

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"... I had this guy during th' summer who made an A in my class, and ever since I've gotten all this! I wish he'd quit sendin' it, because it's sorta hard to explain!"

Kicking A Dead Horse

Texas voters defeated a proposal this week to increase the Texas Senate from 31 to 39 members. Few political observers were surprised.

The big city vote had been solid against the measure, as witnessed by a 4-1 opposing vote in Harris County, 3-1 in Jefferson County, and as much as 5-1 in other populous counties.

What was surprising was that some rural counties also helped defeat the amendment when it was the rural area that would have gained representation had the vote been favorable.

It appears that perhaps the issue was not clearly understood in some parts of the state, and that many voters did not even try to understand what the vote was all about. This, too, is not surprising.

The poor turnout—statewide—provided no great shock; indeed, it had been expected, partly because it was a special election and partly because another constitutional amendment was the only stake.

Texas voters are growing tired of tramping to the polls every two years to decide matters that should be left to the duly elected representatives. The Texas constitution has been amended practically to death—more than 100 changes inflicted at the polls—so that another amendment causes hardly a stir.

A constitution is defined by Webster as being a fundamental system of laws, and we regard a constitution as a supreme law to which other laws must be subservient.

But how can this fundamental network be supreme when it is changed at the drop of a legislative hat, even though the voters have the final say?

A change is definitely needed in the Texas constitution, or rather a new constitution is needed. This is an old war-cry, true, but still an important one. The old horse will continue to be ridden until someone puts a new horse in its place.

The Texas constitution is full of deadwood, and any attempts to eliminate the deadwood would require a complete revision.

But public apathy, legislative laziness and lack of leadership allow our worn-out, amended-to-death, confusion-filled constitution to carry on as the supreme state law.

It will continue to be weak, and we will continue to flock to the polls (in limited number) to add to its weaknesses, until it is completely discarded and a new constitution proposed. That would be one amendment worth voting for.

Our forefathers who designed the United States Constitution had enough foresight not to bind future generations in a constitutional straitjacket. Our Texas forefathers left their descendants enslaved by a burdensome docket.

How long must we suffer for their mistake?

A Growing Boy

A recent Gallup Poll survey revealed that the proportionate number of Americans who believe "Big Government" is the "biggest threat to the country in the future" has more than doubled since 1960. Even "Big Brother" itself is aware of public worry over the government's increasing power in all areas—students visiting the White House are often assured by administration officials that there is nothing to fear from the government.

How big is big brother? George Champion, chairman of the board of the Chase Manhattan Bank, recently had some observations on the growth and extent of federal power. He noted, for instance, that today one dollar out of every five spent in America flows from the U. S. government; that one job out of every eight comes from the Federal government.—The Shreveport (La.) Times.

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European Tour Ends In Paris

By HERKY KILLINGSWORTH  
I guess all is quiet around the Bryan - College Station area now. Deserted, desolate, probably peaceful with everyone recuperating getting ready for another football season and/or school semester.

High up in the Rockies at Aspen, Colorado, you'll also find me recuperating. About three-fourths of the time I'm flat on my back and the other fourth is spend at the dinner table. It's all over now and I have nothing left but a handful of odd-looking coins, a few old subway tickets, a tourist guide to London, and about 25 rolls of pictures.

Also a few memories. I have so many memories I'm thinking about writing a book, "Europe Through a Dirty Windshield," or maybe "Europe Through a Bathroom Window" remembering my working days in Copenhagen.

I spent my last five days in Paris which turned out to be a combination of everything I had seen throughout Europe. There's a fountain, statue or monumental building on every corner with a pretty girl in between. Nothing is disappointing about Paris except the Parisians

and they seem to think all Americans are rich and need their pockets cleaned.

However, Paris is still a dream world. You've seen it in movies, on TV, and in all kind of books, but it's still unbelievable when you're Johnny-on-the-spot.

Unfortunately my existence in Paris was not dreamy for I had simultaneously run out of money and time. Six days before the plane left London I had just about \$6, plus a train ticket to London, a plane ticket to New York and a trunkful of Coke bottles.

Due to those circumstances I parked my car in a camping ground which is very popular in Europe. There are more than 1,200 camp grounds in France, and Europeans rely on them like we do motels and Aggie buddies. There were more than 3,000 campers in the Paris camp.

For 50 cents a night you have access to shower, etc. and a grocery which took my coke bottles and kept me supplied with bread. Leaving my car where it stood, I began walking.

First to the Eiffel Tower which

is just as magnificent as it appears in pictures. A red, nasty color, it towers on up there alright. From there I attempted a walking tour of Paris seeing everything from the Arc de Triumph (which looked like a pipe jungle because of its being in the process of rejuvenation), the Cathedral Notre Dame, St. Germain des Prix and Napoleon's grave. I honestly believe that during those five days, I walked every street in Paris, many twice.

To make my trip complete and in case I died before I made it back to Paris, I visited the Louve and paid a visit to Venus de Milo and Mona Lisa. Mona just sat there and grinned at me with that crooked smile of her's; finally stared me down, so I left.

Paris at night is different from the Paris of the day. The mass of rocks perk up at night and give the city a radiance whereby the reputation of "City of Love" come about. Unfortunately I spoke less French than other languages so I had to be contented with secondary interests such as the Follies de Bergere.

The days passed fast and it soon

came time for me to use first my train ticket, then my plane ticket, next a bus ticket and finally one last hike to get home, relaxation, bed and food. Mark one swell summer and prepare for a good season where Stallings'll beat the hell out of every one.

By the way, if anyone's interested in what happened to my Blue Lemon. I had to push it off to get out of camp, filled it up with water one last time, took my luggage to the train station, had a little time left and decided to ride around (which is not too wise an idea in Paris). Actually I was trying to figure what to do with it but it solved the problem itself. In the middle of the Champs Elysses at about ten minutes until twelve, it ran out of gas. Angry at first, I silently clinched my teeth. Suddenly a brainstrom leaped from my car, walked calmly to the street, stood quietly for about 10 minutes watching taxis pile up behind. Turned an already noisy street to an intolerable inferno of shouts, horns, angry drivers. Silently I watched, then walked to the nearest subway station and left Paris a very happy Aggie.

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