

Morgan's Holiday Letter

To the A&M Student Body:
In keeping with the most meaningful of all our traditions, a very special wish for a Joyous Christmas Season to every student and his family from the faculty and staff of A&M College! May you enjoy a safe and happy holiday and return to your tasks with renewed energy and determination to make the spirit of Christmas prevail throughout the year.
David H. Morgan
President

To Aggies At Christmas

Dear Aggies:
We of the staff wish for you the full joy of the Christmas Season and hope that 1957 will be a pleasant year for you!

Soon you will be leaving for your homes throughout the country. We hope, wherever you are, that you will be mindful of opportunities to serve as "goodwill ambassadors" for Texas A&M College.

We urge you (and particularly those of you who will be driving on the highways) to exercise every caution, so that our holidays may be spared of tragedy.

Finally, as you once again sing the familiar Christmas carols, participate in family gatherings, and generally share in the activities of the Season, it is my hope that you may experience the true and full meaning of the Christmas Message.

Sincerely,
Robert E. Kamm
Dean of the Basic Division
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One Service Graduation Set In January

Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises will be combined for the first time when 260 students will be graduated in the midyear ceremony to be held in Guion Hall, Saturday, Jan. 19.

The procession will start at 10 a.m. and will be followed by the invocation. A&M's president will make announcements and introduce Dr. M. Norvel Young, minister of the Church of Christ in Lubbock, who will give the address.

After conferring of degrees the "Spirit of Aggieland" will be sung and the benediction given.

This is the program tentatively set up, according to C. E. Tishler, chairman of the Convocations Committee.

"There might be some minor changes," he says.

Of the 260 graduating students, 54 will receive graduate degrees and the remaining 206 will receive B.S. degrees. Seventy-two are to receive degrees from the School of Agriculture; 46 from the School of Arts and Sciences; 88 from the School of Engineering.

India's Nehru Says 'Peace Will Triumph'

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru of India told the American people last night "the danger of war is not past" but "peace will triumph."

In a talk prepared for a 15-minute national radio-television broadcast Nehru reported on his day-long talks with President Eisenhower Monday at Gettysburg, Pa., said:

"I sincerely hope that an opportunity may be given to us before long to welcome the President in our country and to demonstrate to him the high respect and esteem in which we hold him." Nehru did not go into detail on what topics he and Eisenhower discussed, but he said:

"We have discussed many problems which confront the world.

"I can tell you that I have greatly profited by these talks. I shall treasure their memory and they will help me in many ways in my thinking."

Nehru said "preservation of peace" is the core of India's policy, and he added:

"The danger of war is not past, and the future may hold fresh trials and tribulations for humanity; yet the forces of peace are strong, and the mind of humanity is awake. I believe that peace will triumph."

Masked Pair Tell Of Russian Crime

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Two masked Hungarians yesterday gave the Senate Internal Security subcommittee fresh evidence that Russia engaged in mass deportations in an effort to crush the Budapest revolt.

One of the witnesses, using the assumed name of Istvan Kovacs, said he was herded into a cattle car with 80 other freedom fighters but managed to escape with them after they got word they were bound for Russia.

Kovacs testified he was unable to estimate how many Hungarians had been deported but that many trains of cattle cars filled with yelling and screaming Hungarians moved across the border into the Soviet Union.

Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D-S.C.), who presided at the public hearing, said a transcript of the testimony would be sent to U. S. Ambassador Harry Cabot Lodge Jr. at the United Nations so the U. N. would be informed "on Soviet tactics" in Hungary.



DRIVE CAREFULLY, AGGIES...
HOW ABOUT SPARING ME ANYMORE OF THOSE SILVER TAPS RINGSIDE SEATS AFTER CHRISTMAS?.....

Happy Holiday Season.

Yes, to the students and faculty of A&M College, we wish a Happy Holiday Season. May it be a very joyous, pleasant, and safe one.

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S&S Club Elects Officers

Saddle and Siftin' Club's Waldrip of Staples, treasurer; elected Melvin Lebo of Austin for Stanley Keese of Llano, secretary their new president in a meeting and Tod Montgomery of San last night in the Animal Industries building. Angelo, reporter.

Gene T. King was voted outstanding in student-professor relations.
Others elected are John Kiker of Fannette, vice-president; Larry



THE GIFT HORSE

The college life is a busy one, especially at this time of year. What with going to classes and studying for exams and pursuing a full social schedule and constructing rope ladders to foil dormitory curfews, the average undergrad is so pressed for time that he cannot do justice to his Christmas shopping.

Therefore, to aid you in your Christmas shopping, I have gone into the market place and selected for you a list of gifts, notable for their originality.

Perhaps the most original gift of all this year is a carton of Philip Morris Cigarettes. "Original" you exclaim, your bushy young eyebrows rising. "Why, we have been giving cartons of Philip Morris for years!"

True, I reply, but each time you give Philip Morris, it is a new treat, a fresh delight, a pristine pleasure. Each carton, each pack, each cigarette, each puff, is just as good as the first one you ever tried.

Another gift destined for certain popularity this year is a gift certificate from the American Dental Association. This certificate, good at any dentist's office in America, is accompanied by a handsome gift card upon which is engraved this lovely poem:

Merry Christmas, little pal,
Do you need some root canal?
Prophylaxis? Porcelain caps?
Bridgework to close up them gaps?
Shiny braces that will straighten?
Inlays? Fillings? Upper plates?
Merry Christmas to your teeth,
And the rosy gums beneath.



Another gift that is always welcome is a book, especially to people who read. This Christmas the selection of books is particularly attractive. For lovers of anthologies, there is William Makepeace Sherry's *A Treasury of the World's Great Treasuries*. For those who fancy inspiring success stories, there is the stirring autobiography of William Makepeace Peumican entitled *How I Got a Forty Pound Monkey Off My Back and Started the Duluth Zoo*. For devotees of skin-diving, there is *I Married a Snorkel* by Lydia Makepeace Watershed. For calorie counters and waistline watchers, there is Harry Makepeace Wildfoster's *Eat and Grow Fat*.

My own favorite book this season is a pulse-pounding historical novel from that famous author of pulse-pounding historical novels, Daphne Makepeace Sigafoss. This one is called *Egad and Zounds*, and it tells the poignant romance of two young lovers, Egad and Zounds, who, alas, can never be married, for fery Egad is but a gypsy lass, while tempestuous Zounds is a Kappa Sigma. They later become Ludwig of Bavaria.

My final gift suggestion is one that a great many people have been fervently wishing for since last year. Do you remember the introduction last Christmas of tiny personal portable radios that plugged into your car? Well, this year, you will be delighted to know, you can buy an ingenious pick to get them out.

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Old Max said it, but it bears repeating! A carton of Philip Morris, made by the sponsors of this column, is a Christmas gift that's bound to please everyone!