

BATTALION EDITORIALS

# A Little Help

A group of Bryan-College Station teenagers out to prove that hot-rodding is a safe sport when conducted under proper conditions and hot rod drivers are "the best anywhere" have organized the Brazos Valley Timing Association.

One of the immediate aims of the group is to convince the citizens of Bryan and College Station that one of the best ways to promote safe teen driving and prevent city-street dragging and racing is to provide the young drivers with a drag strip.

The association has already drafted a tentative constitution. Two things are needed, however, before the idea, which is basically good, can succeed.

First the group must have the support of parents and every other Bryan-College Station citizen. The youthful drivers realize that without the moral backing of the adult population nothing constructive can be done.

More important, they need the material and professional help of some organized adult group—be it police department, P-TA or civic club—to help them plan and complete projects leading to safe driving.

Second, the group need to work closely with the police, Highway Patrol, sheriff's department and other law enforcement agencies in learning the fundamentals of safe driving and drag racing, traffic laws and courteous driving.

The first step has come from the kids themselves. They want to be good drivers.

Now it is time for Bryan-College Station adults to give them a little help.

## CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... Okay! Okay! I'll buy a ticket to th' Aggie Follies Melodrama if you'll rehearse your lines somewhere else!"

# JFK Told Censorship Out

WASHINGTON (AP) — Representatives of the American press told President Kennedy Tuesday there is no need for any censorship of the news—either government or voluntary—at this time.

In a speech to the American Newspaper Publishers Assn. Apr. 28, Kennedy called for some form of self-censorship in face of the Communist threat to the nation's security.

Representatives of the press asked Kennedy to clarify his speech, and he conferred with them for more than an hour Tuesday.

After the conference, a spokes-

man for the press, Felix R. McKnight, said "The President assured the group that the administration intends to continue its policy of free access to the news and that no form of restriction is contemplated or suggested."

McKnight, a graduate of A&M, is president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and executive editor of the Dallas Times Herald.

McKnight said he did not believe the world situation had reached the point where it was necessary to set up machinery to censor information that appears in newspapers.

He said also there was no need now for additional self-restraint on the part of newspaper editors.

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## — Sound Off —

(Editor's note: The accident between an automobile driven by A&M student Samuel J. Mackin and a panel truck driven by Bryan businessman Troy McElroy occurred about 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2. No charges had been filed when the first story appeared in the May 3 issue of The Battalion. Later Mackin and another youth, Michael C. Roll of Bryan, were charged with second degree negligent homicide. If found guilty, both could be fined up to \$3,000 and sentenced to three years in jail. The headline on the May 3 Battalion story read: "Fatal Accident Injures One A&M Student.")

Editor,  
The Battalion:  
Whoever wrote the headline for the May 3 story on the accident between an Aggie and Mr. and Mrs. Troy McElroy made a mistake that turns my stomach. The headline gave a reader the impression that the only thing the Battalion had to report of any importance was the fact that an Aggie was hurt. Your headline didn't say that because of the extreme recklessness of two Aggies that were racing down College Ave., two old people that were as fine a couple as you could ever hope to find were brutally killed. No, your headline had to plead for sympathy for an Aggie who deserves to be locked up from society for the rest of his life and never see an automobile again. I know Aggies stick together and all that but don't you think that such an extremely slanted article is taking loyalty too far?

I would like to correct your article. Charges have been filed against both drivers that were racing down College. The charge was light—negligent homicide that will probably put the boys behind bars for only a few years. This charge is doing an extreme injustice to society.

I'm an Aggie wife but I can't let Aggies defend something like this.

Mrs. R. J. Joubert  
U-3-D Hensel Apartments

Editor,  
The Battalion:  
The tragic accident of May 2 which resulted in the untimely and unnecessary deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Troy McElroy prompts the city council to ask the assistance of the citizens of College Station in putting an end to excessive speeds and racing in the city.

Since it is impossible for our policemen to patrol all streets at once, the council respectfully requests that any citizen who is a witness to speeding or racing do everything possible to get the license numbers of the cars involved, identity of drivers, time of day and location of speeding and racing, and report same to the city offices immediately.

The council would like also to urge all parents to impress upon their children the value of safe and sane driving and encourage in them a due respect for compliance with speed limits both in the city and out.

The council will appreciate the cooperation of the people of the City of College Station in an endeavor to prevent another tragic accident such as that in

which two of our honored and respected citizens lost their lives.  
Ernest Langford  
Mayor, City of College Station

Mr. Clayton LaGrone,  
Chairman, Student Welfare Committee:

We wish to extend to you our appreciation for your efforts in behalf of the blood mobile at A&M. Certainly the collection of blood could not have been the success it was without your efforts.

We collected 177 units and found it necessary to reject 58 donors. The majority of these were temporary rejections and will be able to give at a future date. Of those collected, 35 units were taken as partial cost for the mobile, the remainder was placed in the Wadley Children's Research Blood Pool. All of these pints will be given free of charge to children afflicted with leukemia or hemophilia.

It is only through cooperation between the blood bank facility and generous people such as you found on your campus which will enable us to adequately care for children afflicted with these dread diseases.

We wish you would express to other members of the Student Senate and to the Student Body at large our appreciation for assisting us in this worthwhile cause. We hope that we can look forward to future cooperation of this type.

J. M. Hill, M.D., Director  
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The Lampasas Hometown Club will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC Coffee Shop for an important meeting.

The Bay Area Hometown Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the lounges of Dorm 5 and Dorm 15, and then go to Wehrman's restaurant for a dinner meeting. This will be the last meeting of the year.

The Matagorda County Hometown Club will hold a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the lobby of the YMCA Building.

St. Mary's Chapel will observe the following schedule for Ascension Thursday Mass: 6:30 a.m., 5:20 and 7:20 p.m.

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PEANUTS

I DREAMED ABOUT YOU LAST NIGHT, SCHROEDER.

I DREAMED THAT YOU GAVE UP THIS STUPID PIANO, AND WENT TO TRADE SCHOOL TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE A LIVING SO YOU COULD SUPPORT ME AFTER WE GOT MARRIED!

THE ONLY WAY I WOULD EVER MARRY YOU WOULD BE IF YOU WERE THE LAST GIRL ON EARTH, AND IN THAT CASE ALL THE TRADE SCHOOLS WOULD PROBABLY BE GONE, TOO!

I'LL HAVE TO ADMIT THAT SOUNDS LOGICAL!

By Charles M. Schulz