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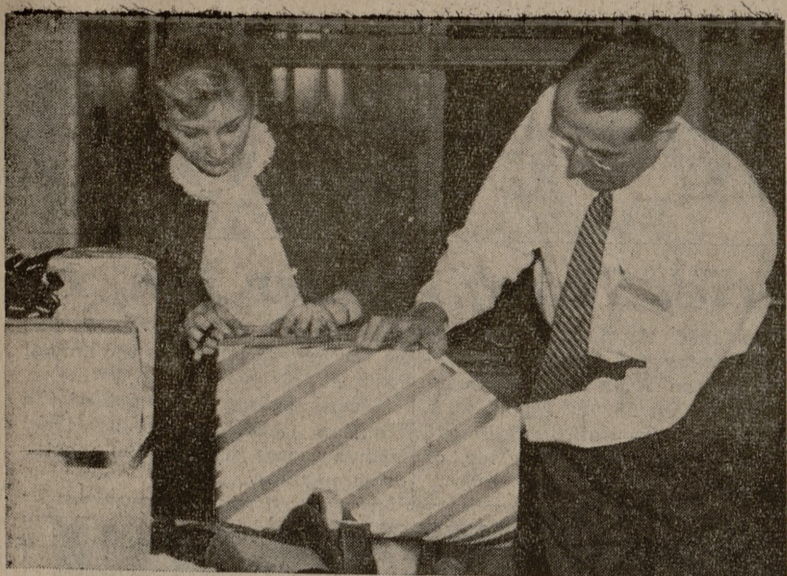
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**ALL WRAPPED UP IN THEIR WORK**—Janie Hart and J. Gordon Gay are shown adding the finishing touches to one of many packages wrapped by the YMCA's Christmas wrapping service available on the first floor of the YMCA this year. Packages are wrapped for students in bright, gaily decorated paper free of charge as another service of the "Y".

# 111,000 Deaths Forecast for '56

More than 111,000 deaths and injuries will result from 1956 Texas traffic accidents if something is not done.

This forecast comes from E. C. McFadden, of Dallas, president of the Texas Safety Association.

McFadden says that this number of fatalities and injuries will build up unless public officials and citizens' groups take action to stop this rising toll.

The Texas Department of Public Safety, joined by the Texas and National Safety Associations have entered an appeal to individual drivers and pedestrians to make safety their personal responsibility and their community's.

"December is the month when traffic accidents reach a peak," McFadden says. "Extreme vigil-

ance is needed by drivers and pedestrians. During the harried holiday season, people tend to be careless."

There were 21 deaths on Texas streets and highways last Christmas, McFadden says.

"That is hardly the way to have a Merry Christmas," he says.

A&M College officials had predicted that two Aggie students would die in accidents during the holidays. One student has been killed instantly since the prediction.

McFadden lists the following as precautions to cut down on traffic accidents from driver and pedestrian actions:

- For Drivers**
1. Keep your mind on your job and be alert for extra dangers.
  2. Remember darkness doubles danger. Slow down at sundown. This means no hurrying home because you let the time get away while shopping.
  3. Slow down in bad weather and adjust your driving to conditions at all times. You can't change the weather, but you can change your driving habits.
  4. If you drive, don't drink—if you drink, don't drive.

- On Foot**
1. Obey all traffic signals and signs. The Signs of Life can save yours.
  2. Cross at intersections ONLY! Remember the law favors the pedestrian when he crosses at marked crossings and with the light.
  3. Never walk into the street from behind parked cars. Give the motorist, and yourself, a chance to avoid danger.

## True Meaning of Christmas

By P. L. (PINKY) DOWNS  
A&M Official Greeter

Christmas really means, "Christ the gift to men, women, and children". To the English people we owe the word, Christmas—Christ Mass—a religious ceremony celebrating the birth of Christ.

December 25 is the accepted date of the birth of Christ as He was born at midnight on Christmas Eve.

Do you know why Santa Claus comes down the chimney at Christmas instead of coming through the window? It is attributed to an old English custom of sweep-

ing down the chimney at New Year so good luck could enter.

It is to the Hollanders that we owe the custom of hanging up our stockings. They placed their wooden shoes before the large fireplace. But we Americans substituted stockings because wooden shoes wouldn't stretch.

The holly wreath that we hang in our homes was copied from the English who believed the holly leaves represented the thorns Christ wore upon the cross, while the little red berries were the drops of His blood.

The giving of Christmas presents brings out the thought, "Peace on Earth, good will toward men".

It was Gen. W. B. Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, who was once asked the question if he were solicited to leave a message to the world what it would be. He wrote only one word and signed his name. That word was "others".

Happiness is not seeking pleasure for ourselves, but doing the necessary things for others.

God grant me the power to accept things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can and

wisdom to know the difference.

I think we should pause long enough to thank God for living in a Christian country. You know, I believe in prayer. My definition of prayer would be "communicating with God for that which we desire, not deserve".

Christmas is a good time to pause long enough to take stock of ourselves and really see of what value we have been through the year to our neighbors, city, county, state and nation.

Let us all enter into the Christmas spirit, love one another, give to those less fortunate than ourselves and try to carry out Christ's teachings.

**CAMPUS**  
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**MAGIC FIRE**

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**YVONNE DE CARLO**  
CARLOS THOMPSON  
RITA GAM  
VALENTINA CORTESE

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By Consolidated  
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WED. - THUR. - FRI.

"High Society"  
Grace Kelly  
—Also—  
"Trial"  
Glenn Ford

SATURDAY ONLY  
"Tennessee Partner"  
John Payne  
—Also—  
"Pearl of South Pacific"  
Virginia Mayo

**Guion Hall**  
THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

COLUMBIA PICTURES presents  
**HUMPHREY BOGART**  
**THE HARDER THEY FALL**

Co-starring  
**ROD STEIGER**  
**JAN STERLING**

with MIKE LANE as Tony Morris  
MAX BAER - JESSE JOE WALCOTT - EDWARD ANDREWS  
(Story by PHILIP YOUNG - Based on a novel by ROSS MACDONALD)  
Produced by PHILIP YOUNG - Directed by MARK ROSSIGNOL

Guion Hall theatre will be closed Dec. 20th to Jan. 3rd.

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FOR HIM FOR HER

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Open Until 8 P.M. Except on Saturday

a merry merry christmas

**The Battalion**

**1st Wing Publishes**

The first issue of the First Wing newspaper, Flying Command, was published yesterday, according to Jack Lyles, Public Information Scholastic Officer of the Wing.

Toby Mattox, sophomore journalism major, is editor of the newspaper, Lyles announced. The staff of the paper includes a representative from the twelve First Wing squadrons.

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**Irrigation Meet Slated January**

The Agricultural Engineering Department sponsors an Irrigation Conference Jan. 3-4 in the Memorial Student Center, according to Roy C. Garrett, conference chairman.

Registration will begin Thursday, Jan. 3 at 8 a.m. in the Serpentine Lounge on the second floor of the MSC. Registration fee is \$5 per person. All meetings of the conference will take place in the Ballroom of the MSC.

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<b>TOMS</b> Leg Tendons Removed! POUND	<b>39c</b>	<b>HENS</b> Fully Dressed Farmer Brown POUND	<b>43c</b>
<b>1/2 TURKEY TOMS</b>		Farmer Brown Fully Dressed, Fat, Plump. Ideal for the Small Family! PER POUND —	<b>39c</b>

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FINE COFFEE  
Serve It During The Holiday Season!  
1-Lb. Can **89c**

Salad Dressing! Creamy  
**Miracle Whip** 16-oz. Jar **23c**  
Food Club Rich

**Fruit Cocktail** No. 303 Can **19c**

U.S. No. 1 Fresh California Pascal, Ideal for Cheese Stuffing!  
**CELERY** NICE STALK **5c**

U.S. No. 1 Texas Snoball  
**Fresh Cauliflower** NICE HEAD **14c**

**PHILADELPHIA**  
CREAM CHEESE  
Creamy Rich, Smooth!  
Kraft's or Borden's

**3** 3-Oz. Pkgs **25c**

<b>CANDY SPECIALS</b> <b>Christmas Mix</b> Lb. 27c 2 Lbs. 53c	Weingarten's Nut Crystal <b>Fruit Cake</b> This Year, They're Better Than Ever! Lb. Cake 99c 2 1/2 Lb. Cake—\$2.39 5 Lb. Cake—\$4.75	<b>BAKERY FRESH</b> <b>Coconut Cake</b> 3-Layers with Pineapple Butter Cream Filling. 7-Min. Icing with Coconut soaked in Orange Juice! <b>89c</b>
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