

It Takes Backing

TONIGHT the Campus Beautification Committee will meet and make their recommendations about what can be done to make the A&M Campus more beautiful. It is the aim of this committee of the senior class to make A&M known not only for its corps, its student body, its graduates, but also for its beautiful campus.

This beautiful campus is something we do not have now. At present there is only one plot of grass that is really worthy of bragging—and that is in front of the MSC.

But just what does it take to make the campus beautiful and then to keep it in top shape. It certainly is not the job of just one class or segment of the student body or staff. It is the 24-hour-a-day job of everyone who is on the campus to keep the job of beautification first and foremost.

At times it will not be the easiest thing in the world to follow the request of the committee, but for the sake of the end results we must follow these instructions.

In short, without using more words, we must work together on beautification if we are to have a campus that will be remembered for its beauty rather than its bleakness.

One Afternoon Well Spent

COMMENTS HAVE been coming in on something that usually is just noticed and never remarked about—that was the Bull Ring Saturday.

Something new was tried, and from comments from the observer and participants, the bull ring was an effective means of discipline. Both the sophomores and freshmen carried rifles while they marched off hours on the ring.

But the difference came in, in addition to carrying rifles, when the sophomores were given an hours close order drill instead of meandering over the grassy fields. Supervisors on the freshmen bull ring are reported to have kept their men moving in a military manner too.

Two objectives were accomplished in this Saturday's experiment—the men were disciplined and also got in some close order drill.

One man who watched the marching said, "When the sophomores walked out there Saturday they looked as if they did not know how to handle a rifle. At the end of the afternoon they were marching like a crack drill team."

This was a step in the right direction.

Dark Mystery

DIODENES would have to keep his light on at A&M even after he found his honest man. If the good Greek philosopher did not, he would probably lose his way with the lighting around the new area.

An unofficial count last night showed there were 14 street lights out. A loss of 14 lights in this area presents a nice study in darkness—but it also presents a study in waste of property.

Assuming the lights were put there originally to put out a gleam to the wandering cadet, the original purpose has been lost. Why is it that this has not been taken care of before now?

The B&CU will offer some excuse about not knowing about the light loss or a lack of man power. But what effect can this excuse have on a man who lost his dormitory in the dark?

Diogenes, don't turn out your light until you are in your room.

Most people have some sort of religion—at least, they know which church they are staying away from.

—John Erskine.

The Battalion

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

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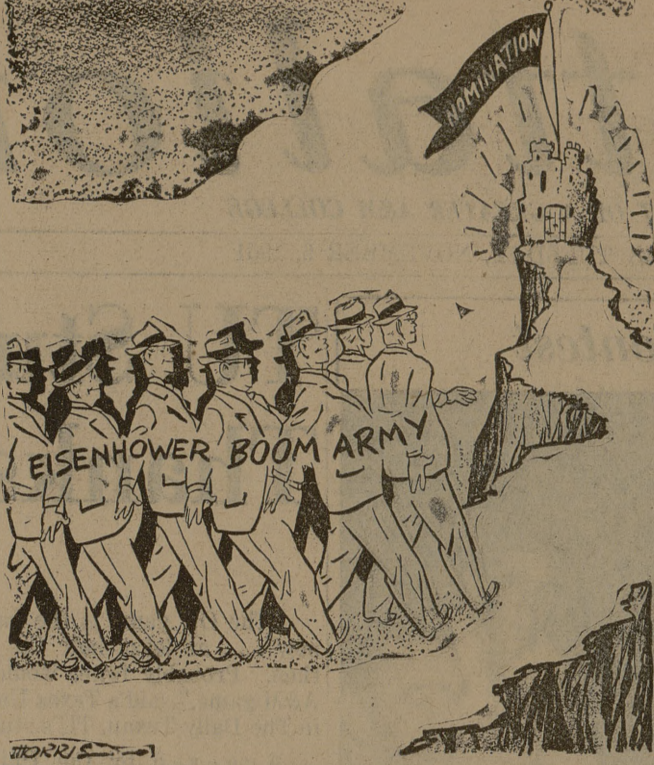
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East Texans Endorse Rural Fire Protection

The East Texas Agricultural Council has vigorously endorsed the principle of rural fire protection districts as provided in the Constitutional Amendment election slated for Nov. 13 in Texas.

"Farm families are entitled to the same high type fire protection their city cousins enjoy if they want it and are willing to pay for it," said C. R. Heaton, ETAC Director.

Supported by businessmen and farmers of Tyler and East Texas, the East Texas Agricultural Council is "dedicated solely to the up-building of Agriculture in all its phases" in East Texas.

"This organization has made a detailed four-year study of rural fire protection districts in other states," Heaton explained, "and the system of rural fire districts pro-

vided for in the amendment to be voted on Nov. 13 looks like the answer to our needs in rural Texas."

Okeyed Once

"Actually, Texas voters have already endorsed the idea of rural fire districts, and the Nov. 13 election would merely allow district fire commissioners to increase the necessary maintenance tax rate to make such districts workable," Heaton pointed out.

Fire districts set up under the proposed legislation would not affect city dwellers or others living within districts now furnishing fire protection.

Proposed legislation would enable rural residents living within a defined area to establish legal fire protection districts upon an affirmative vote of the majority of voters living within the district. A board of five fire commissioners would be elected from among property owners to administer each district.

Pay To Enjoy

"Only rural residents enjoying the benefits of such districts would support it financially," Heaton said.

"Although the maximum tax allowed would be 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of property within the district, experience of other states where similar districts have been in operation shows that a much lower figure is adequate to finance operations in the great majority of cases," he said.

"A number of Texas farm organizations and other groups interested in agriculture have endorsed the proposed rural fire protection plan," Heaton said.

Applications Ready For Henry Awards

Four American students will be given the chance to study at Oxford and Cambridge Universities in England during 1952-53.

The opportunity is offered by the Henry Fellowships award and is provided for through the American Trustees of the Charles and Julia Henry Fund.

Trustees of the fund say they will welcome applications from qualified students in all parts of the United States.

The Fellowship provides 650 pounds, about \$3,200, for each man or woman selected.

Applications must be filed on or before Jan. 15, 1952, to the office of the secretary of Yale University or to the secretary to the corporation of Harvard University.

Williams to Speak On Foreign Trip

Vice-Chancellor for Agriculture D. W. Williams will give an illustrated lecture on his recent trip to Australia and New Zealand Wednesday, at 8 p. m. in the lecture room of the new Biological Sciences building.

Colored slides will be used by Williams to illustrate interesting features of the two countries. Various practices employed by Australian and New Zealand livestock owners will also be discussed.

"The public and all interested students have been invited to attend," he said.

Deadline Nov. 17 Naval Applications

Deadline for submitting applications to take the NROTC college aptitude test has been set for midnight, Nov. 17.

High school senior boys are eligible to take the test, and those who are accepted will be sent to the college of their choice having a NROTC program in its curriculum.

Application blanks and informative literature are available at the Navy Recruiting Station in the Court House in Bryan, and at every senior high school.

Experiment Workers To Hear Dr. Simms
Dr. B. T. Sims, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, will speak at a general session of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Workers Conference, Thursday at 8:40 a. m. in the MSC Ballroom.

Time Magazine Says Modern Youths Calmer than Fathers

By FRANK DAVIS
Battalion Staff Writer

"Youth will serve" is the conclusion drawn by Time Magazine in a recent coast to coast survey of the condition of the younger generation, defined as ages 18-23.

Before attempting to explain what the statement means, consider some of the more obvious facts brought out in the survey about the younger generation.

The survey points out young men lack the determination and ambition of their fathers, and that there is an increasing opinion the government will take of them.

"The younger generation wants above all things security. He is a conformist. Reason for conformity is fear."

Having few ideas of its own, the younger generation is nevertheless tolerant of the opinions of others, the survey points out. The generation realizes a need for faith, yet faith is lacking, with the church reduced to nothing more than a code of ethics, the survey reports.

Not Cynical

"There is little cynicism, because the younger generation doesn't hope for much, just steady income, a comfortable home, and time to relax."

Quoting from a case history, Time says a fellow gets a draft notice and serves in the armed forces, perhaps in Korea. "No one wants to be a hero, just get the job done and return to the good life."

Women want to mix a marriage and a career where possible, the survey said.

If it is granted the surveys portray an accurate, general picture of the younger generation, then youth will serve.

Chinese Reds Advance, Allies Counterattack

U. S. 8th Army Headquarters, Korea, Nov. 6—(P)—Chinese infantrymen captured a third hill on the expanding Western front today and held two other peaks against Allied counterattacks.

The Reds won three other hills but lost them again.

The three-day-old Red offensive spread through drizzling rain over a 20-mile sector. Attacking Reds were supported by their heaviest display of armor in months. They hit United Nations forces from points west of Yonchon, eight miles north of the 38th Parallel, to the hills north of Chorwon, western anchor of their old iron triangle.

The force of the assault drove Allied from their muddy foxholes atop the hill northwest of Yonchon.

West of Yonchon counterattacking Allied infantrymen were stopped in an attempt to recapture two hills the Reds overran in a vicious eight-hour battle at the start of their assault Sunday. The U. N. infantrymen fought to within 500 yards of the crests, under fire of 22 Red tanks.

There they were stopped. Waves of Reds stormed down from the peaks, trying to shove the Allies off the slopes. U. N. troops cut them down and held their positions.

President Truman is preparing to free the opening gun of the counter-offensive Wednesday, and is expected to be followed Thursday by Secretary Acheson with proposals before the UN.

One U. S. proposal which may produce more than a mere propaganda effect is expected to involve a tightening of the bonds, within the U. N. organization, of the various regional groupings for mutual defense. This may include some U. N. program for retaliation against aggression and a new drive for establishment of a true international military force.

A difficulty has been to define aggression. The Yugoslavs came up with one plan. It would require any nation involved in a military

serve not as a knight in shining armor, but as a slightly bewildered school boy expounding upon the good things of life.

The younger generation has fallen victim to the illusion that it is composed of individuals, free to think and act as they like. The survey pointed out the younger generation is afraid. A member likes to associate himself with the crowd.

By associating himself with the crowd, man reduces himself to an animal. Animals band together for mutual protection. The younger generation is trying to do the same thing.

"I'm safe as long as I am fashionable in my acting and thinking," concludes the young man.

There is security in numbers—if we want security at any price. A puppy licks his master's hand, and his master feeds him. I doubt it is natural for a dog to lick a man's nicotine smelling hand. But the dog has found security.

Here is the situation Time's survey indicates. A man runs with the crowd, afraid to voice opinions, and the crowd, depending upon the government for the good things of life, feels secure.

The good things of life must, of course, be reduced to a formula. It isn't right to expect too much, reasons the crowd. Therefore, the good things of life consist of a steady income, a comfortable home, children, and time to relax and enjoy the things mentioned.

Unfortunately, members of the younger generation are apt to find themselves cast out as soon as they have served their usefulness, to make way for the next generation. This promises of the great white father in Washington to take care of his children will then appear ridiculous.

On the other hand, perhaps, there is a way to set up limited goals and achieve them. Women want a marriage and a career. Now we have two bread winners instead of one.

Child Specialists

The problem of children will arise. We must have children if the race is to survive. The solution is simple, the children will be turned over to specialists. There will be an increased demand for specialists in child care, creating more jobs, more income, better living.

Considering this side of the picture, the blind path the younger generation seems to be following leads to a life conceived in some philosopher's mind centuries ago.

Barring the possibility of a government which does not have the interests of the people at heart, seemingly man in his blindness has accidentally stumbled upon the holy trail.

The significance of the facts gathered by Time Magazine, assuming the facts are correct, should not be underestimated.

UN Assembly To Talk Peace At Meeting

Paris, Nov. 6—(P)—The sixth general assembly of the United Nations opens here today for deliberations already being described as decisive for peace.

The 60 member nations will be called to order at 3 p. m. (9 a. m. EST) in the Palais de Chaillot. Their session is expected to last three months or longer.

Two days later—on Thursday—the United States is expected to say she will reveal how many atom bombs she has if the other nations, and that specifically means Soviet Russia, will do the same.

Few delegates expect the Russians will accept the U. S. offer.

The American proposal reportedly is part of a new disarmament plan in which, for the first time, the United States will agree not only to a count of conventional weapons of war, but also of atom bombs. Until now Washington has refused to agree to such an atomic count.

The proposal is said to be one of the key points in President Truman's speech to the American nation tomorrow night, in which he will outline a program for world peace.

U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson will place the plan before the assembly.

The Americans are sure to insist that a census of weapons, both conventional and atomic, be complete and painstaking—subject to double-checking by United Nations observers.

The United States and Russia split on the inspection and censusing issue three years ago. Moscow had proposed in the 1948 assembly that all the world's fighting implements, both atomic and non-atomic, be subjected to control and inspection.

The United States, then the only nation known to possess the atomic weapon, balked at submitting to a count of them. She agreed, however, to a count of conventional weapons provided Russia would open all her arsenals and arms factories to an international inspection team. Russia's answer was a flat no.

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