

BATTALION EDITORIALS

**Parents Day Weekend
Chance To Say 'Thanks'**

The honor officially goes to Mrs. Dottie Neumann, but thousands of parents will be almost equally feted this weekend at A&M's annual observance of Parents Day—truly one of the big events of the school year.

From every corner of Texas and the U. S., parents and friends will congregate here for the one time yearly that the A&M student body as a whole can show its appreciation for all our parents have done for us.

Many hours of hard work have gone into planning the weekend, but all the preparation and work, all the color and ceremony will be for naught if we do not realize the true purpose of the weekend—to sincerely thank our parents for what they have done for us.

Few of us realize the personal and financial sacrifices our parents have made in order that we get the best education available.

Perhaps this is because they make these sacrifices without complaint and without thought of retribution. All they ask is that we take advantage of what is offered us and continue to make them proud of us throughout our lives.

It would be impossible to physically show our parents how much we think of them. All we can do is earnestly strive to attain the goals they have set for us and never cease showing our appreciation for all they have done.

Parents Day weekend has been created for just this purpose—to show our parents how much we appreciate what they have done for us.

Regardless of how feeble our efforts might be—they will be appreciated and something to be remembered for years to come.

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Ancient Greeks Started Present 'Mother's Day'

Special To The Battalion

Honoring mother at least once a year with a special day goes back many centuries.

The Greeks started it with an annual tribute to Cybele, mother of the gods, held on the Ides of March. The custom was later introduced to Rome about 250 B.C.

Mothers in Medieval Europe were honored on the fourth Sunday before Easter. Sixteenth century England changed this Sunday to "Mothering Sunday," a day when children went to see their mothers, taking along trinkets and cakes.

The pages of history contain many tributes and memorials to motherhood — which proves that "the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

When Abraham Lincoln became president he said of his mother: "All I am or ever hope to be I owe to my angel mother." His mother's last words to him were: "Be something, Abe."

Another great American, George Washington, was also influenced by his mother. Seeing the

tears in his mother's eyes as he was about to leave on a British Man-of-War as a mid-shipman, Washington said: "Mother I cannot go and cause you so much grief."

Man-made memorials to motherhood can be found in all corners of the world. The Taj Mahal of India, for example, is a monument to a mother. Shah Jehan built it in memory of Mumtaz Mahal, his favorite wife.

The famous American statue "The Pioneer Woman," honors the valiant mothers who carried civilization to the West.

The most important tribute to mother in modern times occurred in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a Congressional resolution making the second Sunday in May a national holiday "dedicated to the memory of the best mother in the world, your mother."

Today, thoughtful children express their feelings on Mother's Day with gifts and Mother's Day greeting cards.

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"... they don't cut across th' drill field anymore ...!"

—Sound Off—

Student Desires Statue To KK's Editor,

The Battalion:

With Mother's Day approaching, the students at A&M are concerned about recipients of various awards for outstanding service to our campus. Why should we omit an award to one of our most cherished traditions on the A&M Campus?

Needless to say, we are referring to the organization of the most wisely spent tax dollar that this state has appropriated — the Campus Security Office on the A&M campus.

During the many years of this office, they have diligently patrolled our campus, writing parking tickets in the face of all kinds of weather, regardless of time of day. They have also always been on hand to collect a \$3

fee at registration time. Their devotion in writing parking tickets has never faltered an iota — even on the night when vandals were clipping every wire around the drill field (which cost our taxpayers money.)

This minor distraction, even as close as 25 yards from their headquarters, could not waiver their dedication to hacking about the campus in late model, tax supported, college automobiles.

Come Aggies, rally around and show these men of the yellow ticket pad that we appreciate this service to our college. Is \$50 too much for each student to donate for a bronze statue to be unveiled Sunday in honor of this office so dear to the hearts of all Aggies?

Ronnie Stuart, '59

Bulletin Board

Hometown Clubs
The following hometown clubs will meet Thursday night at 7:30: Bell County club in the YMCA Building. Lardeo club in the MSC Ballroom. Lavaca County club in the academic Building. Richardson club in Room 3-B

of the MSC.
Rio Grande Valley club in 227 of the Academic Building. San Antonio club in Art L. of the MSC.

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