

Worth Mentioning

By Johnny Johnson

A year ago control of The Battalion came into the hands of a new group of dedicated men and now today two of this number prepare to turn over the control of The Battalion to new hands.

Myself and Bob Saile are the outgoing members of The Battalion staff. Two of the group which took control last year—Bob Weekley and Dave Stoker—departed at the end of the first semester.

Tomorrow Bill Hicklin assumes editorship of The Battalion. Names appearing in bylines tomorrow and next year will be familiar to Battalion readers—most of them are men who have served on The Battalion during the past year.

But the names are the only thing that will be the same about these men, for tomorrow all of them will assume new positions of responsibility.

On May 1, 1959, The Battalion, under its then new leadership, pledged itself to "...work for and favor any plan which we believe will help make Texas A&M an even better and greater institution.

At the same time we promised to "carefully study and evaluate each situation on its own merits and then make decisions regarding editorial policy."

We feel that we have done our best to live up to the goals we set for ourselves. We hope part of our readers share these views.

The year of my editorship has seen many changes at Texas A&M.

In May a dean of students was named and the Aggies won the Southwest Conference Baseball Crown. During the summer a new dean of the School of Arts and Sciences was named. Last fall, enrollment showed an increase, freshman drop-outs were reduced, and the number of sophomores returning showed an increase and the Ags went through another Christmas holiday without any fatalities. This spring President Earl Rudder was installed. These were happenings on the bright side.

On the darker side of the picture, two Aggies died violent deaths last May and another met a similar fate this April, Dean of the College and Graduate School John B. Page announced earlier this month his resignation to take a job at Iowa State and the Texas Legislature delayed until almost the opening of the fall semester before announcing its reduced appropriations for Texas A&M for 1959-61.

These are just a few of the things we remember during the past 12 months. There were many more, both good and bad.

Other things an editor remembers are the phone calls he gets from people complaining that their name was misspelled or that a story about their favorite or-

ganization was left out. Such things as these happen daily.

These people think the editor puts out the paper singlehandedly. They don't stop to think of all the other responsibilities that belong to the editor or the vast number of people who work together to put out an issue of The Battalion.

Approximately 25 to 30 people work four days a week to put out The Battalion. This number includes reporters—the backbone of any publication—photographers, editors, typesetters, pressmen, printers, circulation people, bookkeepers and advertising salesman.

Not included are the people who are not regular workers on The Battalion who turn in the many news tips we get without which no publication could survive. The Battalion is also continuously in debt to the many people who give such splendid cooperation when called by a reporter for a story.

These are some of the things that come to this editor's mind when he looks back over the past year. Unfortunately all of his memories are not pleasant ones, but I am grateful that the pleasant ones far outnumber the unpleasant ones.

Fortunately a publication does not die when the editorship changes. The only thing that may change is the personality of the publication. The Battalion will continue to be one of the class of enterprises which puts out its mistakes for everyone to see—something newspapers have been doing since their inception and will continue to do as long as they are published.

I cannot begin to thank all the many people who have helped me during the past year. All I can do is ask one more favor of them—that they give Bill Hicklin and his staff the same fine cooperation they have seen fit to give me and my staff.

As this will be the last appearance of Worth Mentioning and my last effort as editor of The Battalion, I consider it appropriate to end this column with an old journalist's term for the end—30.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle 'Better Relations' Is Goal At Paris Summit Conference



"...after giving this much thought, I've decided to withdraw from th' rodeo this weekend!"

Letters To The Editor

The Battalion welcomes letters to the editor but reserves the right to edit letters for brevity, clearness and accuracy. Short letters stand a better chance for publication since space is at a premium. Unsigned letters will not be published.

Editor, The Battalion:

A hearty congratulations should be given to that worthy soul whose responsibility it is to provide obstacles to the educational process at A&M. Certainly he spends many long hours—much more than the usual eight per day—at his task. As evidence of this, we see in action every day, the perfectly coordinated scheme he has devised.

Just today, I saw and experienced many of his ingenious operations. Early this morning, I arrived at the Academic Building in time to see the arrival of the merry tin-snippers. These people have an excellent repertoire of discord with which they serenade the busy students, but this is not their best weapon against our education. When I arrived at the room where I customarily meet my morning class, I found that some genius—and he must have been a genius—had decided to use this room for a warehouse. An excellent use for the room, I say—much better than leaving it in the irresponsible hands of some mad educator.

This was only the first of many such diversions available today. Later on in the morning, I witnessed the execution of a capital idea. You see, our trusty coordinator of interference found that if one turns the sprinkler system on just before the hour, the students can't go to class. Of course, some brave spirits do dash through the watery cross-fires and go anyway, but they just aren't playing fair.

Of course, the attack upon study in the dormitories must be mentioned. With excellent foresight, he has unleashed fiery and unmuffled lawnmowers to circle regularly all dormitories during the day, and then at night, he delivers the supreme attack. A distinguished team of ex-armor

Molokai, the leper colony in Hawaii, is an island 40 miles long and 7 miles wide.

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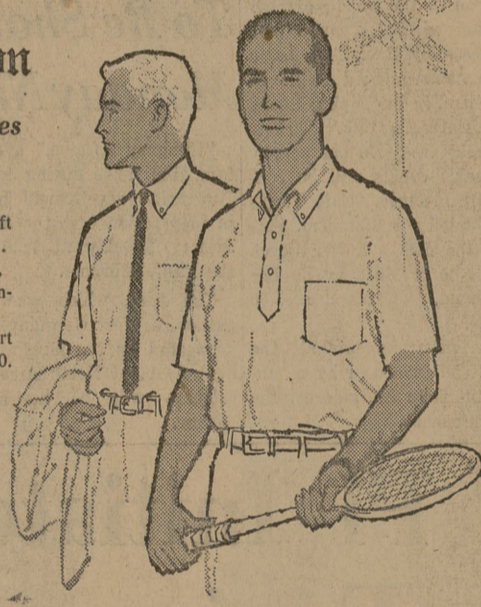
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PEANUTS



By Charles M. Schulz

By JAMES MARLOW
Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP)—The American people are being prepared not to expect much more from the Paris summit meeting May 16 than a pleasant get-together between the West and the Soviet Union.

Is anything going to be solved there? Probably not.

President Eisenhower Wednesday and French President Charles de Gaulle last week played down the idea of solutions and played up the hope the summit would produce better relations with the Soviets.

A great deal of time, a number of meetings, and a lot of visiting back and forth by heads of state and their foreign ministers have gone into the preparations of the Western Allies for the Paris conference.

What they seem to lack is new ideas. What they seem to have is rigidity. If all that the statesmen and diplomats have said—in speeches, statements and com-

muniques—could be wrapped into one tight bundle this would be it: They are determined to stand solidly together in resisting Soviet demands; they haven't talked of making demands of their own.

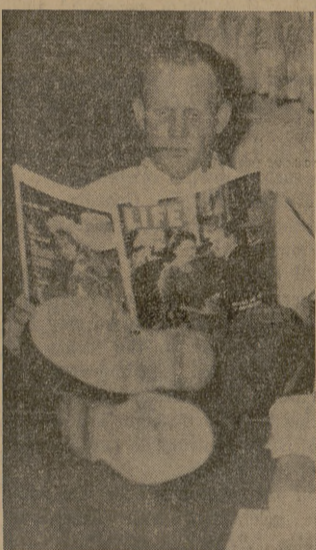
At his news conference Wednesday Eisenhower was asked about his hopes for the summit session with De Gaulle, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

"I think the most we can hope for, at this time," he said, "is ease of tensions, so some evidence that we are coming closer together—sufficiently so that people have a right to feel a little bit more confident in the world in which they are living and its stability."

"Now, how this might come about I don't know. There is, of course, the subject of ceasing of

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ROBBIE GODWIN LOOKS AT LIFE



tions held last March. The policemen killed three in quelling the riot, and the pictures of the story unfold on LIFE's pages this week.

An eye-witness report from TIME-LIFE's Tokyo Bureau Chief tells the story of the rioting from the point of view of the man on the street, which is exactly where Alexander Campbell was.

Recreation
Everyone must have his try at the trampoline, the new challenge to the American people. This sport requires quite a bit more exertion than a hula-hoop, and is considerably more dangerous. So any of you amateurs proceed with caution and don't get too many ideas from the pictures shown in LIFE.

School Problems
The dropout figures from the nation's high schools are rising daily, and LIFE sets out to show the problem this week, and propose a solution next week.

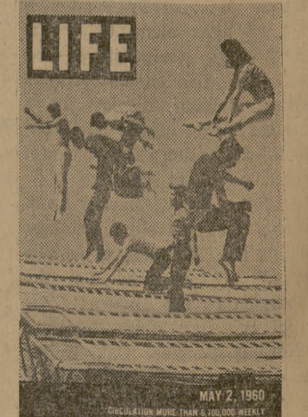
This problem is tragic to the boys and girls involved, and a study is definitely going to be of interest to educators all over the nation.

English Sports
Steeplechasing, that ancient sport involving dangers to men and horses from falls and the barriers themselves, is covered in color by LIFE's photographers. All the beauty and thrill of the sport, plus the aftermath, is captured in this series. Add these to your world travels folder, all you who plan a voyage to merrie England this summer or so.

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Ever wonder what happened to real burlesque, that which was so popular even before the Ziegfeld era? Here are the facts:

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