

# Battalion Editorials

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## Thought Can Keep You Off That List of Statistics

There are many stories in this edition on facts and figures from accident reports. Stories such as these seldom hold the glamour and feeling of some of their bigger brothers with fancy headlines describing the gory details of deaths and near-deaths.

But these facts tell a story in themselves. Read some of them. Maybe you knew one of the figures on these lists. Maybe you lost someone quite close to you in an accident which was tabulated in these figures.

Or maybe you will lose someone in the near future who will be added to a list called "Holiday Deaths."

Or perhaps you yourself will be one of the numbers on that list of statistics.

That brings us to the purpose of our Safety Edition.

We have boiled down the statistics to an easy-to-read form. We have placed pictures

on the pages to add realism to cold figures.

And we have given you some cartoons to stimulate thought.

Because THOUGHT is the big enemy of death statistics. Thinking tears down that impulse to speed around the car in front of you on a curve—it keeps you from racing with your friend down a narrow road—it keeps you from becoming just a statistic on a list of "Holiday Deaths."

Read over the figures. Look at the pictures. You aren't isolated when you step in your car. Don't think you can cruise down the road by yourself. Some of those people you meet on the highway will be on that list.

The people in that next car might even be entered on the list along with your name.

Traffic accidents are real. There's no way you can get around it. So meet this thing with the biggest enemy to accidents—THOUGHT.

## Hickman Could Be Right; One Aggie May Soon Die

Campus Security Chief Fred Hickman has said that A&M will be lucky if some of its students are not killed on the highways during the Christmas vacation.

He believes the odds indicate that at least one student here will die violently in an auto accident.

There is a good chance that Hickman will be right. The state department of public safety estimates that 190 persons in Texas will die in traffic accidents during the holidays.

This year approximately 2,400 automobiles will leave the campus carrying students

home for Christmas. This figure represents only A&M. Hundreds of cars from other schools will also be on the highways. Student autos represent just a fraction of Texas holiday traffic.

Many students here will be in a hurry to get home. Some will want to take chances in order to get there faster. Probably all believe that they are good drivers.

They should remember though, that Hickman has had years of experience in highway safety work and that the number of traffic deaths sometimes jumps the state predictions.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editors, The Battalion  
Colonel Fred Mitchell

Newspapers of the nation today seldom present the true opinions of the editors or represent the good of the people. Politics and business dictate the policy of newspapers on matters that concern anything of importance.

College newspapers are among the few publications that are not

drastically affected by the motives of business and politics, even though they are not always entirely unaffected.

In many cases, if an editor of a larger newspaper does not follow the thoughts that best benefit the interest of a certain business or political group that control that paper, he usually doesn't last very long.

Fortunately our paper, The Battalion, is not under the influence of any special group who wish to slant the news and editorial material to suit their purposes.

## AF, Army Teams

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Defense-Guards, J. M. Williams, dorm 4, 195; and Roy Walker, company A, 189; Tackles, W. R. Bauman, company H, 205; and Ted Ritchey, B armor, 195.

Some of the linemen will be used both on offense and defense, said Scott.

The army defensive backfield will be linebackers, Clinton Bippert, dorm 2, 180; and Pat Crawford, B composite, 185; Halfbacks, Jerry Griffith, A engineers, 170; and Dale Topperwein, A QMC, 180; Safety, R. D. Harper, company H, 160.

Air force head coach John Salyer will start the following in his Y-formation backfield - Quarterback, Dale West, squadron 17, 159; Halfbacks, Fred Wilms, White Band, 175; and James Denard, squadron 13, 170; Fullback, David Rochelle, squadron 25, 155.

The defensive backs will be Safety, Ralph Pettit, squadron 14, 147; Halfbacks, Robert Smith, squadron 21, 186; and Adrian Helms, squadron 20, 175; Linebackers, Ross George, College View, 175; and Jerry Keith, squadron 4, 185.

Line coach Louis Capt said, "If they show the hustle and fight they've been putting out in practice, I think we've got a good chance to win."

The starting line for the air force will be:

Offense-Center, Frank Urbanic, squadron 13, 168; Guards, Charles Anderson, squadron 23, 180; and James McNeely, squadron 21, 175; Tackles, Louis DeHaes, dorm 5, 190; and David Verble, squadron 8, 187; Ends, G. T. Pruitt, dorm 4, 185; and Muid Bishop, squadron 15, 185.

Defense-Warren Grant, squadron 2, 190; Jerry Pyle, squadron 7, 160; Carl McGee, squadron 22, 160; G. M. Keller, P. G. hall, 205.

Pruitt and Bishop will play offense and defense.

The Editors of the Battalion represent the people as a whole. Their policy is to print the facts, then comment according to what they think is right and benefits the greatest number of people.

As for hurting the College, I think The Battalion has had quite the opposite effect, except for one or two minor mistakes, such as the Houston case—"It seems as if Houston is trying to..." This was simply an overlooked error, that might have happened to any newspaper, especially with students who lack professional experience.

No one seemed to criticize The Battalion and its editors before the Clark incident. But even if the Batt had wanted to, what other stand could they have taken? As it was, no one outside of the students at A&M paid much attention to the Battalion's opinions; however, if they had taken the opposite side, you can well imagine the criticism that would have fallen on the school.

It is well known that certain "student leaders" and "organizations" did not agree with the Battalion's stand on the Clark case. Could it be that these students and organizations would like to have control of the Battalion, or at least someone who agreed with them? Then they could play "Old Army," run off people who said things they didn't like, and in general do whatever they pleased without fear of the school newspaper bringing the unfairness of such matters to light.

If The Battalion has printed anything that has hurt A&M, the news story was true, and the fault lies with the individuals who created the story, by committing some act that was degrading to the school.

Terry Michael '56

## Beekeeping Course May Be Offered

Introductory beekeeping may be offered by the entomology department the spring semester.

The course, entomology 307, will be offered if 12 or more students are interested, according to Dr. F. L. Thomas of the entomology department.

Students can leave their name in room 202 in the Biological Sciences

building. Students taking any course of study may apply.

At present one student has applied for the course, a foreign student who came to this country especially to take beekeeping.

Included in the four-hour course is the life history of the honey-bee, swarm control, division of colonies, feeding, wintering and general apiculture management.

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## ★ Job Interviews ★

• There is an opening with the Willacy county Chamber of Commerce for a man to serve as manager. Business administration, economics, agricultural economics, agricultural education and horticulture majors may qualify.

• The AC Spark Plug division of General Motors corporation has vacancies for mechanical and electrical engineers, physicists and mathematicians to serve as field service engineers and also do design and development work.

• The Box Planning Mill and Store Fixture company at San Angelo is interested in employing a draftsman for general millwork and store and bank fixture detailing. They prefer a person who has had some experience in this type of work; however, they are interested in talking to several January graduates who think they might like to make this type of work their career. Architecture and industrial education majors may qualify.

• The St. Louis—San Francisco Railway company has two permanent vacancies in their engineering

department for civil engineering graduates. Both positions carry the job title of junior engineer, grade B. One is in the office of their division engineer at Springfield, Mo. and the other is in the office of their division engineer at Fort Scott, Kansas. The work consists of engineering investigations in the field and working up the plans, estimates, and reports in the office.

• The Clay Products association of Southwest is looking for two architects, preferably with training in design. The work will involve contacting architects, engineers and builders in the southwest area. There is a seven-week training period at their institute in Washington, D. C.

• The Texas Prison system has an opening for a man trained in the field of horticulture to serve as truck farm supervisor. They prefer a married man for this position.

• There is a position of range control aide open with the Consolidated Ute agency, Office of Indian Affairs, under U. S. Department of Interior. Location would be at the

Ute Mountain Indian reservation which is near Cortez, Col. Range and forestry, agronomy and animal husbandry majors may qualify.

• Eli Lilly and company in Indianapolis has two positions available for students who have completed their junior year in college. They would be employed as junior Trainees and assignment includes a scheduled training program providing experience in various areas of the business. Business administration, chemistry, chemical and industrial engineering majors may qualify.

• Civil engineering majors who have completed three years college work may qualify for openings with the Bureau of Public Roads. These openings are at the GS-4 level. The examination will be given early in March and applications for the test will be received until Feb. 9.

• The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics is interested in employing juniors, preferably aeronautical, mechanical and electrical engineering majors, to work as engineering aide or lab assistant with their operations at Langley AFB, Va.

• There are openings again this summer for college students to work as bellhops, camp guides, busboys, shop men, garage maintenance assistants, grounds men, etc., with the Estes Park Conference camp in Colorado.

## Holiday Dinner Cancelled at Inn

The yearly Christmas Eve dinner for foreign students held by the Twelfth Man Inn will not be held this year, said Mrs. Kate Arhopulos, owner of the restaurant.

Mrs. Arhopulos said that she had planned to hold it this year but most of the students had made other plans.

Only two students said they planned to be on the campus Christmas Eve and Christmas day. These two students will be guests in the Arhopulos home Christmas day.

## TWO - MAN BOTTLE

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP)—A bottle of champagne, now aging in the vault of a Great Falls bank, will be drunk by the last two survivors of Company A, First Montana Volunteer Infantry.

Originally the wine was to go to the last survivor. But members of the "Last Man's Club" of the Spanish-American War Veterans in their last annual convention passed a resolution to change the original terms. The thoughts of several were expressed by one veteran who said:

"In my imagination I see myself with that bottle but I know I couldn't drink it; I wouldn't want to drink it."

## The Battalion

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