

SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

Animals Set Pace With Own School

Once upon a time, the animals decided they must do something heroic to meet the problems of "a new world." So they organized a school. They adopted an activity curriculum consisting of running, climbing, swimming, and flying. To make it easier to administer the curriculum, all the animals took all the subjects.

The duck was excellent in swimming, in fact better than his instructor; but he made only passing grades in flying and was very poor in running. Since he was slow in running, he had to stay after school and also drop swimming in order to practice running. This was kept up until his web feet were badly worn and he was only average in swimming. But average was acceptable in school, so nobody worried about that except the duck.

The rabbit started at the top of the class in running, but had a nervous breakdown because of so much make-up work in swimming.

Squirrel Develops 'Charlie Horses'

The squirrel was excellent in climbing until he developed frustration in the flying class where his teacher made him start from the ground instead of from the treetop down. He also developed "charlie horses" from over-exertion and then got C in climbing and D in running.

The eagle was a problem child and was disciplined severely. In the climbing class he beat all the others to the top of the tree, but insisted on using his own way to get there.

At the end of the year, an abnormal eel that could swim exceedingly well, and also run, climb, and fly a little had the highest average and was valedictorian.

The prairie dogs stayed out of school and fought the tax levy because the administration would not add digging and burrowing to the curriculum. They apprenticed their child to a badger and later joined the groundhogs and gophers to start a successful private school. (From The Animal School by Dr. G. H. Reavis.)

Four Kinds of Readers

"There are four kinds of readers.

"The first is like the hour-glass; and their reading being as the sand, it runs in and runs out, and leaves not a vestige behind.

"Second is like the sponge, which imbibes everything, and returns it in nearly the same state, only a little dirtier.

"A third is like a jelly-bag, allowing all that is pure to pass away, and retaining only the refuse and dregs.

"And the fourth is like the slaves of Golconda, who, casting aside all that is worthless, retain only pure gems."— Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

What's Cooking

- Wednesday
9 a. m.-5 p. m.—Extension Service Conference, Rooms 2A, 3B, 3C MSC.
12 Noon—Federated Clubs Luncheon, Assembly Room MSC.
1:30-5 p. m.—Extension Service Conference, Room 2B MSC.
7:30 p. m.—Air Force Reserve, Rooms 2A, 2B MSC.
Christian Science Church, Room 3D MSC.
Thursday
8:30 a. m.—5 p. m.—Extension Service Conference, Rooms 2A, 2C, 2D MSC.
2 p. m.—Group Bruch, Room 2D MSC.
7:30 p. m.—Aggie Wives Bridge Club, Rooms 2A, 2B MSC.
Friday
8 a. m.-5 p. m.—Texas State Joint Apprenticeship Committee of

The Battalion

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

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THE WORLD TODAY

Carefree Past Moves Rapidly For 'New' Ike

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21—(AP)—Gen. Eisenhower in later years may look back upon his life as almost carefree when compared with what lies ahead.

His whole life had been a preparation for military eminence. He attained it. If he had retired from public life when he retired from military life his place in history would be unquestioned.

It would have been military history, of course. Any fault found with him in that field, such as in tactics or strategy, would have been only a minor footnote in the fat volume of his achievements.

His was military success on the grand scale. But the affection he won from a grateful nation was for more than just his victories in battle.

Warm and Friendly

In his appearance he represented the military side of democracy at its best: He was a warm, earnest, smiling man. On the most solemn occasions he seemed as friendly and familiar as the man next door.

But by the very nature of his military life; and of the position of a military man in a republic, there was always someone above him to give final approval, or the final order, for a decision he made.

When he was a lieutenant, it was the captain; when he was a general or chief of staff, it was the President. Someone until now always stood between him and the final critical judgment of history on whatever he did.

That is no longer true. After noon yesterday, he became the new head of the government, he became responsible for leadership in problems greater than any he ever knew as head of armies, great as they were.

World Leadership

With the presidency he assumes leadership for roughly half the people on earth because this country has undertaken leadership for that part of mankind which lies outside communism.

President Truman laid the groundwork for that leadership. But it was only a beginning. It will be up to Eisenhower to use what has already been done and improve upon it.

These next four years may be the turning point, one way or the other, in the struggle with communism. So the future of mankind may depend upon his ability, his vision and his decisions.

Success or Failure

He didn't have to take the presidency. He could have stopped where he was, knowing history would always deal with him most kindly. He cannot now be sure of that in his new assignment.

If he succeeds, he will have an even more honored place in history. If he fails—Only time could measure the degree and the consequences of his failure.

It speaks well for his confidence in himself, and the confidence of his countrymen in him, that here, almost at the beginning of his old age, he is willing to undertake what is, in effect, a new life.

Book on Truman Reduced to \$2

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21—(AP)—The price of "Mr. President," the William Hillman book about President Truman's stay in the White House, is marked down from \$5 to \$2 in a Connecticut Avenue bookstore.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS Sportsmanship Necessary On Court And In Stands

Editors, The Battalion:

When the A&M basketball team played host to the roundball boys from TU, it was the good Ags game all the way. We outshot them on offense and snookered them on defense. It did "Ole Army's" heart good to see a belligerent bunch of "Sips" outmaneuvered by the "Fightin' Ags."

In the closing minutes with A&M enjoying a comfortable lead, Binford was driving hard into the basket for a crisp shot when he was body blocked into the wicked

bleachers by a TU player. At this show of poor sportsmanship, every good Aggie at the game left the wood in indignation especially those sitting nearest the foul and thereby in the best position to be indignant.

The TU player who had apparently lost his head found himself being trampled by some non-player Ags who were intentionally pushed over him by some other non-player Ags who also lost their head. This was wrong.

The game, especially in the closing minutes, was fast and exciting and to be excited with it is the sign of the spirit. Also for a true son of A&M to lose his head in indicative of spirited inclination. That's all right in the Ole Army manual.

To be indignant about an apparent unsportsmanlike conduct is good medicine; however, to return his actions with similar bad manners and then become indignant about one's own conduct is bad medicine. This is why Mr. Teasig got excited because he came to beat us and couldn't do it. Because he couldn't win he couldn't take it. So he lost his head and shows his true Orange and White colors.

When he lost his head, we lost our head. What's the difference? Here it is.

He was a player bound by the rules of the game and also our guest. For a player to be stomped on the court is good. But for a player to be stomped by a non-player is stale. What control or merit is there to sports if the player is not protected from the spectator? If we are going to beat them, let's beat them by the rules and laugh at them.

When we knock them down let's pick them up and thereby add insult to injury. Contrary to some opinions stated by some A&M boys after the Steer-skinning game we had in DeWare Field House, when we try for the conference athletic titles, let's also try for sportsmanship.

Why do I want this? I may want to go to Austin as a missionary sometime and I want to wear my nugget on my finger and be

proud of it and not put it in my pocket because I'm ashamed of the bad manners of the 12th Man of which we are all a part.

Karl Meyers '51

Unsportsmanlike?

Editors, The Battalion:

With reference to "The Battalion" dated Tuesday, Jan 13, I would like to insist, if you believe in printing corrections to mistakes, on having my article in your paper. It concerns the item on the soccer match between Aggie and the Allied Soccer team.

I am the captain of the Allied Soccer Team and chairman of the Texas International Soccer League. As the latter, I was one of the members at a meeting where the league was born and the rules were set up. Because of the difference in the rules here and rules in Europe, it was necessary to reach an agreement on the rules that would govern this league. One of the rules was that the decision of the referee could never be attacked and would be final.

Another Rule, Law 5(b) in the U. S. S. F. A. Soccer Laws, is that for any unnecessary delay in the game, that time will be added to the end of the game. I will not explain or say anything about the delays that were made by the Aggies, because that was entirely up to them. The referee, however, added that time to the end of the game, which was the correct procedure.

I feel that your reference to the timekeeper as being "a member of the BAFB Allied team" was very unsportsmanlike. By timekeeper, I assume you are referring to the referee. He was a Belgian boy who knows the game inside out. This was pointed out to Capt. Cardenas before the game began, and he agreed that this boy would be suitable. It would have been very difficult in this area to find another soccer referee when Allen Academy, the Aggies, and the Allied Soccer Team were all three playing.

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YMCA Needs All Old Text Books

All types of books are needed to help other students in all parts of the world according to Mason (Red) Cashion, Jr., president of The Inter-Faith Council.

This is a continuation of the program from last year in which over one hundred dollars was spent on postage alone.

"There is no particular type of book that is needed," said Cashion. "Just books and more books to help those who need them.

Those who have any old text books or any type of books are asked to bring them to the YMCA desk or drop them in a barrel at the Exchange Store.

Influenza Leads Health Report With 766 Cases

Influenza led the morbidity report of the Bryan-Brazos County Health unit for the week ending Jan. 17 with a total of 766 cases for the College Station and Bryan area.

Bryan had 426 cases of flu to 304 in College Station. Other cases in the area were chicken pox, 27; strep throat, 28; measles, 20; pneumonia, 18, diarrhea, 8.

Textbooks Needed

Editors, The Battalion:

A&M is a great institution of learning. One of the things that has made it great is the helping hand that its students have always been willing to show others.

There are many universities and colleges all over the world that are in need of this helping hand.

Every semester there are new text books that are selected by the various departments. This makes many of the older books practically valueless. These books are needed. They can be placed on their way to helping others by leaving them at the Exchange Store in a barrel provided for them or they can be left at the YMCA desk.

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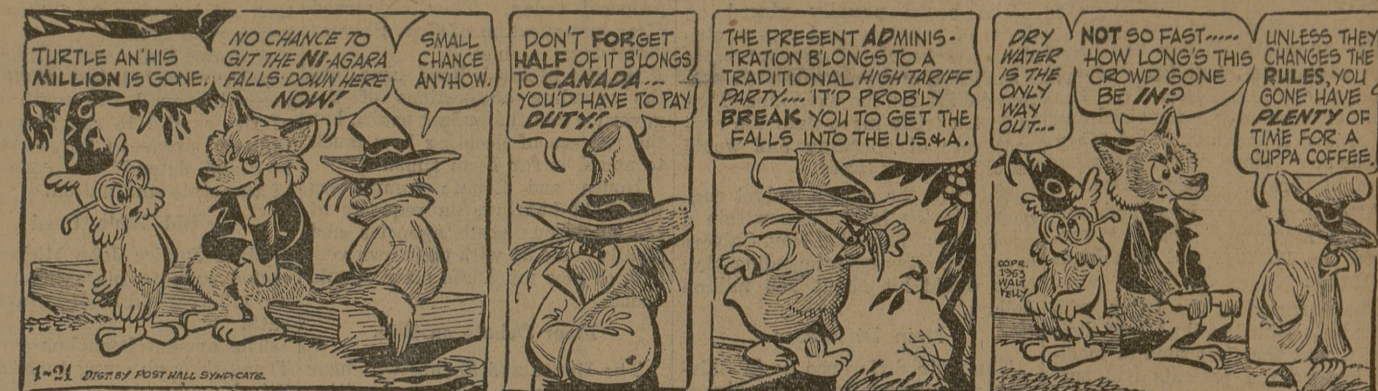
The Inter-Faith Council collected books last year. Enough books were collected that the postage alone was over one hundred dollars but many more books are still needed.

Letters were received by the YMCA from all over the world thanking the Y and Inter-Faith Council for the books that had been sent.

If you have any books that you can spare, please leave them at the Exchange Store or at the desk at the Y.

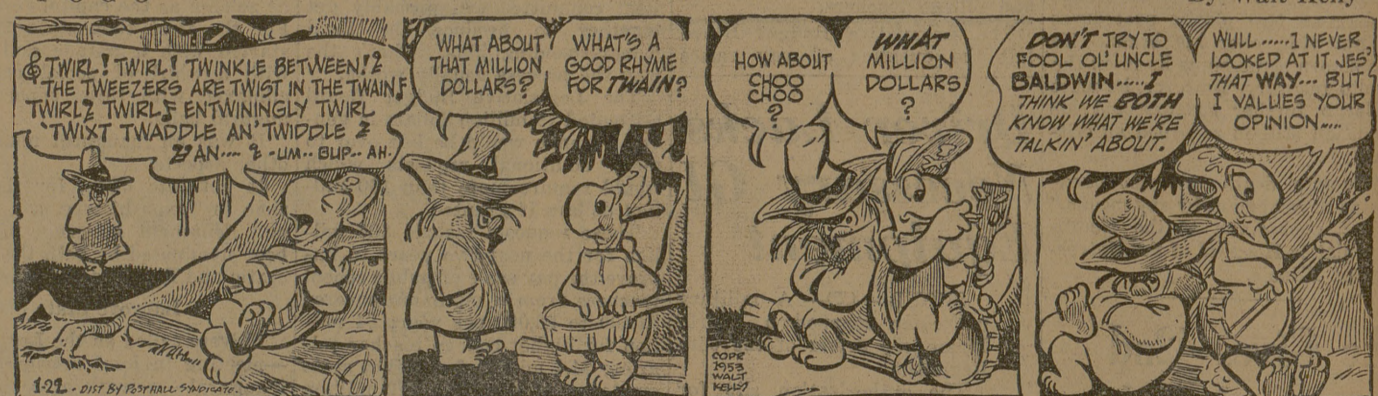
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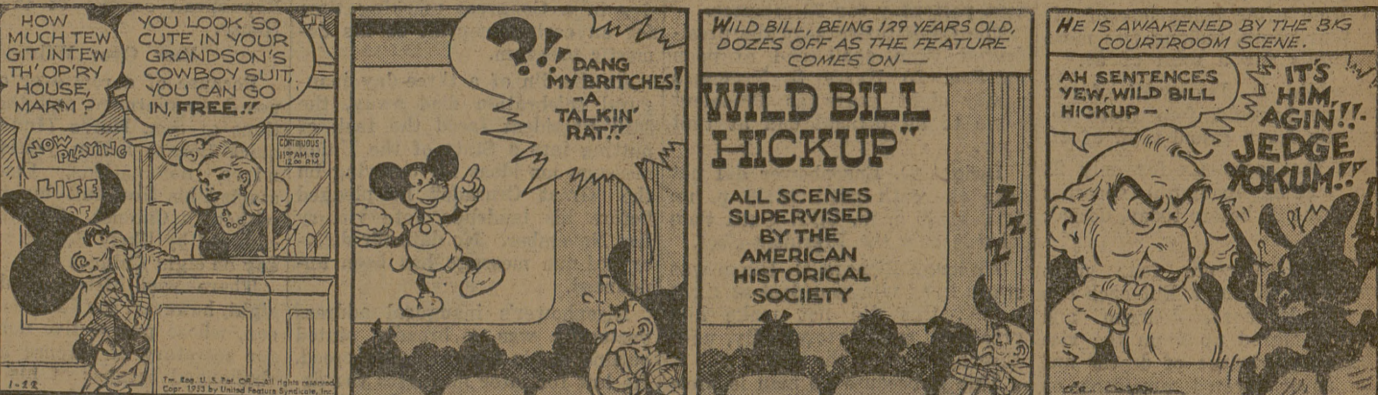
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