

Man to Man

BY JOE TINDEL

Hark, the weary Aggies shout! Just 10 more days and we'll be out!

That's not exactly the popular version of the old cry from the chow halls at A&M but it'll have to suffice.

Everywhere you can see thoughts are already wandering to that Christmas tree at home with all the gifts, that wonderful girl and large quantities of turkey and parties.

In keeping with traditional A&M holiday spirit, the profs are seeing how many quizzes they can squeeze into the remaining days.

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Browsing around the Memorial Student Center these days, a person can really see the success of the lost articles auction held the night before the Thanksgiving game.

In the main lounge, stands an almost lifelike replica of old St. Nick. At other places decorations of all types add more to the Christmas spirit.

Wayne Stark, MSC director, said the other day that an Aggie approached him and said all the St. Nick needed to be any more lifelike was to say, "Howdy!"

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On this page you'll probably note that pleas have been made for the parole of Bascom Giles, former Land Commissioner.

It seems to me that despite his good behavior in prison, he owes a debt to society and can only pay it by at least serving the three years. Why not let the Parole Board know your opinion?

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That's 30 for now, but remember Christmas still starts with Christ.

Job Interviews

The following interviews will be held in the Placement Office:

Wednesday

The Prudential Insurance Co. of America interviews business administration majors.

Price Waterhouse & Co. interviews accounting majors interested in public accounting careers anywhere in the United States.

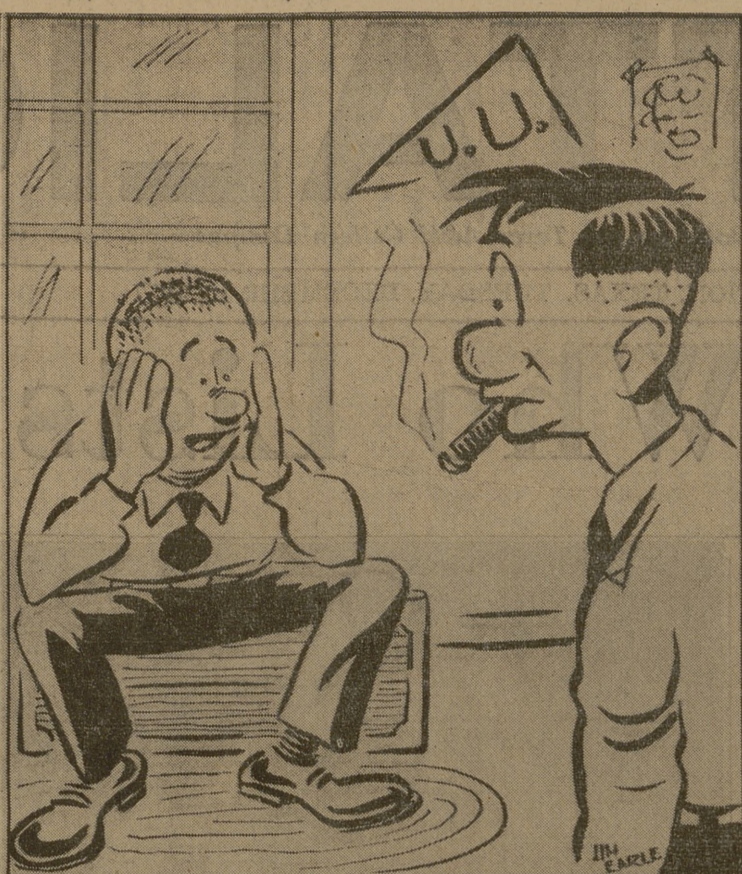
Alford, Meroney & Co. interviews accounting majors for opportunities for junior accountants.

Thursday

First National Bank of Fort Worth interviews business administration, agricultural economics and economics majors for positions with their firm.

Friday

Union Oil Co. of California interviews chemical engineering, mechanical engineering and petroleum engineering majors for positions with their company.



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State Capital NEWS

By Vern Sanford

AUSTIN, TEXAS—Pleas for Bascom Giles' release are mounting.

Latest activity is a petition signed by 103 Austin citizens, filed with the State Board of Pardons and Paroles. Earle Ed Burkhalter, Travis County Parole Board member for the past five years, submitted the request.

Giles is serving a 6-year sentence, in Huntsville for his part in the veterans land scandals. He was eligible for parole last April. However, the Pardons Board contended that this release "would

not meet with community acceptance."

Burkhalter's petition is the result of that statement.

He said that he knew Giles only casually and had not consulted any of Giles' friends or relatives when he started the petition. He did say, however, that he felt that Giles' wife and family were being punished beyond the intent of the law. In commenting on the petition, Rogan Giles, the former land commissioner's son, indicated the petition "confirms reports we have been receiving from all over the state, that Dad should be treated just like anyone else and be paroled."

Three of the nine members of the corrections board, the policy-making group for the prison system, recently said that Giles should be paroled.

As a trusty he (Giles) earns double time. Therefore, without parole, he will be discharged Jan. 21, 1959. Also he has made several blood donations, each of which entitles him to a 30-day commutation.

Letters To The Editor

Editor

The Battalion:

What has happened to the Aggies that, after each loss, would say, "Wait until next year?" Have they all been replaced by the two per centers that say, "The Aggies didn't want to win" or "What's wrong with the Aggies?" Has the 12th man really changed to the "Support your team while they win, but cut their throats if they lose?"

This supporting your team does not only take place while the team is on the field. Any team's spirit is high when they are winning. It takes that real Aggie spirit to stay behind that team whether they win or lose.

If your best friend was down, you wouldn't kick him to make him get up, would you? Every Aggie in the world is an Aggie's best friend. So why ride the Aggie team just because they were outscored in two games? Any man that won't stand behind his team when it is losing doesn't deserve to be called an Aggie and all the four gates are wide open.

If it takes running your team down to make you a good sport, then I think it would be an insult

to each and every Aggie for us to win the "Sportsmanship Trophy."

Charles W. Sadler '59

Editor

The Battalion:

I believe that the time has come for discrimination of minority groups here at A&M to cease.

The minority group of which I am speaking is the collection of non-regs who are not veterans, physically disabled and those who never have been a part of the Corps.

I know the value of being a member of the Corps, and I respect and regard them highly, but I sincerely believe that it is undemocratic to force a student to be a member of the Corps in order to attend A&M.

I know a few students who fall in this minority group that believe in and respect its traditions, but (Colonel Joe take note) these same students do not like the military.

Let us look to the future and prepare for more of these Texas high school graduates who would like to get an education at A&M, but who do not wish to be in the military.

Let the incoming students make their choices and let the Corps gain strength by having as its members only those students who sincerely desire to be in the Corps.

I am for a growing educational institutional, the great Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Donald M. Godwin '55

What's Cooking

The following organizations will meet tonight:

7:30

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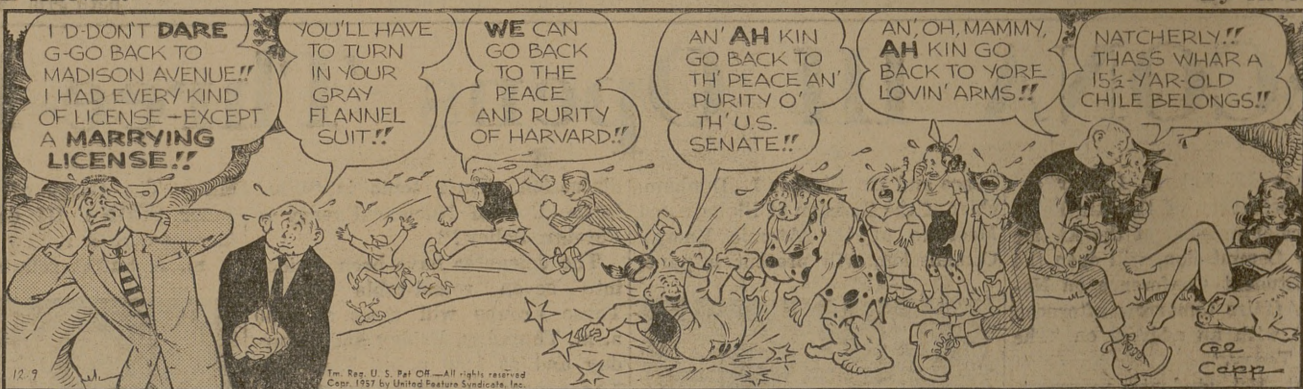
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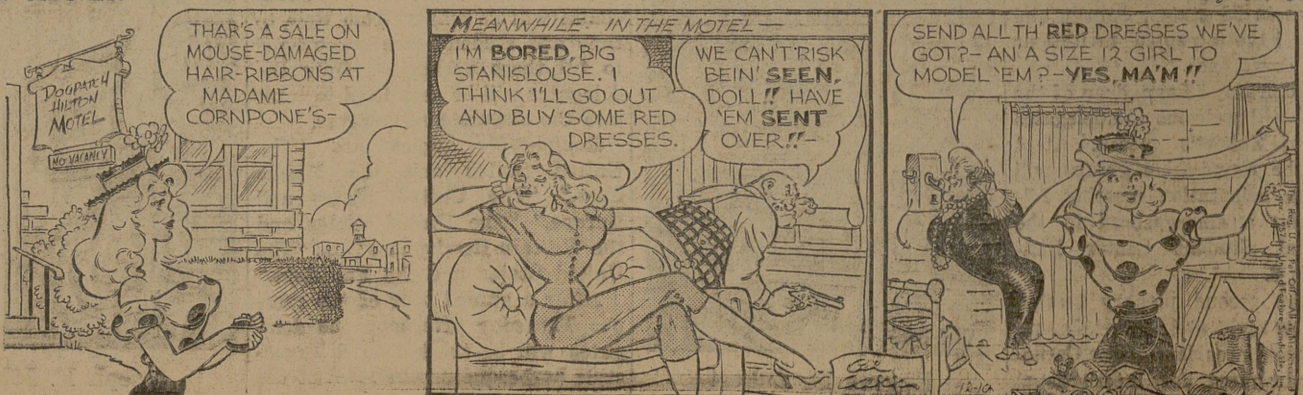
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