

Battalion Editorials

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And in This Corner Tragedy . . .

In less than a week, students here will start their trips homeward. For some there will be long treks; for others, only a few hours will elapse before they arrive. But for all, the way will be dangerous. Every time you drive along a highway, the element of chance enters. With only a minimum of effort and thought, however, this element may be equally minimized.

Throughout today's special safety edition, we are warned of the many traffic hazards and other accident fates which may await us. Many of these stories contain statistics, and behind each digit in these statistics lies many unrevealed tales, tales of tragedy, of thoughtlessness.

You, too, can become a statistic. Estimates of the number of Texans who will never see another Christmas are high but

true. Facts have proven these figures from year to year, with few exceptions.

Each year, after A&M students return to College Station, there is all too often a few who do not return. The solemn notes of Silver Taps ring out through the cold night air of January, in ironic answer to bells which had only a few nights before rung out in celebration of the New Year.

By observing and sincerely practicing only a few rules of safety, the ghastly total of holiday deaths in Texas and across the nation could lose a few digits. Here, as in perhaps few other colleges, we feel heavily the weight of an empty chair in the mess-hall, an empty bunk in the dormitories.

This year, will that empty chair or bed belong to you?

For a Bigger Baylor Stadium and Corps Trip . . .

Baylor's Daily Lariat led with the following editorial titled "Brother A&M" in its December 7 paper:

"The Aggies lead the way again! On the eve of the Baylor stadium campaign dinners, (which were held in about seven states, including the District of Columbia) it was announced that Texas A&M had purchased a \$100 Baylor Stadium Bond.

The bond was purchased by the Student Life Committee, representing the student body at Texas A&M College, an accompanying letter from C. G. White, assistant dean of students for activities at A&M said that the bond buying had been approved unanimously by the student senate. White gave the reason for the purchase of the bond "as a purpose of promoting continued good relations between the students of Texas A&M College and Baylor University."

Once again the Aggies from Aggieland lead the way in sportsmanship. They were the originators of the Sportsmanship Award and it seems they are practicing

Texas Good Neighbors Being Neighborly . . .

Discrimination in Texas against persons of Mexican ancestry no longer poses a big problem but still continues to be an annoying one.

Major opponent and current arch enemy of this discrimination is a home state organization known as the Texas Good Neighbor Commission. And true to their name, members of the commission are doing their utmost to create better relations between Texans.

Thomas C. Sutherland, executive secretary, in speaking to an executive session of the commission recently, remarked that this form of prejudice against persons of Mexican ancestry appears most frequently in the form of refusal of service in public places.

Various plans adopted at the meeting to improve relations and eliminate discriminations include letter writing to Latin-American organizations in Texas, foreign relations committees of chambers of commerce, and other groups to explain the commission's objectives. A resolution was also adopted seeking Governor Allan Shivers' aid in keeping alive the "border project," a plan originated between El Paso and its Mexican municipal neighbor, Juarez, to work together in the sociological field.

A resolution to urge all Texas communities to promote teaching of Spanish was accepted. Although the results of these resolutions will not be tangible enough to measure within any near time in the future, the mere fact that such organizations exist and are operating is consolation enough that someday "good neighbor" will be more than just a noun and its modifier.

The Battalion

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GOOD ADVICE

Editor, The Battalion:

The true flower of Texas womanhood came into its own last week. It is not as it seems: that Bell County Aggies aren't red blooded enough to take care of the cream of feminine pulchritude but that there are so many beautiful girls in Temple, Belton and vicinity that we are able to accommodate only a small portion of these girls. This fact brought about a club called the "Aggieettes" which is formed of girls (as described in the Batt) that prefer to go with Aggies. We hope that any Aggie who goes to Temple seeking a date will not bring any discredit on the school and consequently cause the dissolution of this club. It is for the furthering of Aggie "interests" any abuse could easily ruin the purpose and fix it where an Aggie (See LETTERS, Page 4, Sec. 1)

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DEL RIO A&M CLUB, Thursday, December 29, 9 to 1, Fireman's Hall, Buddy Hancock's orchestra, \$3.00 stag or drag.

ENLISTED MEN'S WIVES CLUB, Christmas social, Ray Chandler Home, 1009 E. 29th St., Thursday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p. m.

FALLS COUNTY A&M CLUB, Christmas dance, Dec. 30, 9 p. m., Falls Hotel, Marlin, Aggieland Orchestra.

HEART O' TEXAS CLUB, Friday, Dec. 30, 8 p. m., Gaines Lodge, Lake Brownwood, Brownwood.

HOUSTON A&M CLUB, Thursday, Dec. 29, 8 to 12, Emerald Room, Shamrock Hotel, music by Buddy Brock.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Christmas party, Thursday, Dec. 15, Bryan K. C. Hall, rides at St. Mary's Chapel, 6 p. m.

VETERINARY MEDICINE CLASS OF '51, Saturday, Dec. 17, Pin Feather Club, 7 p. m.

WACO-McLENNAN COUNTY A&M CLUB, Thursday, Dec. 22, Scenic Wonderland Nightclub, Aggieland Orchestra, floor show. (See DANCES, Page 3, Sec. 1)

What's Cooking

AGGIE SQUARES, Friday, December 16, 8 p. m., Episcopal Parish House.

PORT ARTHUR CLUB, Monday, December 26, 8:30, American Legion Hall. All Aggies and friends are invited.

SADDLE AND SIRLOIN CLUB, Tuesday, December 20, 7:30 p. m., Al Lecture Room. Business Meeting.

Campus

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