

# TU Game Marks Birthday Of A&M's Radio Station

Thirty-one years of rapid progress in radio broadcasting will be clearly marked Nov. 30, when the annual Thanksgiving Day football game between A&M and TU goes on the airwaves from Memorial Stadium in Austin.

It was Thanksgiving, 1919, when it is believed the first telegraph code play-by-play account of a gridiron contest in history originated from Kyle Field in College Station, with the teams of the same two schools involved.

Any resemblance between the two broadcasts, however, is purely coincidental. The broadcast, 1950 style, will be a smooth flow of words through a highly-developed transmitter system—heard by thousands of listeners throughout the Southwest over receivers which approximate perfection.

But such was not the case in 1919. Responsible for the broadcast by Morse code were a handful of rank amateurs bent on pulling a "good stunt", with little idea of the part they were to play in placing a milestone of radio.

Chief instigator of the scheme was an electrical engineering student by the name of W. A. Tolson, now research engineer at the Princeton, N. J., laboratory of RCA.

Tolson credits Dr. F. C. Bolton—an electrical engineering professor in 1919 and now president emeritus of the college—with "so thoroughly inculcating me with the germs of radio that even then my case was hopeless."

The RCA Engineer and cohorts had been operating 5YA, a college amateur station, for some time as a typical ham relay station when the date of the annual Thanksgiving game with Texas rolled around. "We had

received so many requests from similar stations throughout the Southwest," he recalls, "that we agreed to get on the air immediately after the game and give the score." Then someone hatched the idea of giving a play-by-play account.

Two difficulties loomed, however, to dampen the enthusiasm over the idea. There was no way to control the transmitter from Kyle Field, and Morse code would be so slow that it would be impossible to keep up with the game.

In overcoming the first difficulty,

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last three games and on offense during all of the season.

Defensively, the Cadets may start on one end post with Walter Hill, who may pull up to be one of the top defensive stars in the conference, and Dorbandt Barton on the other end spot. Barton is one of many Aggie linemen who will complete his eligibility with the close of this season.

Russ Hudeck and Alvin Langford will be at the tackle posts. Both men are fast, Langford being capable of running the 100 in 10.6, and Hudeck finishes but a few steps behind.

Defensive guards will be probably the same as offense, Greiner and Molberg, although W. T. Rush, Dick Frey, and Marshall Rush will be capable and eligible replacements.

Linebackers will include Jimmy Flowers, Bob Bates, and James Fowler with Augie Saxe, Charlie McDonlad, and Yale Lary in the defensive back positions.

—Beat TU—

culty, a wire was run from the electrical engineering building to the field, and Dr. Bolton appealed to the signal corps and obtained a high-speed contractor.

The difficulty with the time element was overcome by a plan which Tolson credits to Harry M. Saunders, now general supervisor of traffic engineering for Western Union Telegraph Company in New York.

The idea was to make up a list of abbreviations to be used in the broadcast, such as "TBA 45 Y" for "Texas ball on the Aggies' 45-yard line," or "TFP 8Y L" for "Texas forward pass 8 yards."

After the set of abbreviations was worked out with one of Coach D. X. Bible's assistants, some two dozen copies were prepared to be mailed to interested stations. But when the news got around by "word of spark," 5YA found itself doing a land office business.

The manner in which the history-making broadcast went over is typified by an incident which occurred in Waco. W. P. Clarke, who operated a station there, obtained permission, after relentless argument, to install his receiver in the office of one of the local newspapers.

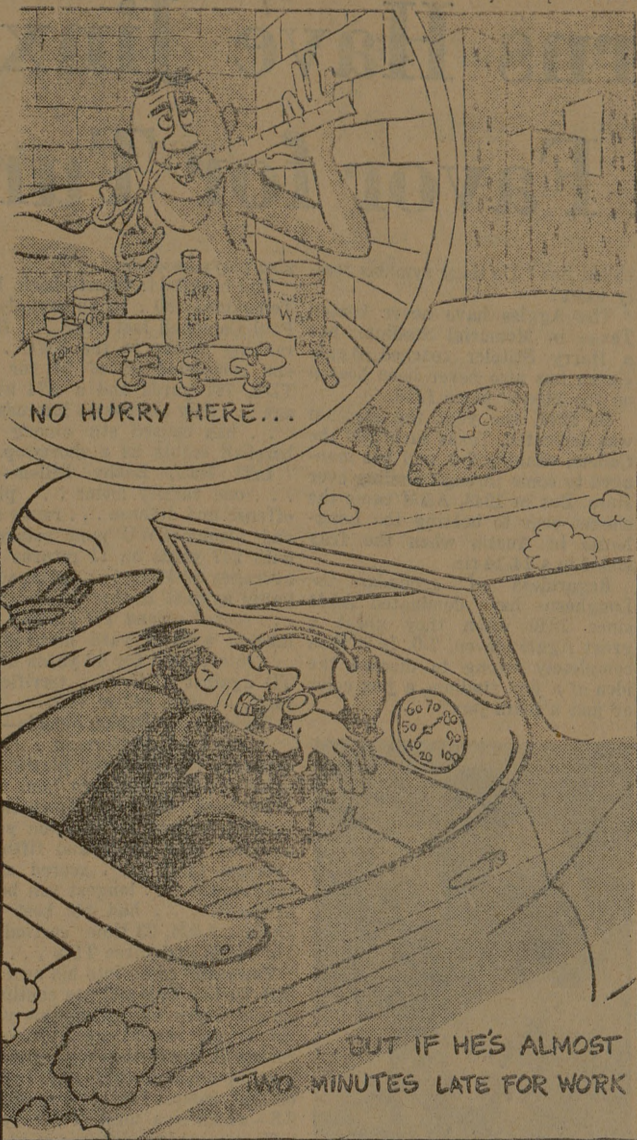
The newspaper management had no confidence in "this amateur radio stuff" but finally decided to humor Clarke.

The report Clarke received from 5YA was so far ahead of the Associated Press that at the end of the first half, his newspaper sponsors put a Magnox loud speaker in a car and drove to the office of the rival newspaper, where AP reports were being given out.

They announced to the crowd that they were giving out play-by-play reports, as they happened. A near riot in front of Clarke's installation was the result.

Acim Street

by Ralph Stein



## The Odds Are Against You

Harry Stiteler's boys head toward Memorial Stadium with the odds against them Thursday. We think they can beat those odds.

But you'll be heading toward Austin—and toward home, too—with the odds against you. Can you do as well?

The cadet eleven has nothing at stake but a football game. Your life is at stake.

The Aggie team has practiced for weeks, they've studied their opponent's offense, they know what they've got to beat.

You've probably practiced, too, but it won't be in your favor. You may not have studied your opponent's offense—we'll show you that. How seriously you take what we have to say will determine whether or not you know what you have to beat.

**First, your foe:** the staggering Texas traffic toll that promises to claim, 2,400 users of our highways this year.

**Second, your practice:** If you've driven a car for more than one year you're a candidate for the ranks of the experienced drivers that caused 97 per cent of last year's traffic accidents.

**Third, your opponent's offense:** Speeding is the leading cause of traffic deaths. In 1949, 400,000 Americans unwillingly testified to that fact. Driving while intoxicated usually goes in hand with speeding. Other causes are driving on the wrong side of the road, passing in no passing zones, following too closely, disregarding warning or stop signs, train crossing violations, not having right of way, and improper parking.

**Finally, what you're up against:** You'll leave college, in all probability, sometime tomorrow afternoon. Many of you will still be on the road at dusk. Your chances of having a fatal accident are highest as the sun goes down. Be sure you're around when it comes back up.

You'll be traveling during a partial holiday. Holidays are death-days. Forty-one people testified to that fact during the four-day Thanksgiving holidays in Texas last year. Nine more Texans became evidence over the past week-end.

You'll be on the road during the time of year when shorter days cause shorter lives. Accidents reached their peak in December last year.

You'll be traveling on crowded roads. Every driver is a potential killer, sharing the highway with you.

You'll probably be in a hurry. A minute saved at the price of a human life is not a bargain. Don't just start there, get there.

You'll have to deal with weather conditions, too. And oddly, enough, the better the weather, the worse the odds are against you. Drivers become careless in good weather. There's the foe you meet this week-end. He has other tricks, too. But you've got three allies that can throw all the odds back in your favor—courtesy, consideration and common sense. Use them freely.

Your battling for your life.

## District Scoutersity . . .

### Employer Scouts to Give Leader Training Program

Ten Explorer Scouts from Houston will present a program of Boy Scout ceremonies and skills at the closing session of the Brazos District "Scoutersity" at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday in the Girl Scout Little House.

They will demonstrate opening, closing, and other ceremonies related to advancement. L. S. Paine, district advancement chairman and chairman of the program said. A group of Indian dances is also scheduled by the Houston group.

All Cub Scouts and scouters in the College Station-Bryan area are invited to attend, Dan Russell, training chairman announced. Scoutmasters and troop committee members throughout the area are being contacted.

Topics scheduled for the evening include: advancement, records, property and finances. The discussion will be of value to Scoutmasters, troop committeemen, and others responsible for the progress

of Scouting, says Paine. The Scoutersity has been going on for four weeks. After Wednesday night's session the only remaining project will be an overnight hike. The "students" may take this with their own troops.

On conclusion of requirements an advancement certificate will be issued by the Sam Houston Area Council.

### CS Schools Close For Holidays

A & M Consolidated District Schools will close their doors for the annual Thanksgiving holidays Wednesday afternoon at the completion of the day's classes, announced Superintendent Les Richardson.

Students of the local district will resume their schedule at the regular 8:30 a. m. time, he added.

# State Committeemen Named To Columbian Squires Posts

Plans were forwarded today for an extensive campaign to revive the Columbian Squires organization in the State of Texas.

Lt. Col. Walter H. Parsons Jr., State chairman of this organization which is the national youth program of the Knights of Columbus, announced the addition of five members to the state committee who were selected by M. J. Babin Jr. of Port Arthur, state deputy of the Texas State Council, Knights of Columbus.

Appointed to Col. Parsons' committee were Wallace E. Place of El Paso, representing the El Paso Diocese; Dr. James E. Bauer of Refugio, from the diocese of Corpus Christi; R. J. Etlinger of Yoakum, who is a member of the Arch-Diocese of San Antonio; F. J. Hencke of Midland, representing the Amarillo Diocese, and E. W. Couch of Abilene, a member of the Dallas Diocese.

The first meeting of the state

sponsoring committee of the Columbian Squires will be held December 9-10 at the Gunter Hotel in San Antonio where plans will be laid for re-organizing this national boys organization in Texas.

"The Columbian Squires is a very popular organization in the East," Col. Parsons said, "but it has failed to gain much prominence in the Southwest."

The members of the committee were selected from 32 nominees from each of the 32 districts which Texas is divided into for Knights of Columbus functions. From this group the committeemen were

named by Babin.

Although he had no definite plans for re-activating the Columbian Squires in the State yet, the senior Engineer instructor in the A&M Military Science Department said a call would be made to each Knights of Columbus group throughout Texas to investigate possibilities of locating such an organization in their vicinity.

The aim of the Columbian Squires, Col. Parsons said, is to supplement the training of the church, home, and school through active participation of the boys in their program of activities.

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## Essay Winners



These four students of St. Joseph's Parochial School in Bryan smilingly accept their prizes for winning the various divisions of a Christopher Columbus essay contest held at that school. Left to right, they are Patricia Ann Fridel, fifth grade; Hubert Vykal, eighth grade; Anne Parsons, seventh grade; and Carolyn Hicks, sixth grade. Presenting the awards is Luis Dominguez, Grand Knight of the College Station Knights of Columbus.

## Campus Interviews on Cigarette Tests Number 7...THE RAVEN



Nobody's pulling the feathers over this bird's eyes!

He's spent too many semesters in Psychology I. He knows — as any smart smoker knows — that you can't make up your mind about cigarette mildness on one fast puff or a quick sniff.

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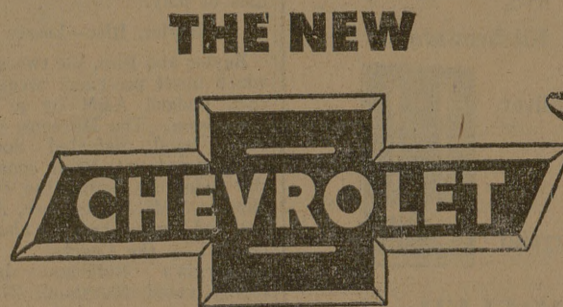
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