought a pack of Chesterfields the other night and cut each of them in half. That way he reduced his smoking by 50%. But then the doggone things were so short that he couldn't light 'em without (sob) headin' his physiognomy. Nevertheless, he continued to smoke the short little things. The nurses have the right name for him."

Copeland was contacted at the hospital where he lay on his bed, smelling of unguentines.

"I was about to give up the short cigarettes anyway," he said. "I saw my girl friend last weekend, and she wouldn't have anything to do with them. She said that if I couldn't afford full-sized cigarettes, I also probably couldn't afford to take her out. Gee, I'd gladly get smoker's hack for her!"

"But I already had the things," he continued. "I couldn't see throwing away perfectly good tobacco. I tried to smoke 'em up and be done with it. But my face gave out before the cigarettes did."

The hospital authorities have given Copeland a pipe. He is expected to recover swiftly.



**Khaki Slacks**  
Genuine Cramerton Slacks, sanforized, back pocket flaps. All sizes.

\$6.50

**Waldrop & Co.**  
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## White, Penberthy Violently Oppose New Golf Course

C. G. "Spike" White, director of Student Activities, and W. L. Penberthy, dean of men, went on record today as violently opposing the proposed Golf Course, Bishop Clements, "grand old man" of the Information Office, has announced.

"We've been opposed to such a waste of money since the matter was discussed by the Board of Directors in San Antonio last fall," Dean Penberthy said. "At that time Spike and I went before the Board and said the Bryan Golf Course was close enough and provided adequate facilities for the few local golfers."

"I personally had copies of an old Batt editorial, which was against the golf course, printed and sent to the Board meeting," White chimed in.

"We need this \$75,000 too badly for other purposes," he continued. "The fund could be well used to buy more Aggie Activity Appreciation Tickets. More of our boys should see our good second-run movies, free."

## Post Grad Program Lists New Studies

Broad new courses were added to the Post Graduation Studies Department yesterday, announced V. M. Faires, department head. "Fascinating new studies never before taught by this or any other college or university," bubbled Faires.

These new studies include courses in mixing drinks for cocktail parties, stag party etiquette, love letter writing, and weight lifting. Students who are interested may contact Faires.

## SKYWAY DRIVE-IN THEATRE

NOW LAST DAY Double Bill  
"Melody Time" — and — "Bill and Coo"  
Birthday Week Starts Monday  
6 BIG DAYS  
6 BIG GIFTS  
6 BIG PICTURES

SATURDAY ONLY Double Bill

A NEW LESSON!  
Jack Carson, Robert Hutton, Barbara Vickers, John Paige  
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"JOHN LOVES MARY" with REAGAN-CARSON-ARNOLD, WAYNE MORRIS, VIRGINIA FIELD, PATRICIA NEAL

## General MacArthur Named To Replace Commandant At A&M

The War Department announced today that General Douglas MacArthur would soon replace Colonel H. L. Boatner as commandant at A&M.

The communique said that to get rid of them in true army style they were both being promoted, by exchanging places, Colonel Boatner being named Supreme Allied Commander of the Occupation Forces in Japan.

It was reported that General MacArthur had several plans in mind for the Cadet Corps. First of these plans include the abolishment of the Ross Volunteers because their uniform might be confused with that of a mess hall waiter. Their chrome-plated rifles will be used by the new firing squad which will replace the Faculty Panel.

Other plans include changing the title of the Colonel of the Corps to "Supreme Commander of the Corps of Cadets." This of course would entail the adding of six more diamonds to each shoulder.

MacArthur has been successful in quelling several uprisings in Japan, and it was thought that perhaps he could be effectively used in solving some of the major problems of the Cadet Corps, such as the stealing of the OD's sash and removing of some of the yellow paint seen over the campus.

Other sources revealed that the reason Boatner was being placed in Japan was because of his fluent command of the Japanese language. Several Cadets here have reported that they could not understand some of the four letter words he uses and that they must be Japanese.

The announcement came as a shock to most of the members of the Corps however. The Cadet Colonel of the Corps said that he had been expecting it for a long time.

This, he explained, is just another way to get A&M's name before the public.



GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

## Campus

LAST DAY Starts: 1:00, 2:55, 4:50, 6:50, 9:05

It's a PECK INTO THE OTHER WOMAN'S MALE!  
"A Letter to Three Wives" (Theatrical)  
Plus Cartoon  
Showing for one time only tonight at 8:30 p.m. "CONGO BILL"

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"EL PASO" with JOHN PAYNE, GAIL RUSSELL, STERLING HAYDEN  
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ANN HOWARD BLYTH DUFF  
George BRENT  
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"JOHN LOVES MARY" with REAGAN-CARSON-ARNOLD, WAYNE MORRIS, VIRGINIA FIELD, PATRICIA NEAL

SAT. PREVUE 11 P.M. First Run  
Douglas FAIRBANKS  
"The FIGHTING O'FLYNN" with RICHARD GREENE  
Plus Cartoon

## Union Hall

LAST DAY  
MARGARET O'BRIEN, ROBERT PRESTON, DANBY THOMAS, GEORGE MURPHY, KARIN BOOTH, EDWARD ARNOLD, DUTCH JENKINS, BETTY GARRETT, and LOTTE LEHMANN  
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"THE COBRA STRIKES" AND 3 MEN DIE!  
FRIDAY, 7:30 P.M.

IN PERSON  
SONS OF THE PIONEERS AND THEIR WESTERN Jamboree  
Students, 70c  
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Tickets on sale in advance at: Guion Hall, Student Activities Office  
PREVUE SAT. NIGHT — also — SUNDAY and MONDAY  
"The Thrilling TRUE STORY" OF VARIETY CLUB'S BOYS' RANCH AT COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS  
GREAT IN ACTION GREAT IN THRILLS GREAT IN SUSPENSE GREAT IN PURPOSE  
"BAD BOY" ALLIED ARTISTS PRODUCTIONS PRESENT  
LLOYD NOLAN, James WYATT, James GLEASON  
"AUDIE MURPHY" Produced by PAUL SHORT  
BENEFIT VARIETY CLUB BOYS' RANCH