

And Some Of Our Kids Think Exams Are Hard!

As the newsworld ground to a halt in Parisian movie-theaters last month, a picture of a shirt-sleeved French teen-ager, his face buried in a trigonometry text, "based on the screen. Suddenly, the boy reached for a little white pill and the commentator's voice warned: "The use of drugs to keep awake while studying is foolish. The next scene showed the boy falling asleep during his exam."

This brief (three-minute) documentary may have baffled American tourists, but the point was not lost on Frenchmen. This is the time that tries the souls, minds, and bodies of French adolescents in classrooms all over France last month, youngsters are sitting down to what the world's toughest test for teen-agers, the "baccalauréat."

Nicknamed "le bac" by generations of French students (although many of today's youngsters simply call it "le bac"), the exam is a formidable cross between the American college boards and the Spanish Inquisition. Not only is the baccalauréat a key to French universities and civil service, it also insures priority consideration even for such jobs as railway line men.

Given the professional, parental, and personal pressures to pass, it is not surprising that sales of "Meal-town" and Mac-town (the Gallic version of Dex-drine) take a big jump each June. A month before the grueling three-day exams (which are usually taken in two sections, the first part at the end of the junior year, the second at the end of the senior year) students buckle down to eighty-five- and six-hour study sessions.

"Every day I ask myself if I can possibly memorize all the necessary facts and dates," moans Françoise Boutot, the 16-year-old daughter of a French insurance executive. "My parents wouldn't be unpleasant if I didn't pass, but I'm sure they wouldn't understand. Sometimes I'm sick just thinking about it."

The climax of Françoise's mal de tête et père came last month when she and 200,000 other students (among them two

teen-agers who were arrested as OAS terrorists but permitted to study in their cells) sat down at wooden tables spaced 2 feet apart, and for three days would write a series of essays on such subjects as philosophy, math, Greek, physics, French, and history. Some mind-boggling questions:

"Do you distinguish between reason and intelligence, and if so, why?"

"Discuss the exploration of the African continent between 1850 and 1914."

"Discuss the problem of life itself."

High Jump: Late last month, everyone except the infirm took the somewhat less rigorous physical part of the baccalauréat. The girls, for instance, were required to make three jumps tucking their feet behind their knees in mid-air, climb a 10-foot rope, run the 60-meter dash in 101 seconds, and high-jump at least 3 feet.

From all this, the examiners will produce a complicated weighted average. A 50 is the passing mark; 33 is failure. The students whose averages fall in between will be given a second chance to pass, at a lengthy oral examination, because as one teacher puts it: "Some students are too nervous to express themselves well on examination days." Evidently, a majority express themselves well enough because about 70 per cent of the candidates get through.

TV Announcer Was Plenty Hungry

After thirteen years as a shortstop and six as a baseball announcer with the New York Yankees, 44-year-old Phil Rizzuto has reached a surprising conclusion: It's much easier to play doubleheaders than announce 22-inning games. Alone at the WPIX mike during a Yankee-Detroit Tiger game last month from the seventh inning on (when Mel Allen switched over to radio), Rizzuto ran out of taped comments and patience—but never words.

"I never was that tired after playing baseball," said Rizzuto after the Yankees won baseball's longest game (seven hours, 9-7, in the 22nd inning. "When you say 'the top of the sixteenth you start thinking of the last time you ate."

By the seventeenth, Rizzuto, who had nothing to eat or drink during the game, let his hunger get the better of him and he announced to the 1.4 million viewers his proposed menu for dinner: "Shrimp cocktail with Russian dressing, a sirloin steak New York cut, baked potato, string beans, coffee, apple pie, and ice cream."

In the nineteenth, he said: "I think I'd better make it a side order of spaghetti, too." Finally, in the 22nd, he added: "Better make it a double order of spaghetti and a double order of dessert." Then, at last, baseball's longest game ended. WPIX, which had been forced to cancel one movie, two comedy shows, one mystery, and Rocky Marciano, returned to its firmed fare, and Rizzuto returned to his hotel and food fare. He settled.

The only real winners: PeeWee Reese and the CBS Game of the Week crew who, because of previous commitments, cut out after ten and a half innings.

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ODDS: 22 MILLION-TO-1—Clocks tell the hours that Jack R. Yoder, his wife, Sharon, and their first child, Todd, were born on the same date: Yoder in 1941, Mrs. Yoder in 1943, and baby Todd in 1962.

TABLE TALKS

Jane Andrews

There are almost as many recipes for hamburger patties as there are outdoor cooks, for each patty maker-of-charcoal-fires seems to have his own special, secret recipe. If you like to buy meat and have it ground (or you can grind it at home), boneless chuck or round steak or neck or flank may be used. Ground beef needs a little fat to give it just the right flavor, so be sure to add just a little salt. Keep ground beef loosely wrapped in the refrigerator and use it within a couple of days (or wrap it and freeze it). Cook hamburgers slowly and turn carefully; don't overcook. Add 1 teaspoon salt and a little pepper to each pound of ground beef; ¼ cup chopped onion and ¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce are good seasonings, too.

Once when I was spending a few days on a ranch in the Rocky Mountains, an outdoor cook told me that the high, cold air called for hearty meals. He used quick oats as an ingredient for his hamburgers, and here is such a recipe, writes Eleanor Ritchey Johnson in the Christian Science Monitor.

OUTDOOR HAMBURGERS
1½ pounds ground meat
2 cups rolled oats—quick or old-fashioned, uncooked
2 teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon onion salt
1½ teaspoon oregano
1 cup tomato juice
2 eggs, beaten

You will need also 8 slices each: Bermuda onions, sliced; mushrooms, sliced; and bacon (partially cooked).
Thoroughly combine all the hamburger ingredients. Shape into 8 patties. Broil. If you broil in your stove, place on rack 4-5 inches from source of heat and broil for 5 minutes. Turn and broil 5 minutes. Remove from heat and place slice of onion on top of each, then tomato, then cheese. Cut bacon slices in half; form a cross of bacon on top of cheese on each hamburger. Return to broiler and broil 2-3 minutes. Serve on buns.

If you like a Mexican flavor to your hamburger, try this unusual recipe.

ROY MEXICAN BURGERS
1 pound coarsely ground hamburger
1 small green pepper, chopped
1 small onion, chopped
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 tablespoon chili sauce
1 teaspoon salt
1 pinch black pepper

Combine ground meat with salt, pepper, and chili powder; mix well. Pour chili sauce over this and mix well. Toss in onion and green pepper and mix. Shape into large patties about 1½ inches thick. Sprinkle with cheese-flavored salt or sauce (if desired). Grill, searing quickly on both sides. Cook until crusty on outside and juicy and pink inside. Makes 4 hamburgers.

Tiny meat balls in frankfurter buns are a departure from plain patties and are especially good for a patio teenage party. These balls may be made with beef, veal, or lamb. For some recipes of meat balls, a double-grind of the meat is desirable. The meat balls described are served in a chafing dish with sauce. You can,

of course, cook them in a skillet or on an outdoor grill.

DILL VEAL BALLS
1 pound ground veal
½ cup chopped dill pickle
3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
1 egg, slightly beaten
1½ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons shortening
1 can (6½ ounces) concentrated tomato juice, diluted with 1 can water
1 teaspoon minced parsley
1 teaspoon sugar
1½ teaspoon ground oregano
1 clove garlic, minced
4-6 frankfurter buns

Combine first 6 ingredients; shape into 1-inch balls. Brown in shortening in skillet; pour off grease. Add tomato juice and next 4 ingredients; stir carefully. Cover and simmer 25-30 minutes, using about 4 meat balls to a bun. Serves about 6.

Another recipe for meat balls that makes 2½ dozen 1-inch balls uses chicken and mayonnaise. Here it is.

DEVILED MEAT BALLS
1 pound Roquefort cheese
¼ cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
2 cups corn flakes
½ cup milk
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 pound ground beef
1½ teaspoons salt
1½ teaspoon pepper

Crumble cheese with a fork; blend in mayonnaise, sauce, and mustard. Crush corn flakes slightly; add remaining ingredients and cheese mixture and mix well. Form into 1-inch balls; broil or fry until done.

SUMMER TIME FLOAT
2 cups milk
1 cup mashed banana
1 pint vanilla ice cream
1½ cups liquid milk
1 cup unsweetened pineapple juice chilled

Mix together milk, banana, honey, pineapple juice, ice cream. Top with scoops of vanilla ice cream. Serve with cookies, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Scottish Farmer Gift of Science
From earliest days imaginative people have wondered at the marvels of the earth as well as the heavens. The myths of discovery inspired some of the finest passages in the Bible. The early Christians recorded details of earthquakes and discovered the lodestone or rock magnet. The Greeks, by watching the shadow made on the moon during an eclipse, discovered that the earth was round and by simple observations deduced its approximate size. In western Europe in the Middle Ages minerals or peculiar stones began to be valued, especially those whose shape suggested some living thing.

Towards the end of the eighteenth century a modern scientific approach to the study of rocks, minerals and fossils had emerged, and geology became a recognized science. Men began to use their eyes and write down what they saw, trying to account for these things only in accordance with real experience. This is a commonplace of science today, but at that time it

All He Needed Was Confidence

It was in New York recently that Charlie Metro had talked about Earl Wilson.

"I've expected every spring to start reading stories about him," said the Cubs' 11 coach of the thought he'd break out of his shell some day and be a fine pitcher.

"I saw a lot of Wilson in 1959, while managing the Augustus club in the Sally League," Charlie continued. "He was pitching in the Red Sox organization with Montgomery and he really made that ball hum when he worked against us."

"He impressed me so much that I used to ask questions about him. I wanted to get him, of course, but was always told the same thing. 'When he gets a little more confidence,' they'd say, 'he'll be a great pitcher.'"

"That's why I've been looking for him to make it big with the Red Sox. He always seemed so close. All he's ever needed was just a little more confidence in himself."

Well, Metro must have united to himself as he read about Earl Wilson's outstanding effort against the Los Angeles Angels, writes Ed Rumlin in the Christian Science Monitor. Only 21, he was walked to the plate against them and only four reached bases—all on walks. There were no hits and solidly hit balls were a minority. The score was 14-

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A small group of business executives and professors of business administration dined together at the Harvard Club of Boston the other evening, and lingered around the dinner table until 11 p.m.

The discussion topic that held them up to that late hour was "ethics in business."

It was a private session among friends. Many of them had graduated together several years ago from Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program, and were gathered in Boston for a class reunion.

In the quiet, relaxed exchange they probed for answers to a problem that usually seems gray and ill-defined.

"Who of us is not guilty of giving gifts because a competitor has done it?" asked one executive.

"What do you do if a superior asks you to do something you feel is not completely honest?" I tried standing for my principles and it got me into trouble," said another.

Gordon Burt Affleck, purchasing agent for the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, Utah, and past president of the National Association of Purchasing Agents, had been invited by the group to speak. He reported that his church, which, he said, has business interests in many fields, no longer accepts gifts from any salesman.

He said this had been welcomed with increased respect from the sales people involved. Further, Mr. Affleck reported, a survey published in Purchasing magazine in December, 1957, indicated that 75.6 per cent of the purchasing people and 78 per cent of sales people polled would like to see gift-giving eliminated entirely.

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THE FARM FRONT

By John Russell

The following is a continuation of the article "Death in the Farm" — the Crop That Never Grew" by Thelma Dickman and taken from the Imperial Oil Review.

So far, at least three provinces are providing a well-rounded program of accident prevention for farmers — Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan. The programs differ, because local conditions differ, but the objective is the same.

Saskatchewan's Christian Smith lists four needs in the fight for farm (and urban) accident prevention.

1. Comprehensive and detailed national accident statistics, by age groups, sex, place and type of accident and occupational groups. "You can't fight a problem without understanding it fully," Smith says.

2. A national voluntary safety organization with a comprehensive program for all accidents — prevention, similar to the National Safety Council of the U.S. (Not all provinces agree on this, however. Some feel that the program must be geared to local conditions and that, in the final analysis, safety must become a family project.)

3. Support and leadership by the Canadian government, through health and agriculture departments.

4. Provision of safety education materials, films, national TV and radio programs about accident prevention, not just traffic accidents. (Imperial now distributes Farm Tractor Safety: A Family Affair. The film portrays dramatically how one farm community got together to combat accidents.)

Smith, who gets his shopping mad when he describes safety safety practices, was the moving force behind Child Safety Day, started in Saskatchewan in 1954. It's held on the first Sunday in May. Last year it was adopted as a national day in Canada. Some U.S. organizations think it should be held internationally.

A few years ago, Smith and his department saw from their hospital insurance statistics that 50 per cent of all farm accidents in their province happened in hilly areas — and half of these accidents indicated poor housekeeping. For instance, a four-year-old, left to play alone in a toolshed, knocked over a jar of weedkiller that was more than 60 per cent carbon tetrachloride. Two weeks after inhaling the poisonous fumes, he was dead.

Smith's department promptly instituted an annual spring farmyard cleanup campaign.

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In 1961, heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson and his family moved into a \$90,000 home in Yonkers, N.Y., becoming pioneer Negro residents of the exclusive neighborhood known as Beech Hill. Next door lived a dentist who, as Patterson interpreted it, went out of his way to be unfriendly by erecting a 6-foot fence between the two backyards. Learning that his neighbor planned to move, Patterson last week paid \$300 to have the fence extended to the front of his property. The fence might easily lower the market value of the adjoining house. The dentist fumed. "Touch on my property," he warned the fence-builders, "and you better have a court order for it." When he heard the fence was going to be built, Patterson said: "If he touches anything over here, he's better have an ambulance. How long will the fence stay up? Patterson said frankly: "As soon as the new people move in, I'll take it down."

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Cor. 3:18.

God is still Sovereign. He answers prayer. Let us not fear but have faith in Him. He has given His Son for us. In Him we may have eternal life.

Not A Publicity Stunt, Jerry Says

For comedian Jerry Lewis, it was no laughing matter — at first. Missing from his Manhattan hotel suite, Lewis told police, was \$185,000 worth of jewelry, which he and his wife had lugged from Hollywood. The stuff was insured, of course, but you can't insure what it was worth in heart value. To a newswoman who tried to cheer him up with a small joke, Lewis said somberly: "I can be whimsical or irresponsible about a tragedy like this." Then, too, his wife happened to have a very emotional Italian woman who takes these things seriously. But network time is a great healer, and by the next night trouper Lewis was gallant by twitting his own loss on TV, as host of the "Tonight" show. One thing he wanted to make clear, though, was that the robbery was no publicity stunt. As Jerry put it: "There are people who think no real things happen to people in our business. They think everything is phony."

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BIG JOB — Brad Alexander, 2, is sure that his dad has seen it. Dad, Brad's dad, drives a new 80-ton ore carrying diesel. The tires are six-feet high.

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