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THE BATTALION

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The Joy of Giving

They say the best thing about Christmas is the giving, and they're probably right.

And by far the best thing about giving is giving to small children. With their laughing eyes and uncomplicated joy at receiving, young children are the most fun to give to.

Everybody doesn't have children, or even know any, to give Christmas presents to, but there is a way everyone in College Station can give a Christmas present to a child.

The Kiwanis club is working nights to repair, paint, and fix-up old toys to give to children who otherwise might not be visited by Santa Claus.

The club already has many toys ready for distribution, but they can use all they get, and they want more.

Since the time is getting on toward the big day, they prefer toys that won't have

to have too much repair work, but they'll take anything you have. Taylor Reidel, junior high principal at Consolidated, is in charge of the collection.

Almost all houses, houses that once had young children in them, have a few old toys around.

By letting the Kiwanis club give them to some one that wants them, the toys can once again bring the same joy they brought to you the first time they were given.

A Last Word

Just a last word before you leave for the holidays—please drive carefully. Don't take any chances and look out for the other fellow.

Drive as if your life depended on it—it does.

Atomic Defense Discussed

PARIS—(AP)—Foreign policy chiefs of the United States, Britain and France talked over yesterday the issue of who should give the word to use atomic weapons in event of an attack by the Soviet Union.

An authoritative source who declined to be identified by name predicted the Big Three would come up with an atomic defense plan that would be okayed by the other NATO members. But this informant did not disclose what the plan was.

U. S. Secretary of State Dulles, British Foreign Secretary Sir An-

thony Eden, and French Premier Pierre Mendes-France, who serves as his own foreign minister, tackled the atomic and other problems in a three-hour meeting at the French Foreign Ministry.

The thinking of the Big Three will have a big bearing on the decision of the entire North Atlantic Treaty Organization Council when it takes up the atomic subject today.

The United States made its position clear here yesterday. An authoritative spokesman said the United States takes the stand that

no surefire system can be set up in advance to determine how the big decision on use of atomic weapons can be made. In the American view, a surprise attack from Russia might wipe out any machinery set up by NATO to make such a decision.



FOR THE VETS—P. L. (Pinky) Downs Jr., A&M's official greeter, looks at the cases of fruit donated by students and College Station residents for the patients at the Temple veterans hospital. Downs took the fruit to the hospital yesterday.

Engineer Plans Petroleum Issue

The January issue of The Engineer will be dedicated to the petroleum industry, according to James Henderson, editor.

All articles will be written by students in the A&M petroleum department. One article will feature training facilities in the A&M petroleum department.

Other articles will feature special research in the petroleum industry, petroleum production methods, pumping problems, and the origin of petroleum.

The Engineer will be widely circulated since most major petroleum companies have subscribed for this issue, said Henderson.

The Engineer staff is planning to feature other industries in later issues of the magazine.

Movies Announced By Film Society

The schedule for the Film society of the Memorial Student Center for January is as follows.

January 7, "Mister 880"; Jan. 9, "Pinky"; Jan. 11, "The Prince of Foxes"; Jan. 14, "Rhapsody in Blue"; and Jan. 21, "Of Mice and Men."

All of the films are at 7:30 p.m., except the Jan. 9 show "Pinky" which is at 2 p.m.

The schedule for the spring semester will be announced later.

Goose quill pens are kept on desks in the U.S. Supreme Court, largely for ceremonial reasons.

S-D Traffic Deaths Less Than Average

CHICAGO—(AP)—"Let's make every day a Safe Driving day."

That suggestion was made yesterday by the group which put the big safety show—Safe Driving Day—on the road Wednesday.

An Associated Press survey, including several delayed reports, showed that 49 traffic deaths occurred Wednesday.

The National Safety Council figures that for each fatality there are 35 cases of injury and 225 accidents. That ratio indicates there were 11,025 accidents and injuries to 1,715 persons on S-D Day.

An AP survey, made to provide a yardstick, showed there were 64 traffic deaths on Dec. 1. Last year traffic accidents averaged about 27,000 a day.

There were 15 fewer traffic deaths reported on S-D Day than on Dec. 1. And the S-D Day toll was far under the average of 97 deaths for the first 10 months of this year.

Both the S-D Day and Dec. 1 surveys were made on a "spot" basis, counting only the deaths occurred on those days. The fatality average for the first 10 months of this year included deaths that occurred a day or more after the victim was injured.

President Eisenhower's Action Committee for Traffic Safety, which sponsored S-D Day, hailed it as a success. The committee director, Rear Adm. H. B. Miller, retired, stated:

"S-D Day did precisely what it was intended to do. It focused nationwide public attention on the need for safer driving and it proved that, with just a little more care and effort, the traffic toll can be cut substantially.

"We wish, of course, that the actual saving in lives on S-D Day could have been greater but, if this saving could have prevailed throughout the entire year of 1954, more than 6,000 lives would have been saved."

Greek Students Riot Against U.S. Offices

SALONIKA, Greece—(AP)—Shouting students protesting the United States' failure to support Greek demands for Cyprus smashed up the U.S. Information Agency offices here yesterday. Police and firemen halted the demonstration, in which 40 persons were reported injured—none of them Americans.

U. S. Consul General Murat Williams said the USIA offices were "very badly damaged in spite of the efforts of the police." The students destroyed all the plate glass windows, overturned some bookshelves, and damaged some film equipment. They tried to reach the main consulate offices, were held off by strong police reinforcements, but broke two windows in the consulate's visa office in another building.

Eyewitnesses said the police lost control of the situation several times during the clash, finally establishing control after renewed charges.

Police officials insisted the damage of the USIA offices was slight. They declined to give the number of students injured in the clash but said six gendarmes and firemen were hurt.

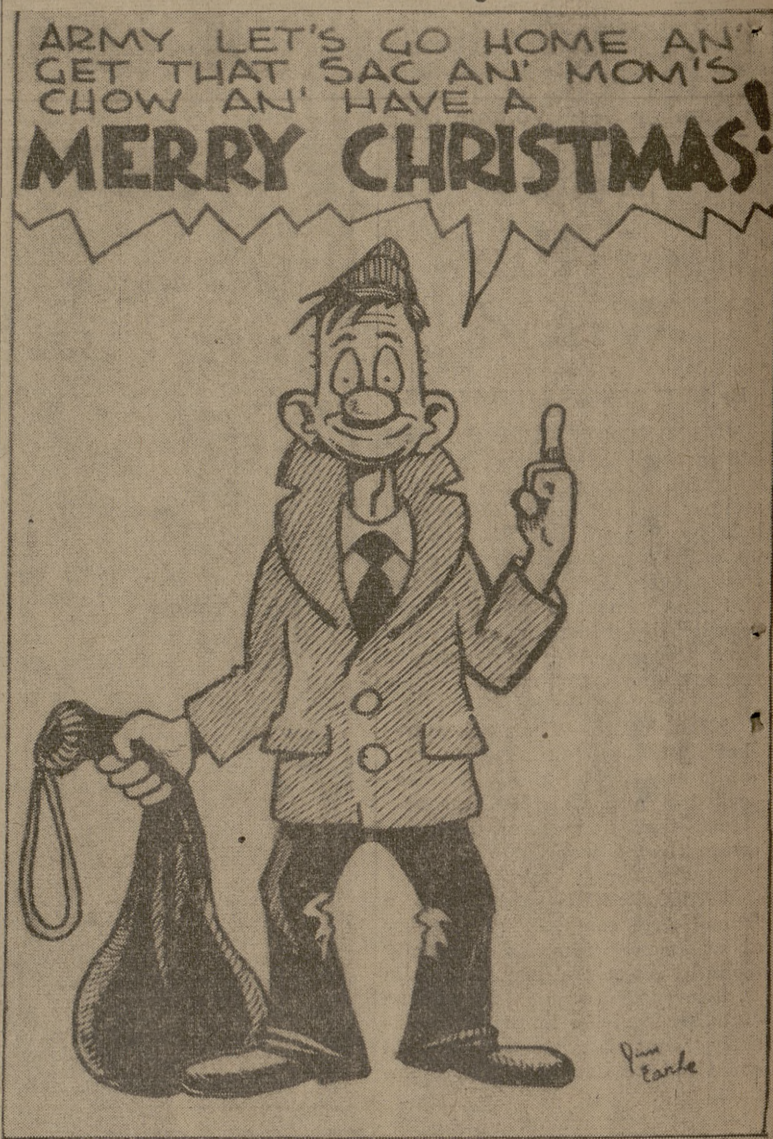
A&M Personnel Attend Convention

Three Basic Division Staff members are attending the second annual convention of the Southwest Psychologist association in Oklahoma City, which ends tomorrow.

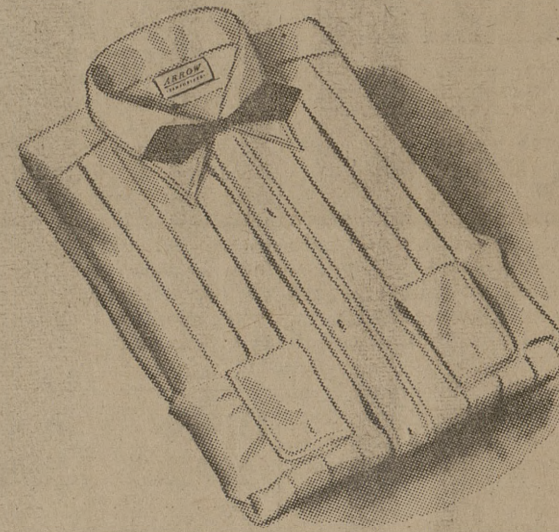
W. V. Varvel, professor of psychology in the education and psychology department; Albert J. Kingston, director of guidance in the Basic Division; and Clay E. George, reading clinician and instructor will attend the convention.

Varvel, Kingston and George will take part in panel discussions and committee meeting, which will constitute the major part of the program.

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by Osann



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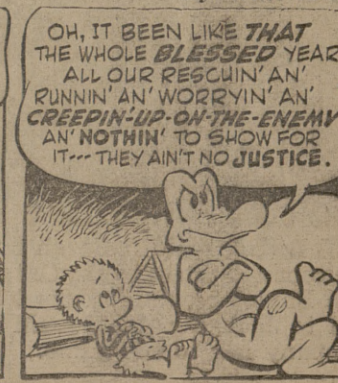
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