

Battalion Editorials

Long Live the King, (Cotton, That Is) . . .

Tonight A&M indulges itself to the hilt in the innate love for pageantry. Tonight, for the fifteenth time, occurs the Cotton Ball and Pageant which is an ornate and pomp-filled salute to the resource that has played so great a part in the past of the South and continues to play it today—cotton.

Annually the Agronomy Society devotes much of its time and labor to organizing the Pageant. But the society works toward a fixed goal. The proceeds of the festivities are earmarked to send a group of agricultural students on a summer trip to distant places where they may observe other methods of cotton culture.

Tonight's show will be big. Two hundred fair and charming young ladies have long been fussing with their costumes for this evening's event. As duchesses representing the innumerable local clubs, they will be escorted through the ceremonies by

swains who thought enough of their pulchritude to master-mind the selections by the clubs.

Tonight's show will be dazzling. A parade of floats featuring cotton's place today and as it was in the gently glamorous Old South will lend the pageant grandeur.

Tonight's show will be fashionable. The National Maid of Cotton, Miss Sue Howell of Fresno, California, and 60 collegiate models will display the wide uses to which cotton is put to make American women among the loveliest in the world.

Tonight's show will be profitable. That is not a statement of fact but a hope we share with the Agronomy Society. For we think the summer cotton tours serve a valuable purpose in showing our agriculturalists how they may improve their production. Greater production leads to a wealthier Texas. And a wealthier Texas leads to a better Texas.

Brave New World for Water Towers . . .

Great labors to re-pigment the local water tower were commenced yesterday morning by a crew of do-or-die high altitude painters. Our hat goes off to them and to the motivators of this improvement.

We would now beseech our home-spun muralists to go elsewhere with their nocturnal daubings and leave the serene beauty of the renovated tower unmarred.

To us there is nothing quite so lovely as an undefiled water tower. Wordsworth may prate about his "Intern Abbeys and Southey about his cataracts of Lodore, but give us a water tower anytime!

A water tower has great symbolic intentness. Its vertical lines point to the alternatives of human achievement — it points up to reward and down to retribution.

It is a practical device for a practical age. We like our beauty to be useful. And what could be more useful than a water tower?

It contains that liquid without which all life would disappear from this planet, although many people spurn that liquid for something with greater kick.

Our water tower stands also as an advertisement. It proclaims to passers-by by means of officially painted signs that this huddle of buildings on a hill is a college and not a house of correction.

Therefore, let it be. If there must be extra-curricular painting, let us petition the Dean of Men to erect a blank billboard behind Guion Hall where all those so inspired may go at it brush and palette knife to their hearts' content.

Another Annual Milestone Passed . . .

Along about this time each year we begin to check off things around school that we do for the last time. For some, "B" quizzes mean they are over the hump, for others it is the Ring Dance or the Cotton Ball. The Military Department must feel that they are over the hump after federal inspections.

Today the College is in the midst of having all its military wares taken out and inspected by visiting teams from Fourth Army headquarters. Our blue star does not hang in balance this year, but an "unsatisfactory" this year might very well prejudice inspecting teams coming here next year.

The Army has quite an investment in A&M, and they come over each year, to check on the results their money is achieving. Inspecting teams drop into military

science class rooms, listen to the instructor for a while, and pop questions at the class just to see if the class is learning what it is supposed to. Since last year the inspection goes even into the individual rooms of cadets and their living quarters are observed. A review is staged to watch company commanders handle their units and to note the unit's ability to drill as soldiers should.

Several members on the inspecting teams have previously inspected A&M, others are visiting here for the first time. Undoubtedly those who have not visited here before have encountered Aggies, and now they can see where Texas Aggies are made.

Perhaps these officers will catch a fleeting glimpse of what we call "The Spirit of AggieLand."

PRONOUN trouble in the New Castle (Pa.) News occurred in this social item: "Miss Jean R., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R., has chosen Jan. 20 as the date for their approaching marriage to Donald R. Bates."

Enjoyment of work used to be quite common and a man usually took pride in his ability. Nowadays so much publicity has been given to the evils of working for a living that when a man does an honest day's work he is ashamed to admit it.

The Battalion

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Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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—SEE LEAD EDITORIAL—

Foot and Mouth Curbs Shown . . .

Cattle Diseases Discussed In Latest Veterinarian Magazine

By BUDDY LUCE

A fact-packed 74 pages of everything from Foot-and-Mouth information to lymphosarcoma in a Brahman calf is the March issue of the Southwestern Veterinarian.

Karl Wallace and his 36-man staff must have worked night and day trying to teach veterinary phraseology to the printing presses in the A&M print shop. They did a good job.

The cover of the March issue is a map of Mexico, showing areas of foot-and-mouth infection. The map is in color and shows in detail the quarantine lines and the fence built to curb the spread of the dreaded disease. A picture of an infected cow foaming at the mouth fills up the lower left hand corner of the cover, illustrating in short

order what an infected animal looks like.

The personality profile for this issue is of Dr. A. A. Lenert, head of the Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery. The profile is written by Varley Young. It includes Dr. Lenert's life history, his record at A&M and an insight into his doings and teachings in the School of Veterinary Medicine.

A profusely illustrated feature by Charlie N. Barron, D. V. M., deals with the effect and treatment of lymphosarcoma in a purebred Brahman calf. Complete with photos of microscope shots, the article gives a complete history of the case.

Dr. W. W. Armistead has in this issue a contribution entitled "Man-

Telephone Invention By Russian Is Latest Claim

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK, (AP)—Russian science marches steadily on.

There has been nothing like it since Tom Swift, whose real name, by the way was Swiftski. Tom was actually born on a Siberian Steppe, stolen from his peasant parents by Gypsies and brought here as a boy and sold by the Gypsies to the General Electric Corporation.

Soviet Russia, it turns out, is even more of an inventor's haven than a worker's paradise. Every few weeks Tass, the official government news agency, discovers a forgotten Russian scientist who

really is responsible for some basic invention claimed by the capitalist western world.

The latest is e-grade Pavel Schilling, who Tass says put together a telephone 44 years before Alexander Graham Bell built his first amsche. Comrade Schilling, who must have hid his light under a Czarist Bushel, is also credited with making the first submarine cable and inventing the original system for stringing telegraph wires on poles. One thing sure: Somebody is stringing somebody.

Other wonders previously claimed for Soviet scientists are the invention of the radio, the electric light, the airplane, the parachute, the transformer, and structural steel. They also are held to have discovered penicillin and the electrical nature of lightning.

This theory makes Jonny come-lately of Marconi, Thomas Edison, Benjamin Franklin, and the Wright Brothers. About the western world now can claim as its own are the ice cream cone, the five-cent cigar, nylon, pyramid clubs, the chocolate sundae, and the two-way stretch circle.

But if Russia invented the machine age, why did it come to flower in the western world? Are the Russians inventing these and getting and exporting them just in the secret hope we will destroy ourselves with the worries of a mechanized life?

Maybe that is the hidden aim of Soviet scientists. Perhaps they are trying to get us to fret ourselves

PH Profs Return From Conference

Dr. J. R. Couch of the Poultry Husbandry Department and Dr. C. M. Lyman, Roy Reiser, Kenneth Kulken, and Dr. L. H. Richardson of the Biochemistry and Nutrition Department returned Monday from Detroit, Michigan, where they have been attending the American Institute of Nutrition meeting.

Each of the professors presented a research paper before the annual conference.

agement of A Veterinary Practice." Armistead enlightens the young veterinarian as to the trials, plans, and tribulations of establishing a practice, including building a hospital, business ethics, expenses and extra-practice activities—all necessary to start a new doctor off in business.

Harry C. Doran, Jr., has an article on thoroughbreds. A section on clinical case reports is very interesting, complete with photographs. There are five pages of photos showing scenes around the veterinary hospital.

Foot-and-mouth employee information from the United States Department of Agriculture is given in detail for anyone interested in going to Mexico to join the government employees fighting the disease.

Several pages of abstracts of feature articles from four prominent veterinary magazines round out the March issue.

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