

# The Battalion

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GO MAN, GO—Cutting up in practice for tonight's talent show are, left to right, Paul Wilkins, Rex Reed, and Dick Hunkler, all of Hart hall. The name of their act is "Old Army."

## Varied Acts

## Talent Show Set Tonight

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With acts ranging from African dancing to hillbilly "picking and singing", the third annual Aggie Talent show will get underway at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Memorial Student Center ballroom. This show promises to be the greatest all-student show ever held on the campus, said Mike Griffin, chairman of the talent show committee.

Thirteen acts are scheduled this year with about 25 students participating. These acts include the Aggie Ramblers, a western band composed of Billy Barefield, Walter Miers, Cliff Hobs, Dick Beard, and Pat Resley; a comedy act by Lee Trawner Jr.; a baritone singer, Joe Tindell; a magic and juggling exhibition by Dean Duncan and

Jerry Schnepp; Mirl Kimberling, another baritone; and a comedy act featuring Paul Wilkins, Rex Reed, and Dick Hunkler.

Other acts are western songs by Fred Gibbs and Sam Brown; a pantomime by Joe Tillery; ukelele picking, western style, by Jerry Sides and Byron Smith; western songs by E. L. Pixley; accordion selections featuring Theodore Stecki; songs by Irish tenor David Goldston; and an African dance exhibition by Michel Jaques.

Master of ceremonies for the show will be Willard Jenkins. The Capers Combo will furnish background music for some of the acts and will play during the intermission.

The name of the first place individual or group will be engraved on a large trophy that will be kept in the MSC. They will also receive individual trophies. The winning act will also represent A&M in the Inter-collegiate Talent show to be held next spring.

Judges for the show will be Col. Robert D. Offer, Mrs. Odette Smith, Bill Martin, and Dr. Bardin H. Nelson.

Admission to the show, sponsored by the MSC music group, is free.

## Post Offices To Close Later

College Station post offices will remain open until 6 p.m. during the weekdays between Dec. 13-23. N. L. McCullough, acting postmaster, announced yesterday.

He also said that during the holiday season all first class mail will be sent by air to the next terminal.

"Residents should leave their porch lights on from dark until after 6 p.m. to aid the late-working carriers," he added.

## News of the World

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW—The Soviet Union warned the Western powers last night that Russia and its East European Communist allies would increase their armed forces if West Germany is rearmend. In notes specifically aimed to prevent Western ratification of the Paris agreement to rearm West Germany, Russia told the United States, Britain and France the stepping up of Red armaments was "to counteroppose the growing armed forces of the aggressive states threatening the maintenance of peace."

WASHINGTON—Foreign aid Chief Harold Stassen said yesterday the United States is looking to West Europe for direct government appropriations to make an aid-for-Asia program a success.

FOLSOM, Calif.—Editors of the Folsom Prison Observer conducted a survey on how to make Folsom a better place to live. One inmate suggested weekend passes to a destination of the prisoner's choice. If an inmate failed to return he'd get a black mark—and no more passes.

## Community Christmas Pageant To Be Presented Sunday Night

### Annual Dinner Will Honor 23 Employees

The annual Christmas dinner for employees of the A&M system will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 17 in Duncan dining hall.

At the dinner, 23 persons who have completed 25 years of service with the system will be honored. Tickets for the dinner may be purchased at the main desk of the Memorial Student Center.

The honorees will be Dr. C. C. Doak, biology department; Robert G. Reeves, genetic department; Joseph A. Orr, civil engineering department; A. E. Finlay, mathematics department.

H. R. Covington and Charlie Smith, Buildings and College Utilities department; Dr. Joseph F. Fudge, Byron C. Langley, Otto P. Seeman and Nolan V. Thurmond, agricultural experiment station.

David Andrew Adam, Miss Thelma Casey, Elmo V. Cook, Mrs. Irene Duncan, Jack P. Forgason, Miss Vida Holt, Miss Doris Leggett, Miss Gladys Martin, Charles Wade Simmons, agricultural extension service; Anton Blazek, farm service department; Frank Nedbalek, Texas Forest service; Paul L. Rodriguez, subsistence department; and Henry Turner, animal husbandry department.

### He Put Up A Good Fight Anyway...

A Brahman steer broke out of its confines at the animal husbandry meats laboratory about 8 yesterday morning, and went on an extended tour of the campus and surrounding areas.

Campus security officers Olan Armstrong and A. M. Ward, with the help of Dr. O. D. Butler and Dr. Roy W. Snyder, finally subdued the animal and returned him to his pen.

Butler was the only casualty of the chase—he was kicked in the stomach.

### 'Gift to Community' Says Mrs. Morgan

"A Star Shines Through" will be presented Sunday, after more than a month of preparation by the 170 persons connected with the Christmas pageant.

The pageant, called "a gift to the community," will be at 8 p.m. in Guion hall. A&M students are especially invited, said Mrs. David H. Morgan, general chairman of the pageant.

The two-hour pageant is a combination of three one-act plays, each from a different historical period. A narrator and a 30-voice hidden chorus give continuity.

"The whole community is in line with the national movement to re-emphasize the real significance of Christmas and 'put Christ back into Christmas'."

In charge of the general arrangements are Theo Lindig, Interfaith council; Garrett Maxwell, YMCA cabinet; Tom Davenport, Aggie Players; and Mrs. Morgan, College Station Council of Church Women.

The final dress rehearsal of all members of the cast will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday in Guion hall.

A&M students aided in stuffing 2,000 mail-out notices of the pageant, and in other parts of the production. Students will handle the sets and lighting, with Joe Danenbaum as stage manager.

The Town Hall staff will usher at the show, and James Henderson will be in charge.

C. K. Esten, director of the Aggie Players, is the director for the pageant. Music is under a committee composed of Bill Turner, Mrs. J. M. Baty, and Mrs. Grace Krug.

J. H. Sorrels, Mrs. Ara Haswell, and the Rev. Clarence Ketch will narrate the performance.

Leading roles will be taken by Victor Wiening, Mrs. J. Ward Tishler, Harry Gooding, and Mrs. Walter Delaplaine.

Soloists will be Mrs. Robert L. Smith, Herbert Shaffer, D. T. Killough, Larry Hayes, and the Rev. Nolan Vance.

The date and time were arranged so as not to conflict with scheduled church services. Some churches which did have services scheduled are letting out early to allow the congregation to attend the pageant.

"The show is definitely adult fare," Mrs. Morgan said. "Children under the fifth grade level probably would not enjoy it."

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### Debate Session Begins Today For 16 Colleges

The sixth annual A&M debate tournament began at 1 p.m. with four rounds scheduled today and two rounds Saturday morning, Lee J. Martin, coach of the A&M debate team said today.

Sixteen colleges and junior colleges have entered about 70 debate teams in the two-day meet which has headquarters in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center. They are Rice, Baylor, University of Texas, Southern Methodist university, University of Houston, Abilene Christian college, Delmar college, Hardin Simmons, St. Mary's university, Stephen F. Austin State Teachers college, Austin college, Southwest Texas State Teachers college, North Texas State Teachers college, North Texas State college, A&M, Wharton County junior college and Blinn junior college.

Following completion of the debate tournament Saturday morning, Austin Wheatley will speak at the tournament luncheon at noon, in the MSC ballroom.

Sponsored by the Great Issues committee, Wheatley, British Consulate-General for the southern region located at Houston, will speak on "Britain's Position on Recognition of Red China."

After the luncheon is served, additional chairs will be brought into the ballroom and students and faculty members interested in Wheatley's topic are invited to attend. Herman Hassell, chairman of the Great Issues committee, said yesterday.

### Community Chest Short Of Goal

The Community Chest drive totaled \$10,625.43 at 3 p.m. yesterday, according to C. W. Price, drive chairman.

With the drive ending today, it is still over \$4000 short of its \$14,700 goal.

"Agencies participating in the Community Chest will have their requests cut in proportion to the amount the drive fails to reach its goal," he said.

Anyone wishing to contribute should give their donation to a drive committee member, or mail it to R. E. Patterson in the System Administration building.

### School Group Hear Lectures On Safety

A&M Consolidated elementary school students heard talks this week on bicycle and pedestrian safety by Curtis Bullock, College Station policeman.

Bullock has sponsored a safety program for College Station school children for the past four years. During this time, there have been no serious accidents. The year previous to the start of the program there were two bicycle accidents, one of which was serious.

Students from College Hills were commended for using the new walkway on Jersey street in going to and from the school. Bullock warned students who live in the Southside area of possible accidents unless they adhere more closely to traffic safety regulations.

He has also advised parents that permitting first and second grade students to ride bicycles to school is a dangerous practice.

"Children of this age are not physically and mentally mature enough to cope with automobile traffic," he said.

Parents were also warned to reduce speed on Jersey street between the school and highway 6 because of the hill that makes it impossible for drivers to see school children soon enough to avoid an accident.

### Influenza Leads

Influenza was the leading disease in the College Station-Bryan area last week with 40 cases reported. Diarrhea was second with 28 cases reported.

### For Town Hall

## Belafonte Sings In Tuesday Show

"Three for Tonight," the Tuesday Town Hall attraction to be presented at G. Rollie White coliseum at 8 p.m. is described as a variation in the presentation of music, dance and drama.

The show, a Paul Gregory-Charles Laughton production staged by Gower Champion, will star Marge and Gower Champion, Harry Belafonte and the Voices of Walter Schumann.

One of America's top record salesmen today, Harry Belafonte has thrilled listeners in his personal performances. Once called "The Cinderella Gentleman," Belafonte was changed from an obscure worker in the garment district of New York to a singing star, recording artist, and motion picture actor.

After graduation from the American Negro Theatre, he made the rounds of various booking agencies but there was at that time no demand for a young Negro actor. The demands of his family being what it was Belafonte was forced to give up his search for an audition and found work in a garment factory.

The break came one night. Belafonte appeared between two acts in the Royal Roost, a popular jazz spot in the area. At the conclusion of his second number he received an ovation, the likes of which had not been heard on Broadway for many years.

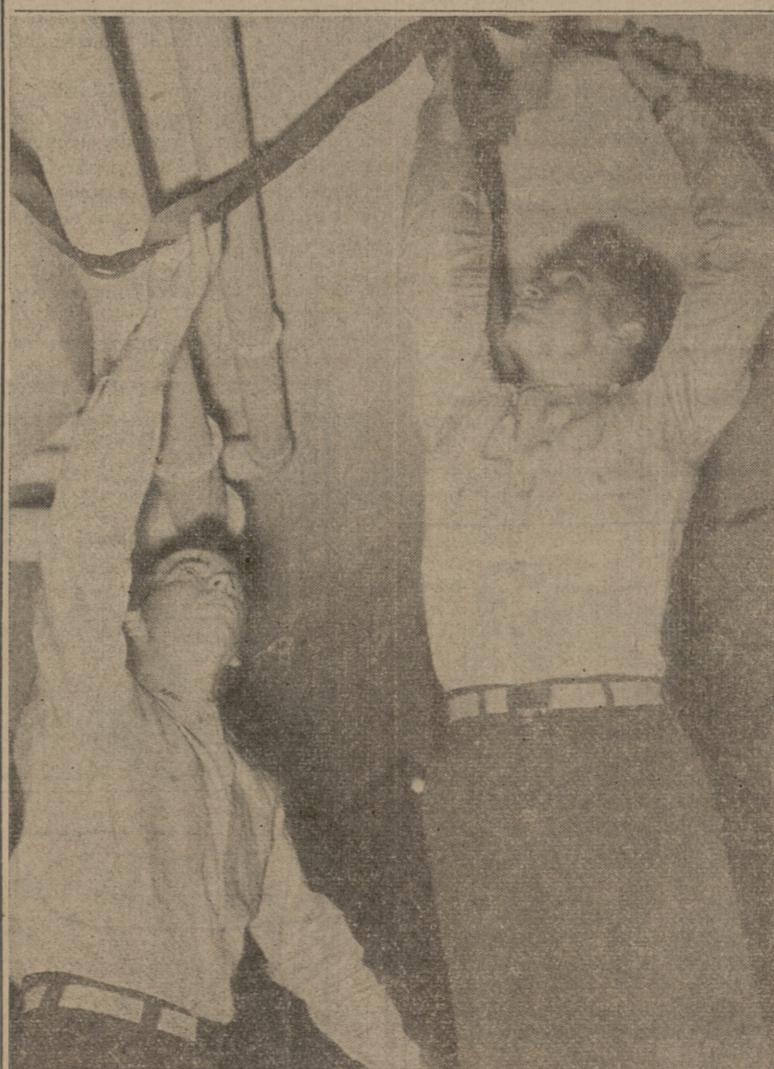
Following appearances in night clubs throughout the country and a successful sale of records, he appeared in the motion picture "Bright Road."

Music by Schumann  
The background music of "Three for Tonight" is furnished by Walter Schumann's "Voices." The man responsible for the musical score of "Dragnet," Schumann's music (See TOWN HALL, Page 2)

### Weather Today

Forecast for today is continued cloudiness with possible light rains or drizzle this afternoon. There is an expected warmup for the week end.

Yesterday's high was 65, low 34. The temperature at 10:30 this morning was 57.



DECORATIONS—Sam Harris, left, and Ronnie Newell, both freshmen in Squadron 19, help put up their dormitory's decorations for Christmas. All the dormitories and many individual rooms are being decorated for the season.