

Act Your Age

It's now time for many College Station residents to quit acting like children and thinking only of themselves and start acting like adults and think of their children.

A&M Consolidated School faces a serious problem. It does not have the money it needs to operate this coming school year as it should.

And the blame does not fall entirely upon the shoulders of the school board. In fact, they took steps which were entirely laudable in many instances.

A deficit is faced—but only because the embittered attitude on the part of many citizens has kept the board from taking action along certain lines which, under better circumstances, they might well have taken.

The low school tax is the major outcome of trying to please both sides of the fence. Apparently to avoid stepping on toes the board has kept the tax rate low.

Why? When they first wanted a bond issue the citizens defeated it.

When they finally got what they wanted, they did not get enough.

But they got it—and they had to make good with it or suffer the eternal damnation slung at them by the citizens. They built a good plant—revolutionary in design, admittedly—for which they have been both praised and belabored.

But expenditures kept rising and the board plunged in to provide the type of facilities a community like ours deserves to have. Undoubtedly, they got in deeper than they realized, but even that was not enough to supply the schools with all of the equipment they should have.

Consolidated will have to skimp along next year on the barest necessities. And the basic reason for it goes back to the apathetic attitude of the people of College Station.

Take an interest in the schools; find out their needs; then reconsider your opinions. Act like parents interested in their children's school.

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Family Favorites

By MRS. LUKE PATRANELLA

This week's guest editor of Family Favorites is Polly Patranella, bookkeeper with the Office of Student Publications. Mrs. Patranella, who grew up in nearby Grimes County, has one son, Kenneth, 13, a student at Lamar Junior High School in Bryan.

Banana Nut Cake

1/2 cup butter 1 t. soda  
1 1/2 cups sugar 3 mashed bananas  
2 eggs, well beaten 1/2 cup chopped nuts  
2 cups flour 1 t. vanilla  
4 T. sour milk Pinch of salt  
Cream butter and sugar well. Add beaten eggs and beat all well. Sift flour, soda and salt and add with milk. Beat real well. Add mashed bananas and nuts. Bake in tube pan about one hour at 325 degrees.

Banana Icing

3/4 stick butter or oleo 2 small bananas  
1 box powdered sugar 1 cup nuts  
Mix all together well. Makes a delicious, rich icing.

Applesauce Cake

1 cup white sugar 1 t. baking powder  
1/2 cup brown sugar 3/4 t. salt  
1/2 cup butter 1 cup raisins  
2 eggs 1 cup dates  
1 1/2 cups raw apples, chopped fine 1 cup dates  
2 cups flour 1 cup nuts  
1 1/2 teaspoons soda Spices  
Mix dry ingredients well. Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs. Roll fruit in flour. Add your flour and other ingredients to creamed sugar mixture, a little at a time, and beat well. Bake one hour in a tube or loaf pan at 350 degrees.

Pecan Butterscotch Cookies

2 cups brown sugar 2 cups flour  
1/2 lb. butter 1 cup chopped pecans  
2 eggs, well beaten  
Cream butter and one cup sugar. Add one well-beaten egg and mix well. Add flour and work in gradually. Spread this mixture to thickness of pie dough on buttered baking sheets. Brush thoroughly with half the remaining cup of sugar and egg well beaten. Then cover with pecans. Sprinkle the rest of the sugar over all. Bake until brown. Cut in bars, and let them remain in the pan until cool.

Consolidated Budget

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(Thus, the tax rate was set and a budget will have to be adopted to fit this rate. Rather backward way to do things, and the city must accept its share of blame for this as well as the board for letting it occur.)

Discussion of the validity of setting the tax rate before a budget was adopted caused a stir among board members and the few College Station residents at the meeting. Some felt the rate was valid and some felt that it could be changed since it might not be a legal way to adopt a budget. (A check with Atty. Gen. John Ben Sheppard Tuesday revealed that the tax rate was valid and would apply for the coming school year, Dr. Richardson said yesterday.)

In a straw vote taken at the meeting the board members there voiced approval of a raise in school

taxes. This approval was seconded by a citizens committee, composed of the residents at the meeting, which quickly formed under the guidance of Herschel E. Burgess. The group unanimously adopted a resolution, moved by Dr. Luther G. Jones and seconded by John J. Sperry, which read: "It is the sense of all of the citizens present at this hearing on the school budget that the board of trustees take such action as necessary, including the raising of the tax rate if required, to provide necessary funds to take care of accumulated current obligations and to support the type of education program to which the community is entitled."

The budget under consideration for the coming school year is roughly \$362,000. It would take an estimated \$400,000 to pay off the debt owed and still maintain the

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Letters to the Editor

Editor, The Battalion

What is wrong with some Aggies? Don't they like to see a pretty green drill field? It looks like some are doing their best to leave paths across the field. Why don't we try to keep it all green instead of only partly green?

We know it is a senior privilege to walk across the grass, but I think seniors also should have some sense. If they don't get some sense at this stage in their career, they will never have any.

This letter is not only for privilege-happy seniors, but for every-

one that likes to go across the drill field to save energy (maybe). Surely, it is only laziness that keeps them from going around by the sidewalk that was built for them to walk on.

Guy Fernandez  
Class of '56

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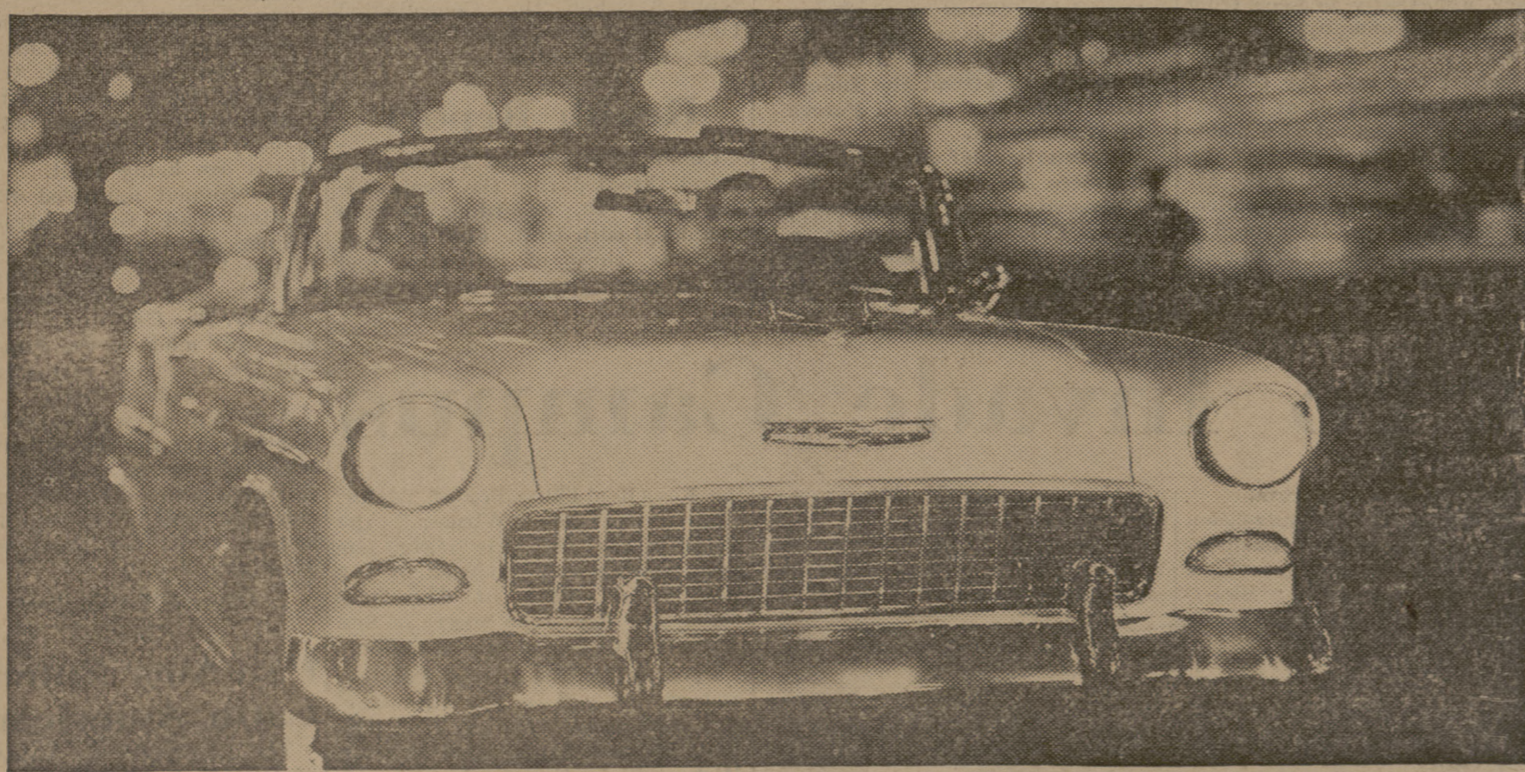
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