

Worth Mentioning

By Johnny Johnson

As you no doubt will have guessed by the time you get this far in today's issue of The Battalion, this is our annual safety edition.

Although this issue is being submitted for judging in the 12th annual College Newspaper Contest on Safe driving sponsored by the Lumberman's Mutual Casualty Co. of Chicago, Ill., winning the contest is not the purpose of this edition.

For two successive Christmas holiday periods the Men of Aggieland have not been reduced in number by a fatal traffic accident. It is our hope that this issue will help make this the third successive Christmas holiday period without a traffic fatality.

The Battalion has placed in the contest for the past 10 years.

While on the subject of traffic safety, I would like to pass on a jingle written by Sterling Hart, retired newspaper publisher from Commerce, Tex. Dr. J. M. Nance, head of the Department of History and Government, sent this

to The Battalion.

The jingle is as follows:

"At 45 miles per hour sing 'Highways Are Happy Ways'; at 55 m.p.h. sing 'I'm But a Stranger Here'; at 65 m.p.h. sing 'Nearer My God to Thee'; at 75 m.p.h. sing 'When the Roll Is Called up Yonder I'll Be There'; and at 85 m.p.h. sing 'Lord, I'm Coming Home.'"

What's Cooking

The following clubs and organizations will meet tonight:

Red River Valley Hometown Club will meet in the Senate Chamber of the MSC.

Austin Hometown Club will meet in Room 125 of the Academic Building.

Tyler-Smith County Hometown Club will meet in the Social Room of the MSC.

Jefferson Hometown Club will meet in Room 127 of the Academic Building.

Fayette & Colorado Counties Hometown Club will meet in Room 2-A of the MSC. A film will be shown.

Del Rio Hometown Club will meet in the Birch Room of the MSC.

Wichita Falls Hometown Club will meet in Room 3-B of the MSC.

Deep East Texas Hometown Club will meet in the basement of the MSC.

Marshall Hometown Club meets in the YMCA Lobby.

El Paso Hometown Club will meet in Room 126 of the Academic Building.

Governor Warns Students About Careless Driving

As your Governor, I extend Greetings and Best Wishes to you and your families for Christmas and the New Year. I have a very special wish and hope this year that each one of you will help make this a safe and, therefore, truly happy season.

Last year, 597 boys and girls of public school and college age failed to return to their classes because they had been killed in Texas traffic. This means that one of every four Texas traffic victims last year was a young Texan in the public school and college age-groups. Instead of Christmas Cheer last year, their families, their friends and their school shared December Death, and it was all so needless, so unnecessary and so useless.

I hope you will do this for your State and for your families and friends this season: Please urge everyone close to you to drive carefully and obey the traffic signs and laws. Please talk about this and remind them that too much speed at the wrong time and the wrong place was involved in 52 per cent of all our highway deaths last year, that drinking was involved in 42 per cent of them.

Please join with your Governor and law enforcement officials to keep Christmas and the New Year happy for you, your loved ones and your fellow-men. In the true Christmas spirit, let us join hands in saying lives and preventing death and destruction on our streets and highways.

Good luck, and God bless you all.

Price Daniel
Governor of Texas

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Letters To The Editor

The Battalion welcomes letters to the editor but reserves the right to edit letters for brevity, clearness and accuracy. Short letters stand a better chance for publication since space is at a premium. Unsigned letters will not be published.

Editor,
The Battalion:

A certain experience has happened to me that has completely destroyed my trust in the Aggie honor system. This experience was a great shock to me.

When I came to this school I was led to believe that Aggies never lie, cheat, or steal. I was proud to be a part of this system when I entered this school. I did not realize until now that such a thing would happen at Aggieland. The particular experience I am talking about happened in the locker room of the coliseum. I left my clothes in my locker to take a shower and when I got back all of my money was gone from my wallet.

When I was in high school I remember coming to this campus and seeing a lot of places in which the honor system was in evidence. I remember a certain system that was being used in the dormitories. One particular item was the snack bars in the dorms, where a person got what he wanted and left the correct amount of money for the purchase. This system seemed to work then. Now the candy is in machines that are locked. The lockers in the gym and the rooms in the dorms all have locks on them to protect the individual's property. There was a time when the need for locks around the campus was limited. This condition does not seem to exist at the present time.

It seems that it is not safe to hang certain items on the racks in the Memorial Student Center without the items disappearing. Where is the respect for property which should be present in a building dedicated as a memorial? I think the MSC should be held in reverence and should not be a place to steal from fellow Aggies. This situation seems to be getting a lot worse through the years.

Many of the students who have lost items are not financially able to make up the loss. Aggies should have a deep respect for their fellow Aggies' property and attempt to help each other, in my opinion. That is, if they really want to be called Aggies.

Frank D. Jekel, '62

Editor,
The Battalion:

I write as one who considers himself a Texas Aggie, although I hold no undergraduate degree

Civilian Student Portrait Dates Set

Civilian Students will have their portrait made for The Aggieland '60 at the Aggieland Studio between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. according to the following schedule.

Coats and ties should be worn. All Sophomores and Juniors (Civilian) must have their pictures taken before Dec. 17th. Civilian Senior and Graduates (Including Jr. and Sr. Vet Med.,

5th Year Architects)
Jan. 6-7 A-D
Jan. 11-12 E-K
Jan. 13-14 L-R
Jan. 18-19 S-Z

Cotton Bowl Week Festivities Include Several Activities

Cotton Bowl Week festivities in Dallas this year as always will include a busy round of activities for student representatives from the competing schools in the 1960 Cotton Bowl Football Classic and from all other Southwest Conference schools as well.

A number of functions for the official student representative groups, and big free New Year's Eve dance for all college students in Dallas for the holidays are included in the schedule of activities which leads up to the gridiron clash between Syracuse and the University of Texas on New Year's Day.

Cotton Bowl entertainment and social events basically revolve around the schools, their students, faculty members and athletic and administrative officials, which gives the Cotton Bowl a "school-oriented" atmosphere unique among the post-season bowl games. The Cotton Bowl is, of course, the official Southwest Conference bowl game, and is operated under the leadership of the institutions that make up the conference.

The official student groups include the Cotton Bowl Queen and her court, their escorts and members of the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee.

The Cotton Bowl Queen is traditionally selected as the representative of the host team in the bowl classic and this year she is Miss Diane Lander, a 21-year-old senior student at Texas from San Antonio. Her court is made up of princesses representing each of the other seven conference schools—Arkansas, Baylor, Rice, SMU, TCU, Texas A&M and Texas Tech—along with "Miss Syracuse," Miss Janet Mary Ross, an 18-year-old freshman at Syracuse from Lexington, Mass., representing the visiting institution.

The Sportsmanship Committee is comprised of four students from each of the eight Southwest Conference schools—the student body president, the editor of the campus newspaper, the head cheer leader and a representative athlete. This group has its annual meeting during Cotton Bowl Week to decide which of the conference schools will receive the

CLEAN THIEVES
POPLAR BLUFF, Mo. (AP) — Dick Minitree reported the theft of two front hubcaps, both dirty. The next day, Minitree said, both were back in place, clean and shiny. Now he's hoping someone will take his rear hubcaps, both dirty.

Twenty-Four Hour Black And White Film Developing A&M PHOTO SHOP

WATCH Jan. 6th Issue of the Battalion for a variety of BIBLE COURSES (Accredited Courses) for Texas Aggies

SKYWAY DRIVE-IN THEATRE CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS - FREE THRU FRIDAY "SHAKE HANDS WITH THE DEVIL" With James Cagney Plus "GUNFIGHT AT DODGE CITY" With Joel McCrea SATURDAY "MONEY, WOMEN AND GUNS" "GHOST OF THE CHINA SEA" "WELLS FARGO" Also 4 Cartoons

CIRCLE FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY DANNY KAYE THE FIVE PENNIES Also "THE YOUNG LIONS" Marlon Brando Montgomery Clift Dean Martin May Britt GUTON HALL THEATRE THURSDAY & FRIDAY VICTOR MATURE - ANNE AUBREY ANTHONY NEWLEY THE BANDIT OF ZHOBE CINEMASCOPE TECHNICOLOR Show Opens At 6 P. M. Guion Hall will be closed Dec. 19 until Jan. 4 for Christmas Holidays.

AGGIES! Thanks for your business Wishing You A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year Youngbloods Rock Building So. College Midway Between Bryan & College By Charles M. Schulz

PEANUTS DEAR SANTA CLAUS IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT YOU BASE YOUR GIVING ON THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL CHILD... IN OTHER WORDS YOU JUDGE AS TO WHETHER THE CHILD HAS BEEN GOOD OR BAD... DO YOU REALLY THINK IT IS WISE TO ATTEMPT TO PASS SUCH JUDGEMENT? WHAT IS GOOD? WHAT IS BAD? CAN WE SAY TO OUR NEIGHBOR, "YOU ARE BAD... I AM GOOD"? CAN WE SAY... OH, BROTHER!

Christmas Dinner Set in Mess Halls

Roast turkey and dressing, giblet gravy and cranberry sauce are among the fare to be found at tonight's Christmas dinner in Duncan and Sbsia Dining Halls.

The turkeys went in the ovens last night, according to John G. Peniston, Dining Hall Supervisor. "Crews were on hand all night long at Sbsia and Duncan Dining Halls to see that the birds were cooked just right," he said.

"But the hardest task came today," Peniston said, "when the dining crews began carving by hand the more than 200 turkeys needed to feed the Aggies and their guests."

As far as the cranberry sauce is concerned, Peniston said that each and every can has been checked and certified safe.

Besides the regular dining hall feeding, Peniston said he expected about 400 guests.