

# A Very Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year To Everyone

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### Texas Teachers Association Meets At Fort Worth

Advisory Council To Be Appointed For First Time in Association

Legislative matters affecting education in Texas and the year's program of activities will be discussed in Fort Worth Saturday at a meeting of leaders of the Texas State Teachers' Association. The meeting was called by George B. Wilcox of A. & M., newly elected president of the Association.

Mr. Wilcox announced that for the first time in the history of the association, a cabinet will act in an advisory capacity to the president. Membership of the cabinet will include the state association's vice-president, Charley Tension of Wichita Falls, C. O. Polart of Henderson, and Miss Mary Winfrey of Houston; and 11 district organization presidents.

Proposed work for the cabinet will be the formulation of association enrollment plans, plans of contact for introducing legislative measures, coordination of district programs, committee selection and plans for a House of Delegates meeting next year. Officials of the organization expect to boost membership from the present enrollment of 31,000 to more than 40,000.

A legislative committee with H. W. Stillwell of Texarkana as chairman and former state Senator R. A. Stuart of Fort Worth as legal advisor has been appointed to work on all bills sponsored by the association.

Each district president will be asked to appoint a special representative to confer with the cabinet on seeking passage of the equalization bill. Members of the legislative committee are Bonner

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### 25 YEARS SERVICE AT COLLEGE



Five members of the staff of A. & M. shown here will be honored Saturday night at the college's annual Christmas dinner for having passed 25 years in service here. Top row, left to right, George W. Johnson of the Extension Service, Ray E. Dickson Sr. of the Spur Experiment Station, and Dr. S. W. Bilsing, head of the Entomology department. Bottom row, left, Dr. Hubert Schmidt of the Experiment Station and M. K. Thornton Jr. of the Extension Service.

### Five Men Will Be Honored By College For Passing 25 Years In Its Service At Annual Christmas Dinner Here Saturday

All members of the official family of A. & M. College and their wives have been invited to attend a Christmas dinner to be given at the Mess Hall at 6:30 p. m. Saturday, December 17. The invitation from President T. O. Wal-

ton included all full-time members of the staffs of all department heads, deans and directors and also the graduate assistants.

It is planned to continue a practice started last year in honoring all members of the official family who have served the college or any of its divisions for a period of 25 years.

This year there are five members of the staff who have served the required quarter-century. They are:

Dr. Sherman Weaver Bilsing, head of the department of entomology, noted for his work in studying insect parasites on pecan trees. Dr. Bilsing was born near Crestline, Ohio, December 8, 1885. He received his Bachelor of Science degree at Otterbein College, and then went to Ohio State University to take his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees.

Dr. Hubert Schmidt, chief of division of veterinary science, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, is an authority on animal diseases and parasites. A native Texan, Dr. Schmidt was born at Comfort and entered Texas A. & M. in 1904, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in animal husbandry. He received his doctor's de-

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### COMMEMORATIVE PLATES AVAILABLE

A. & M. College Commemorative dinner plates in Wedgwood Queensware with an ivory base and in college colors may be obtained by placing orders with the A. & M. Commemorative Plate Association at Temple, Texas. These plates are produced in sets of twelve, with a different campus building or scene occupying the center of each plate. The borders on these plates portray the traditions of both Texas and Texas A. & M.

These plates were first produced and offered for sale in 1936. The designs for the plates were created by J. G. Doyle of Brownwood. He was assisted in developing the designs by Professors Ernest Langford and F. W. Hensel, heads of the Architectural and Landscape Art departments.

P. L. Downs, '06, of Temple, aided by other interested individuals, worked on the production of these plates for two years. Mr. Downs is one of the best known and most popular A. & M. men in Texas.

The center views of the plates include old Gathright Hall, the first college building, erected in 1876, the Civil Engineering Building, and the Academic Building of 1912, together with the more modern buildings of today's college.

### SAFETY LEADER GIVES WARNING

Warn students home for the holidays that this is the peak period for serious automobile accidents, advises James S. Kemper, nationally known safety leader and president of the Lumbermens Mutual Casualty Company of Chicago.

"Analyzing 7,241 automobile accidents in the last three years classified as serious, we found 523 were in the period from December 16 to January 3, said Mr. Kemper. "This shows a holiday season frequency 39% above the annual rate.

"Parents should realize that homecoming students on pleasure bent are 39% more apt than usual to figure in serious automobile accidents at this season," he continued. Actually the rate doubles in the last half of December compared with the average for December and January."

A special student hazard to be avoided is unsafe conditions driving home from school and back. Typical of such conditions is a poor car, overcrowded, driven through night and day with a relay of excited young drivers.

Just as New Year's Eve climaxes the holiday season, so the first three days of January provide the worst record of the year, with 71% more serious automobile accidents than the December and January average.

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### Christmas Supper And Program Set Precedent For Yuletide Season Here

#### Statistics— For Christmas Dinner Served

Twenty-five hundred pounds of turkey were purchased to insure that each and every one of the 2,802 Aggies now eating at 125 tables in Shisa Hall would have plenty to eat last night when the annual Christmas supper was served to the Corps. And with this enormous amount of turkey went plenty of all the "trimmings".

In addition to the more-than-a-ton of roast turkey that were consumed, the Christmas-supper menu of the mess hall included the following items:

Corn-bread, consisting of some 200 pounds of corn meal, 2 crates of celery, 200 pounds of onions, and small amounts of other ingredients.

Gravy—more than 75 gallons. 8,600 Parker-house rolls. Butter—75 pounds. Cranberry sauce—175 pounds. Green peas—20 cases, of 6 gallons each.

Assorted nuts—450 pounds. Celery—6 crates. Olives—16 gallons. Oranges—8 cases. Apples—10 crates. Grapes—10 crates. Fruit cake—Over 350 pounds. Hot cocoa—200 gallons.

### ENTOMOLOGY CLUB MAKES INSPECTION

An Entomology Club inspection group, accompanied by Dr. S. W. Bilsing, sponsor of the club, went to Austin Saturday to inspect the State Department of Health malaria laboratory located there.

Sunday morning, the group was conducted through the laboratory by Theodore McGregor, Department of Health entomologist. One of the most interesting phases of the work carried on by this laboratory is that of rearing malaria mosquitoes for use in the treatment of syphilis by malaria. These mosquitoes are infected by feeding them on the blood of malaria patients, and may then be used to transfer the disease to syphilitic patients. The high body temperature caused by the malaria results in a complete cure in forty percent of the cases of syphilis treated. When the desired temperature has been reached, the malaria is easily checked by the physician in charge.

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### Program Inspired By Success of Recent Community Sing

BY BILL MURRAY

Last night precedent was inaugurated at A. & M., with the all-Christmas supper and program held in the mess hall, inspired by the success of the recent Cadet Corps Christmas Community Sing.

In addition to the annual Christmas turkey supper served at the usual time to the Corps in Shisa Hall, decorations appropriate to the Yuletide season were in evidence, and an informal entertainment in the same spirit was presented.

The lights of the dining hall were covered with red and green crepe paper, producing a soft and pleasing glow. Decorations of cedar, amilax, holly, and yupon were also employed.

The program featured the best-known Christmas songs, sung by the fish of the Aggie Band, whose nightly carol-singing has won favorable comment over the campus. They sang, over the public-address system in the mess hall, several of the most familiar and beautiful Christmas hymns and carols, such as "Joy to the World", "O Little Town of Bethlehem", and "Jingle Bells." A special recording of their singing of "Silent Night" was also played. The record had been made only the day before by W. A. Owens of the English Department, who is making a hobby out of recording the school songs, programs, and traditional events of A. & M.

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### WHEN THE SENIORS WERE FISH

BY RAY TREADWELL

The prospects of a successful season for the basketball team were bright as Coach McQuillan, shaped his team up for the opening pre-season game with Centenary. Captain Monte Carmichael and Taylor Wilkins were undisputed choices for guards with the rest of the line-up still in doubt. Other promising squadmen from which the positions would be filled Lindsey, Johnny Morrow, Ed Lee, Pete Dowling, Paul Evans, Max Tohline, Jack Crichton, Clyde Jones and Virgil Harris.

In an effort to accommodate the increased number of students the executive committee, through Dr.

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### WITH THE ALUMNI

John J. Mogford, '37, has been appointed County Agent, Ward County, Headquarters, Barstow. Dr. Carl Fink, Veterinarian, is associated with Dr. L. J. Allen, 336 Post Office Bldg., Oklahoma City. H. M. Irvine, '37, is with the J. I. Case Co., Burlington Works, Burlington, Ia. Bell Sample Jr., '38, is a cadet engineer with the Houston L. & P. Co., and lives at 820 Richmond Road, that city. Aubrey B. Patterson, '38, gets his mail at Box 22, Madisonville. Paul T. Hanes, '38, is with the Farm Security Adm., New Boston, Texas. Robert P. Boswell, '38, is farming at Kenedy. George M. Crook, '38, is teaching vocational agriculture at Harwood. Also teaching vocational agriculture is

D. W. Graham, '38, at Gober, Texas. John V. Laird, '38, is a graduate assistant in the agricultural education department at the college. Billy Meador, '38, is farming at Moody. W. E. O'Neal, '38, is teaching vocational agriculture at Gatesville. Thomas Stokes, '38, is also teaching vocational agriculture and is located at Cameron. R. I. Worthington, '38, is working in the county agent's office at Caldwell. Among last year's grads who are teaching vocational ag are Charles Bell, Ranger; J. K. Bradshaw, Springtown; A. H. Courtade, Emhouse; W. B. Cowan Jr., Scranton; Joe Cuffman, Lipan; Jess E. Evans, San Peeltas; T. E. Fambrough, Alexandria; Harold

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### FRANCO-GERMAN TREATY SIGNED-- BAD NEWS-- EXPLODES SCANDAL-- SOCIALITE IN SATIN-- STRIKER



In Paris, French and German representatives sign a treaty of amity. Joachim von Ribbentrop, Nazi foreign minister, is at left; France's Minister Georges Bonnet is at right. . . . At the last election Elkton, Md., voted to abolish hasty marriages. Rev. W. F. Hopkins, one of the marryin' parsons, reads the bad news. . . . Police Commissioner Lewis Valentine is pictured in Brooklyn, N. Y., police headquarters scanning records following a surprise visit. Disappearance of valuable records has launched the most intensive police investigation in years in the police scandal which followed superseding of District Attorney of Brooklyn. . . . Eleanor Young models a white satin evening gown at the ritzy fashion show in New York City in which society girls were the models. . . . Mrs. Ruth Partin, 28, New York school teacher, and her colored husband were found guilty of disorderly conduct after failure of their sitdown strike in the Board of Education building. Mrs. Partin attempted the sitdown in protest against her suspension.