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Ships, Artillery Protect Hungnam Beachhead

Samuels, Stern New Debators

Two new members, John S. Samuels and Edwin C. Stern, Jr., have been accepted by the A&M Debate Club, after tryouts Wednesday night.

Purpose of the tryouts is to determine if prospective members are collegiate debate material. H. E. Hieth, one of the club's sponsors, said.

A&M's top debate team composed of James R. Farmer and E. Paul Jones will be guests of the Baylor University Speech Club, Jan. 6.

This team placed first in the University of Houston National Forensic Tournament held last November in Houston.

"Resolved that the Communist Party be outlawed in the United States," is the question which will be debated by the Aggies and a Baylor team.

The debate is to be published by H. H. Wilson Publishing Company of Dallas in their 1950 Year Book, according to Hieth.

Farmer and Jones will also take part in a discussion by the Baylor University Forum in the Student Union Building. This discussion will be broadcast, Hieth said.

Other sponsors of the A&M Debate Club besides Hieth are K. E. Elmquist and M. F. Allen.

Tokyo, Dec. 18—(AP)—A fiery bombardment by warships and field artillery today held at bay another Red Chinese assault on the United Nations' tiny Hungnam beachhead in northeast Korea.

The U. S. Battleship Missouri arrived offshore. Its 16-inch guns and one-ton shells were a welcome addition to the curtain of fire shielding hard-pressed units of the U. S. 10th Corps.

Maj. Gen. Edward M. Almond, 10th Corps commander, obviously was pleased by the intense firepower hurled at the masses of Chinese infantry pressing on Hungnam port from three sides.

Plans Followed

"Things are going just the way we planned them," he said. "Now every time the Chinese Communists dig in, we hit them with artillery concentrations, mix them up and knock them out. That's something we have been unable to do before."

At no point on the port's defense are had the Chinese been able to punch through. Observers said the Reds apparently had not sent many troops into bomb and shell-shattered Hamhung, industrial city six miles northwest of Hungnam. Hamhung was abandoned to the Reds Saturday.

An estimated 25,000 Chinese pressed against the beachhead rim. Another estimated 75,000 were moving up in the snow-mantled hills west and northwest of Hungnam.

Firepower Increased

Arrival of the battleship Missouri increases the range and effectiveness of naval fire. The mighty Mo's guns have a range of 20 miles—far enough to reach the white hills sheltering Chinese rear positions.

The Missouri entered the Korean sea Sept. 15 with an intensive shelling of Samchok on the east coast. This was after an 11,000-mile dash from Norfolk, Va. She appeared off Inchon Sept. 21 to help cover the allied west coast landings and then returned to the northeast Korean coast. The 45,000-ton warship last was reported in Korean waters Nov. 7.

General MacArthur's war summary credited combined naval and ground force bombardment with breaking up a pre-dawn assault against perimeter positions west of Hungnam—evidently an attack intended in great force.

Attack Repelled

However, U. S. Third Infantry Division doughboys rose from their snowy foxholes along the seashore flats to repel charges by wildly-shouting Chinese in company strength Sunday night.

Field dispatches said the Chinese screamed "all right, all right" as they attacked by the light of their own green and red flares. The shouts were in high-pitched, sing-song English.

And the riflemen mowed them down.

There was a lull in the fighting after daybreak.

A 10th Corps spokesman said about 900 Reds were killed Sunday by marine and navy air strikes and naval gunfire within a 60-mile radius of Hungnam.

The approaches to the beachhead were raked by the U. S. heavy cruisers St. Paul and Rochester. Destroyers stopped up the bombardment with five-inch guns. A navy summary said the fire had made a "no man's land" of the defense perimeter's outer fringes.



This sole holiday sign in the new area typifies the spirit of students as they prepare to start the Christmas vacation tomorrow at 5 p.m. C Battery supplied the artistic talent.

Holiday Schedules Set As College Shuts Down

With this being the last edition of The Battalion before the Christmas holidays, a roundup story of events and important schedules is in order.

Included in this list is The Battalion schedule for the holidays, housing for those who will remain on the campus, various MSC facilities schedules, the Aggieland Orchestra tour, and the Sbsa Cafeteria schedule.

Deadline for payment of fees is today. After today, a small penalty will be imposed for delinquent payments.

Publication Schedule

During the holidays The Battalion will be published Thursday Dec. 21 and Thursday Dec. 28. It will resume regular publication with the Thursday, Jan. 5 issue.

All dormitories will be closed and locked at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday Dec. 19.

Students, other than those living in Bizzell, who wish to remain on the campus, will contact students in Bizzell who will not remain during the holidays, concerning the use of their rooms.

To secure rooms, students will bring a note of permission from the occupant of Bizzell to the Housing Office in Goodwin Hall. Each student will sign a roster there showing his location for the holidays, so that he can be contacted in case of an emergency.

These arrangements should be made before noon Tuesday, Bennie A. Zinn, assistant dean of men, said.

Students not desiring to use this arrangement may secure rooms in P. G. Hall by signing up for them in the Housing Office.

If you find it necessary to obtain entrance to any of the dorms while they are closed, the Housing Office asks that you check with them for clearance.

All Dormitories will be unlocked at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Dining Halls Close

The last regular meal in the dining hall will be supper Tuesday, Dec. 19. Sbsa Cafeteria will be opened for noon and supper meals only through Dec. 22 and after Dec. 30. It will be closed during the other days.

Regular meals will be served beginning with supper Jan. 2, 1951.

A schedule of facilities that will be open during the holidays has been released by the MSC.

The MSC library will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1-6 p.m. and 7-11 p.m. A temporary library will be located in the Game Room. Magazines and newspapers will be located there for the convenience of those remaining on the campus. Dominoes and bridge cards may be checked out at the main desk.

Gallery classes will be held on Monday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

MSC Open

The Craft Shop will be open Monday through Sunday from 1-10 p.m.

The Bowling Alley will close at 6 p.m. Tuesday. On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday it will open at 8 p.m. and close at 10 p.m. It will open again Jan. 1 from 3-10 p.m. and will resume regular schedules Jan. 2.

From Dec. 20 through Jan. 2 the Coffee Shop will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The Dining Room will be open from 8 a.m. Dec. 20 through Jan. 2. Regular schedule will be resumed at that time.

The Fountain Room will be closed from 6 p.m. Dec. 19 through Jan. 2.

Many vacationing Aggies will have a chance to participate in various Christmas Parties and Dinners. A list of several of the parties can be found elsewhere on this page.

Orchestra Schedule

Providing music for several of the dances during the two-week vacation period will be the "traveling" Aggieland Orchestra. A 1,800 mile tour is planned by the musical aggregation.

Towns and Times Listed . . .

Harlingen

Bill Turner and the Aggieland Orchestra will provide music for the annual Rio Grande Valley Club's annual Christmas dance at Harlingen Air Field at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27.

Student bodies of all Southwest Conference and South Texas Colleges have been invited. A couple will be selected by each college to officially represent their school at the dance.

Lampasas

Land of the Lakes Club will hold its annual Christmas dance at the Lampasas Hostess House at 9 p.m. Dec. 21. Admission; \$2 drag or stag.

Port Arthur

Members of the Beaumont and Port Arthur clubs have consolidated to sponsor an all-college Christmas dance in Port Arthur, Friday, Dec. 22.

Scheduled for 8:30 p.m. the dance will be in the Pleasure Pier Ball Room and music will be furnished by the Aggieland Orchestra. Admission; \$1.50. Students and public invited.

San Antonio

San Antonio Club's annual Christmas party will be held at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 27, at the Shadow Land Night Club. All Aggies, Aggie-ex's, and Tessies are invited to attend. Admission; \$2.75 for members. This covers everything including refreshments and tips for the night.

The San Antonio A&M Mother's Club is holding its annual Open House from 7-9 p.m. the same day at the home of Mrs. J. T. Ryan, 137 Kathrine Courts.

Tyler

The Tyler Club Christmas Party will be held Saturday, Dec. 23 at 8 p.m. at the Cedars of Lebanon Club. East Texas Aggies invited.

Uvalde

The Aggieland Orchestra will provide music for the Trans-Pecos Club Christmas dance Dec. 23, in Uvalde.

Wichita Falls

An all-college Christmas dance, sponsored by the Wichita Falls Club, will be held at the Wichita Falls Country Club at 9 p.m. Dec. 30. The Aggieland Orchestra will play for the dance.

Taxes Take Precedent For Senate's Action

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—(AP)—Higher taxes for defense need ahead of increased military funds yesterday as the Senate got ready for pre-Christmas action on top emergency measures.

Senator Lucas of Illinois, the Democratic leader, told reporters he plans to call up first a bill to boost existing corporation levies and clamp on excess profits tax on business to help meet preparedness costs.

Lucas said a \$17,809 billion military money bill, upon which the Appropriations Committee is completing work, will come up later during a crowded week that may end Saturday with a recess over the Christmas holidays.

The session is expected to run right into the first week of January when the 81st Congress passes into history. The new Congress takes over Jan. 3.

The Huge Arms Appropriation was hustled through the House, and Senate passage is a foregone conclusion.

The Senate Finance Committee planned to put finishing touches on the tax measure tomorrow. Lucas said he expected to call it up the same day.

Besides putting a 75 percent tax on corporation profits which exceeded 85 percent of a firm's three best years from 1946 through 1949, the bill would hike the present surtax from 20 to 22 percent. It is expected to produce more than \$3,000,000,000 a year to help pay war costs.

The surtax feature was added by the Senate Committee after a number of softening amendments were added to the bill as passed by the House.

Civilian Defense

The House comes to grips this week with a civilian defense measure. This bill was approved over the weekend by the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The House also debates a bill to give servicemen \$10,000 free government life insurance.

Safety Campaign Launched With Bid to 'Keep Alive'

Chicago, Dec. 18 — Americans were asked today to celebrate the year-end holidays by keeping themselves and the Christmas spirit alive this year.

That plea launched the National Safety Council's Christmas safety campaign, in which 161 national organizations are cooperating.

The campaign is aimed at reducing the increasing number of accidents throughout the nation. Special emphasis will be placed on traffic accidents, which have taken an upward swing this year.

Traffic deaths for the first nine months of 1950 were up 11 percent, and the Council predicts that the traffic death toll for the year is virtually certain to reach 35,000. This would be the highest since 1941 and the only year since 1946 to show an increase.

"The Christmas-New Year's holiday season is the peak accident period of the year," said Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Council, "and traffic accidents present the most acute problem. Heavier travel and the festive spirit of the season always add to the normal winter hazards of bad weather, slippery roads and added hours of darkness.

"And more people will be traveling this year," he said. "Service

Clubs Set Holiday Dances

The Battalion last Thursday requested information from Aggie Clubs for a combined story on dances scheduled during the Christmas holidays by the various organizations.

The following list was compiled from information received.

Ablene

Aggie-Ex's of Abilene are sponsoring an annual Christmas Dance Dec. 29 for students and ex-students of A&M. The Aggieland Orchestra is providing music for the occasion.

Alice

A Christmas dance, sponsored by the Brush Country Club, will be held in the V.F.W. Hall in Alice Dec. 27. Perry Horine and his orchestra will play for the dance which begins at 8:30 p.m. Admission: \$2.50 per couple.

Athens

The Athens A&M Club is entertaining students of A&M College from Henderson County at the Athens Country Club Thursday night, Dec. 21.

Amarillo

The Amarillo Club will hold its annual Christmas dance Dec. 22 at Club Runnymede in Amarillo. Music will be furnished by the Club Runnymede Orchestra.

Profits from the dance will be used for an A&M scholarship fund which will be given jointly with the Amarillo Mothers Club.

Draper to Attend Turkey Convention

George H. Draper has been asked by the Texas Turkey Federation to attend the National Turkey Federation Convention at Long Beach, California in January.

He will also attend the Regional Plan Conference of the Western States, which is being held in connection with the convention.

McSnort Gets Early Start, Has Broadening Christmas

By DAVE COSLETT

Our friend Willoughby McSnort has been heard from after a considerable absence from these pages. And, as per usual, he has a tale of woe to tell.

Seems young McSnort, following his usually blameless course of action, started his Christmas holidays a few days early. But he had a reason.

Consider first the distance which he had to travel. Poor Willoughby must journey clear to North Zulch. In his words, "It ain't so much the distance as it is the darned inaccessibility. No mager hwy's, you know."

Besides, Willoughby absolutely had to visit the girl-friend at TSCW before she left for the holidays. She's a native of Dime-Box. It was that trip that put him in his present predicament.

He was doing fine when he left after his 8 o'clock class Wednesday ("Had to allow myself plenty of time.") It was the trip back that threw him.

The hitch-hiking McSnort left Denton Saturday at about three in the afternoon. Not too familiar with the countryside, he was only too happy to accept a ride to Grand Prairie. It was headed south, at least. Besides, he had been hitch-hiking since ten that morning.

Nor was he too disappointed when he reached the metropolis midway between Dallas and Ft. Worth. It was a fine town. He made this latter decision after a Buick-load of beautiful girls had passed him about three times in ten minutes.

On their fourth trip past, the ladies stopped. McSnort quickly adjusted his GTH hat so that the crown hung down evenly over both ears, moved the knot on his tie so as not to hide his DMS bar, checked his belt buckle for loose corrosion, slicked down his cow-

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lick and addressed the ladies. "Goin' my way?"

The quartet stared for a moment then answered, "Which way you going?"

"Wal, I'm headed for North Zulch."

"And where is North Zulch?" came the rejoinder from a plump blonde?

"Bout 15 miles cross-country from Iola," McSnort replied.

The driver forced a smile then asked sweetly, "Would a lift to Midlothian help?"

McSnort licked his chops. "Shore would," then to himself, "wonder where that is?"

The Buick roared off with McSnort seated comfortably in the back. He rode in silence for a while, then cleared his throat and said, "Looks like ya wouldn't be so crowded if one of the four of ya sat back here."

"We're doing fine," grunted the driver. (See McSNORT, Page 2)

Aggieland '50 Here--Finally

The Aggieland '50's have arrived and will be distributed this afternoon and Tuesday, Roland Bing, Student Publications manager announced this morning.

Students eligible to receive the annual may obtain them in office on the second floor of Goodwin Hall, he said. No identification or student activity receipts will be necessary, he added.

Annals will be distributed from the Student Activities Office after the holidays to students who failed to pick up their's prior to that time.

Dahlberg Named Stock Show Official

F. I. Dahlberg, of the AH Department, is superintendent of the swine department of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, Jan. 26.

Assistant superintendents are Roy Boswell, Fort Worth, Texas Livestock Marketing Association and R. B. Thomas, Jr., Commerce, Vocational Agriculture Supervisor.

Seven breeds of swine will show in the breeding classes. They are Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, O. I. C. Poland China, and Spotted Poland China.

Deadline for swine entries is December 15.



Santa's reindeer forge ahead unhindered as waiters in Duncan Hall go about their chores. The familiar sled and its equally familiar occupant form part of the decorations that have reminded New Area diners that Christmas time is drawing nigh.