

# Battalion EDITORIALS

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"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

## Greater Great Issues . . .

Congressman Ed Gossett's speech Monday night suggested an idea to some of us. Mr. Gossett presented his proposed constitutional amendment with due clarity and then heard questions thrown at him dealing with all governmental topics almost to the exception of constitutional amendments.

Under any other speaker such a turn of events could have been embarrassing. But Representative Gossett was so interested in all phases of legislature and executive policy that he warmed to digressive questions.

Our proposal, after seeing the multiplicity of interests displayed, is to invite prominent and authoritative speakers to come here and defend their views on any and all subjects.

The program could be administered in conjunction with the Great Issues Course which is doing a commendable job at present. By including a few general speakers, whose purpose in coming here would be to outline governmental endeavor and stimulate thought about it, the course would be near perfect. Our distance from Washington and the fact that Congress

is in session when we can entertain speakers are the great draw-backs in the program.

The plan is similar to a long-standing policy in force at Oxford University. Cabinet members, and even the Prime Minister, go regularly to Oxford to defend the government's policies from the arguments of the students.

This Oxford plan is conducted with a keen realization that the leaders of tomorrow are the college students of today. By acquainting the university element with the problems and aims of governmental administration, the civil officers are molding for the nation a more mature and far-sighted electorate.

In England the policy has paid off. The competent administrators for one of the world's vastest empires have been products of that system.

The United States has inherited much of Great Britain's former responsibility for maintaining peace in the world. A well-informed American citizenry, understanding its mission, would be an asset for the task.

## Of Gas and Mud . . .

For many years we, the people of Texas, have watched our natural gas pumped endlessly out of the state and have sunk deeper in the mud of the wagon trails we call rural roads. All this time no one thought of any connection between our biggest state give-away on the one hand and our biggest state blight on the other.

Now, at length, someone has decided to turn our unusual asset against our extended deficit and balance the books for Texas' benefit.

The someone is state Representative C. S. McLellan, and his bill now before the house proposes a one cent per 1,000 cubic feet tax on the production of natural gas with the revenue thus garnered to be used for the construction and upkeep of rural roads.

Texas has always had a reputation for terrible roads. Often described as living in the state with the most room to travel in and the least equipment to travel on, Texans in the past have taken a sort of warped pleasure in the crudeness of their public thoroughfares.

Native Texas sons however, on war time visits to other states, saw the endless and beautiful concrete ribbons connecting northern and eastern cities and wondered why their own state must remain mud-bound.

"No money" they were told. But watching these same eastern and northern cities being warmed by the gas

from their own state, the native sons thought they saw an answer to the problem.

In the post-pipe line days of 1945, they recalled, 24 percent of Texas' gas production was piped away to other states. Then the Big and Little inch pipelines were laid and they watched the precious gas being gulped away in ever increasing volumes each day.

When anyone suggested taxing the fuel, gas producers and their lobbyists pointed at the taxes on gas consumed locally and said "Look how it is being taxed now; you will just be taking money from your own pocket."

All this time the inch lines were pumping away and new ones were being planned and laid.

Finally the lion of public sentiment, slow but certain as always, awoke to the true conditions. Several tax bills were introduced and suffered various fates. The McLellan Bill is the latest and seems the most likely to succeed.

It is now on the house floor and early voting indicates it may pass, but by a close margin.

During this latest April shower, rather than pushing your automobile out of the mud, go home and write your legislator. See if you can widen the margin of the chance on passage of the McLellan Bill.

Gas is supposed to have tremendous lifting powers. Let's see if it can pull Texas out of the mud.

Classified in the Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution under "Rooms with Board: vacancy for gentlemen, both single and double. Also lady to share room. References exchanged."

## The Battalion

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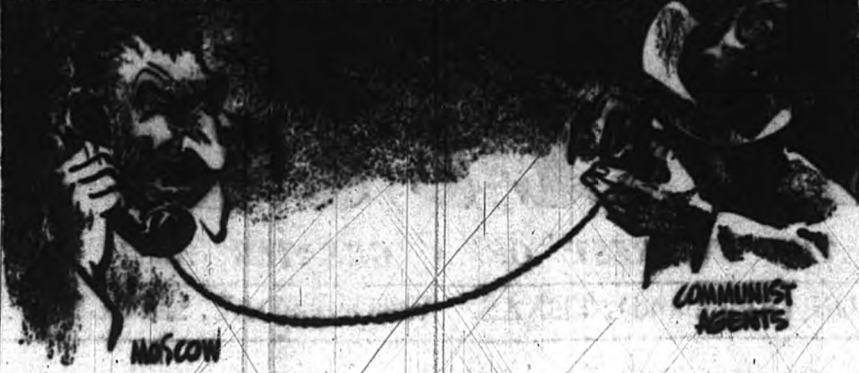
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NOW THERE'S A WIRE WORTH TAPPING



## Sneak Preview . . .

### Radio's Sam Spade Stars In Technicolored 'Red Canyon'

By FRANK CUSHING

Red Canyon (Universal International) starring Howard Duff, Ann Blyth, and George Brent.

Howard Duff, radio's famous Sam Spade makes his second screen appearance in the movie Red Canyon, based upon Zane Gray's novel. Duff is cast as a long suffering cowboy who is constantly hounded by society because of his outlaw family. In an effort to escape the unwanted attention, he changes his name and leaves his outlaw relations.

Duff becomes determined to capture and break "Black Velvet," a black stallion who is roaming the hills. In the process, he (Duff, not the horse) encounters Ann Blyth which is rather nice encountering to say the least. Since they fall madly in love from their first look, they show a hearty dislike for each other.

Complications arise through the distrust of Ann's father, played by George Brent, and the rest of the population who believe that "Black Velvet" can never be caught or tamed. The whole community seem to consist of horse lovers who hold

a gigantic race of their mounts each year. To vindicate himself in the public eye, Duff vows to capture, break and run the black stallion in the big event.

A further mix-up is provided by Ann's father's oath to wipe out all the kin of the not too respectable clan of Duff's. His family helps Duff not at all by appearing periodically and reminding him that the homestead just ain't the same without him and that he ought to come back into the illegal fold. Duff permanently and neatly solves that problem by wiping out his father's entire gang in one fast-moving battle.

Red Canyon has many good points. The beautiful scenery filmed in vivid technicolor offers a treat to the audience's eyes. Ann Blyth is an additional optical treat. If you are above such things, beautiful horses appear throughout the film. Howard Duff plays a convincing role of an embittered individual. Incidentally he should get some sort of record by refusing to smile for the camera.

Red Canyon is not the best movie of the year, but attending it definitely beats studying.

## McKnight Apologizes! . . .

### Blount Visibly Shaken By Battalion's Hard Charges

By MARTHA COLE

AUSTIN, April 6 (AP)—Those bitter football foes, Texas and Texas A&M, got together on the floor of the House yesterday while Communism lay groaning on the bench.

Rep. Peppy Blount of Big Spring who played football for Texas last year, "loved he didn't like being called a "subsidized football player." Those, he said, were the words in an editorial in the Battalion, Texas A&M College newspaper.

Rep. C. P. McKnight Jr. of Quitman, who was graduated from A & M last year, interrupted Peppy to say: "I think you've been done an injustice, and as a former Aggie, I'd like to apologize for it."

Blount, a six-foot, four-inch pass snatching end on said the editorial was headed: "Better Than Giving Them Convertibles."

It goes on, he said, with "why hasn't A&M a subsidy program like TU? What other school subsidizes its players with seats in the legislature?"

"And this is about someone very dear to me," he declared, "—Me."

The editorial talked about his outburst against Communism on the floor of the House last week he said.

"They have ways of taking care of Communists in A&M," Blount said. "They can beat it out of them."

"But we haven't got that latitude out at the University of Texas. We've got this Communist out there and it's going to be embarrassing if we don't do something about it."

But getting back to the subsidized football players business, Peppy said: "They're just a little bit nasty."

Rep. Doyle Willis of Ft. Worth suggested: "Let's give 'em a couple of members of the legislature for their football team on the condition that they'll use 'em—say Hanna and Spacke."

Rep. Sam Hanna of Dallas, white-haired, and Rep. R. B. Spacke of Fayetteville, grey-haired, laughed.

So did Blount and the rest of the House in good-natured humor, and they went on to the next business.

## Jeep Donated To Forest Service

A 1948 Willys jeep, complete with power winch and \$500 in cash to properly equip the jeep with necessary top, hydraulic lift, plow, grille and other equipment necessary to fighting fires in the woods has been received by the Texas Forest Service.

"The jeep is being donated with the understanding," A. D. Folwell, director of the Forest Service, said, "that after the jeep is properly equipped for fire fighting it will be assigned to the Kildare, Cass County, area for use in forest fire control activities."

The donors are George L. Grogan, Jr., manager, Grogan Manufacturing Company, Bivins, Texas; R. R. Hardy, agent, East Texas Iron Company, Atlanta, Texas and J. R. Bemis, Bemis Estate, Prescott, Arkansas.

AIR FORCE ORDERS MORE NEW BOMBERS

WASHINGTON, April 6 (AP)—The Air Force announced today it is ordering 36 additional long-range B-36 bombers and five more B-47 high-speed jet bombers.

It has cancelled an order for 43 B-54 four-engine bombers, diverting the money to the new orders.

## Job Calls

- INTERVIEWS  
(1) April 11-12—Montgomery Ward will interview business and accounting and management majors interested in retail merchandising.
- AGRICULTURE AND LIBERAL ARTS  
(1) Lamar Creamery, Paris, Texas, has an opening for dairy husbandry majors in their plant. They also have an opening for one man in sales and public relations work. Prefer single man due to travel involved.
- (2) Armstrong Packing Company, Fort Worth, Texas, has openings for men interested in sales work.
- ENGINEERING  
(1) Arkansas Fuel Oil Company has an opening for an engineer for process work relating to natural gasoline plant operations. Work will be located in Shreveport, La. Prefer men trained in mechanical, petroleum or chemical engineering.
- (2) General Electronics Company, Houston, Texas, are manufacturers of sound equipment and electric scoreboards. They have openings for men interested in sales engineering, who have preferably had some training in radar while in service.
- (3) The California Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, has openings for two or three June graduates in Mechanical or civil engineering. They should be scholastically in the upper 1/3 of their class.
- (4) Almar-York Company, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas, has openings for men interested in air conditioning and refrigeration sales.
- (5) Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, Dallas, Texas, has openings in their College Sales Class for 1949.
- (6) Texas Electric Service Company, at Monahan, Texas, has an opening for a civil and for a mechanical engineer. The civil engineer will act as chief of party in setting base and control line and BM's, measuring field quantities, foundation layouts, etc. The mechanical engineer should have some knowledge of quantity takeoffs from structural plans. Work will be in connection with construction of Steam Electric Station.
- SUMMER JOBS  
(1) El Rancho Encantado, Durango, Colorado, will have openings for two assistant wranglers at the ranch this summer. These men must be able to shoe their own saddle string, help to break colts, know something about packing horses, and general ranch work. They will ride with and help to instruct dudes in the handling of their horses. Applicants should have good personality and appearance, be courteous and polite at all times to guests.
- (2) Texas Vitricult Pipe Company, Mineral Wells, Texas, has an opening during the summer months for a student with some knowledge of time study work.

## Letters

Editor, The Battalion:

A disgraceful thing happened at the Corps Review yesterday. By now every Aggie knows about it, but just in case . . .

As a result of a mistake in commands, there was a mixup in the ceremony, relating especially to the position of the colors. It was an unfortunate error, a big blunder—a very awkward moment. But it ceased to be awkward—it became disgraceful—when our Commandant came out on the field, interrupted the ceremony and publicly "reamed" the cadet officers and color bearers, including in his comments, "this is the worst demonstration I've ever seen at A&M College."

In publicly rebuking the hapless cadets (who, after all, were only following commands, however poorly) Col. Boatner violated an important rule of every GOOD officer: never publicly reprimand someone; do it in private.

Not only did Col. Boatner violate a rule of a good officer, but almost every rule of tact. His continued reprimands, comments, and corrections made the review seem like a practice review.

Granted we need practice before Federal Inspection, but why didn't the orders read that way? It was a "Cadet Corps Review in recognition of Army Day." And were the tears flowing from the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, parents of the hero being honored, only practice?

I write these comments with the sincere hope that such an uncouth, unacted display will never happen again.

Please withhold my name—I don't have my reserve commission YET.

Name Withheld

## Ag Station Gets Pest Study Fund

A contribution of \$300 to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has been announced. The money will be used in support of the research program on dusts to control tomato pests.

The contribution was made by the Arkansas Fertilizer Company division of Southern Acid and Sulphur Co., of Little Rock.

"This work will be conducted by Dr. P. A. Young of our tomato disease laboratory at Jacksonville," Dr. R. D. Lewis, director of the station, announced.

## Bob Hope Beauties Selection Planned

By BUDDY LUCE

Beauties for the Bob Hope show will be the result of a beauty contest to be held at the all-college dance Saturday night in Bliss Hall.

Grady Elms, assistant director of Student Activities, announced that entries in the contest will sign up when they enter the door of Bliss Hall Saturday night. Entries must be female, either married or otherwise, and the winners must be present at the Bob Hope Show to be held in the horseshoe of Kyle Field on April 20.

Four beauties will be selected from those attending the Saturday night dance, and the four will be presented at the April 20 show with Bob Hope conducting the final judging at that time. Prizes will be given at the Hope showings.

The April 9th all-college dance will start at 9 p. m. and the Aggieband Orchestra will furnish the usual vibrations and musical offerings. Reports from the judges from indicate that Farmer's toolings make pretty danceable music.

Since the all-college dance will follow the Dewdrop Ball on Friday night, the sophomores' dates should be very much in the running to get on the Bob Hope show.

The judging Saturday night will be sometime during the dance, probably during one of the intermissions. Since Elms doesn't want the judges unduly influenced before the contest, he won't announce the judges until contest time. Rumors have it that Elms is looking for some of that "mild influence" and will let some of the more promising contestants know that he will be a judge. (There is sometimes native in madness.)

Seventy members of the YSCW Aquatic Club will be present at the Saturday night shindig and should give the stag line something to occupy a few waking moments.

With Turner tooting, Elms exercising undue influence, and Bob Hope judging, the girls should have a good time, come what may.

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION  
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PLUS BUGS BUNNY CARTOON

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