

Up 1 1/2 Million

IF THE PROPOSED amendment to Article VII, Section 11 of the Constitution of the State of Texas is passed, there is a possibility of the funds for education in Texas to increase by \$1,817,800 a year.

How is this possible? Under the present constitutional regulations, Article VII, Section 11, the average rate of return possible is only 2.51% whereas if the amendment is possible it is entirely feasible that a return of 4% be expected.

At the present rate of return, the Permanent University Fund's 122 million dollar principle has an income of \$3,062,200. If the balance fund is permitted, by passage of the amendment, the expected 4% rate of return would engender an income of \$4,880,000.

Some of the main arguments proposed against the amendment include such lines of reasoning as the fact that there is an element of risk to the proposed amendment. The fact is that there is an element of risk involved in any investment program. Under the present plan, there is a risk that the value of the dollar will continue to decline.

The information that the purchasing power of the dollar has declined is obvious to everyone. The present day dollar will purchase only about 55% of what it would in pre-World War II days, about 31% of what it would in 1900, and only about 21% of what the 1850 dollar would.

The reason that this risk, the purchasing power risk, is so important in our present investment program, is that sum invested in bonds brings the same amount of dollars because the income is fixed but this same amount of dollars will purchase less and less as the value of the dollar declines.

Hats Off Cowboys

WHEN the Memorial Student Center was built, it was decided that since the building was built in honor of A&M's war dead, as a mark of respect and reverence for those dead, hats or caps would not be worn in the building.

Of course, all the visitors to the campus cannot be expected to be familiar with what can become a fine custom. However, the same cannot be said for the members of the student body or people of the surrounding community.

The members of the Corps of Cadets have been almost universal in the observance of this custom. The violators have been almost entirely non-military students and local people other than the Corps.

Many of the non-military students who affect a western wardrobe would rather be caught without their panis in preference to being seen without their Stetson's perched upon their heads. Nevertheless, since the Center is a MEMORIAL Student Center and one of the ways of honoring those dead has been the removal of hats and caps upon entrance to the building, it is only fitting that we all show reverence and respect and not just confine it to one group—either that or drop it altogether.

UN Truce Mission Not Swallowing Peace Talk

By J. M. ROBERTS JR. Associated Press News Analyst

U. N. truce negotiations in Korea apparently are not swallowing whole hog the theory that, because the Chinese have offered new truce line concessions, they are really ready to go through with a cease-fire.

There was no denying the Communists had made great concessions. Beginning with their abandonment of the 38th parallel as the basis for a buffer zone, they have now agreed to a 2 1/2 mile strip along what they say is the present battle line.

One trouble is that their maps don't agree—in their favor—with allied maps showing just where the battle line is. And in the readjustments both sides have agreed to make along the general front, both want Kaesong.

While the negotiators thus appeared nearer to agreement than ever before, the fact the Communists stressed that this was their "last and best proposal" has made the allies "very suspicious," according to Col. Andrew J. Kinney, chief UN liaison officer.

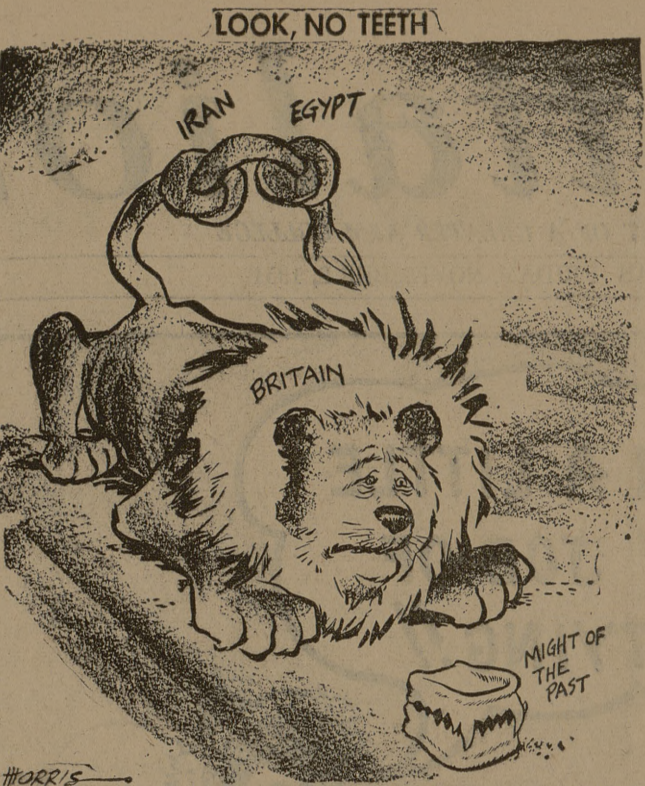
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The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions "Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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SAMPLE BALLOT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Judge A. S. Ware, county judge of Brazos County, has said at several meetings in this area that "Apathy, is our greatest foe at the polls." This privilege of voting is a honor and a duty. The Battalion is printing below a sample ballot which the people of the state will cast at the voting Nov. 13.

- FOR The Constitutional Amendment authorizing a State-wide system for retirement and disability pension for appointive county officials and employees.
AGAINST The Constitutional Amendment authorizing a State-wide system for retirement and disability pension for appointive county officials and employees.
FOR The Constitutional Amendment providing for the investment of the permanent University Fund in additional securities to those now enumerated in Section 11 of Article VII of the Constitution.
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FOR The Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for the levy of an ad valorem tax not to exceed Fifty (50) Cents on the One Hundred (\$100,000) Dollars valuation for the creation and establishment of rural fire prevention districts.
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FOR The Amendment to Section 49-b. Constitution of Texas, for increasing Veterans' Land Fund for the purchase of lands in Texas to be sold to Texas Veterans of World War II, and to Texas Veterans of service in the armed forces of the United States of America subsequent to 1945.
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FOR The Amendment to the Constitution giving the Legislature power to set up a system of payments of assistance to needy persons over sixty-five (65) years of age; to needy blind persons over the age of sixteen (16) years; to needy children under sixteen (16) years of age; removing the Thirty-Five Million Dollar (\$35,000,000) limitation upon amount of State expenditures for such purposes; disqualifying persons who dispose of property under certain conditions; providing maximum payment of Thirty Dollars (\$30) per month from State funds for old age assistance; providing for the acceptance and expenditure of funds from the Federal Government; providing that expenditures from State funds shall not exceed the expenditure from Federal funds with respect to any individual; and providing conditions as to residence within the State in order to be eligible to receive assistance; and providing a limitation of Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000) per year on State fund expenditures for such purpose each year.
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Senate Meeting

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the Argieland representative to the contest. An alternate will be selected by the social committee if Miss Wanda Harris, sweetheart, is unable to attend the contest.

Upon the motion of Ralph Ellis, the senate decided to leave the seating the way it is now. This was the final bit of parliamentary maneuvering following a motion by non-corps senator Jim Martin, who moved that all attempts at having a seating arrangement among the non-regs be discontinued.

Lawrence Tanner countered with a proposal that the senior non-reg section be abolished, and all non-reg seating be on a first come, first serve basis. This motion failed to carry. Warren Pierce raised the question of the selling of date tickets for the TU game. Miller made the motion that a committee should be formed to study the problem and make their report to the senate.

W. E. Montgomery amended the motion to specify that this committee have the power to make their recommendations directly to the Athletic Council, which is the final authority on ticket matters. This amendment failed to pass the senate and the group passed on Pierce's proposal. This year's Mother of the Year will be selected by the Mother's Clubs.

In the closing minutes of the meeting, the LaSalle Hotel problem was mentioned by Don Young and was elaborated on by Bennie Zinn, advisor of the group. They were referring to a situation which came up last year over unredeemable hotel reservations. An investigation is being conducted.

Voter Asks Patton 'Where Is Congress' Prayer Room'

By TEX EASLEY
Washington, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Recently a troubled constituent wrote Rep. Wright Patman of Texas: "We discussed in our Sunday school class today about the 'Prayer Room' being done away with in Congress or House of Representatives. We think of all things to be done away with should have never happened."

Patman, a member of the First Baptist Church of Texarkana, hastened to reply that there had been a misunderstanding. The Prayer Room evidently in mind was one planned for the United Nations headquarters building in New York.

Checking with the State Department, Patman learned definitely that contrary to published reports, there has been no change in plans for a room in the UN building where members may withdraw for devotion and meditation.

There is no Prayer Room in the Capitol, but since the convening of the First Congress in 1789—with the exception of a year or two just before the Civil War—there have always been chaplains of both the House and Senate. Each day session is opened with a brief prayer.

That short interlude when the legislators were without official chaplains resulted from an economy drive. It was decided that the taxpayers could be saved that expense—various ones among the local clergy would be invited in to have a turn at offering the commencement prayer.

After a while, the honor and glory apparently was more than off-set by the incoherence, so the lawmakers found themselves frequently without benefit of spiritual leadership. They voted again to provide a salary, and an increase.

The pay of the chaplain even now is not large—it is \$2,640 annually for each, in the House and Senate. Both of the present chaplains, like most of their predecessors, simultaneously hold down pastorates in local churches.

The Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, Senate chaplain, is a Methodist. The Rev. Bernard Braskamp, House chaplain is a Presbyterian.

Chaplains are elected by the members of the House and Senate for the two-year duration of each Congress. They are almost always reelected to serve as long as they are able.

Although the official record would indicate that the chaplain's responsibilities have been discharged as soon as he has delivered his opening prayers, they remain usually for quite a while on the floor with the lawmakers or chat with them in the cloak rooms.

"Most of the congressmen are without church affiliation here," commented Reverend Braskamp. "They keep memberships in their church back home.

"So, a chaplain has a very real ministry to perform here." That the brief opening prayer of each day's meeting is inspirational is attested to by House Sergeant-at-Arms Joseph H. Callahan.

"It is a solemn moment as the we sing 'Saw Varsity's Horns Off' we will fondly dream of them being bell shaped with mouthpieces. Could it be that the Salvation Army has moved into Dorm 11???

We recommend the allocation of college funds to import the "Semi-Symphony" from Australia to supplement the tattered remnants of what was once fondly known as the "Fighting Aggie Band."

In the interest of a greater A&M College, we remain Bert Gorrod '52 Bob Blum '52 George Lang '52

Band Deplorable?

Editor, The Battalion: Since we have been in school this year a certain Deplorable situation has come to our attention. It seems that the band is no longer a consolidated organization.

It is composed of an inebriated group of soloists spasmodically pumping off key tones to the erratic crashing of multitonned cymbals. Could this possibly be the War Hymn???

We also extend our congratulations to the jazz trumpet section. Henceforth, when we sing "Saw Varsity's Horns Off"

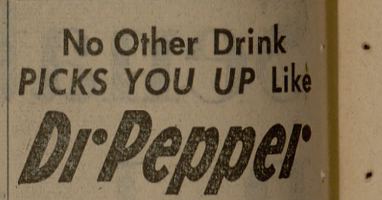
Editor, The Battalion: There can be no doubt as to the spiritual guidance, the comfort and the understanding that is given to those who are on hand to hear the prayer that follows."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
New Army Policy

Editor, The Battalion: This week the student body of Texas A&M was given a chance to read an editorial which was not pro-administrative, but pro-corps. No, this editorial did not appear in the Batt, but in the October issue of The Engineer Magazine. This magazine was written in the interest of the students, and idea which our college newspaper doesn't seem to have in mind.

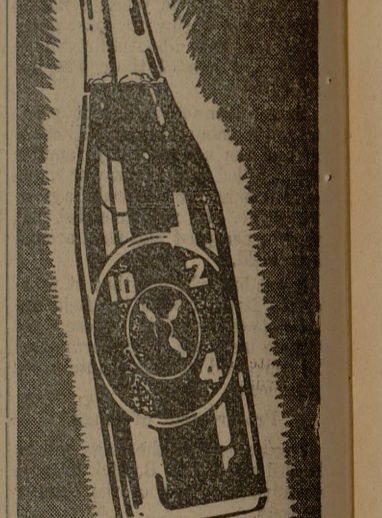
Naturally The Battalion had to take a stand, so visiting the chic sale from which the editor writes, there appeared an article, "Engineer Mag Out, Appearance Fine, Articles Weak." This article in the Batt was as usual trying to shed a bad light on any student or organization that has enough guts to make decisions or form opinions that differ from the administration's "new army" policy.

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