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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

Gossett Makes a Point . . .

Congressman Ed Gossett's lecture last evening before the Great Issues Class presented the case in favor of the Constitutional amendment now before Congress to change the present system of counting electoral votes. His arguments sound logical and his counter-arguments to opponents charges, reasonable.

To the charges from opponents that the amendment would produce a multi-party system comparable to the chaotic coalition-ridden government of France, Gossett expressed his belief that a multi-party system would result but this system would be more nearly akin to that of the British. This seems a sound conclusion in the light that our governmental history has followed more closely the pattern of Anglo-Saxon governments than continental governments.

He pointed to the need in this country for a re-alignment of political parties. His exposition on the behind-the-scenes maneuvers both political parties make to appeal to minorities in pivotal states whose electoral vote is great enough to swing a

presidential election should be regarded seriously. He wants political parties of stated principal rather than shadowed ambiguities.

Gossett will find many who object to his philosophy of national government. He affirmed the states-righter's contention that the federal government was a government of sovereign states. His amendment would assure states continued privileges to set their own election laws.

The Gossett-Lodge amendment would re-orient the areas of political power in this country. The favor of the "Solid South" would be courted more strenuously by both parties. Even minority parties could take roots in the South and bid strongly for national prominence.

Without hearing the opposition's arguments first hand, we feel that the case of Representative Gossett contained much to be desired and was a definite improvement over the present system.

Truly, we appreciate his coming to this campus and explaining his motives for the amendment he has proposed.

Shouldering Our Responsibility . . .

Yesterday marked a milestone in American history. For the first time since George Washington pronounced against "entangling alliances" the United States has entangled herself. Conditions have changed since Washington's time.

The United States has come to realize that isolation is an impossible policy because the economic, political and social forces of the world at large do not cease to work on a nation when it turns its back. What happens to one nation happens to all nations. We are all together in this business of civilization and must cooperate if we are to keep our heads above water.

The United States has a new position in international affairs today. In a way it is like Britain's position in the nineteenth century. She was at that time paymaster of the Allies. She had the money to supply her associates, she got full value for what she spent, and her stability was the world's stability.

Now the United States, with its bountiful wealth, has succeeded to the job. Many people will whine that they prefer a world built on the basis of brotherly love, but that cannot be when half the world thinks only of dominating the other

half.

For-better or worse, we are still in the time of the Balance of Power. And the Atlantic Defense Pact is our heaviest weight on the scale.

The pact does not commit the United States automatically to go to war if any signatory of the pact is attacked. But it creates a moral responsibility to oppose aggression against co-signers of the agreement.

Russia already snarls and growls and declares that the pact is raised against her. We agree. Only an imbecile would deny it. But who else has acted in a manner to require a mutual defense pact be raised against him? Pacts of this sort are the children of necessity.

The situation is now this: the Atlantic Pact nations have defined their boundaries and banded together to prevent violation of those boundaries. It behooves Russia to take care in steam-rolling where her fancy desires.

Our participation in the cooperative efforts of the twelve nations of the pact is heartening. It proves that a feeling of inter-nation responsibility has become a part of our thinking.

Germany's capital city furnished this bit of information: (AP quote)

The newspaper Die Welt said today Communists are smuggling women's silk stockings on a big scale to finance their work in western Germany.

The Passing Parade . . .

SOME people will collect anything apparently. Witness this quote from the *Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman*: "The wart exhibit will be sponsored by the fine arts department."

WORDS OF ONE SYLLABLE DEPT.
(From the WMRD Broadcaster)
Al Goodman's orchestra and chorus provide instrumental melodic splendor as well as some numbers of their own.

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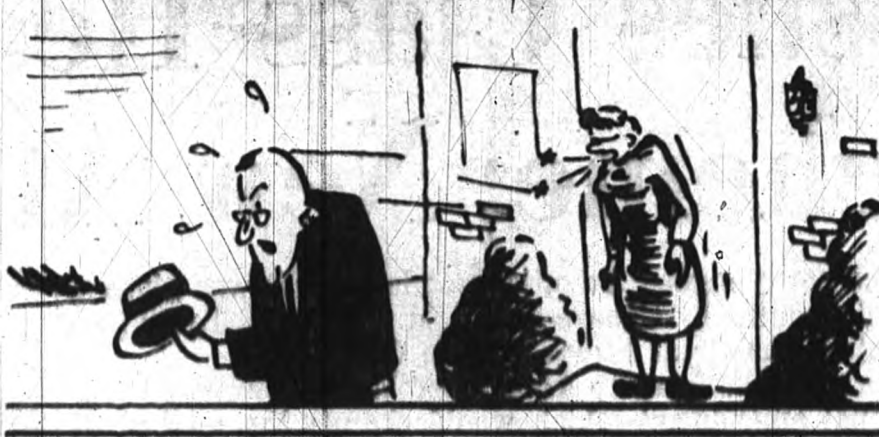
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Sneak Preview . . .

Heavenly Messenger Brings Aid to "The Bishop's Wife"

By ANDY DAVIS

The Bishop's Wife (RKO) starring Cary Grant, Loretta Young, and David Niven. (Campus)

When three top stars such as these combine talents, you can count on a thoroughly enjoyable movie, and this one comes with a heavenly background.

The life of the Bishop, David Niven, is a tedious one, but the life of the Bishop's wife, Loretta Young, is even worse. The Bishop in his efforts to build a new church, completely forgets that he has a beautiful wife, who wants for his affection, until a messenger, Cary Grant, is sent from heaven.

With the messenger present, the Bishop's house takes on a new sparkle, as does the Bishop's wife, and the Bishop begins to take notice of what is happening around him. When Cary's time is up, his mission is accomplished, for the Bishop and his wife have kindled their love for each other, and the Bishop is assured of his new

church.

El Paso (Paramount) starring John Payne, Gail Russell, and George "Gabby" Hayes. (Campus)

The same old western, with the same old story, the big land steal; add the two together and what do you have, nothing. The only thing one can say about El Paso, is that it must have been an awfully dusty town in its early existence.

John Wayne, the rugged he-man, rides for law and order in the El Paso territory, and before long it leads him to the opposite side of the fence. In fact he is chasing the law, and at the same time is being chased himself. The two forces clash in a dust storm, and neither you nor the characters know who is shooting whom.

Gail Russell is adequate as Payne's romantic opposite, and "Gabby" Hayes characteristically provides the few entertaining moments. Other than that there isn't too much you can say, in print, about "El Paso."

MAGPIES GO MODERN WITH METAL NESTS

SYDNEY, Australia — (AP) — A nest of an Australian magpie, a crow-shrike, was recently found by a naturalist to contain 342 feet of wire of various lengths and gauges. Ninety-five per cent of the material in the nest was metal, ranging through one piece of fencing wire 5 feet long, three pieces 4.5 feet long, 16 pieces 3.4 feet long down to brass and metal rings.

In all, according to W. Martin, of East Kew, Victoria, who made the count, there were 227 pieces of metal. With their strong beaks the magpies had interwoven many of the pieces of tough wire into a circular nest and then lined their metal home with fibrous material. The nest was 20 feet up in a Norfolk pine.

The magpie's liking for metal

materials in nest-building is responsible for many electrical breakdowns in Australia. The bird, with a length of wire in its beak, flies into overhead supply lines or builds its nest on the cross-trees of transmission poles. In some Australian states repair gangs are required to gather up all scraps after a job and spikes are placed on cross-trees to discourage the birds from nesting there.

GOLD DISCOVERED IN ROCKWELL, TEXAS

Gold has been discovered in Rockwell, Texas.

While pulling a sheep out of a mudhole, Frank Rhodes picked up several \$20 gold pieces. Continuing the search, Rhodes has found over a thousand dollars in the old coins.

GETTING A BANG OUT OF IT



Assistance Scholarships To Be Given Before Term End

Three scholarships for juniors and one for sophomores will be awarded before the end of the current semester, the Faculty Scholarships Committee announced today.

The awards are designed to assist students who have been working their way through college; who have made outstanding scholastic records; who have shown evidence of leadership qualities as students; and who have, in general, contributed to the welfare of the college.

The committee, in its efforts to select deserving individuals, has received suggestions and recommendations from students and faculty of the college.

Lullie Hughey Lane Scholarship Award
The Lullie Hughey Lane Scholarship Award of the Texas Society, United States Daughters of 1812, of \$200 is presented to the sophomore majoring in Liberal Arts and taking Military Science, who shall be chosen for outstanding quality

of scholarship, leadership and character. Special consideration shall be given to a student who has overcome difficult obstacles in evidencing the possession of these qualities.

The winner of the award will be chosen during the spring semester of the sophomore year by the Faculty Committee on Scholarships. Presentation of the award will be made on Mother's Day and the scholarship will be available to the student upon his enrollment at A&M the following fall semester.

Krueger Award
An annual award of \$500 will be made by C. C. Krueger and W. H. Krueger of San Antonio to a member of the junior class who has made a high scholastic and personal record and who will be classified as a senior the following fall semester. The student will be selected from those students who have earned during the previous three years approximately \$150 a year toward their school expenses

James A. Jones Reward For Achievement
This reward is established in the belief that a student who has earned all or a substantial part of his college expenses for three years has done a job deserving recognition and has proven himself worthy of assistance. The reward will serve as a recognition for the achievement of such a student and will give to him financial assistance during his senior year in college.

The stipend is \$333.33 and will be made available to the recipient at the beginning of the following fall semester. Students eligible for this award under the conditions outlined must be members of the present junior class and be newly classified seniors for the 1948-50 session.

Names of candidates, should be submitted directly to R. G. Perryman, secretary, Faculty Committee on Scholarships at the Registrar's Office. Persons who submit names of students for consideration should include whatever recommendations they think necessary in behalf of their candidates. Recommendations should be submitted in writing and may be as full and complete as the person interested thinks the case merits.

Official announcement of winners will be made by the Battalion before the close of the Spring semester.

Between the Bookends . . .

Ben Hecht Anthology Lauded As Versatile and Expressive

By HERMAN C. GOLLOB

The Champion From Far Away by Ben Hecht (Covici-Frede, New York, \$2.50).

The Champion From Far Away is a collection of thirteen short stories by the extremely versatile and expressive Ben Hecht.

Ranging in substance from the brutal horror of an ax murder to the ridiculous eccentricity of a Hollywood film magnate, the stories reflect Hecht's flair for writing swift, dynamic, polished prose.

Formerly a New York crime reporter, Hecht must have come into actual contact with the tragic figures whom he pictures in "The

Maskerade," "The Terrified Doctor," and "The Lost Soul," figures who by some grotesque twist of fate have been lifted from a normal life and unexpectedly plunged into a maelstrom of terror and confusion on the opposite side of the law.

A bit of subtle satire on the film industry is to be found in "Baby Milly and the Pharaoh." The pharaoh in this case is Herman Gershy, pint-sized movie mogul who is suddenly confronted with realization that his wealth is not an inexhaustible quantity.

Hecht uses an O'Henry device—the unexpected, surprise ending—to make several of his stories gripping and fascinating. "The Shadow" and "The Quarrel" are haunting and poignant examples.

An evening or two spent in the sometimes exciting, sometimes humorous, and always entertaining company of Ben Hecht is not time wasted, even though it must be spent vicariously through the reading of The Champion From Far Away.

Employees of State Given Pay Increase In New Legislation

An increase of 15 per cent in salaries of state college employees became a certainty Saturday when Governor Jester signed the bill into law.

The pay raise was part of the general increase of 15 per cent granted state employees through legislation. It extends only to the end of the fiscal year.

This was one of six bills and resolutions signed by the Governor.

The state department of education and the school library division got an emergency appropriation.

The board of directors of corporations won authority to pay pensions or discontinue them without a vote of stockholders.

The office of county superintendent will be abolished in all counties with less than 28,000 which have no common school districts.

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