

Are You Figured in the Statisticians' Estimate? . . .

Do The Statisticians Have You In Their Figures? Some people in an office in Austin have a crystal ball. It's a very effective prognosticator. They looked in it last week and came up with these predictions: Over the July 4 holidays, nine hundred persons will be hurt in traffic accidents. Twenty seven of these people will be killed. A dozen people will be drowned. Twenty five will die as suicide or murder victims. Fifteen more will die in plane crashes, fires, and other assorted accidents. All in all, 79 people will die violently over the holidays. The people who make these gory predictions are the members of the Texas Safety Association. They have reason to be sure of their prophecies. After each fourth of July for several years they have tallied up the grim figures of people killed and maimed from a weekend of celebrating. It's really all very senseless when you

stop and think about it. Seventy-nine people will end their lives, all because they tried to crowd a little too much life into one short weekend. When the mad rush to the beach and picnic grounds begins this weekend, stop and think about the seventy-nine awhile. It's a lot better to be a few minutes late than to make a six months detour by way of the hospital—or a permanent trip to the city morgue. To our group particularly, automobiles will be the biggest danger factor. When you get under the wheel, consider both your own and the car's condition, and drive accordingly. The holiday we're celebrating this weekend exists because some people were killed when they met some soldiers going up a hill near Boston. Let's not make it a more memorable day for our families by getting killed when we meet somebody as we go up a hill in an automobile.

Death and Taxes, Let Us Spend Both . . .

Before Congress is a bill to eliminate wartime excise taxes that have clung to many "luxury" items even after we've declared the war officially over. These fifteen and twenty percents tacked on top of bus tickets and hair oil cause a nuisance chiefly because we feel the amount of taxes we pay when the clerk says the hair oil is fifty cents and "ten cents more for taxes." Our first reaction to the tax elimination bill is to wave our arms in approval, but on second thought we are a bit more reserved. We know if taxes don't come one way, they'll come another. If the obvious tax is eliminated, we begin to wonder where the hidden tax will be levied. With government spending remaining

unchanged from the anticipated level of around 41.5 billion dollars per year, a cut of several hundred million in excise taxes must be made up somewhere else. Some people say, "Let's soak the corporations for some more taxes." But these corporation taxes are about like the gasoline tax they pay for each gallon of gas. And we always notice on the gas pump, "Gasoline 19 cents, federal taxes one cent, and state taxes about four cents." Maybe the excise tax isn't such a bad thing after all. At least, we have the chance to throw our money down the drain, rather than giving it to the corporations to do it for us.

Yes, There Always Will Be A Britian . . .

Famed for their cautious and level-headed approaches to all sorts of touchy and hypothetical subjects, the British have tackled the problem of population trends in the United Kingdom. This past week produced the release of a report by a commission whose work has been carried over the past five years at an expense of \$800,000. While nothing so startling as the Kinsey Report, the work of the commission has produced some noteworthy conclusions. The commissioners do not feel that Britain's population of 49 million, which drops very much under 45.5 million a hundred years from now. This conclusion is a direct refutation of the boys who claim to be experts and have been yelling about Britain becoming an island of old people. Britain's birth rate is high and should remain so, the commission feels. Another myth-shattering statement of the report is that Britain does not need a serious reduction of population to survive as a nation. Modern Malthusians have been singing the song that the land can-

not support 49 million people. But the commission says that reduced populations, though decreasing Britain's need for imports, would also diminish her capacity to export. If anything about the report could be called startling, it is the report's sections on population trends by intellectual classes. The college graduate parents are not reproducing themselves. Unless some changes take place, the report infers, all the inherently intelligent people will become extinct and the country will be populated by the intellectually sterile. Broader education of birth control and tax exemptions and other incentives to encourage professional classes to raise larger families are recommended. If the inherently intellectual classes of Britain will reproduce themselves (something which worries many nations, including the United States), things population-wise should be well in hand. The masses will always reproduce themselves. The report gives us renewed courage in our belief that there will always be a Britian.

The Harvard Lampoon offered \$3 to the class at the end of the year without actually being expelled from the college."

The Battalion

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

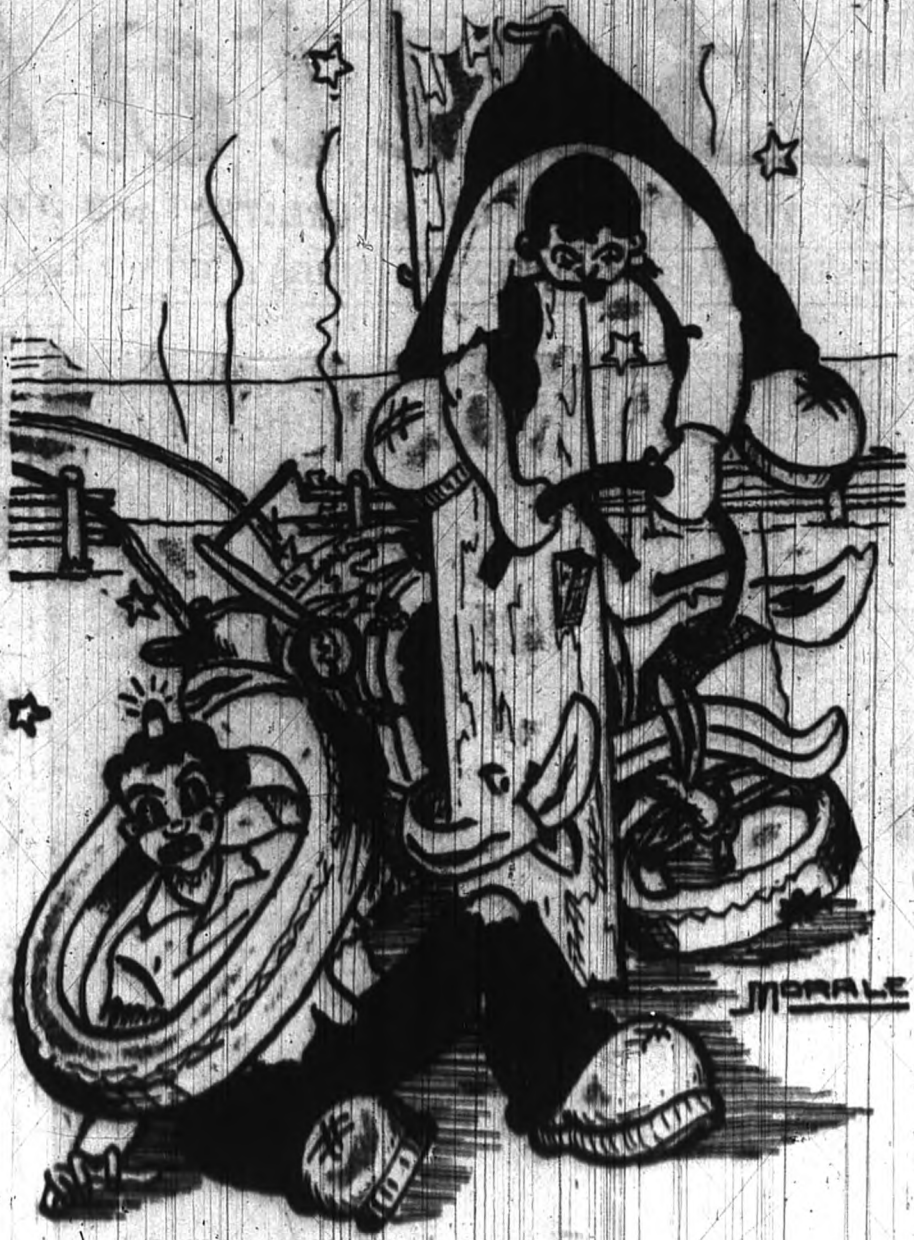
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Dallas: 180 Miles, 180 minutes—maybe.

Letters To The Editor

THAT LETTER IDENTIFIED!

Chuck Laakso Class of '51 68 Leggett Hall Allow me to present myself. I am Martha Gene Ferguson. At least that is the way my birth certificate reads. After 21 years it has been shortened to Mike. I also must admit that I "wrote" the article which seems to have caused such strain and stress on your topknot. Let me hasten to apologize most effusively.

It is seldom that one who has aspirations to become a newspaper reporter is faced with such rapid interest in her work. I thank you for such an interest. I thought perhaps the Battalion could use some, more or less, fillers for the paper. The humor was poor and ill formed. That, I admit.

True I did not take into consideration the minority of those Aggies who have not reached the stage where they shave as yet. I'm sure down as is attractive on the human face as it is on those 'darling' little chickens one sees in the spring. Of course, not all of the Aggies have reached that blessed state of matrimony; nor do they all have a senior ring to conceal the aforesaid wedding band. Again I appeal, no offense. Sophomores are just too, too precious!

Lastly, there was no insult intended, as to your looks. I, myself, have two heads. But, you know, I've lived with the pair of them for so long, the dual conversation is positively intriguing. Movie stars are chosen from such good "red blooded American boys," as you must be, every day of the year. This is a democracy, I say, democracy, that is.

As I have said several times before—forgive me, little man. I meant no harm. Perhaps, you could run a personal in the Batt, "Come home, M., all is forgiven." The staff needs all the advertising they can get I'm sure. Salaam, Effendi, may your tribe increase, Mike Ferguson TSCW Class of '48

A POETIC COMPLAINT

Editor, The Battalion: Guess what? This morning (June 28) in the hall of the Academic building, I saw a couple of Aggettes (pardon me, I meant girls, you know) and I said "good morning ladies." Did I get an answer? No. We must have a little co-operation around here to get things properly done. The Aggettes (pardon me again) must speak to us when they're addressed. Am I right? What else can you say if you don't know a girl by name besides, "hello,

Official Notice

The State Department has announced additional awards for 1949-1950 for advanced research in the United Kingdoms. Applications must be in by July 10, 1949. Details may be secured in Room 204 Academic Building. R. L. Elkins, Assistant to the President.



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Caramba! . . .

El Gran Jefe De Florida No Comprende 'El Valle'

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD

DALLAS, Tex., July 1 (AP)—Personal note to chambers of commerce in McAllen, Harlingen and Brownsville: Don't keep the Rio Grande Valley a secret any longer—let Gov. Fuller Warren of Florida know what you have down there. The governor and his honey-blond bride flew through Dallas this week on their way from California to Florida. "It's a mighty fine feeling to be in Texas," said the smiling governor to reporters as he emerged from the American Airlines plane. "Lots of Texas people live in Florida," the governor went on courteously. "They make mighty fine citizens." "What do you think of the Rio Grande Valley, governor?" A reporter asked, having in mind that the valley beats its brains out every year competing with Florida citrus production. The governor looked a trifle blank.

"What was that?" he said. "What do you think of the Rio Grande Valley—surely you have heard about that." "Well," said Warren, "I hear mostly about the whole state of Texas—not just any one part. "It's all a fine state," he added hurriedly. "A mighty fine state." The 43-year-old governor said he had been in Texas once before—for the Democratic convention of 1928 at Houston. "That's the time we nominated Al Smith."

Warren and his beautiful 23-year-old bride were married in Los Angeles Sunday. They left Dallas in a Delta Airliner, bound for Pensacola, Fla. At Fort Walton, near Pensacola, they'll continue their honeymoon at a private residence for several days before the governor resumes his executive duties. Just whose private residence, the governor declined to say. "We'd like a little privacy and rest," he explained.

Warren cleared up one point—he wasn't traveling incognito. It had been reported that he was going under the name of A. M. Cradick. "How in the world did you pick a name like that?" a reporter asked curiously. Warren laughed. "I didn't pick it," he said. "A. M. Cradick is an attorney friend of mine in Los Angeles and he got the tickets for me. But the tickets are in my name." He pulled out the tickets as proof. Sure enough, they were.

Letters

DOG SHOOTINGS

Editor, The Battalion: To what low level of behavior can our friends the "KKK" drop? When they drive along the peaceful streets of College View and calmly shoot the stray dogs which they happen to find at 10:30 at night, that level has about been reached we think. What reason could they possibly give for not removing the unfortunate creatures to some more remote spot if they must be destroyed? From a safety standpoint, the practice is extremely dangerous. Who can guarantee their marksmanship, and even if the bullet goes where it is aimed, there is likelihood of its ricocheting off in any direction. And the disturbance of a large number of people at an hour when they are either trying to sleep or trying to do some sorely needed studying is no small matter. What would happen to a student if he should decide to get out and have pistol practice around the apartments? Since when, in the annals of modern civilization have defenseless, homeless, animals been shot in the streets of a densely populated area? And who of our bunch to live in a place where a bunch of trigger-happy heroes are the guardians of our "peace." We wonder who is directly responsible for this outrage, and if he would care to explain his side of the question so we could form our opinions more fairly. This is one shell-shocked old veteran who can't stand much of this kind of stuff!

Henry A. Knight Class of '50

ANOTHER ANSWER

Editor, The Battalion: In answer to the letters from our tiny Aggettes, I have but one thing to say as I look up from my CE handbook. "When in the hell are you cute girls going to ask us for a date?" Bob Blum, '52

Prewits Entertain With Lawn Party

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Prewit, of 523 Walton Drive, in College Hills, gave a picnic supper on their lawn Saturday evening, entertaining those county agents who are on fellowships and attending summer school. J. D. Prewit is the vice director and state agent of the Extension Service. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Gibson, director of Extension Service, Dr. and Mrs. Ide P. Trotter, dean of Graduate School, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Surovik, district agent of District 5 and a number of county agents and their wives, who are in school this summer.

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Boyle Finds Fox Hole Ready Made

By HIAL BOYLE

LUXEMBOURG (Via Airmail)—The best foxhole in Europe in the event of an atomic war is the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. This tiny postcard country has been prepared for 200 years against the dropping of the atom bomb. Deep beneath the breathing hills of its capital, one of the world's most picturesque cities, lie 17 miles of defensive tunnels. They were dug in the early 1700s, and they could easily hold everyone in the country," said David Mad Blackmer, 33, of Binghamton, N.Y. The little monarchy is only 99 miles square and has a population of about 300,000. Blackmer, an ex-G.I., decided after the war he wanted to learn more about the lands he had fought across. So he came here to study the culture of Luxembourg.

bour to win his doctorate degree. The country is a natural stronghold, a crossroads for invasion armies moving across Europe, and its name means "Little Fortress." It has been a military outpost since Roman times. More than most small countries Luxembourg knows the cost of being a foothold to the Big Powers. It agreed in 1867 to demolish its fortifications in return for a guarantee of "eternal neutrality." Since then German troops have wheeled across it in three wars.

Kum Dubl Holding Ice Cream Party

The Kum Dubl Class of the Methodist Church will hold an ice cream supper at 6:30 p. m., July 1. The supper will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stockton at 504 W. Dexter Drive in Bryan. All Aggie couples who are members of the class are invited, Stockton said.

College Textbooks Won't Be Censored

Representative John Wood of Georgia, chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee has assured President T. S. Painter of Texas University that the committee has no desire to interfere in any manner with academic freedom. The list of texts in the social sciences field used by universities throughout the country, which the committee requested, does not signify any intent to censor textbooks, Wood said. Originally the request asked for additional information as well as texts, but the chairman offered to modify his request to include only the author and title of principal textbooks used.

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