

### RAYBURN WILL SET RECORD AS SPEAKER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—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 reflect 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 CHANG TRIP IS FAILURE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Undersecretary of State Lovett indicated today that Madam Chiang Kai Shek has been unsuccessful 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 Nationalist government under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

That policy, Lovett said, was determined by Congress and is being carried out by the administration to the best of its ability within the limitations (presumably meaning congressional limits on volume of aid).

### ARMY OVERTHROWS CASTRO GOVERNMENT

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The army has overthrown the government of President Salvador Castaneda 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 extension of his four-year term of office for another two years from March 1, 1949, appeared to be at least one of the factors. Elections for a constituent assembly to pass on that question were to be held today and Friday.

Four Latin American governments were overthrown earlier this year. These were in Costa Rica, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela.

An American Embassy spokesman at San Salvador said no U. S. citizen has been hurt and no U. S. property damaged.

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.—(AP)—The state yesterday charged four major typewriter companies with violations of Texas anti-trust laws.

Attorney Price Daniel filed suits in 128th District Court against Remington Rand, Inc., Royal Typewriter Co., L. C. Smith and Corona Typewriters, Inc., and the Underwood Corp.

The suits allege that each of the companies named fixed retail prices on portable typewriters and prohibited independent dealers from selling such typewriters below the price so allegedly fixed.

Also anti-trust suits against El Paso, Fort Worth and Dallas Milk Distributors were consolidated yesterday and set for trial here December 20.

The suits were filed by Attorney Price Daniel in 98th District Court. The state seeks penalties and injunctions against the milk companies on alleged fixing of producer and consumer prices on milk in El Paso, Tarrant and Dallas Counties.

Defendants in the El Paso suit are the Borden Co., Price's Creamery, Inc., and Hawkins Dairy. In the Fort Worth and Dallas cases are the Borden Co., Boswell Dairies, Alta Vista Creamery Co., Vandervoort's Inc., Oak Farms, Inc., Tennessee Dairies, Inc., Metzger's Dairies and Cabell's Inc.

Even though the headquarters has been reorganized, no physical movement of the two headquarters will result. Both offices have been located at 4th and Guadalupe streets and outside of an internal shifting of staff personnel, very little disruption of normal duties is necessary.

The responsibilities and function of the Texas Military District include supervision and coordination of all Organized Reserve Corps activities, conduct inspections, make

POSTPONMENT GRANTED IN ART SHIRES CASE  
DALLAS, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Preliminary hearing for Art Shires, 42, former major league baseball player charged with murder in the death of William Hiram (Hi) Erwin, 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.

WEATHER  
East Texas—Partly cloudy, showers along the lower coast this afternoon. Fair and colder. Lowest temperatures 28 to 32 in extreme north-west portion. Friday fair, colder in south and extreme east portions. Fresh shifting winds on the coast becoming northwest this afternoon.

Architect Students Plan Youth Center  
Third year architecture students have completed plans for a Youth Center which will be located north east of the campus on property owned by the Kiwanis Club.

Sid Lovell, past president of the Board of Recreation of the Kiwanis Club, asked the Architecture Department to submit plans for the proposed Youth Center of College Station. The problem was turned over to the third year architecture students, and after 7 weeks work four scale models and twelve designs were turned in.

The first five winning designs will be on display in the library. Winners include W. R. Matthews, first; E. T. Crook, second; A. C. Cannata, third; C. W. Jennings, fourth; and Dave Faulkner, fifth.



## Aggieland Orchestra to Tour State As Musical Santa Claus

By BUDDY LUCE  
Wherever Turner toots his tooter will be where the Aggie Orchestra members hang their hats this Christmas. This year's yuletide tour will take the aggregation all over the state to furnish music for the dancing feet of Santa Claus celebrating Aggies and their fandango fancying fraulins.

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 Association dance in Dallas on New Year's Eve.

With the bus loaded with everything from the flute to the base fiddle, the "be-bop" boys will make the first leg of their trip to Haskell, Texas. Their schedule of appearances during the holidays is as follows:

- Dec. 20—Haskell, HJSC Club (American Legion Hall).
- Dec. 21—San Angelo, San Angelo A&M Club (The Hanger).
- Dec. 22—Odessa, Trans-pecos A&M Club (Ace of Clubs).
- Dec. 23—Amarillo, Amarillo A&M Club (The Nat).
- Dec. 24—Wichita Falls, Wichita Falls A&M Club (Country Club).
- Dec. 25—Brenham, Brenham A&M Club (The Pavilion).
- Dec. 26—OPEN
- Dec. 27—Laredo, Laredo A&M Club (Laredo High School Gym).
- Dec. 28—Port Arthur, Port Arthur A&M Club (Pleasure Pier).
- Dec. 29—Waco, Waco A&M Club (The Casablanca).
- Dec. 30—Marlin, Falls County A&M Club (Falls Hotel).
- Dec. 31—Dallas, Cotton Bowl Association Dance (Perkins Gym at SMU).

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 Dallas.

The New Year's Eve fracas in Dallas is the top notch of the holidays' festivities. The Aggie Orchestra will do the musical honors for the occasion accompanied

by and in conjunction with a swing band from SMU.

The dance, sponsored by the Cotton Bowl Association, will begin at 9 p. m. and continue until 12:30. Each conference school will present five minutes of entertainment at the dance and a good floor show should be the result.

If, when January 3 rolls around and the school bell rings the all clear signal, the boys in the Aggie Orchestra haven't seen dancing and dancers in all shapes, situations, and shades of sheets in the wind, Turner just didn't toot his tooter in the right place.

Laredo Club Will Make Dance Plans  
The Laredo Club will hold a meeting Thursday, Dec. 16 in Room 126, Academic Building at 7:30 p. m., according to club president D. S. Penn.

Final Christmas dance plans will be discussed and dance tickets will be given out to members. All members are requested to be present, Penn said.

Dear Father . . .  
Talented Cadets Find Many Means To Buy And Alibi For Xmas Gifts  
By HARVEY CHELF  
Strange reports of a sudden decline in business of the various and sundry merchants of College Station and Bryan have prompted a thorough investigation by your ever vigilant Battalion. Pains-taking surveys confirmed this startling rumor.

A local cinema proprietor sadly lamented, "Our pictures ain't no wosers' usual, but the suckers ain't coming in no more!" Local drug stores complain that Aggies must have stopped shaving, brushing their teeth, and even bathing, for these products have ceased to move from their shelves.

## Mexico to Open Trading Zones On US Border

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 Pecos 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, opposite Brownsville, Tex.

## Port Arthur Team Invited to Club's Christmas Dance

The Port Arthur A&M Club will hold its Annual All College Holiday Dance 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 1/2 mile from Port Arthur, Gene S. Brouard, president, announced today.

The Aggie Orchestra will provide the music for the dance, 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.

Brouard said that this year's dance promises to be one of the best that has ever been held in Port Arthur, and he asked that all Aggies in the vicinity attend.

Tentative plans call for the power-house Yellow Jacket football team of Port Arthur to be guests of the club at the dance, and Brouard said, "We sincerely hope that some of the seniors on the team will decide to enroll at A&M upon their graduation from Port Arthur High School."

Arrangements for the dance are in charge of P. H. Landry. Admission has been set at \$1.50 per person, and tickets may be obtained from any club member. An extensive publicity campaign is underway, and a prize of \$5.00 will be awarded to the club member who sells the most tickets prior to Monday, Dec. 27 at 12 noon.

## 85 Texans Are Doomed To Die During Holidays

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 and roads.

President Bolton, in a message to the Student Body and Faculty, added his request that all be careful and return without an accident after the holidays.

Following is the message from President Bolton:

To the Students and Faculty:  
Injury and death from traffic accidents are assuming tragic proportions in the Nation and in the State. The Texas Department of Public Safety predicts that 85 fellow Texans will lose their lives and 2,500 will be injured during the Christmas holidays, and they have an uncanny ability to evaluate correctly our careless driving habits even in advance.

I urge everyone of the A&M family to heed 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 consideration even if he takes a little more than his share.

Under the law of averages, four or five of those 2,500 injuries would be our fault or would happen to us. Let us each resolve that we will not, even through carelessness or thoughtlessness, contribute to a single accident during the holidays.

F. C. BOLTON, President

## More Changes Due

All Staffs Doubled In Past Year As Publications Grow

By GEORGE CHARLTON  
Improvements by the ream and freight car load have highlighted Student Publication's biggest year 1948. From such major additions as a photo engraving laboratory to a change in the make-up of the editorial page, the list of new features is long and important.

The engraving lab, which was first set up in the basement of Guion Hall and later moved to Foster Hall, makes The Battalion the only student newspaper in Texas to have this facility. It is now possible for pictures taken one night to be in the following day's paper.

Enlarged staffs, doubled over last year, for each of the six student publications made possible larger editions of each and for some, an increase in the number of issues.

The year 1948 was the first full year for publication of the Agri-culturist and the Engineer since before the war. A new magazine, The Southwestern Veterinarian, was introduced this past year. And the first two issues have already rolled off the press.

On the technical side, a complete 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 Ludlow type setting machine. With this new addition, an unlimited number of headlines of the same type family may be set. Prior to the installation of the Ludlow, the headlines of one type family were limited by the amount of type on hand.

The Battalion was the center for the first Southwest Conference Sportsmanship meeting in 1948 and as a result of the meeting, A&M was chosen to act as headquarters for the Sportsmanship Committee which was formed. A direct result of the meeting was the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Code which all of the SWC schools have ratified.

The Ugly Man Contest in the Commentator was inaugurated in 1948, and from the enthusiastic response it received it promises to become an annual event. The Battalion Pipe Smoking Contest also came into its own.

The art staff of Student Publications was greatly enlarged during the past year. Headed by Kenneth Marak and supplied with all the necessary equipment for producing cartoons and drawings, the staff has already made possible timely publication of campus news items.

Although 1948 saw many changes 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 Battalion 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  
Dair 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 for three years.

The Aggie-ex was among 700 applicants for scholarships.

Fountain Pen Lost  
Loss of the Parker 51 fountain pen used by advanced cadets to sign their reserve commissions has been reported to M/Sgt Truman Martin.

The pen, missing since Friday afternoon, may be returned to Room 31 of Ross Hall, Martin said.

TYPHOON HITS PHILIPPINES  
MANILA, Dec. 16.—(AP)—A typhoon veered westward through the central Philippines today, sparing the main island of Luzon a lashing by its winds of 60 miles an hour or up.