

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"We may as well get used to it because it's got to be on the bed when mother gets here next Sunday!"

Stabilize The 'Hemline'

The debate over whether tax rates should be raised and lowered from season to season like the hemlines of women's dresses is growing in Washington. And it's high time.

Not long ago, Gardner Ackley, chairman of President Johnson's Council of Economic Advisors, told Americans, "We must accustom ourselves to the idea of frequent adjustment of tax rates." It is Ackley's contention that a fluid federal fiscal policy is the best means of keeping the economy on an even course.

Later he was challenged by Rep. Wilbur Mills, D-Ark., chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee. Consumers, uneasy about the possibility of a tax hike, make for an uneasy economy, he said.

And he makes good sense. Talk that began last fall about a tax increase caused the nation's economy to take a bad turn, opening its back door to the possibility of recession. Auto sales showed an almost immediate drop as confidence-shaken consumers began laying money away to pay higher taxes that still haven't materialized.

If a yo-yo policy makes it hard on consumers, it's even worse on business. Long-range planning is vital to sound business. But what businessman can plan ahead if he can't be sure about his taxes. Case in point is the recently restored 7 per cent investment tax credit. Five months prior to its restoration earlier this year, it had been revoked. Not a very stable basis upon which to plan for business expansion.

In the last five years, Americans have worried their way through six major tax changes. President Johnson is now asking for a seventh. For the health of the economy (and the taxpayer's peace of mind) the President should make our tax changes less fashionable.

—The Dallas Morning News

One Marriage 'Too Many' Says Sophomore Engineer

Just now, one marriage would be "one too many" for an Iranian student at Texas A&M.

By law, dark-haired Freidoon Sharifi-Monfared, a sophomore petroleum engineering major at Texas A&M, could have as many as four wives.

"Every man in my country can have four wives if he likes," Sharifi-Monfared commented. "The usual number is one, though."

Sharifi-Monfared, the son of a civilian advisor to the Shah of Iran, is too busy with the books to worry about marriage.

"I'm taking 19 hours this semester," Fred confided. "English gives me a lot of trouble, but I am doing okay in chemistry and physics. The highest grade I have ever made in English is a 'C'."

The 22-year-old Iranian has yet to take a course in petroleum engineering, but plans to get in the thick of it this fall.

"I've tried to get a summer job in petroleum engineering for the past two years, but I haven't been able to land one," he remarked. "I've got to work at least six weeks in the profession before my senior year."

It's Fred's ambition to stay around long enough to earn a master's degree. He feels he will have little trouble finding work in Iran, the world's third largest oil producer.

Although Fred's father, Ali Sharifi-Monfared has been an ad-

visor to the Shah for about 30 years, Fred has had little contact with Shah Mohamad Reza Pahlavi.

"He's a very busy man," Fred remarked. "People have to make appointments about three weeks in advance just to talk three to five minutes with him."

"My father has made three trips to the United States with the Shah," the soft-spoken Iranian commented. "But that's not the reason I came to A&M. I was going to Georgetown University in 1965 and decided to study petroleum engineering. After reading about A&M in a book, I decided to come here. At first, I couldn't even find College Station on the map."

After graduating from Alborz High School in Tehran, Iran's capital city, Fred worked a year on cotton farms in the area before obtaining his passport to the United States.

"I posted about \$1,000 with the

Army to assure that I return to fulfill my military obligation," Fred explained. "When I go home, I will serve two years as an officer in the Army."

Fred says he and his roommate, Francisco J. Sagastegui of Monterrey, Mexico, are too busy with their homework to learn each other's language.

"In my spare time, I play tennis and swim," Fred declared. "I go to football games sometimes and visit Iranian friends in Houston now and then."

"Pizza and prime ribs are my favorite foods," Fred grinned. "But I guess you would have to say that Pizza is an Italian food."

Fred misses his parents and doesn't expect to see them until he graduates, but he stays in touch by writing every week. He also writes a girl friend from Tehran who is studying in London.

"A&M is a good place to study," Fred commented.

Potts, Helm Given Top FFA Awards

By LEON MACHA Battalion Special Writer

Dr. R. C. Potts, assistant dean of agriculture, and Raymond Helm, instructor of dairy science, received the top awards at the A&M Collegiate FFA Student-Prof Banquet held recently.

Dr. Potts received the Distinguished Service Award, an annual award given in recognition of outstanding contributions to agriculture during his career. Helm was selected Outstanding Professor in the College of Agriculture by the FFA chapter for his outstanding performance as a Dairy Science Department instructor.

Student awards presented included those to outstanding junior and seniors. The Outstanding Senior Award for the fall semester went to Robert E. Lee of Gordon, while the spring semester award was presented to Joe Townsend of McAllen, and John Dillingham of Gouldbusk.

The Outstanding Junior Award was presented to Leland Williams of Gouldbusk. The Junior Award carried a \$125 scholarship provided from funds of the FFA chapter.

The Leadership Award, presented to the chapter president for each semester, was received by Joe Townsend of McAllen, fall president, and Ronnie Clark, Gainesville, spring president.

Advisor Pins were presented to the agricultural education seniors who had completed the student-teaching this spring by Dr. O. M. Holt, associate professor of agricultural education.

Marcus Hill, state FFA president from Sulphur Springs, was the guest speaker. He leads more than 50,000 Texas FFA members, which is almost 10 per cent of the national membership.

"Agriculture is an expanding field in every aspect but one — the number of farmers," Hill explained referring to advancing agricultural technology.

"Technology," Hill said evaluating the future, "can destroy polo — or people."

The 160 present at the banquet consisted of FFA members and their professor-guests, vocational agriculture teachers who supervised this year's student-teachers, and several honored guests from the field of agriculture.

Architect Speaks At Awards Event

Houston Architect Preston Bolton will be the featured speaker Wednesday for the Texas A&M School of Architecture Awards Convocation.

Edward J. Romieniec, School of Architecture Chairman, said Bolton, a 1941 Texas A&M graduate, will serve as program emcee and present awards.

Ceremonies are set for 3 p.m. in the School of Architecture library courtyard.

New awards will be implemented this year, Romieniec said, for graduate students in planning, research and architecture.

Awards are planned for outstanding students from each class in design. Other top awards will be made to students in landscape and construction.

Several scholarships and fellowships also are to be presented.

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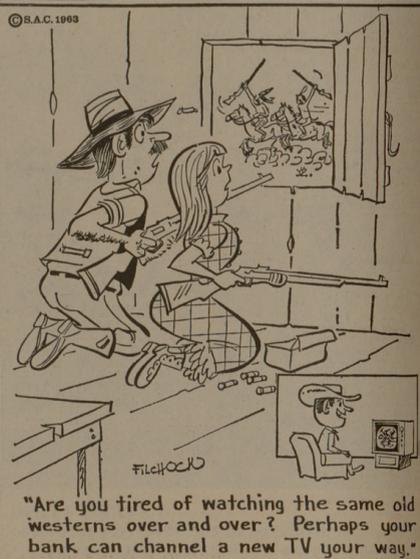
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