

RAYBURN WILL SET RECORD AS SPEAKER WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 - (29)-Rep. Sam Rayburn of Texas will set a new record when he becomes speaker of the House again next month, Rep. Cannon (D-Mo) said today.

Cannon, an authority on House rules, customs and history and a former house parliamentarian, said house records reveal no man has ever served more than eight years as speaker.

Rayburn is one of the six men who held the speakership four terms —or eight years—and he is slated to step back into the chair when the Democrats organize the

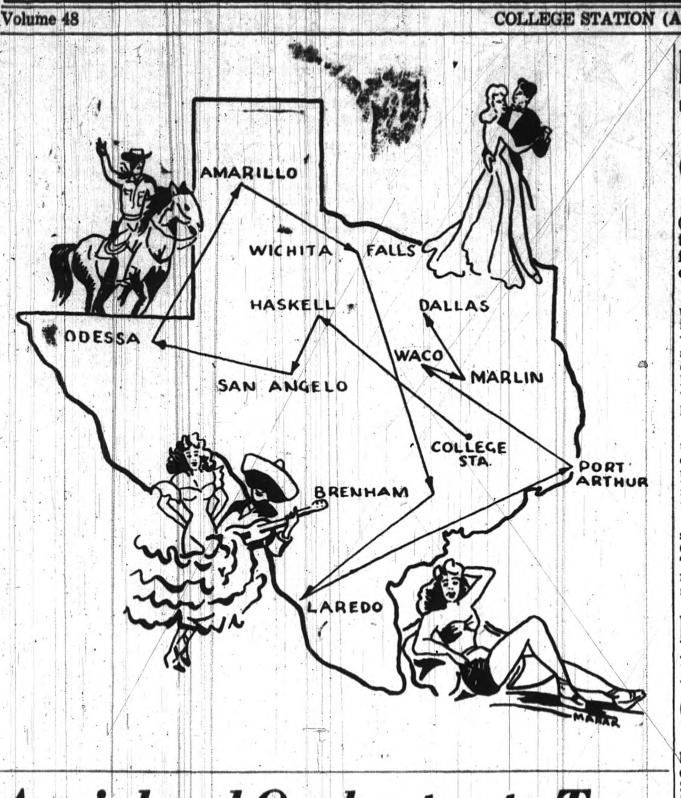
new congress January 3. "Sam will be the first speaker in the history of the United States Congress to serve more than eight years in that job," Cannon said.

LOVETT SAYS CHIANG TRIP IS FAILURE WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 - (P)-Undersecretary of State Lovett in-dicated today that Madam Chiang Kai Shek has been unsuccessful here in her mission of obtaining stronger American support for the

here in her mission of obtaining stronger American support for the Chinese National Government. Lovett indicated this at a news conference at which he also said that American policy toward China calls for dealing with the Nation-alist government under Generalis-simo Chiang Kai-Shek. That policy, Lovett said, was determined by Congress and is be-ing carried out by the administra-tion to the best of its ability with-in the limitations (presumably meaning congressional limits on volume of aid).

ARMY OVERTHROWS CASTRO GOVERNMENT

thrown the government of Presi-dent Salvador Casteneda Castro. The president was deposed after an exchange of machinegun fire yesterday between army men and the garrison of the presidential palace.



The president's desire for exten-sion of his four years from March 1, 1949, appeared to be at least one of the factors. Elections for a con-stituent assembly to pass on that question were to be held today and Friday. Four Latin American govern-

&M Club (The Nat).

Dec. 26-OPEN

A&M Club (The Pavilion).

Dec. 30-Marlin, Falls County

Dec. 31-Dallas, Cotton Bowl

Club).

Pier).

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The Battalion

Mexico to Open Trading Zones On US Border **85** Texans Are Doomed **To Die During Holidays**

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16. (AP).-Mexico announced yesterday it plans to set up duty free trade zones at principal cities along the U.S. border.

The zones will be established under a new law granting the president the power to designate them wherever he sees fit. In these areas, no duties will be charged on imports from the United States. Present prohibitions and restrictions on imports of luxury items probably would not apply.

Ramon Beteta, treasury secretary, said free zones are being considered first for all the territories of northern and southern Baja California, and for Piedras Negras, opposite Eagle Pass, Tex.

Beteta said that study will be shortly on creating free zones at Ciudad Juarez, opposite El Paso, Tex., Nuevo Laredo, opposite Laredo, Tex., and Matamoros, oppo-site Brownsville, Tex.

Port Arthur Team Invited to Club's Christmas Dance

The Port Arthur A&M Club will hold its Annual All College Holi-day 1 ance on Tuesday, December 28 from 8 p.m. until 12 midnight in the ballroom of Port Arthur's million dollar Pleasure Pier which is located on the shores of Lake Sabine 3 mile from Port Arthur, Cana S Revesard president sn-Gene S. Brousard, president, announced today.

The Aggieland Orchestra will provide the music for the dance,

Approximately 85 Texans are doomed to lose their lives and 2,500 will be injured during the Christmas holidays, according to statistics released from the Governor's office. Governor Beauford Jester, in a letter to President F. C. Bolton, urged all members of

A.&M. faculty and students—to exercise great care over the holidays. Governor Jester pointed out that four out of five of the 2,500 injuries would be the fault of drivers on the highways



Santa won't get 6-year-old Emilio Landeros' letter. The lad was fatally injured when he was struck by a truck as he darted from a school bus, an unfinished letter to Santa Claus in his hand. Two unidentified men carry the boy from the scene of the accident.

More Changes Due

and roads. President Bolton, in a message to the Student Body and Faculty, added his request that all be care-ful and return without an accident

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after the bolidays. Following is the message from President Bolton:

To the Students and Faculty:

Injury and death from traffic accidents are assuming tragic proaccidents are assuming tragic pro-portions in the Nation and in the State. The Texas Department of Public Safety predicts that 85 fel-low Texans will lose their lives and 2,500 will be infured during the Christmas Holidays, and they have an uncanny ability to evaluate cor-rectly our careless driving habits even in advance.

I urge everyone of the A.&M. I amily to head the Governor's warning and not only to drive carefully but to add that courtesy for which you are so famous and give the other fellow every con-sideration even if he takes a little more than his share.

more than his share. Under the law of averages, four or five of those 2,500 in juries would be our fault or would hap-pen to us Let us each resolve that we will not, even through care-lessness or thoughtlessness, con-tribute the a single accident during the holidays.

The Battalion was the center

for the first Southwest Confer-

ence Sportsmanship meeting in 1948 and as a result of the meet-ing, A&M was chosen to act as headquarters for the Sportsman-

ship Committee which was form-ed. A direct result of the meet-

ing was the Southwest Confer-

ence Sportsmanship Code which all of the SWC schools have rati-

ments were overthrown earlier this year. These were in Costa Rica, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela.

Conditions returned to normal in the country. Buses resumed runs and stores opened. Most of the shooting yesterday was machinegun fire with a little

mortar and small arms display. Four civilians were reported killed and a few wounded. Property damage was slight.

TWO GROUPS OF TRUST SUITS FILED WEDNESDAY - AUSTIN, Dec. 16 -(P) The State yesterday charged four ma-jor typewriter companies with violations of Texas anti' trust laws. Attorney General Price Daniel filed suits in 126th District Court

Underwood Corp. The suits allege that each of the companies named fixed retail pric-

companies named rixed retail pric-is on portable typewriters and pho-bibited independent dealers from felling such typewriters below the price so allegedly fixed. Also anti-trust suits against El Paso, Fort Worth and Dallas Milk

Distributors were consolidated yes-terday and set for trial here December 20.

The suits were filed by Attor-ney Price Daniel in 98th District

Court. The State seeks penalties and injunctions against the milk companies on alleged fixing of pro-Counties.

are the Borden Co., Price's Cream-ery, Inc., and Hawkins Dairy. In

he Fort Worth and Dallas cases

are the Borden Co., Boswell Dair-ies, Alta Vista Creamery Co., Van-dervoorts' Inc., Cak Farms, Inc., Tennessee Dairies, Inc., Metzger's Dairies and Cabell's Inc.

POSTPONMENT GRANTED IN ART SHIRES CASE

DALLAS, Dec. 16 -(A)-Pre-liminary hearing for Art Shires, 42, former major league baseball player charged with murder in the death of William Hiram (Hi) Er-

win, 56, yesterday were postponed today until 9 a. m. today. All of the principals except a

state witness were present for the scheduled hearing in justice of the peace W. L. Sterrett's court Wednesday morning.

This witness, Dr. P. A. Rogers, sent word to the court that he was delivering a baby in Methodist Hospital and would not be able to attend.



By BUDDY LUCE

Paraguay, Peru and venezueta. An American Embassy spokes-man at San Salvador said no U. S. Orchestra members hang their hats this Christmas. This year's hats this christmas the aggregation all over the state to furnish music for the dancing feet of Santa Claus celebrating Aggies and their fandango fancying frauleins.

Traveling everywhere but home the orchestra will leave College Station on a chartered bus as soon as the holidays begin and after a veritable siege of one night stands will wind up the music making tour at the big Cotton Bowl Associa-tion dance in Dallas on New Year's Eve.

With the bus loaded with every-A&M Club (Falls Hotel). thing from the flute to the base fiddle, the "be-bop" boys will make the first leg of their trip to Has-Association Dance (Perkins Gym at SMU). against Remington Rand, Inc., Roy-al Typewriter Co., L. C. Smith and Corona Typewriters, Inc., and the kell, Texas. Their schedule of ap-

Dec. 20-Haskell, HJSK Club Dallas. (American Legion Hall).

Dec. 21-San Angelo, San An-

Will Be Combined After January 1

The Office of the Senior In-structor, Organized Reserve Corps for Texas will be combined with the office of the Texas Military ducer and consumer prices on milk District on January 1, Colonel Os-Defendants in the El Paso suit re the Borden Co. Price's Cream.

The combined offices will be known as the Texas Military Dis-

cline in business of the various and sundry merchants of College Stawill result. Both offices have been

East Texas -Partly cloudy, gelo A&M Club (The Hanger), by and in conjunction with a swing Dec. 22-Odessa, Trans-pecos

band from SMU. A&M Club (Ace of Clubs). The dance, sponsored by the Dec. 23-Amarillo, Amarillo A

Cotton Bowl Association, will begin at 9 p. m. and continue until 12:30. Each conference school Dec. 24-Wichita Falls, Wichiwill present five minutes of enta Falls A&M Club (Country tertainment at the dance and a good floor show should be the Dec. 25-Brenham, Brenham result.

If, when January 3 rolls around Dec. 27-Laredo, Laredo A&M clear signal, the boys in the Ag-Club (Laredo High School Gym). gieland Orchestra haven't seen Dec. 28-Port Arthur, Port dancing and dancers in all shapes, Arthur A&M Club (Pleasure situations, and shades of sheets in the wind, Turner just didn't toot his tooter in the right place. Dec. 29—Waco, Waco A&M Club (The Casablanca).

Laredo Club Will **Make Dance Plans**

to what was up, a sad-eyed soph-

omore muttered, "Man, it's

Christmas money the guys, are

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with the short future are almost

The Laredo Club will hold a All of the dances during the tour will be sponsored by the A&M Clubs in the various towns, except for the New Year's Eve dance in

D. S. Pena. The New Year's Eve fracas in Dallas is the top notch of the holi- be discussed and dance tickets will

days' festivities. The Aggieland be given out to members. All members are requested to be sells the most tickets prior to Mon-present, Pena said. day, Dec. 27 at 12 noon. ors for the occasion accompanied present, Pena said.

Dear Father . . .

Orchestra will do the musical hon-

and their annual appearance in Port Arthur during the Yuletide Season is an event that is looked forward to each year by all Jefferson and Orange County Aggies and Aggie-Ex's, as well as students who are home for the holidays

from other colleges. Brousard said that this year's dance promises to be one of the best that has ever been held in and the school bell rings the all Port Arthur, and he asked that all By GEORGE CHARLTON Aggies in the vicinity attend.

Tentative plans call for the power-house Yellow Jacket football freight car load have highlighted the return of the "cut." team of Port Arthur to be guests Student Publication's biggest year of the club at the dance, and Brou- 1948. From such major additions

sard said, "We sincerely hope that as a photo engraving laboratory some of the seniors on the team will decide to enroll at A&M upon their graduation from Port Arthur tures is long and important. the fea-their graduation from Port Arthur tures is long and important. the senior of the senior of the senior of the tures is long and important. the senior of the se The engraving lab, which was

Arrangements for the dance are first set up in the basement of Station. meeting Thursday, Dec. 16 in Room in charge of P. H. Landry. Admis-126, Academic Building at 7:30 sion has been set at \$1.50 per per-p. m., according to club president son, and tickets may be obtained the only student newspaper in from any club member. An exten- Texas to have this facility. It is Final Christmas dance plans will sive publicity campaign is under now possible for pictures taken one way, and a prize of \$5.00 will be night to be in the following day's awarded to the club member who paper.

equipment, however, it had been

as that ...

Year As Publications Grow necessary to send all photos to low type setting machine. With Austin for engraving and a week this new addition, an unlimited Austin for engraving and a week or more was usually required for the return of the "cut." for family may be set. Prior to

Improvements by the ream and the installation of the Ludlow, the Additional features were instiheadlines of one type family were limited by the amount of type on tuted for the 1948 Battalish, among them a weekly page written and hand. men on the campus and in College

All Staffs Doubled In Past

The comic strip "Lil Abner" was introduced during the past year and has proved to be a welcome addition to the paper. Enlarged staffs, doubled over

last year, for each of the six student publications made possible Before the installation of the larger editions of each and for some, an increase in the number of issues.

The Ugy Man Contest in the Commentator was inaugurated in 1948, and from the enthusiastic re-sponse it received it promises to The year 1948 was the first full year for publication of the Agribecome an annual event. The Batculturist and the Engineer since talion Pipe Smoking Contest also came into its own. before the war. A new magazine, The Southwestern Veterinarian,

fied.

was introduced this past year. And the first two issues have already rolled off the presses. On the technical side, a com-plete family of Bodoni type is now available for use in all Student Publications as the result of an addition to the equipment of the A&M Press of a \$7,000 dollar Lud-

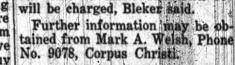
as a question on the Kampus hot these days, because the last you know how they feel about r Kuiz Program. When queried as time I was home you were hitting lending so much money up here. Corpus A&M Clubs

know how it happened, but it's gone, and I just can't get along without another one. If I had the money I know where I might get a good second hand one for only \$14.75, if I buy it be-fore next Saturday. Members of the student club will

paper. It's expensive, but I don't cember 23 to decorate for the Each member of the student

I'll have to pick up your copy and mail it to you each day because our paper can't offer any such service or other Aggie paraphranalia for decorations.

> Club members will be admitted free to the dance and will be allowed to bring one guest couple for which a small admission fee



the lower coast th is afternoon. Fair and colder. Lowest tempera-tures 28 to 32 in extreme nor th-west porton. Fri-west porton. Fri-Ket porton. Fri-Ket porton. Fri-Ket porton. Fri-Ket p west portion. Fri-day fair, colder designs were turned in. CLOUDday fair, colder
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to more used (but in MANILA, Dec. 16 - (P)- A tygrave. Dear Father, Well sir, how are things with you? I bet your golf game is red-by our golf game is red-Bromised to pay me back right buying three fifths of Seagram's Seven, plus two cases of beer. Set me back \$11.35, but it's worth it! buying three fifths of Seagram's Seven, plus two cases of beer. Set me back \$11.35, but it's worth it! buying three fifths of Seagram's Seven, plus two cases of beer. Set me back \$11.35, but it's worth it! Boy, are we going to have a rip-roaring, ole time, . .

news events. Although 1948 saw many chang-es for all the student publications, the experience gained will be used for further improvement next year. Under consideration are plans for increasing the size of The Batta-lion to all pages each day and lion to six pages each day and expanding student magazine staffs and facilities so that eight issues of each may be published instead of the current four.

Ex-Aggie Selected

As Rhodes Scholar Dan L. McGurk, who completed

six semesters at A&M in the aeronautical engineering department, has been selected a Rhodes scholarship winner. He is a senior at West Point

McGurk entered West Point in 1945, after completing his work at A&M in 1945. His home is in Fort Worth.

The Rhodes scholarship carries with it \$2,000 a year for two years to Oxford University in England. The scholarship may be extended

The Aggie-ex was among 700

all my buddies about what a good My Darling Marabell, all my buddies about what a good golfer you are. I've told my room-mate over and over about that day you shot an 87! Say dad, I'm afraid I've got some bad news for you. I hate to tell you Further research revealed that you shot an 87! but I've lost my slide rule. I don't Christmas. I want it to be some-

'em a mile! I've been bragging to

fore next Saturday. I'm going to get you a subscrip-Just the usual note before I have Please don't tell mother about tion to the Batt, our school news- meet on the deck at 10 a. m. De to rush off to Sunday School with this, will you, Dad? You know how paper. It's expensive, but I don't cember 23 to dec my roommate. I finally talked him upset she was when somebody care because I want you to get to dance, Bleker said.

expressed grave concern over the into going, and I'm real happy stole my study lamp just before know OUR school better. Of course sudden switch from their product about it because I believe he is Thanksgiving really a good boy at heart, in spite

of that night he upset the bottle on | Dear Jimmy, How's my kid brother? I heard

I realize he drinks a little, but about you almost lettering in foot-you really can't blame him because ball at good ole Tech Hi, and boy Aggletand seems immune from this blight. When this individual was interviewed, he made this startling statement: "Mah friend, ah can't understand it! Why, in the last week ah've been besieged by Ag-

Talented Cadets Find Many Means

To Buy And Alibi For Xmas Gifts

lamented, "Our pictures ain't no worsen' usual, but the suckers aint coming in no more!" Local drug-gusts complain that Aggies must have stopped shaving, brushing their teeth, and even bathing, for these products have ceased to move

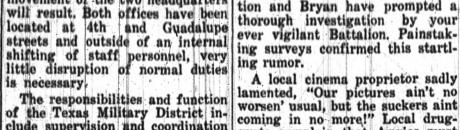
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By HARVEY CHELF

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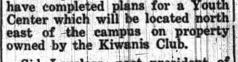
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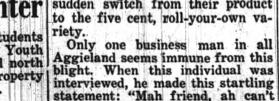


clude supervision and coordination all Organized Reserve Corps activities, conduct inspections, make

Architect Students

Plan Youth Center Third year architecture students have completed plans for a Youth





exhausted, and Aggies are busily engaged in applying "the tactful touch" to one and all—to the ex-A local cinema proprietor sadly tent of their skill in creative writing. The usual repertoire runs something like this.

after!"

Dear Mother,

the back seat of our car.