

BATTALION EDITORIALS

... Our Liberty Depends on the Freedom of the Press, And It Cannot Be Limited Without Being Lost ... Thomas Jefferson

Money Not Only Problem Blocking A&M Future

Lack of money is not the only stumbling block to the realization of A&M's hopes of becoming a great school. It needs to create an academic atmosphere that is a selling point to both prospective students and professors. A lot of work and planning must be done before this goal can begin to be attained.

First, the college needs to set itself a goal as to what its dreams and aspirations are and let them be known. It must be decided if it is going to continue expanding in all fields of education or if it is going to work toward achievement of perfection in one major area—technical, agriculture, liberal arts or military.

Secondly, professors and students need to re-dedicate themselves to the real purpose of A&M as it now is and should always be—education.

The college needs more professors dedicated to sharing their knowledge with students. It needs more students who are here not simply to receive a degree, but to gain an education.

More students should be concerned with gaining knowledge from their courses and making the best possible grades than they are with what rank they can get in the Corps, what they plan to do this weekend or just simply how much of nothing they can do.

This also needs to be extended to the faculty. A&M must have faculty members who are so dedicated to their purpose that they aren't constantly concerned with how much more some other department is going to receive in the current or planned appropriations, what other instructor is going to get a raise or how many transfer students his department can get from another area.

The future of A&M rests upon how well these challenges are met by the present and future faculty members and student body.

The Men of Aggie land must decide how they will meet this challenge and what will come of it.

Old Revolutionary Holds Big Role in Red China Government

TOKYO (AP)—Almost buried in the list of major appointments announced by Red China Monday was the name of Hsu Teh-li, a snaggle-toothed old revolutionary of 82, re-elected to the standing committee of the National People's Congress.

This bright-eyed former school teacher, long past his prime, but regularly elected to important party and state posts, has two assets worth more than gold in China's tightly knit Communist society.

He is from Hunan, the home of Mao Tze-tung. He is a veteran of the long march, the bitter 4,000-mile retreat by Communist forces in the 1930s.

Men from Hunan and men who made the long march form a brotherhood thicker than blood in Peiping. Their closeness may explain why the Chinese leadership is able to present to the world an unbroken, monolithic front, undisturbed by public quarrels.

A survey of the top men who rule behind the thick, red walls of the forbidden city in Peiping shows that almost all shared the dangers and hardships of the withdrawal, under Chiang Kai-shek's guns, from central China to Yenana, between 1934 and 1936.

Liu Shao-chi, China's No. 2 man who was elevated to the presidency Monday, did not. But he was especially exempted to do dangerous underground work. He is, however, from Hunan and with his confirmation as heir-apparent of Chinese communism, necessary."

the "hunan clique" has become even more powerful than ever.

Hunan is a province noted over the centuries as a breeder of revolutionaries. Mao once told this writer that the peppery, spiceladen food the Huanese eat accounted for this.

Teachers may have been more important than hot food in 1908, when Hsu Teh-li was teaching in the Hunan provincial first normal school. One of Hsu's pupils, in those faraway days was Mao. Another was Li Wei-han, now a top member of the Politburo and chief of the united front work department.

These were years of groping for new ideas and Hsu, who later joined Sun Yat-sen in overthrowing the Manchu dynasty, guided his students toward revolution and communism.

SAFETY FACTOR

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Twenty-seven years ago, taxi driver Howard Vaughan lost his right arm by amputation after a cut became infected.

As soon as he left the hospital, he returned to taxi driving. Now, more than a million miles later, the 49-year-old Vaughan can boast a no-accident record.

He thinks the loss of his arm actually made him a better driver because he realizes that if he had an accident "I'd have two strikes against me so I am always thinking of what could happen and I'm ready to stop, swerve or do what's apparent of Chinese communism, necessary."

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



The cultural meeting of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation will be tonight at 7:30 in the Hillel Building. The topic of the meeting will be "Folk Music" given by Dr. John Q. Anderson of the Department of English.

COMBINATION OF COLETTE

NEW YORK (AP)—Two of the best-known stories by Colette, famed French novelist, have been tabbed for combination into a Broadway drama.

"Cheri" and "The End of Cheri," which concern the escapades of a handsome young fortune hunter, are on the agenda of the Producers Theatre.

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Montgomery Slams Ike Leadership

NEW YORK (AP)—Field Marshal Montgomery said Tuesday night American leadership of the free world under President Eisenhower is "suspect."

He said Britain is coming forward to supply what he described as the "consistency" needed by the Western alliance.

In an hour-long filmed broadcast prepared for CBS, the outspoken British war hero and commander said American leaders are "people who are not very

well," and that this is "no good" that U. S. leadership has perhaps slipped a bit.

In this reference to poor health, he named directly Eisenhower, Secretary of State Christian A. Herter and former Secretary John Foster Dulles.

Declared Montgomery: "Now, of course, after the war, the leadership of the free world passed to the United States. Well, I think that history is going to say that the United States' leadership has been very intermittent in its pulsations—not been as good as it might be. Perhaps there's been a lack of decision in the top level.

"Anyhow, it's—I think you've got to admit the fact, rightly or wrongly, that American leadership, of recent years, has been rather suspect, and if—why it's been rather suspect, you'd probably know better than I would."

Pitcairn Island, where the mutineers of the Bounty landed in 1790, now has a population of 193. Its area is two square miles.

Wee Aggies

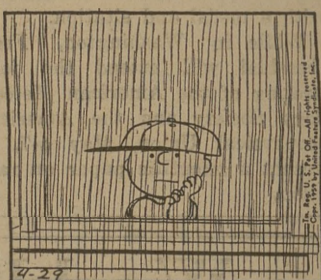
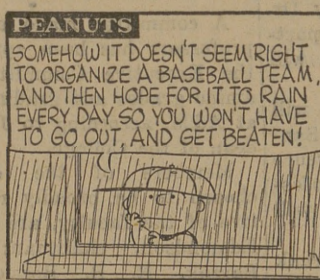
We Aggies like to read about Wee Aggies. When a wee one arrives, call VI 6-4910 and ask for the Wee Aggie Editor.

A future Aggie date, Grace Suzanne Pollard, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Terry W. Pollard, '59, April 8 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan. Suzanne weighed 7 lbs., 7½ ozs. at birth. The Pollards live at B-5-A, College View.

A future member of the Class of '80, James Edward Taylor, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Taylor, '62, April 25 at 4:02 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan. James Edwards weighed 7 lbs., 9½ ozs. The Taylors live at 109 Mobile Ave. in Bryan.

Another prospective member for the Class of '80, William B. Waters III, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William B. Waters Jr., '601, April 24 at 2 a.m. at Glen Rose, Texas. The parents live at 706-A Park Place. William weighed 7 lbs., 10 ozs.

PEANUTS



By Charles M. Schulz

Do You Think for Yourself? (TAKE THIS FAST QUIZ AND FIND OUT!*)

- Which would you consider more essential to a happy marriage: (A) the mates' similarity in ages and backgrounds, or (B) their intelligence and adaptability? A B
- Which of these two famous men would you most prefer to be like: (A) King Midas, or (B) Ludwig van Beethoven? A B
- If neither party's candidate in an election was satisfactory to you, would you (A) not vote, or (B) vote for the "lesser of two evils"? A B
- If your performance in a group effort was being unjustly criticized, would you (A) settle the score directly with your critic, or (B) ignore it and let the group decide its merits? A B
- Do you believe that the meeting with your future mate is primarily a matter of (A) geography, or (B) fate? A B
- If you were to come unexpectedly into a sizable sum of money, would you (A) bank or invest it and spend only the income, or (B) take a year off to travel around the world? A B
- Do you think the saying "It never rains, but it pours" is (A) generally untrue, or (B) invariably true? A B
- Would you rather invest money in: (A) great art, or (B) diamonds? A B
- Are you influenced more in your choice of filter cigarette by (A) your own taste and judgment, or (B) friendly advice? A B

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