

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"Everybody seems to have gotten their teeth into this name change business!"

Beatles And Pot? Yeah, Yeah, Yeah

Not content with changing the hair and fashion styles of the Western World, the Beatles have now turned their attention and influence to legalizing marijuana in the British Empire.

An advertisement in the Times of London newspaper demanded Monday that "pot" as it is called in the hippy jargon be made as legal as asparagus.

The advertisement was aimed at Home Secretary Roy Jenkins, an important member of Prime Minister Harold Wilson's cabinet. The Beatles apparently hope that their names, which incidentally were followed by the initials, "M.B.E." signifying that they were awarded the "members of the British Empire" order by Queen Elizabeth II, will reverse the government's present position which makes the possession of the drug a felony.

It's probably a safe bet that the Beatles are more well known than Secretary Jenkins and many youngsters will consider the Beatles' sanction of "pot" smoking reason enough to light up a "joint."

But it's also a reasonably safe bet that Secretary Jenkins or anyone else in the British government will do nothing to alter the laws. The scene is now set for those who regard the Beatles' word as law to find that the laws of the British Empire carry a trifle bit more weight.

Texas Ranks Third In Motor Vehicles

A total of 5,711,263 motor vehicles was registered in Texas in 1966 compared with 5,609,865 in the previous year.

More than 94.1 million motor vehicles were registered in the United States in 1966. The state of California led the way with 10.3 million and Alaska held up the bottom with 108,000.

The national increase was 4.1 percent over 1965, while Texas had an increase of only 1.8 percent. The number of vehicles in the U.S. rose from 90,360,721 in 1965 to 94,176,799 in 1966. The figures were contained in a report just released by the Federal Highway Administration. The registration total includes 78.3 million automobiles, 15.5 million trucks and 323,197 buses. Automobile registration increased 4.1 percent over 1965.

In Texas, 4,467,722 automobiles, 1,229,814 trucks and 13,727 buses were registered.

New York State followed California with the next highest number of motor vehicles, 6.2 million. Texas placed third with its 5.7 million.

Ohio registered 5.2 million motor vehicles. Pennsylvania had the same number and Illinois registered 4.7 million. Another 24 states registered more than a million motor vehicles each in 1966.

Automobile registrations followed a similar pattern with California listing 8.7 million and New York, 5.5 million. Ohio replaced Texas in number of automobile registrations with 4.7 million. Pennsylvania registered 4.5 million, followed by Texas with 4.4 million.

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Aggie Skips Senior Year And Begins College Career

A Texas A&M sophomore who skipped his senior high school year to enroll in college is storming studies in the fashion of the Second Ranger Battalion on the cliffs of Normandy.

Tom Henry Sathre, 17, a civil engineering major of San Antonio, has a 2.02 overall grade point ratio, studies computer science courses on an elective basis during the summer and puts it to use in computer programming projects for the Environmental Engineering Division, Civil Engineering Department, and in the office of the vice president for research, Dr. A. D. Suttle Jr.

Sathre is considered brilliant by his professors and is making rapid adjustment to the situation of being a South San Antonio High junior in the summer and a university freshman the following fall.

The bridge for his unusual transition was a National Science Foundation summer program in engineering science for high-ability high school students. Sathre attended on the recommendation of his South San Antonio High counselor and several teachers. He stayed.

The son of first grade teacher Mrs. Ruth Sathre, 102 McKenna, San Antonio, received high school graduation credit by examination. The 6-foot-2, light haired Aggie plowed into freshman engineering courses in 2.5 GPR fashion (a 3.0 grade point ratio is perfect) and received enthusiastic encouragement from several sources.

"Tim is very capable, mature and has keen insight," commented Dr. J. G. H. Thompson, mechanical engineering professor who instructed the summer program in advanced math and analog computer programs. He became the natural and acknowledged leader among the NSF high school students. They turned to him for guidance in their work."

From the six-week program, Sathre received a \$100 scholarship to attend A&M and special commendation from President Earl Rudder.

New fields to conquer won out. Tom breezed through the exams and enrolled at A&M. He became a member of Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honor society, the first semester.

He received a \$500 Gregory scholarship through the efforts of Dr. C. H. Samson, civil engineering head, and eased quickly into college routine. The adjustment was just another stride for the high-ability student. The different schools in Texas and California before enrolling at A&M, his first two years of high school were at Lewisville, where he lived with his grandparents and had ranch responsibility for 50 head of cattle.

"He's not a 'teenage' teenager and I'm not sure Tom would want to be," recalled Larry Eicher of Loveland, Colo., a chemistry graduate student who was Sathre's dorm counselor in the summer program.

"It was hard for him to find someone to converse with, he was so far ahead of his contemporaries. But they came to respect his abilities and look up to him," Eicher said, reinforcing observations of Thompson.

"Tom fits well into adult situations," Eicher went on. "Where the usual teenager is more boisterous, he is quiet, reserved and uses adult terms."

Sathre, who works for Environ-

mental Engineering Division Director Dr. Roy W. Hann, quickly grasps situations.

"One of the first days he was with us, I gave him a book on computer programs to read," Dr. Hann described. "He read the whole book that night. The next day I included him right into a research group working on a Houston ship channel water resources project. I explained a biological waste treatment con-

cept and Tom logically questioned a part of it the graduate students blandly accepted."

"He has a tremendous background in electronics, particularly as applied to computing," Hann added.

Sathre, who taught himself calculus at South San, has received a \$950 National Merit Award scholarship, one of about 2,500 annually awarded to top students across the U. S.

Plans Being Made For AIBS Meeting

John Hewitt of Washington, D. C., new American Institute of Biological Sciences public relations director, arrived here Monday to confer with Texas A&M officials about press arrangements for the AIBS meetings which the university will host Aug. 27-Sept. 1.

Scores of science and agricultural writers have been invited to cover the new developments in biology which will be reported at the meetings.

Of particular interest to the press will be Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, who is scheduled to address AIBS participants Aug. 30. Other notables include Sen. Henry Jackson of Washington and Stanley A. Cain, assistant secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, U. S. De-

partment of the Interior, who will join in an Aug. 28 plenary session entitled, "Environment of Man Revisited."

COUNCIL

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point bond issue before the citizens.

The date for the election has not been set and neither has the dollar value been fixed for the amount.

passed a resolution to put a five-year election to decide whether College Station citizens will pay for two highway right-of-ways within the city, the construction of a new city hall, fire department, police department, extension of Lincoln Ave. and 29th St.

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Tonight: "Father Goose"
Friday: "Lafayette"
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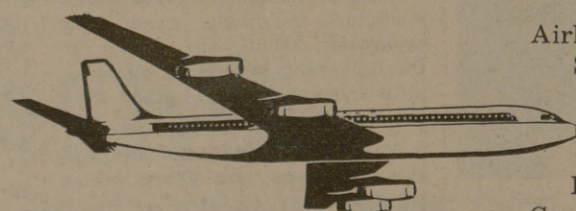
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