

Thieves, Petty and Otherwise, Here at A&M . . .

Did you ever forget and leave your soap in the shower and go back after it a little while later and find it gone? Or have you left your coat lying someplace, in a classroom perhaps, and returned the next day to discover that someone had appropriated it? Or have you been one of the many Aggies who "lost" a textbook early in a semester? Things that we have left lying somewhere don't just up and crawl away; somebody, some of our students, come behind us and pick up those things. Now why they do it, we don't know. Surely nobody operates on so close a budget that he can't buy his own soap. And we hope no one is so destitute that he has to steal clothing. And a book thief at A&M, he's about the lowest—nobody has any use for books. Still those little and big things do disappear around here, and the guys that lose them don't like it one bit. None of us who have been victims of some other Aggie's willingness to use our soap, or books, or coats without our permission think that such conditions should exist here at A&M. What's to be done about this condi-

Formosa and Taft, With Political Intrigue . . .

Robert A. Taft, senator from Ohio, co-author of the Taft-Hartley Act, despised by the labor unions, noted conservative and isolationist Republican up for re-election this year, has crept out from under has nearsighted bifocals (which, previously have restricted his vision only to the American domestic scene) and has taken a rather gallant stand on far-away Formosa. The Ohio senator has joined ex-president Hoover in calling for American defense of Formosa against Chinese Communism who are preparing to conquer this last foothold of the Chinese Nationalists. They only want a few American ships bristling with guns ploughing through waters between Formosa and the Chinese mainland to prevent the island's seizure by the Reds. We are surprised that Senator Taft would speak so completely out of character. Always before, Taft was a stern iso-

Sun's Lighthouses, and Parallels . . .

The New York Sun went into eclipse last Thursday with the publication of a joint paper—the New York World-Telegram and Sun. The World-Telegram bought out the Sun and thereby gobbled up all its subscribers. The sale plunged the Sun's 1,200 employees into the ranks of the unemployed. On the masthead of the combined paper appeared the lighthouse, symbol of control by the Scripps-Howard newspaper combine. We wonder if the physical difference between the sun and a lighthouse will follow into the journalistic field? The sun throws light everywhere, illuminating the whole world while a lighthouse is a beacon guiding ships by the light that is directed and focused by the lighthouse keeper. We hope not. A young former G. I. was married to a twin. The housing shortage forced the couple to live in the home of the wife's parents. "Those sisters look so much alike even their folks can't tell 'em apart—how do you know which one to make love to?" observed a friend. "I don't know which is which either," was the reply, "but when I feel affectionate I seize one of 'em and if she ain't mine she defends herself."

The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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CODE OF ETHICS Editor, The Battalion: So you would substitute an "appropriate code of ethics," devised and written by man with his very limited understanding for a law as basic as a law can be, having been made by One who understands human suffering, and who made the law to be kept, intact? Just what code of ethics do you think could be devised? What man or group of men could sanely take it upon themselves to decide when it was right and when it was wrong to kill a human being? A man can be a shining light in a community; he can be loved and respected by all, and yet down in his soul there can be a weakness, an evil, which would let him submit to a temptation to "mercifully" kill. Killing, whether done in dark streets by hardened criminals armed with knives or done in respectable homes by "respectable" people with fragile hypodermic needles, even if done in the name of mercy, has been wrong at least since the time of Moses and will probably continue to be wrong for a long time to come. I request that you, the editors, so capable of influencing opinion, consider the making of such statements very carefully in the future. Sincerely, Evln J. Stump '52

"MYP" REBUTAL Editor, The Battalion: Last night I picked up the Batt and saw what I had expected to see—a good gripe to the Student Life Committee, dealing with the midnight yell practice recommendation. When the issue was brought up in the committee, we knew we would hit a sore spot. For two sessions we labored over the situation, reading letters from various people in the cities and listening to the damage to Aggie reputations, and the personal damage bestowed upon a few individuals, resulting from fights at yell practice. It is not our intent to abolish, or hurt in any way, the Aggie tradition. We are Aggies ourselves, some of us of very long standing; but it is our intent to see, and endeavor to help, the Aggie reputation among the cities and the student associations. We student members of the Student Life Committee were elected from the student body. Three men were elected from the non-reg. two editors of the Batt, the Senior class president, cadet colonel of the corps, the president of the Junior class, and members chosen from the senate. These men, plus members chosen from the faculty, give a good cross section of the school. Every man of the above mentioned group thought and studied the situation, for we knew that

the decision to abolish the yell practice would probably "bring the house down." But if the men who are so strongly against our policy had read the reasons, listed in the Batt, for which the yell practice was abolished, and considered the facts, they would see the reason for the abolishment of yell practice. We must do what is good for the school, even though it may take away a small something, or even hurt a few personal feelings. For as all Aggies know, we must act for the good of the group. That is the trust and oldest tradition we have. As one man said in the Batt not long ago, this is the time to think for ourselves instead of letting the group think for us. And to the Class of '51, every class has met its crisis, and this is yours. Instead of being shamed by the abolishment of yell practice, you may be able to be proud to be the first in a movement. We are not taking away, but giving. Giving good relations for A&M. Bob Page, '48 Member, Student Life Committee

Official Notice

An examination for credit in C. E. 2008 will be given in the C. E. Lecture Room at 1 P. M., Saturday, January 14, 1950. Only those students authorized by the Executive Committee may take the exam. J. A. Orr, Professor Civil Engineering Dept.

GUION HALL—Thurs., Jan. 19 — 6:45 P. M. & 9:00 P. M. IN PERSON!! Spike Jones NEW MUSICAL DEPRECIATION REVUE OF 1950 Featuring Doodles Weaver as Prof. Feitelbaum, George Rock, Helen Grayco, Dr. Horatio Q. Birdbath The World Famous "City Slickers" and 14 — Explosive Vod-Vit Acts — 14!! SEATS NOW!! Tickets at Student Activities Office, A&M College. Prices: \$2.50, \$1.50 and \$1.25 (tax included) MAIL ORDERS ACCEPTED: Send check and self addressed, stamped envelope to Student Activities Committee, A&M College, College Station. Please indicate which performance time is desired. "For The Love Of Mike - Don't Miss Spike"

From Where I Sit . . . Metro's 'Malaya' Judged Top-Notch Melodrama

By HERMAN C. GOLLOB Malaya (MGM) starring James Stewart, Spencer Tracy, Sydney Greenstreet, Lionel Barrymore (Campus). Until today we had been firm believers in the ancient proverb, "Too many cooks spoil the soup." After seeing "Malaya" at the Campus theatre, where it is now showing through Tuesday we have faltered in our tenuous faith in the usually reliable adage. Starring James Stewart, a star of whose presence in a film is enough to queue up block-long lines in front of the theatres, "Malaya" is the finest melodrama to come from Hollywood for this year. Taut with suspense, bristling with crackling dialogue, alive with arresting characters, "Malaya" concerns the efforts during the war of two American spies—of fortune—one a free-lance reporter, the other a convict-on-leave—to smuggle rubber out of Jap-infested Malaya for American consumption. Tracy is seen as the con, a cocky, happy-go-lucky daredevil with no particular purpose in life other than having a hell of a good time. Until the war, the same could have been said about the reporter, played by Stewart with his usual lanky ease and assurance. But the death of his brother on Wake Island has given him a goal.

Der Fuehrer's Face Shows, But Owner Disclaims Kin

Frankfurt, Germany, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Henrich Noll says he is just plain tired of American military policemen asking if he's Adolf Hitler. Noll, a 38-year-old jobless male nurse, thinks he ought to go to the United States "where people don't worry so much about der Fuehrer popping up." Noll is the spitting image of Hitler—toothbrush mustache, drooping forelock and all. Only his voice is different. Noll is soft-spoken. "I look like Hitler but I didn't like the old goat," says Noll. "And my character isn't like his. I like meat, cigarettes and women." Hitler was a reputed vegetarian and non-smoker. Noll's first brush with the MP's came in 1945 when American troops entered Gessen. Noll rashly poked his head out of the window of his home. Doves of MP's with Tommy-guns stormed into the house thinking he was the prize catch—Der Fuehrer. "Almost everybody in town had to swear that I'd lived there all my life before the Americans would let me go," he related. He says he grew his toothbrush mustache before Hitler came to power "although my wife said it looked silly." Why doesn't he shave off his Hitler mustache now? He wants to play the part of Hitler in a planned Austrian movie "The Third Reich." But he says he'd rather go to Hollywood to portray Hitler in American movies.

Knipling to Speak To Entomologists

Dr. Edward F. Knipling, '30, division chief in the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine in Washington, D. C., will address the Entomology Society Tuesday night at 8 P. L. Rider, club reporter, said today. Knipling did his graduate work at Iowa State College after graduating from A&M. After receiving his Ph. D. Knipling joined the Menard, Texas, staff of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine. He has done his work in the Division of Insects Affecting Man and Animal. Rider invited all persons interested in hearing Knipling to attend the club meeting; it will be held in Room 10 of the Science Hall. Aggies will marry in the near future. They should be able to meet girls and evaluate them in a normal environment, instead of some exaggerated social event. Lasting friendships are based upon a firm understanding of common likes and dislikes, of faults, and of good qualities. This understanding can be based only upon a day-by-day association and a slow-growing, but everlasting friendship. This is the only type of friendship which makes for a happy married life. 2. Aggies have to learn to get along with a mixed crowd. In few modern fields they will find complete male domination, and certainly not in home, civic, and social life. 3. Girls seem to have a knack of lightening the loads of life and resurrecting fallen spirits. 4. Maybe a certain number of students would stay on the campus and study instead of traveling all over the state to have female companionship. 5. A&M is a great educational system. Its facilities and instruction should not be denied the girls of the state. I know there is only a minority which will agree with my views, but they are my beliefs, and what good are a person's convictions if he does not stand up for them? I am not too interested in dates, but I like to see a girl once in a while and hope to meet the right one some day. I want to prepare for a full living, not a one-sided, biased one. It is not my objective to disagree with the A&M system. It is the best. I would not be here if I did not think so. I simply want to express my view on one of its problems. Norton McDuffie Class of '51

Frisky Heifers Avoid New Owner

Oldland, England, (AP)—Weary Charles Cryer has sold his two racing heifers—as is and where is. Now all the buyer has to do is catch them. The heifers—a pair of three-year-old Shorthorn sisters named Rosie and Daisy—are lurking in a 25-acre field. Two weeks ago Cryer decided to round them up and take them to market. But they ran like Gazelles every time he entered the field. This went on for days. In desperation, Cryer put up a reward of 5 pounds (\$14) for their capture. Fifteen men and four dogs chased Rosie and Daisy fruitlessly up and down the field. This also went on for days. Finally Cryer gave up and sold them at 30 pounds (\$84) under the market price, to dealer Albert Lovell. "I've got a few ideas up my sleeve," Lovell said today. "Now I'm going to let them calm down a while before I have a go."

Bridge Team To Be Formed

The Bridge Committee of the Memorial Student Center is making plans to select bridge players to represent A&M in the National Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament, according to Wayne Stark, committee adviser. The Bridge Committee will meet in room 157 Bizzel Hall on Wednesday, January 11 at 7:30 p. m. to discuss a method to select tournament entrants. All students and faculty members interested in bridge are invited to attend and enjoy a game of bridge, Stark said. The first round of the National Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament will be played on the campus in February, and the results mailed to the National Committee. Two finalists from each of eight regions will play in Chicago for the championship. All travel expenses will be paid by the National Committee, Stark added. Bridge and other card games are some of the recreational activities planned for the game room in the new Memorial Student Center, Stark concluded.

Tiergarten Replanted

Berlin.—(AP)—The city of Bremen shipped 35,000 oak and linden seedling trees to Berlin to replant the once-famed "Tiergarten" which was blackened by war and then denuded by freezing Berliners for firewood.

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