

What Type Human . . .

A letter is on this page that we can find no fault with, but can only add our own voice of agreement.

Silver Taps Tuesday night was not observed by some—we don't know who—as it should have been. This observance of the passing away of our fellow students is the most sacred and worthy tradition that A&M can claim.

How important can anything be that it can override a short pause of reverence toward the dead. Fifteen minutes is not much time to give out of respect for those who no longer have "15 minutes to spare."

It looks as though something official, and enforceable, should be approved by college officials to insure the proper regard for Silver Taps. But it will be a very deep shame for A&M if such a move proves necessary. For what type of human being would willingly break such a worthy tradition?

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Letters To The Editor

To The Battalion Editors and other interested parties:

Since our freshman year at Texas A&M, we have watched a marked and rapid degeneration of that most beautiful and worthwhile of all the Aggie traditions—Silver Taps. The ceremonies of the night of Jan. 3, 1956, unfortunately afforded no break in this chain of events.

True Aggies do not like to be silhouetted against light in the background, with light overhead, and light in their faces (artificial light) during five-sixths of the service of Silver Taps. And true Aggies would see to it that such lights are extinguished, for a few moments at least.

Just who was responsible for the lights burning in the top floor of the Academic Building and in the Physics Building, we don't know. Perhaps it was student, professor, or custodian. We do know that there needs to be a more careful observance of the details of protocol that go along with the observance of Silver Taps. Because of past occurrences, we feel certain that the three men to whom tribute was paid, had they been the ones paying tribute, would not have done it so poorly as we

regarding matters of "small" details.

Perhaps whoever was responsible for this latest incident was not aware of the ceremony taking place. We have always looked upon interest in our fellow Aggies, their welfare, and their misfortune as a part of the education we receive at the College. News of the deaths of Aggies are in the newspapers, flags are flown at half-mast, and Silver Taps notices are posted. If there exist any doubts in anyone's mind as to time and place of observance of Silver Taps or time and place of Silver Taps notice-postings, please contact any one of the undersigned for information concerning the same at any time.

We have come to have a deep respect for the traditions of the College, regarded so lightly by some. Perhaps we are wrong. Perhaps those connected with the College might better spend their time in grading papers, planning buildings, and carrying on experiments instead of taking off a few moments to participate and cooperate while Aggie students pay their last respects to the friends which have bodily departed from our number. We Think Not!!

A few concrete suggestions might be of value here. First, if Silver Taps is to continue as a tradition, there needs to be a working spirit of cooperation between all students of all classes, both graduate and undergraduate, civilian and military, the faculty, the staff, the College administration, and all those whose offices are near the Academic Building (including those in Goodwin Hall!). Second, may we suggest that the President of the College take the necessary steps to assure that the faculty, the staff, and the various building custodians are duly informed as to the significance of Silver Taps and the conduct due during its observance. By "conduct due" we mean NO lights, NO talking, and at least a respectful, if not a reverent, attitude.

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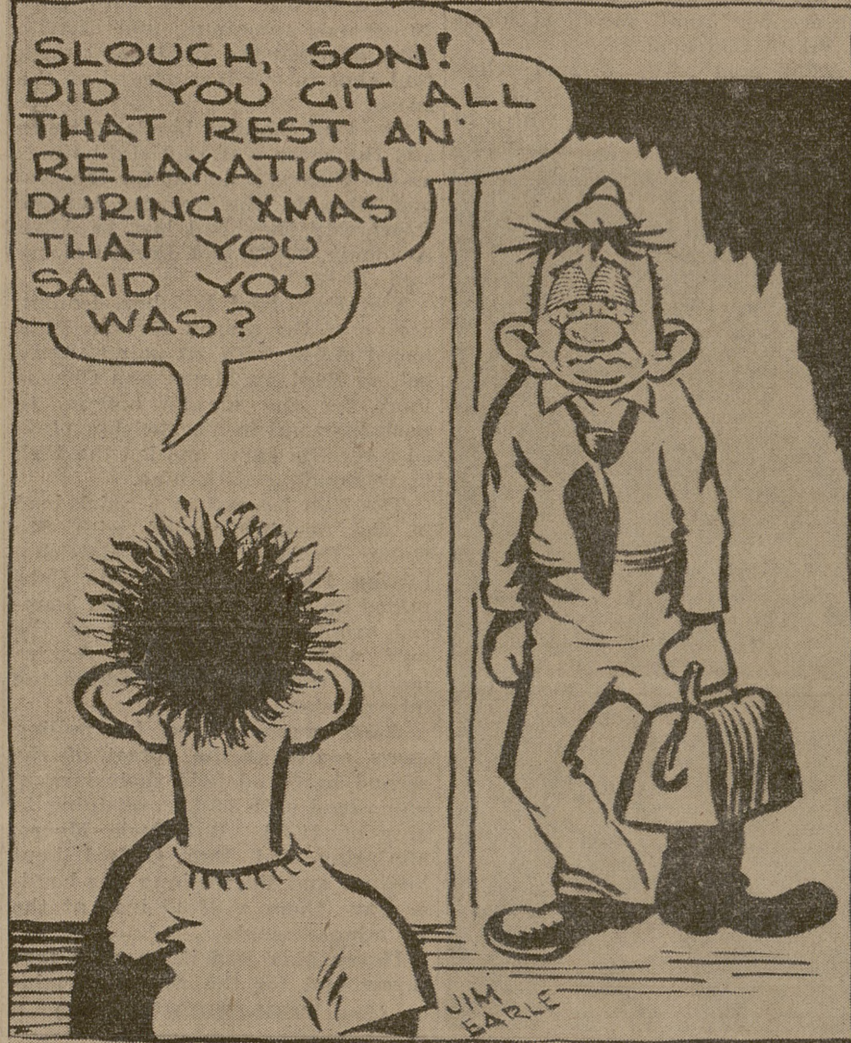
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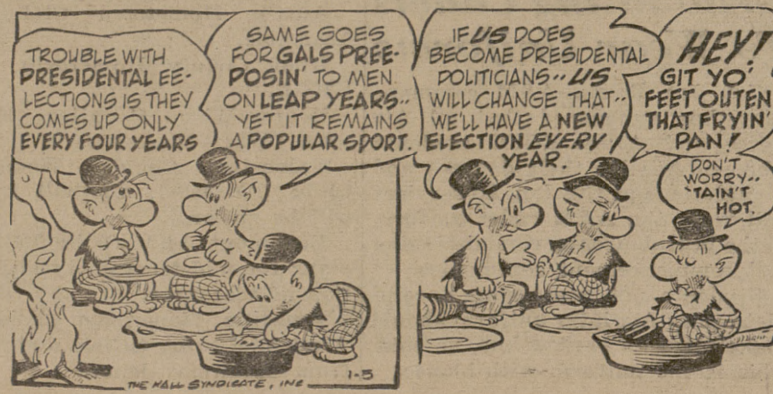
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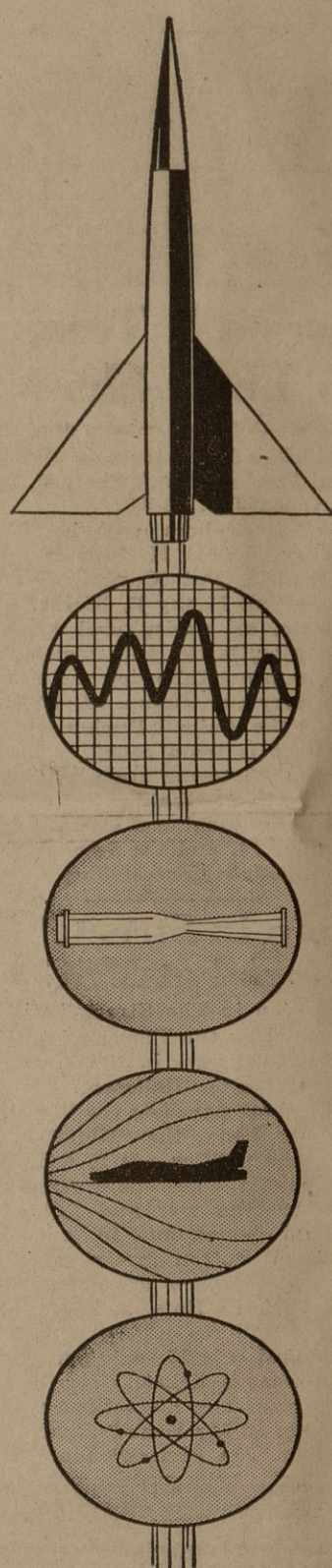
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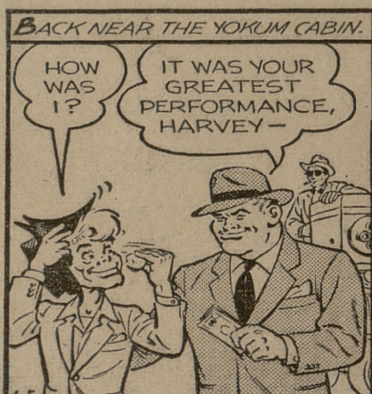
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