



"YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE IT IS THE SAME PLACE," is the general feeling students have for the many changes at their College hospital. DeWitt Morrow, junior from Houston, samples a bit of the friendly service while hospitalized with a cold. Mrs. Evelyn Arnold stands by to offer help. (See story, Page 6.)

## Directors Say Morgan To Lose Job Friday

### MSC Closes For Holidays Tomorrow

The Memorial Student Center closes tomorrow at 6 p.m. and will not open again until Wednesday Jan. 2.

Tonight the Fountain Room closes at 7, the Gift Shop at 7:30, the Browsing Library at 5 and the Bowling Alley at 11.

Tomorrow the Fountain Room will be open from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m.; the Gift Shop, from 7:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. and the Bowling Alley, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. The Browsing Library, Dining Room and Coffee Shop will not open tomorrow.

On Wednesday, Jan. 2 the Fountain Room will re-open at 3 p. m. and close at 10 p. m.

The next day, Jan. 3, hours will be the same as during the regular term.

### Swift Act Hurries Resignation Date

President David H. Morgan's resignation will become effective Friday, the executive committee of the A&M Board of Directors decided yesterday.

D. W. Williams, vice chancellor of agriculture for the A&M System was named acting president.

The committee said it made the decision because it "believes it contrary to efficient administrative procedure for the head of an institution to serve after an announced resignation."

After consultation with other members of the Board, they said they considered and confirmed the action of Chancellor M. T. Harrington in accepting the resignation which Dr. Morgan formally presented to him Monday.

### Santa Believer Keeps Faithful Through Years

NEW YORK, (AP) — Once upon a time there was a little girl named Virginia O'Hanlon who believed in Santa Claus. Her faith was a source of great delight, but one day her friends started teasing her.

"There's no Santa Claus. It's your mother and father," they told her.

Virginia was shaken, but she was not one to let go lightly anything so precious as her belief in Santa.

So she consulted her father, Dr. Philip F. O'Hanlon. Then she sat down and scribbled in a childish hand the following letter to the old New York Sun:

"Dear Editor:  
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in the Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?  
Virginia O'Hanlon,  
115 West 95th Street"

Virginia got her answer in one of the most famous newspaper editorials ever written.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus," the editorial by Francis Pharcellus Church began. "He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist. . ."

That was in 1897. Today Virginia is Dr. Laura V. Douglas, principal of Brooklyn P. S. 401. She is the mother of a daughter and grandmother of seven children, all of whom believe in Santa Claus.

### Politicos Move From Election To Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The politicians are shifting their skirmishing and scuffling now from the national arena to the halls of Congress.

This is the traditional aftermath of a presidential election—an election that produced strangely paradoxical victories which kept President Eisenhower in the White House and Democrats in control of Congress.

Probably the most impressive political event of 1956 was the way Eisenhower won a second term with a massive margin of nine million votes. But from the standpoint of future impact, an equally important development may well be the way people split their tickets and refused to give the President a Republican Congress with which to work.

As a result Republicans and Democrats will be struggling to hang their own party labels on major legislation—trying to stake out claims to items to which they can point with pride in the 1958 and 1960 elections.

The 1957 political maneuvering is bound to catch up individuals in as spectacular fashion as issues. For key figures on Capitol Hill, the 1960 presidential election.

Vice President Nixon, obviously a possibility for top spot on the GOP ticket next time, appears likely to be assigned an increasingly broader role.

Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, who ran against Nixon, can be expected to try to remain in the public eye, too. Investigations of one kind or another have kept him there before and may again.

Kefauver has the stamp of defeat upon him, though, and may be unable to re-establish himself as a real contender for 1960. Adlai E. Stevenson, the Democrats' two-time loser in the presidential race, can't be expected to sink into political silence.

The Democrats may begin looking around in 1957 for some fresh young talent to promote—such men as Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, who came within an eyelash of beating out Kefauver for the vice presidential nomination in 1956, or Sen. Joseph S. Clark of Pennsylvania and Gov. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine, who have proved their vote-pulling power in Republican territory.

## Host of Students Petition Morgan To Remain Leader

"We want you to stay and continue your fine leadership," thousands of A&M students petitioned Dr. David H. Morgan today at 10 a. m.

The students, both Corps and Civilian, made known their wishes in a resolution adopted by the Corps Staff drafted in sympathy with Dr. Morgan's leadership.

Those making the official presentation included L. E. Shepherd, deputy Corps Commander; Jack Lunsford, Corps Commander; Brad Crockett, 2nd Wing Commander; Byron King, 1st Wing Commander; Tom Adair, 1st Regimental Commander; Jerry Betsill, 2nd Regimental Commander and Bob Bacher, Civilian Chaplain.

The Resolution: Recognizing the great service done for the A&M College of Texas by the tireless and selfless efforts of President David H. Morgan;

Realizing the present need of our school for men of his interest, qualification, application, and general high calibre;

Experiencing keen disappointment because of his recent decision to resign from his duties as President of the A&M College of Texas;

Being partially aware of the

many difficulties which the combination of this position of responsibility and his innate qualities of leadership must surely have thrust upon him;

Appreciating his many personal sacrifices for the welfare of the students of the College and, hence, for the people of Texas;

Agreeing with those others of

### Short Course Set For Jan. 8-9

The Agronomy Department is sponsoring a short course in fertilizer Jan. 8-9 with J. F. Fudge as sponsor.

Registration will take place in the Serpentine Lounge of the Memorial Student Center Jan. 8 beginning at 8 a. m. Registration fee is \$2 per person.

Meetings of the course will be held in the MSC Ballroom.

### Requests Rejected

DAMASCUS, Syria, (AP)—Syria turned down U. S. and Italian requests for emergency repairs on the pipelines carrying oil from Iraq across Syria to Mediterranean ports.

the Texas A&M System and College Administration who wish for Doctor Morgan and his gracious family the best of life's blessings in the years ahead;

Fervently hoping and requesting that some way might be found to make it possible for him to spend at least some of those years as president of the A&M College of Texas;

And challenging anyone to find a better man or woman anywhere for the job which Doctor Morgan intends to vacate, the friends and members of the Texas A&M student body whose names are undersigned do herewith express to Dr. Morgan their deep regret for the step he has taken, commend him in the highest of terms for the seemingly impossible accomplishments which he has made possible for the good of Aggieland, earnestly plead with him to think twice and then twice again before leaving Texas A&M at such a critical, yet potentially glorious, time in its history, and wish for him and his family the merriest of Christmases, the happiest of New Years, and the richest portions of a full, rich life in the years to come—years which we hope he will choose to spend at Texas Aggieland.

### Nation's Oldest Magazines No Longer Printed

By CHARLES MERCER

NEW YORK (AP) — The large reading audience was surprised within the week to learn of the death of two of the nation's oldest magazines, Collier's and the Woman's Home Companion. The much smaller community of freelance writers was shocked.

License to comment on the situation in a department devoted to television is provided by the private comment of a Madison avenue advertising agency executive. Television killed the magazines, he believes. No such remark has been heard from executives of the two magazines. Yet the agency man may have a point.

During the first years of television's phenomenal growth, nearly all branches of the publishing industry feared that it represented dangerous and, in some cases, possibly fatal competition.

### Browsing Library Gets New Records

New records have been received in the MSC Browsing library, announced Mrs. Gwendora Magee, Librarian.

Long-playing records now available to students are "High Society," "Giant," "The Lonely Girl" by Julie London and "Night Winds" by Jackie Gleason.

Also, "The Boy Next Door" by Roger Williams, "The Art" by The Art Van Damme Quintet, "The Eddie Duchin Story," "Music for the Fireside" by Paul Weston, "Lost in a Cloud" by Ken Griffin, "Mambo Mania" by Perez Prado and "Belefonte" by Harry Belefonte.

Turning to library business, Mrs. Magee said, "We want to know what magazines and books students prefer."

"The library is sponsoring a survey for this reason," she said. Forms may be found on the book and magazine racks for students to write in their preferences.

From this survey the library will be able to order reading matter that students like.

### Weather Today

Forecast calls for continued foggy, drizzly weather with possible thunder and rain showers. The temperature at 10:30 this morning stood at 58 degrees. Yesterday's high reading was 56 and the low, 44 degrees.

## C.E. Department Moves Quarters From Nagle

Civil engineering students will attend classes in the old Veterinary Hospital and the reconstructed horse stables after the holidays, says S. R. Wright, head of the department.

The department is presently moving to the new quarters from Nagle Hall where it has been located since 1909.

Wright says that Nagle Hall will be remodeled soon after it is vacated.

He says he thinks the building will be used by history, economics, geography and journalism classes and will house the office of the

Dean of the Graduate School. Work will probably not be completed until summer classes, Wright says.

He emphasized that the C. E. Department is not moving into old, rundown buildings.

"These buildings have been remodeled and reworked and are in much better condition than the building presently occupied," says Wright.

The stables behind the main building are very good brick buildings and have also been reworked, he said.

Wright said that the stables will house several laboratories and he

explained the facilities of the labs.

He says the hydraulics lab and instruments will be in the long stable, which is about 200 feet long and 40 feet wide. The concrete lab and strength of materials lab will be in the short stable.

The bituminous lab and two drafting rooms will be in the two-story building, formerly the dissecting lab, behind the main building.

Main classes and offices and some labs will be in the main building. Sanitary lab will be moved out of the Chemistry Building and made a part of the C. E. Department.



SANTA'S WORKSHOP—AIEE members build toys to be given to Jaycee underprivileged children at Christmas. Industrial engineering majors from left to right are Bill Johnson, Walt Spear, Bob Dombeck and Ken Wampler.