

Dollars Go a Long Way . . .

YESTERDAY afternoon as we opened our post office boxes we bound an envelope with this year's Christmas seals and a request for a dollar or two to help stamp out one of humanity's most dreaded disease—Tuberculosis.

TB—THE KILLER. No one is immune to TB. It may strike at any age. It kills at the rate of one person every 13 minutes, causes more than 40,000 deaths in our country a year. Help fight TB by supporting your tuberculosis association. Buy and Use Christmas Seals.

As a harbinger of the Yuletide the bright green, red and yellow seals allow us to give and receive.

We are helping to meet the tremendous cost of the age old disease, which yearly costs Americans \$350 million—and that is a high tribute to pay a disease.

But money alone can't pay for the wracking pain, hours of solitude, wrecking of careers, and finally the agony of death.

It can go a long way towards stamping the disease out through the maintenance of sanatoriums, hospitals, doctors, and mass X-Rays.

Only last year there were 28 persons in this county treated for Tuberculosis. Out of this number, 12 of them found out they had tuberculosis from the free chest X-ray work done in the Spring each year.

All of this is fine. It adds up to the spirit of giving, like you would for any other charity.

But by donating to the Tuberculosis Association we are able to have our cake and eat it too. Tuberculosis has no respect for age, or station in life. The TB Association might take the same dollar you donated, with others collected all over the country, and save your lives.

Socialized Medicine: Lost Freedom . . .

ON ITS front page Sunday, the Daily Texan, which has gained statewide notoriety for its Fair-Dealing editorial policy, carried a story on a health insurance discussion at the University's Graduate Student's Club. Two of Texas University's professors spoke on the most "important social issue of the day." And both of them were in support of an American version of Britain's socialized medicine.

Dr. Carl Rosenquist, professor of sociology, attacked the American Medical Association and its campaign slogan, "The volunteer way is the American way."

The other speaker, Mrs. Elizabeth Bodenstein, instructor of German and a native of England, explained socialized medicine in Britain. While she still supported compulsory governmental health insurance, Mrs. Bodenstein had actually seen socialized medicine in action so she wasn't quite so starry-eyed about it. "The plan has many disadvantages," said Mrs. Bodenstein. "That it takes a lot of extra time to get attention is one of its biggest disadvantages." Also, neurotics and those who always want something for nothing have caused the doctors a lot of trouble, she explained. A third disadvantage she pointed out was that the plan had caused overcrowding and had cut out entirely a doctor-patient relationship.

From what we read of their arguments, the professors' speeches only served to con-

vince us more than ever that socialization would only intensify our medical problems here in America.

The biggest problem that we face in medical care in America is lack of doctors, nurses, hospitals, and equipment, not individual lack of money. Therefore, if socialization brought on overcrowding in England, it would be nearly disastrous here. A more reasonable answer to the problem would be to increase the number of doctors. And that can be accomplished in a democratic way—through scholarships and trust funds to help send qualified but financially embarrassed students through medical school. This plan has already been proved in the fields of agricultural and engineering.

And we agree with the AMA that "The voluntary way is the American way." After we give up our individual rights in the field of medicine, what is to prevent the gradual socialization of other professions and businesses? Medicine had hardly been taken over by the government before England was socializing legal aid. James Madison warned long ago of these gradual usurpations of liberties. "Since the general civilization of mankind, I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations."

Letters to the Editor

(Editor's Note: Letters appearing in this column today were delivered to the Battalion as much as two weeks ago, but were, unfortunately, placed in a seldom used mailbox outside our door. (They were found yesterday afternoon and appear today with apologies to their authors. Oh yes, the troublesome mailbox has been removed.)

'War Hymn' Problem Solves Itself

Editor, The Battalion: For the last month we have

heard countless arguments, letters to the editor, etc. concerning the "War Hymn."

We believe we have a solution to this problem. If anyone will take the time or trouble to look up the words to the "War Hymn" he will find that Mr. J. V. (Pinky) Wilson wrote the first verse as follows:

All Hail to dear old Texas A&M Rally around the maroon and white

Good luck to dear old Texas Aggies

They are the boys that show the real old fight

That good old Aggie spirit

thrills us And makes us yell and yell and yell So all hail to dear old Texas A&M

We're going to beat you all too— Chigaraagarem Chigaraagarem Rough! Tough! Real! Stuff! Texas A&M

This verse, though never sung is still nevertheless the "War Hymn." By singing it at yell practices and football games we believe that Aggie traditions will be upheld and also this verse will sup-

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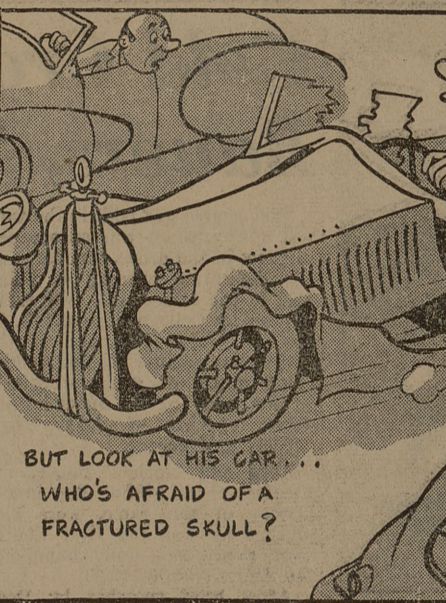
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Civilian Defense Plans Have Been Neglected

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Big emphasis now is on civilian defense against an atomic attack on American cities. This is the result of the crisis with China and the possibility of World War III around the corner.

This country's plans for civilian defense are far from complete. It has been dawdling along, apparently hoping war wouldn't come. Here is a step by step outline of the history of the problem.

Six months before Pearl Harbor President Roosevelt created the OCM—Office of Civilian Defense. You may remember it; air raid wardens on every block in the big eastern cities, and so on.

Preparations Not Simple

But preparations against air raids in those days before the atomic bomb were simple compared with now. OCM went out of existence after World War II. Until 1949 civilian defense problems were in the hands of the army.

Nothing much done. Nothing much seemed necessary in those first few years after World War II. But on March 3, 1949 President Truman turned the civilian defense job over to the NSRB—National Security Resources Board.

NSRB is the top government agency for planning what this country should do in time of war or great emergency. Then NSRB set up within itself a new peacetime civilian defense agency: OCM—Office of Civilian Mobilization.

Help Planning

OCM's job was to help states and cities plan what they'd do in case of atomic attack. For example: the tasks of police and firemen; removing and caring for the injured; disposing of the dead; clearing wreckage; restoring lights; supplying food and water; providing bomb shelters.

We still were at peace and things moved slowly, even after we got into the shooting in Korea in June, 1950, although there was a mild flurry of interest in civilian defense then.

Still, by that time OCM had been in existence a year and there had been much talk of civilian defense among states and cities. Some had even made plans. So in July 1950, I asked OCM people the simple question:

"Bad Shape"

In what kind of shape is our civilian defense now? The answer was: bad shape. Why? Because states and cities hadn't shown much interest until the Korean fighting started.

Even as late as Nov. 21 the picture didn't seem much better. On that date the American Municipal Association, composed of 10,500 cities and towns, made public report which, in effect, said:

If atom bombs fell that day most U. S. cities could put into action only a small part of the civil defense effort needed to save lives and rally from the attack. Who was to blame for this unpreparedness? Mostly, the report said, the Federal government. Why? Because it hadn't told the cities in detail what to do, how much real civil defense would cost, and how much of the cost the government would share.

From the City Desk . . .

'Law Has Teeth' Claims City Fireworks Official

By Joel Austin

With the Christmas season near at hand, most of the merchants of this area are jamming their shelves with gift merchandise to meet the usual demand of Christmas shoppers.

Of course the grocery stores will have an added supply of food to sell for those extra large meals that most housewives prepare during the cold holiday season.

But with these added features in most stores, another item will make its semi-annual debut to add to the traditional yuletide air. Strange as it may seem, this particular item or group of items is known to most people only in the Southwest at Christmas.

You guessed it, fireworks is what we are talking about.

We are still searching for a reason for such a thing at Christmas time, but nevertheless, the tradition is just as strong in Texas and other parts of the South at this time of year as on the Fourth of July in the North.

Some people say the custom originated back during the days of the great Southern plantations in pre-civil war times. The tradition has stuck and chances are it will be here for a long time to come regardless of its origin.

Traditions Won't Help

All these traditions won't do for law-observing residents of College Station however. For with the beginning of the Christmas season, city officials have issued a reminder concerning the local ordinance which prohibits fireworks within the city limits.

The ordinance not only prohibits the sale of fireworks, but also places a restriction on the possession of such novelties. City Manager Raymond Rogers says that as far as punishment for violators of this ordinance is concerned, "the law's got teeth."

To further explain what he meant by "teeth," he said the fine for such violations as firing or possessing fireworks could be \$25 or more.

With fireworks excluded from their shelves, maybe local merchants can find room for other important items which have possibly less profit to be realized, but serve a much more useful purpose.

Some Decorations for Christmas

We are anxious to see what Christmas decorations will be placed about the buildings and residences of College Station. Since there is no sponsored campaign to decorate homes depicting the yule season in College Station it would be nice for local individuals to take it upon themselves to do such a thing.

A few colored lights placed here and there in an appropriate place would certainly look pretty in addition to the many Christmas trees which will be poking their way through the windows in most homes.

A Reminder: Electricity Costs Money

Just a reminder that as the days add up to weeks and the weeks to months, there is still no action which can be recorded as progress in adding College Hills to the College Station electricity service.

Mayor Ernest Langford says that transfer of power installations from one company to another requires much red tape and delay before any negotiations can be made and completed.

In the meantime, the City of Bryan continues to receive money for its treasury which could be used in College for many things . . . such as additional fire protection for those who are asking it.

A few words here and there from authorities who should know what they are talking about, however, assures us that some action is up-coming in the very near future.

The question is . . . when?

Skirt Tales . . .

Tess Likes Idea Of Date Bureau For Xmas Dance

By Jean Cloud

Daily Lass-O Friday Editor

TSCW, Denton, Tex., Dec. 6.—I guess you turkey-stuffed Aggies are glad to be back at the books? Of course.

You're back just in time to rest up a bit before taking off this way for the freshman-junior sponsored Christmas Dance in the UB Ballroom. The Daily Lass-O has had queries from Aggies wanting dates for the dance. We'd like to help, but we haven't our date bureau license yet. We hear that the junior classes of A&M and TSCW are setting up such a bureau.

Santa and his Toyland will appear at the dance where as usual, Aggie boots and pinks will outnumber dark blue suits and tux. Music will be provided by the TSCW Serenaders, and they have a couple of novelty numbers planned.

As the theme of the dance would indicate, the time for the little man with the beard to creep down our chimneys is not far off and we have a gift suggestion. Why not a subscription to the Daily Lass-O for the roommate?

Laughton Lectures

The campus is eagerly awaiting the lecturing visit of Charles Laughton, noted Thespian, due here Friday night on the Concert and Drama Series. We're certainly turning cultural these days. Our primitive art exhibit opened formally Sunday. Sponsored by the Art Department, part of the objects are on permanent loan to the college for the Art Building galleries.

North Texas State got into the spirit by presenting Rubintoff and his violin Monday night. And, the College Symphony made its first appearance of the year in an annual concert Monday in the Main Auditorium.

And, another entertainment soon, the annual presentation of the "Story of the Nativity" is scheduled for three performances Sunday and Monday. This will be the fifteenth year for the play, written by President Emeritus L. H. Hubbard. It's well worth staying over for after the dance. The pageant is one of the many traditions which keep President Hubbard very much with us even though he left the college in September.

We're barricading all windows and doors in preparation for a visit from a deluge of high school journalists due on the campus this week. The Texas High School Press Association will meet in convention here as they do annually. TSCW is headquarters for the group. They will tell us what's wrong with the Lass-O—and oftentimes they're right.

'Twelfth Girl'

Wish the Presidential Bowl weren't so far away, because we'd all like very much to help the fighting Aggie eleven round out a wonderful season. As SMU, Arkansas and those others went, so should Georgia U. As Brass Tacks said, A&M has an undefeated season in spirit, and that goes for the Twelfth Girl. We'll be back next year with you in every game we can, certainly on the Corps Trip, and very probably in the (See SKIRT TALES, Page 6)



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