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# Welcome To A&M, New Students

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**"FIVE OUTSTANDING YOUNG TEXANS"**—These "Five Outstanding Young Texans" received JayCee-sponsored honors at a state banquet in Midland. Left to right the young Texans are: George F. Pierce jr., Houston architect; Jack W. Gray, county judge, Denton; Denton A. Cooley, Houston surgeon; Ben H. Carpenter, Dallas insurance executive; and Howard E. Butt jr., Corpus Christi grocery executive and Baptist evangelist.

### Development Course Opens As Twenty Nine Register

Twenty-nine selected representatives of southwestern industries registered for the three-week Executive Development Course sponsored by A&M as the course got under way Monday morning in the Memorial Student Center.

The registrants will hear recognized national authorities discuss the current economic and industrial situation as a background for intensive study of specific industrial problems of the southwest. The registrants were selected by their organizations to take the course.

David H. Morgan, president of the college, gave the welcome address Sunday evening. The staff was introduced and the objectives of the course were explained by F. C. Bolton, president emeritus.

Monday's program included talks by A. J. Kingston jr., of the college's basic division and by Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean of the college. The registrants gave short resumes of "My Company and My Work," at the opening session at 8:30 a.m.

Registrants include A. C. Gladden, Texas Gas corporation, D. H. Schuenemann, Houston Lighting and Power company, Roger Stannwood, T. B. Sanders, Transcontinental Gas Pipe corporation, W. O. Phillips, United States Steel corporation, all of Houston; W. H. Bauerschlag jr., H. B. Zachry company, San Antonio; B. B. Berry, Tuboscope company, Corpus Christi; C. A. Cash and T. C. Clopton, The Shamrock Oil and Gas company, Amarillo; R. C. Hieronymus, Carbide and Carbon Chemicals company, Texas City; N. J. Horbrecht, Central Power and Light company, Kingsville.

C. E. Huddleston jr., Socony Paint Products company, Beaumont; R. J. January, Magnolia Petroleum company, P. G. Wallace, Texas Power and Light company, S. E. White, Seaboard Oil company, Dallas; J. J. Kemper, General Telephone Company of the Southwest, Brownfield; R. A. Metzke, United Gas corporation, New Braunfels; D. L. Morris, Freeport Sulphur company, New Orleans; R. M. Nall, St. Louis Southwestern Railway lines, Tyler.

C. A. Norton, Central Power and Light company, Weslaco; J. H. Phillely, Community Public Service company, Detroit; L. L. Porter, General Telephone Company of the Southwest, Texarkana; C. A. Sullins, Union Producing company, Beeville; R. C. Tallman, Lion Oil company, El Dorado, Arkansas; R. F. Vogt, Texas Electric Service company, Fort Worth; J. N. Watts, Southwestern Gas and Electric company, Shreveport, La.; T. D. Wheat, Texas Electric Service company, Eastland; R. F. Winchester, Tuboscope company, Odessa; B. B. Watson, Texas Power and Light company, Waco.

### AF Reserve Concentrates On February Membership

February will be the last good month for non-prior service personnel to become a member of the Active Air Force Reserve, Sgt. Robert Lindgren said yesterday.

Lindgren, stationed at Ellington Air Force Base, said there is no inactive reserve status without first serving in the active reserve. Interested personnel have several ways in which to obtain further information on how to become a member, he said. Contact present local members of the Air Force Reserve; write to Reserve Information, 2578th Air Reserve Flying Center, Ellington Air Force Base, Texas; or telephone Hudson 67783.

The active reserve training schedule includes training in various Air Force specialties at Ellington on the second weekend of each month, plus two weeks of active duty status during the latter part of the summer. More complete training is undergone during this period, Lindgren said.

Other inducements to joining the Air Force Reserve are that reserve airmen are entitled to all the entertainment facilities at Ellington and a complete physical examination, as well as the air force qualification test, is given each applicant.

The membership campaign conducted on the campus during November and December was considered highly successful, Lindgren said, and if enough applicants show interest in the Air Force Reserve, a field crew will be sent from Ellington to process personnel into the active reserve.

### Senate Curtails Picketing Evils

AUSTIN—(AP)—Over the objections of organized labor, a Senate committee last night gave its approval to a measure to prohibit organizational picketing by a union that does not represent a majority of the employees involved.

The action, by voice vote, sent the measure back to the Senate floor. It was the first of a series of proposed labor-control bills to win committee approval.

### County Mothers Plan Game Party

The fifth annual Brazos County A&M Mothers Club game party will be held in the Memorial Student Center ballroom Friday at 2:30 p.m. with proceeds going to a scholarship for a Brazos County senior, Mrs. Ide P. Trotter said yesterday.

Seniors partially working their way through school are eligible for the scholarship which has been presented four previous years, she said.

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Tickets for the game party are available from any club member and are \$1. Mrs. A. C. Magee is chairman of ticket sales and all kinds of games will be played during the afternoon, Mrs. Trotter said.

Foes of the bill said its purpose was to halt labor unions from further organizational activities in Texas. They claimed the question of a majority would not arise under the bill until after a strike was called when only non-union employees would be left inside an establishment to vote.

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## Student General Assembly To Open Spring Semester

### Accident Death Rate Declining But Still Costly

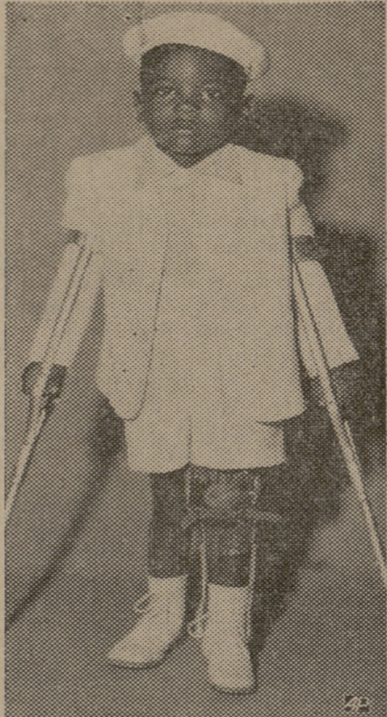
CHICAGO — (AP) — The United States scored the lowest accident rate in the nation's history in 1954 — but the cost still was high in deaths, injuries and dollars.

A total of 91,000 persons died in accidents of all kinds, yet the toll was 4,000 below that of a year before and the accident death rate per 100,000 population is the lowest on record.

Traffic accidents, the No. 1 killer took 36,300 lives, yet the toll was 2,000 below that of a year before and the death rate per 100-million vehicle miles traveled also was estimated as the lowest on record.

The figures, released Wednesday by the National Safety Council also showed that 9,200,000 persons were injured in accidents of all kinds and that the estimated economic loss was \$9,700,000,000.

Home accidents in 1954 took 28,000 lives, fatal accidents at work, 14,000, and public accidents excluding traffic, killed 16,000.



**MARCH OF DIMES POSTER BOY** — James Clark Allen jr., five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allen of Tyler, has been designated by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis as the 1955 March of Dimes Poster Boy.

## Tornado Wreckage Combed For Dead

MEMPHIS — (AP) — Rescuers, working in bitter cold and drizzling rain, combed wreckage yesterday for possible additional victims from tornadoes that ripped three Mid-south states Tuesday.

The unofficial death toll, all in Mississippi, was 30. However, there was a possibility that name duplication, where first names were not available, might lower the figure.

The twisters, nature's most violent storm, smashed first into Arkansas, bounced across the Mississippi River into Mississippi, then had a final fling in Alabama.

Twenty-seven were reported killed near Commerce Landing, Miss. Three died at Olive Branch, about 12 miles northeast of Commerce Landing.

School houses were destroyed at both communities. Many of the dead were Negro school children.

Ruthie Lee Clark, 10, was at the Landing school just before the twister hit.

"The teacher told us we could

go home before the storm got too bad," she said. "About five of us started up the road when the wind began to blow real hard.

"We went into a house and it just came apart. I landed about 10 feet away." She suffered facial cuts.

The teacher, Mrs. Lonnie Morgan, 44, and two other children were killed.

About 62 of the less seriously injured were transferred from the jammed, 25-bed Tunica County Hospital to emergency quarters at Tunica County Vocational High School.

Mrs. Matilda McCoy, her face swathed in bandages, talked to newsmen today while helping feed four of her children.

She was at home with her seven children when her husband, Fred, and her father, Cliff Atkins, came in out of the field and said:

"There's a storm coming."

"Fred told me to put out the cook stove first. I had just poured water on it when the back door of the house blew off. I grabbed up my baby and the wind knocked me to the floor.

"My father knelt over two of my children. My husband looked after the rest. The next thing I knew the house was in splinters and I was sitting on a plank in the mud."

No estimate of damage was available.

### Masons To Hear Grand Master Talk

The Masters, Wardens and Secretaries association of the 29th Masonic District will celebrate George Washington's Birthday with a dinner in Sbis Hall Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Principal speaker will be the Honorable George C. Moffett, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. The dinner is open to all Masons, their families and friends, according to Larry P. Cobble, program chairman and tickets at \$1.50.

### Morgan, Abbott Welcome Freshmen and Transfers

New Student Week for the spring semester began Wednesday with classes scheduled to start at 8 a.m. Monday, February 7.

A general assembly of freshmen, returning former students and transfers from other colleges will be addressed at 7 p.m. tonight by David H. Morgan, A&M president. John P. Abbott, dean of the college will speak on "What College Has to Offer you," following the address by the president.

### Weapons Test Will Include 9,000 Troops

WASHINGTON — About 9,000 fighting men will take part in the next Nevada tests of "new and improved nuclear weapons," expected to start Feb. 15.

The Defense Department made the announcement today, saying that among the exercises will be an atomic explosion handled by some 2,100 Navy and Marine Corps personnel.

There was no word as to the type of nuclear weapons that will be demonstrated. The Defense Department merely said that much progress has been made in training for atomic warfare and these tests will be held to evaluate the effect of the new weapons on such training.

W. L. Penberthy, head of the student activities department, will outline all phases of campus life to the new students. C. H. Ransdell, acting dean of the basic division, will preside at the general assembly.

Military orientation programs were slated this afternoon in separate sessions for day students, veterans and non-corps students and those who will be in the ROTC. Speakers include Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant of the school of military sciences; Col. Robert D. Offer, professor of military science and tactics; Col. John H. Way, professor of air science, and Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant.

New students underwent testing Wednesday afternoon and this morning, with Dr. Albert J. Kingston in charge. Actual registration for classes will be Friday afternoon in Sbis Hall.

### Gloria Says Gem Not Her Property

NEW YORK — (AP) — Gloria Vanderbilt said today she was fascinated by a report from Italy that she bought a 135-carat emerald known as "The Eye of Mohamet's Horse"—but that it's all news to her.

The aspiring young actress, who is the estranged wife of conductor Leopold Stokowski, said she never before had heard of the gem—and certainly hadn't bought it.

### Schulenberger Scholarship Given

A \$500 scholarship has been given to A&M for the school year 1955-56 by the Schulenberger Foundation of Houston.

The award will be made to a junior or senior majoring in electrical, mechanical or petroleum engineering, physics or geology. To be eligible the student must plan to complete, prior to receiving his degree, at least twelve (12) semester hours in electricity. Harold Gene Fox, a senior physics major, holds the award this year. The selection of recipients is made by the faculty committee on scholarships. R. G. Perryman, associate registrar, is secretary of the committee.

### Board To Meet

The A&M board of directors will meet in regular session Feb. 26 on the campus.



**HORSE AND BUGGY DOCTOR**—Dr. H. D. Wolfe, 27, physician at Hugo, Okla., just across the Red River from Texas, stops traffic and startles patients when he makes calls in his buggy. The four wheeled carriage has been in the Wolfe family for nearly half a century but was only recently put back into service. In bad weather he uses a more rugged Jeep to make calls.

## News of the World

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—The United States reportedly is turning down a request from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for firm, public guarantee that this country will fight Red China if necessary to keep the Quemoy and Matsu Islands in Chinese Nationalist hands.

AUSTIN—Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd said under persistent questioning last night it has been possible for veterans land deals to be approved by one member of the three-man Veterans Land Board.

WASHINGTON—A subcommittee of the Democratic National subcommittee of the Democratic National Committee received formal bids yesterday from Chicago and Philadelphia for the party's 1955 nominating convention but made no immediate choice.

WAKEFIELD, Mass.—Furniture dealer Lester Spiro was cleaning up debris left yesterday by safe crackers who robbed him of \$2,000. Among scattered papers he found a forgotten insurance policy covering the theft.

ABILENE—Love of football was credited Wednesday with bringing Sammy Baugh out of semi-retirement to sign a 5-year contract as head coach at Hardin-Simmons University.