

## Holiday Driving Brings New Accident Threat

CHRISTMAS TIME is nearing and again thousands of Aggies, their friends and their families will be traveling over crowded highways, hurrying to and from just about everywhere.

With modern super speedways and new automobiles advertised with more than 200 horsepower, we can expect that little regulation called a speed limit to be badly overlooked by most drivers.

We are all guilty of speeding, but the accident toll is growing to an all time high as the year ends because of people who forget where their speedometer needle should stop.

At this time last year the National Safety Council warned the "millionth man" was soon to die. The millionth traffic fatality did come as predicted.

At Christmas time the roads are full of traffic with the unusual number of people on their way to visit relatives, or just taking a vacation during the short break at the year's end.

Old man weather commonly brings havoc during Christmas holidays by providing cold, wet, slick highways to greet the motorist who sets out on a Christmas trip.

Take care Aggie. Silver Taps is a wonder-

*"Education is our only political safety. Outside of this art all is deluge."*—H. Mann.

## Big Baby Boom Raises Toy Demand

THE POST-WAR boom in baby production is causing toy makers to dance with joy these days. The Wall Street Journal reports toy sales may be 25 percent higher than 1951.

Statistically we can see why there's a bigger demand for toys. Before the war 2.5 million youngsters were brought into the world annually. Since 1946 that figure has been in the neighborhood of 3.6 million.

With more than 15 million children between the ages of five and nine years it isn't hard to understand why one of the nation's top doll makers has already sold more than 20 million dollars worth of the play things this year.

A doll furniture company has orders which amount to practically 40 per cent more than 1951 sales. The company president doesn't believe he can fill all orders.

And here's a note of interest: one company which manufactures games credits television with helping their sales. Mommas would rather have the children playing with toys than watching television.

What a wonderful situation. Our population grows, the toy industry grows, and best of all everyone seems to be much happier.

The happiest of all, however, will probably be the little tots who don't worry about all these percentages or birth rate figures. They will just take the toys and wait their turn to worry about such things.

ful tribute to students who pass on during the school year. But don't make it necessary for your friends and classmates to stand in reverence before the Academic Building while the notes of "Taps" echo over the campus because you were careless.

Hold the speedometer down to the legal limit. Be alert and cautious, and remember the words of a sign that is commonly found on Texas highways: "If you drink, don't drive; if you drive, don't drink."

## Dogs or Bears, Mascots Multiply

COULD IT BE A&M has run into the same problem which hit the Baylor University campus several years ago?

Baylor's mascot is a bear.

Someone decided the bear should have a mate.

Now Baylor has lots of bears.

With our ten additional mascots, born to Reveille II last week, it becomes questionable as to how the little pups will be able to accompany their charming mother when she prances ahead of the Aggie Band on formal occasions.

What a sight—ten little Indians—with coats that don't seem to match their mother's. But papa was probably (?) black and white.

And, alas, the fate of our ten little Aggies is still to be determined. Anyone have any ideas?

*"The secret of education lies in respecting the pupil."*—Emerson.

## New Ideas For Teaching Skill

AT LAST college officials have set machinery in operation to provide a means of helping instructors and professors develop better teaching skills.

Many professors teach the same course over and over, year after year. They soon get in a rut and overlook new developments in their field as well as new methods of teaching.

Two projects are planned for development of teacher skills. Present and future publications will be made available to faculty members by the college library. A study is also being made on the feasibility of offering a graduate course in philosophy and methods of college teaching to be made available to graduate students and interested faculty members.

We hope the faculty will take advantage of this service planned by the college. We dare say many students will agree there are faculty members who could stand development of their teaching skills.

## The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions  
"Soldier, Statesman Knightly Gentleman"

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## What's Cooking?

Thursday  
7 p. m.—Ross Volunteer's Initiation Banquet, Ballroom MSC.  
7:15 p. m.—Brazoria County Club, Room 2D MSC.  
Corpus Christi Club, Room 2B MSC, Final plans for Christmas Dance.  
Baytown Club, Room 3D MSC.  
Pasadena Hometown Club, 305 Goodwin Hall. Final plans for New Year's Party.  
Lavaca County Club, Academic Bldg.  
English Club, Social Room MSC.  
7:30 p. m.—Grayson County Club, Senate Room, MSC.  
Brush Country Club, Room 2A MSC.  
SAME, CE Lecture Room, Film on flood control will be shown.  
Aggie Wives Bridge Club, Rooms 3B & 3C MSC.  
Employees Night in Gift Shop, Gift Shop MSC.  
8 p. m.—Cooke County Club, Room 2C MSC.

### Friday

8 a. m. to 5 p. m.—Petroleum Research, Ballroom MSC.  
9 a. m. to 5 p. m.—Garden Club, Social Room MSC.

## Consolidated Has Large PE Program

A big program featuring physical education at Consolidated Public Schools will be held in the Consolidated gymnasium tomorrow night at 7:30. C. W. Landiss, head of the PE department will direct the program.

Highlighting the festivities will be a group of seventh graders in a square dance number. Also featured will be girls' basketball, girls' volleyball, tumbling and relays.

Helping Landiss will be Joe Erette, Jerry Crossman, Richard Bess, Russell Hudeck, Woody Walker, Charles Russell, Rod Purswell, and Charles Rollings, A&M senior PE majors. They are all student teachers at Consolidated.

"The program is open to the public and no admission will be charged," said Landiss. Students of the high school and junior high will participate.

1:15 p. m.—Foods Group of the College Women's Social Club, A&M Christian Church, Menu of foreign dishes.  
7 p. m.—Petroleum Research Banquet, Ballroom MSC.  
7:15 p. m.—Hillel Foundation, YMCA.

7:30 p. m.—The Birthday of the Prophet Mohammed, Assembly Room MSC.  
Czech Club, Room 2A, MSC.  
Colloquium, Room 2B, MSC.

8:30 p. m.—Plant Science Colloquium, Room 2D, MSC. Soil water-plant growth relationships will be discussed.

## Party Set Dec. 23 For CHS Exes

An informal party for the former students of A&M Consolidated school will be held Dec. 23 at 7:30 in Consolidated's cafeteria. Invited will be all graduates, high school seniors, dates, and faculty members.

"It will be just a get-together for all the CHS graduates who are back home for the holidays," said Gordon Gay, who is working with the planning committees for the party.

Committees are program, Joyce Patranella; refreshments, Mason L. Cashion and Lou Burgess; decorations, Billy Blakely and Liz Miller; clean-up, Jason McGee; and publicity, Lamar McNew.

## Moses Manages Aggie Bowl Squad

Bill Moses, 20 year old senior from Dallas, Texas, is the manager for the Army for the 12th Man Bowl game.

An industrial technology major and executive officer of Company A Infantry, Moses is a three-year member of the American Foundry Society (AFS and the 1952-53 vice president.

He is a former member of the fencing team and held the office of class parliamentarian in 1949 and 1951. He was also a member of the fish drill team.

When the gang gets together...

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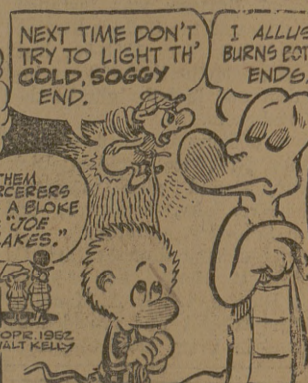


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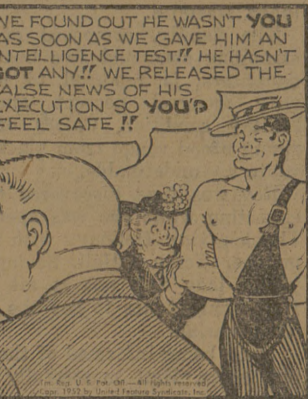
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