

# Battalion Editorials

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THE BATTALION

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## General Fails to Realize Responsibility in Talk

WHEN A general spoke here recently he should have remembered: "Responsibility walks hand in hand with capacity and power."

Through the years when we saw this man direct A&M's Corps of Cadets. Later, we watched him rise in the ranks of the Army. His duty justified promotion.

Yet his manner and speech to hundreds of men who soon will be fighting for their country failed to reach the heights he has before. He forgot his responsibility.

He forgot to tell and re-emphasize to these men who he had once commanded what their duty would be and what their country expected of them. He failed to keep a serious tone when it was needed in restating his famous phrase "No lying, no cheating, and

no stealing." He did not show to these men a respect for authority and for higher officials. He had good intentions, yet they were clothed with power.

His responsibility now is to educate. He failed. He failed to show that men of exceptional integrity are needed to produce a world peace and keep it. He failed to illustrate how the men of A&M can raise themselves higher in the eyes of the world and improve their military standards.

Tryon Edwards would have said to him: "Sin with the multitude, and your responsibility and guilt are as great and as truly personal, as if you alone had done the wrong."

"Character development is the great, if not the sole, aim of education."—O'Shea.

## Loyalty Oath May Disappear

LOYALTY OATH laws may disappear rapidly from the American scene.

Monday the Supreme Court ruled that loyalty oath laws may not be used to bar persons from public employment just because they once belonged to a subversive organization.

It struck down an Oklahoma law requiring state employes to swear, on penalty of losing their jobs, that for the five past years they were not affiliated with any organization listed by the U. S. Attorney General as subversive or Communist-front.

How this will effect the oath signed by students here is not known. The difference between the Oklahoma oath and the oath here is in the number of years the person has not affiliated with any organization listed as subversive. Texas requires the last two years. Oklahoma the past five.

Little is accomplished by this oath, although many persons feel it will be the safeguard to prevent Communist infiltration. We are glad to see it go.

"I care not what subject is taught, only it be taught well."—Thomas H. Huxley.

## Gift Average -- 36

THE ALL-AMERICAN average for Christmas gifts via the mailman this year is 36. The Association of American Railroads said each American can expect 36 gifts and greeting cards this year. Their figures are based on the mail it expects the railroad to move by Dec. 25.

"Education is the cheap defense of nations."—Burke.

"Tis education forms the common mind; just as the twig is bent the tree is inclined."—Pope.

## Is Germany Another Korea?

HISTORY repeats itself, and the Communists have had a knack for helping it along during the last few years.

After the end of World War II, the Far East Reds were crying for the unification of Korea and for the removal of both United States and Russian troops. Following the removal of the U. S. occupation forces, the Korean War began.

This week in Vienna, Austria, the Communist-sponsored "Congress of People for Peace" were insisting that the big powers settle the German problem of unifying Germany, now divided between East and West. This must be done, they say, before peace can be gained.

The objective of both Russia and the U. S. pulling their forces from Korea was to allow their unification. But the North Koreans attacked the South.

The only difference which might occur in Germany is direction—not North against South, but East versus West.

"Each man who has received the higher education is resentful because it has not done as much for him as he has always believed it would do."—E. W. Howe.

## Spirit of Christmas

SATURDAY will start officially the Christmas holidays. Few will be sad.

In this time of war, however, Americans should remember the significance of Christmas: "And on earth peace, good will toward men."

It's easy to forget.

# The Battalion

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

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## What's Cooking

Wednesday  
7 p. m.—Bowling Committee, Room 2D, MSC.  
7:15 p. m.—Hillel Foundation, Room 2C, MSC.  
Executive Committee, Senate Room, MSC.  
7:30 p. m.—Tau Beta Pi Banquet, Ballroom, MSC.  
Piano Recital, Assembly Room, MSC.  
Animal Husbandry Seniors, Social Room, MSC.  
Air Force Reserve, Rooms 2A & 2B, MSC.  
Christian Science Meeting, Room 3D, MSC.

Thursday  
8 a. m. to 5 p. m.—Texas Board of Architectural Examiners, Arch. Dept.  
3 to 5 p. m.—Extension Service Club, Assembly Room, MSC.  
7:15 p. m.—Bosque County Club, Room 2D, MSC.  
7:30 p. m.—Aggie Wives Bridge Club, Rooms 3B & 3C, MSC.  
Trans-Pecos Club, Room 2C, MSC.  
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## Pipe Smoking

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John Ginn, L. O. Williamson, M. M. McCrary; large bowl, J. D. Linton, J. G. Davidson, R. M. Nixon, W. H. Morley, and Roy Lilley; small bowl R. S. McClellan, Leonard Stolz, and B. E. Hage; professor's division, V. F. Ridgway and Ronald Logan; miniature bowl, B. E. Hage and Roy Lilley; corn cob, W. H. Morley, Roy Lilley, and B. E. Hage; churchwarden, J. W. Moody; pipe collections, D. B. Wheeler; calabash, D. B. Wheeler.  
Cigar smoking division winners were Les Gay, L. C. Washburn, R. M. Nixon, and Virgil Walter. J. G. Davidson and E. A. Younger won the professional hand cigarette rolling, and Mrs. E. A. Younger and Albert R. Berry topped the amateur entries. Machine cigarette rolling winners were John Linton, Albert R. Berry, and M. M. McCrary.

Ross Hall Cannons Will Not Fire Again  
Both three-inch cannons and the two 57 mm anti-tank guns in front of Ross Hall received fresh coats of olive drab paint and hardwood plugs driven flush into the barrels, last week.  
Rust was beginning to form in the rifling of the guns, so the military department drove in the pegs.  
It could be the plugs will prevent further "firing" of the guns also.

## FROM THE CITY DESK

# Christmas Spirit Covers Local Area

By HARRI BAKER  
Battalion City Editor

The best outdoor Christmas decoration on a College Station home will be chosen in a contest sponsored by the Civic Development Committee.

Any kind of decoration that can be seen from the outside of the house is eligible for the contest—lights, outside Christmas trees, stand-up figures or anything else.

A first prize of \$15 will be given by the development committee. Second prize will be \$10, and third \$5. Judging will be done by members of the Garden Club, and will be completed by Dec. 23. Winners will be announced in The Battalion.

Several houses have already put up decorations, and others are working on some.

## Toys Being Distributed

The Kiwanis Club is distributing between four and five hundred toys to the underprivileged children of the city, mostly Negroes.

The club collected all the toys and reconditioned them in Consolidated High School's shops.

The MSC Directorate is also distributing toys collected at the showings of the movie "Christmas Carol."

## Christmas Parties Planned Everywhere

Seems like everyone is planning a party or an open house for the holiday season. The city's open house is today from two to five in the City Hall. Everyone is invited and coffee and cake will be served.

Santa Claus will stop by College Station on Christmas Eve to make an appearance at the Recreation Council's party that night. Everyone, especially, the children, is invited to that one, too.

The Recreation Council is sponsoring a similar party for Negroes at Lincoln High School Friday.

Consolidated High School students will have their party just before school lets out for the holidays, Friday afternoon. It will be in the gym, with entertainment provided by the CHS chorus.

Consolidated's alumni will have a party the night of Dec. 23 in the school cafeteria. The present high school seniors have been invited, as well as all the former students who are back home for the holidays. The purpose of the thing is to provide a chance for everyone to get together.

"The Song of Christmas," a cantata telling the story of the Nativity, will be sung and told to-night by a 30-voice chorus composed of choir members from every church in the city. It will be at the First Baptist Church, starting at 7:30.

Twenty Christmas songs and carols are in the cantata, with narration from Bible verses.

## Melchior

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est heroic tenor, Melchior has starred in six entertainment fields; opera, concert, radio, television, recordings, and motion pictures.

His latest movie, "The Stars Are Singing" will be released by Paramount in February 1953. Other pictures in which Melchior has starred include MGM's "Thrill of a Romance," "Two Sisters from Boston," "This Time for Keeps," and "Luxury Liner."

## Variety of Honors

In honor of his singing, Melchior has received decorations from several countries. He has received the Commander Cross of Danneberg, the Danish medal of "Ingenio et Arti," Knight Commander of the White Rose of Finland, and El Merito de Chile.

Other decorations include the French Legion of Honor and Officer de l'Instruction Publique, Knighthoods of Bulgaria, Saxonia, and Coburg; as well as the Gold Medal from Vassar College for his contribution to music in America. He has also received the Grand Lodge of New York's Gold Medal for the most outstanding Free Mason of 1944.

Melchior was made a Doctor of Letters by Wagner College, New York. More than 100 American cities have made him an honorary citizen.

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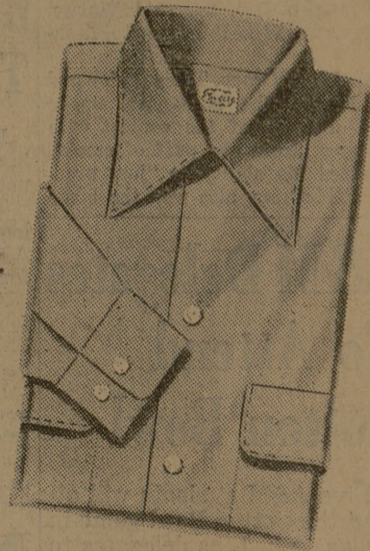
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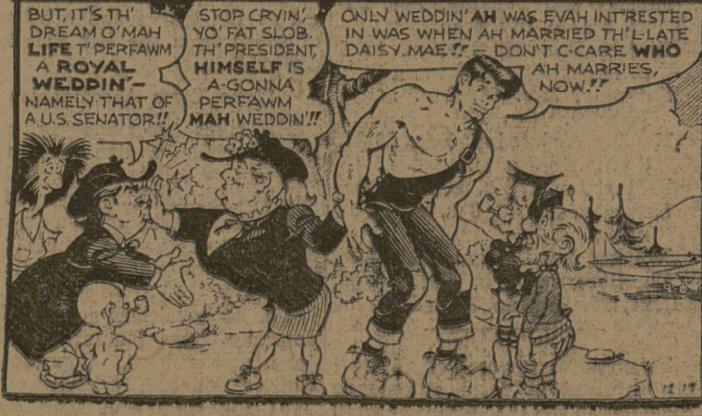
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## POGO



By Walt Kelly

## L'L ABNER Into The Wild Blue Yonder



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