

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"I think you'll be glad to know that we'll be driving at a safe speed on th' way home!"

Editor,
The Battalion:

Much has been said and written in the last few weeks about the people leaving the Corps; their number, their reasons, their departure's impact on the future of the Corps, etc., etc., etc. These topics were of great interest to me as I am sure they were to most other Aggies, until just the other day. At that time an idea began to form in the back of my mind: the idea that perhaps attention was being directed at the wrong group of fish.

Reassured by remarks made at a meeting last week, I took a good, hard look at my own outfit. I saw two distinct groups. In one group I saw those leaving—people without the backbone or guts or maturity required to live the Corps life.

Naturally, there were exceptions; some of those leaving had financial problems, some had other legitimate excuses for dropping out but this situation occurs every year. The majority of those leaving the Corps this year have no real reason for leaving. They just don't have what it takes to make the grade. They

are the type who will make excellent civilian students.

Then I took a good look at those remaining in the Corps. I admit I was shocked, pleasantly shocked. What a difference. I saw people who were spirited, intelligent, active, fun-loving. I saw the same thing that I visualize when the term "Aggie fish" is mentioned. I saw people learning to stand up for what they feel is right, people realizing that this world is not all blue jeans, long haircuts and beards, people learning not to make excuses for their mistakes but rather to accept their punishment and not make that mistake again, people who still respect their parents and elders, and most important of all, people who came to A&M boys but are boys no longer because they are young men.

I don't claim they are ready to take their places in the world. Certainly not, but I do claim that when the time comes for these people to take their stations in life, they will be ready.

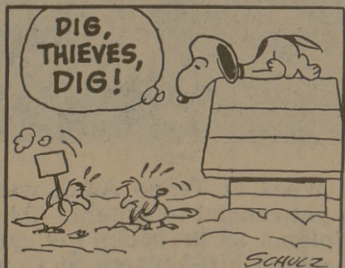
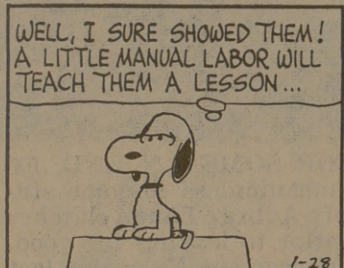
I wish them the best of everything. To the quitters, I wish nothing.

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By Charles M. Schulz

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