

# The Battalion

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## The Responsibility Of A Newspaper

Condense the world into three sections and put it on every breakfast table—this is the job of the American newspaper.

It's a large order but they do it every day. The proof is in every American. Ask him about anything from the latest decisions of the Kremlin to the details of Mary Jane's wedding last night, from the cost of national budget to the sale price of a nylon sport shirt at J. C. Penney's. And he will tell you.

He can because his newspaper was as much a part of his breakfast menu as his second cup of coffee. He is the best-informed John Doe in the world. And because he is, he is free. He understands both sides of a political question, so he will come closer to voting for the right party. He understands why a war is being fought, so he will not shirk his duty. His customers can check his prices against his competitors', so he produces to give them better products at lower prices.

The great majority of his knowledge comes from the American free press. He has learned to trust it, believe it, and depend on it.

Therefore, the newspaper has a responsibility to John Doe. It must report to him the current events of his world without bias. Truth without shading is the food of his freedom and it cannot live without it. The basic purpose of a newspaper is the delivery of this food.

But mere truthful news is not enough. John Doe is a difficult student in a hurry. His news must be clear and concise, without foggy ideas. It must be interesting so he will want to read it and simply written so he can read it. But above all, it must be truthful.

John Doe is a consumer, too. And every product he buys makes the American way of life more secure. In his newspaper, he finds item after item to make his life more profitable, easier, and more enjoyable. To hold his faith in the paper, advertising must not be misleading or even tricky. If he finds one weak spot in the news, he will be less likely to trust the rest. Veracity in advertising is the newspapers' second responsibility to John Doe.

Since John Doe does trust his newspaper, the press wields a tremendous power. With this power it can cause the downfall of all the American means, or can get things done that will make the community better. The paper must decide what to fight for on its editorial page—what to use its power to support. This is the hardest to fulfill of all the newspaper's responsibilities.

Life without its brighter moments is hardly worth living. Feature stories give John Doe a picture of humanity that isn't in the news. The comics give him the chuckle that starts the day off right. These and hundreds of other services that the newspaper furnishes are responsibilities. Without them the news loses its flavor and humor.

Bob Alderdice

### Medical Missionary

## Churchman Visits Campus

By LAMAR ASHLEY

Dr. Ralph C. Lewis, a veteran of more than 20 years medical work in China and the last Presbyterian doctor to leave Peking after the Communists took over, visited here Sunday and Monday, it was announced today by Mr. Gordon Gay.

His visit to the campus is part of a tour of U.S. medical and nursing schools and colleges to tell students of the needs and developments of medical services in China and to counsel with individual students about the opportunities for work in medical fields abroad. The tour is jointly sponsored by the Student Volunteer Movement and The Christian Medical Council of Overseas Work.

Dr. and Mrs. Lewis, who is also a medical missionary under commission of the Presbyterian Church USA, lived under the Communist regime in Peking for three years before returning to this country in the fall of 1952.

Their work since 1946 has been divided between two hospitals, one in Peking and one in Paoting, Hopei, 200 miles south of Peking.

The last three years it has consisted mainly of emergency surgery as the area was never at peace after the Japanese surrendered. Both hospitals had 100 bed capacities and about five doctors, ten graduate nurses and a group of locally trained aides.

It is slightly more than twenty years since Dr. Lewis went to China and in that time he has lived and worked in several different cities. His first assignment was in Shungh in North China where he was in charge of the Presbyterian mission hospital, and conducted clinics in neighboring villages. To Medical work he added Bible classes for boys in the Normal School and also took an active part in church activities.

Transferred to Peking, he found real stimulus in working with the doctors of Douw Hospital, all young men who kept themselves thoroughly abreast of the times by frequent attendance at the clinics and conferences at Peking Union Medical College. During the war Dr. Lewis' hospital work became more and more surgical as the number of patients suffering from wounds and infections from shells and bombs increased.

After Pear Harbor, Dr. Lewis spent some months in a concentration camp, and was then repatriated in 1943. He returned to

Peking in 1946 and divided his time between the Peking and the Paoting hospital. After a brief period in Shanghai and Hongkong at the time the Communists were establishing themselves in Peking, Dr. Lewis returned to the north, and continued his work there until he came back to the United States in the fall of 1952.

Dr. Lewis is from California, and is a graduate of Occidental College. He holds a master's degree from the University of California, and an M.D. from the Medical School of Stanford University. He interned at Lane Hospital, San Francisco.

As a member of the travel staff of the Student Volunteer Movement for Christian Missions, Dr. Lewis is one of a group of more than 15 missionaries, mission candidates and others who are touring U.S. colleges and universities this year to interpret to students the meaning and needs of the world mission of Christ's Church. The Student Volunteer Movement is one of the oldest ecumenical student Christian groups. It exists to call Christian students to rethink the challenge of the Christian mission in relation to the problems and issues of a revolutionary time and to commit themselves to specific Christian service in America and around the world.

Dr. Lewis spoke at the A&M Presbyterian Church at 6:30 Sunday night. Monday he held conferences and interviews, and Monday night at 7:30 he spoke at the Y.M.C.A.

## Some Aggies May Feel The Same

Truman and Eisenhower have no monopoly on differences of opinion. College professors have them, too.

Take the case of Dr. A. J. George of the Syracuse University language department and Dr. J. J. Woolket, head of the modern language department at A&M.

George said, "Learning to speak a foreign language is a waste of time."

Woolket countered with "I definitely urge all college students to take some phase of foreign language before leaving college."

"There has been a note worthy swinging back of re-emphasis on foreign language. In other words, more people are learning them today than ever before," he concluded.

## House Will Start Hearings On Tax Laws

AUSTIN, March 16—(AP)—A House committee expects to start hearing proposed new tax laws "as soon as possible"—which probably will be the first of next week.

The chairman said he would give priority as far as possible to bills incorporating the tax suggestions Gov. Shivers made.

All tax bills go first to the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, whose chairman is Rep. D. H. Buchanan of Longview.

Buchanan said the tax suggestions of the Governor on natural gas, beer and franchise would be given priority and that any other suggestions on taxing the same sources would be heard the same time.

### What's Cooking

TUESDAY  
7:15 p. m.—Kream and Kow meeting, room 2D, MSC.

WEDNESDAY  
5:15 p. m.—Amarillo A&M club meeting, front steps of the MSC. Please be there in No. 1 uniform to have picture made.

The Waco McLennan County A. & M. Club will have their picture made Wednesday, March 17 at 5 o'clock in front of the M.S.C. The uniform will be class "A".

## Aggie Sweetheart Will Go To Texas

Miss Jane McBrierty, student of TSCW and sweetheart of A&M, will play a prominent role in the 25th annual Round-Up at The University of Texas April 2-3.

She will ride in the Round-Up parade at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, April 2, and will be presented at the Revue and Ball Saturday evening, April 3, in Gregory Gym.

Miss Patricia McGinn of Houston currently is the Sweetheart of The University of Texas. Students there vote on March 23 and 24 to name her successor, whose identity will not be revealed until the night of the Revue, which climaxes the Ex-S-t-u-d-e-n-t-s' Association-sponsored celebration.

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**L'L ABNER** By Al Capp

PAPPY!!—LISSEN!!—AH IS NOT ONLY YOUR WIFE!!—AH IS YOUR FRIEND!!

ALL THE OTHER HORNED ANIMALS IS SKEDADDLIN' TO SAFETY!!—THEY WANTS YO' T'GO WIF 'EM—

THEY IS YORE BUDDIES, PAPPY!!—THEY BIN ANIMALS LONGER!!—YO!!—THEY KNOWS WHEN TO HIDE—

OH, GO WIE YORE KIND PAPPY!!—SBB!!—HE WON'T GO!!—IT'S THE YOKUM PRIDE—

**L'L ABNER** By Al Capp

PLEASE, PAPPY!!—SCAT TO TH' HILLS, WIF THIS OTHER GOAT AFOR TH' HUNTING SEASON STARTS!!—

GUPPY!!—HE'S TOO STUBBORN!!

AH, NO, MADAM—HE'S TOO BRAVE!!

HE PREFERS TO REMAIN HERE, AND FIGHT IT OUT—MAN AGAINST BEAST!!

YO' IS TH' BEAST, MOE GAMBO!!

YO' GOT THET BIG ELEPHANT GUN—AN' ALL PAPPY GOT IS HIS TWO MIZZUBLE L'L HORNS!!

I CAN HARDLY WAIT!!

**POGO** By Walt Kelly

I HURRIED OVER WITH MY INCOME INFORMATION SOONS I GOT IT OUTTA MY FILES WHICH WAS FULL OF MICE AN' A PIGEON SO THE PAPERS MAY BE A MITE UNREFINED.

THIS ONE WITH JAM SPECKLES AN' TOOTH MARKS SHOWS...UH...WELL...AN' THIS ONE HALF-BURNED SHOWS MM...LHM...

THAT'S THE WORST COFFEE I EVER TASTE!!

TAINT COFFEE...IT'S INK

NOW, WHEN I ESTIMATED IAG YEAR WHAT I MIGHT MAKE I SAYS, OH, ABOUT \$49,500,000. I AINT NO PIKER.

ABOUT? HOW CLOSE WAS YOU?

ROE INK TAIN'T BAD...

I WAS A LIL' OPTIMISBERY ON IT...EARNIN'S WAS \$49,499,999.95 SHY...WELL...YOU FIGGER THEY BE MAD IF I SENDS IN A NICKEL AN' WE CALLS IT EVEN?

HOW KIN I FLY A MESS LIKE THIS IN TO THE PRESIDENT?

BY NOW HES USED TO 'EM.

**POGO** By Walt Kelly

IF MY YEAR'S EARNIN'S COMES HEADS YOU FLIES THE NICKEL TO THE PRES. FREE...IF TAILS I OWES YOU SIX CENTS.

YOU'LL BE LATE EITHER WAY.

HEY!

COOP! ANOTHER YEAR AFOR THE BUDGET GIT'S BALANCED.

WELL, I JES' WANTED TO SEND THAT IN TO LET 'EM KNOW I FIGGERS I OWES EVER' THING I GOT... ONLY NOW I AINT GOT IT...

I ONLY WANTED TO SAY THANKS... BEIN' MAYOR, GOVERNOR, SENATOR OR EVEN PRESIDENT OF ALL US MIKED UP CRITLURS MUST BE PERTY DISCOURAGIN'...KNOWIN' YOU AN' ME LINE I DOES...HOW KIN ANYBODY EVER PAY FOR ALL US GIT'S IN THIS HERE SWAMP?

SOME ABBETS GIT'S SQUARED, SON.