

**Pandas, Bears and Trains**

Bryan Fireman Kizer Bomskie poses with the toys collected by College View residents and donated to the department. The fire-

**Broken Toys Collected**

**Idea in Apartment Council Proves Profit To Children**

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When people with an idea get together, quite often the results turn out very profitable. This is what happened when the members of the Apartment Council decided to gather broken toys to be given to needy children next Christmas.

April 12, several members of the Council acquired a pickup and visited all 466 apartments in College View Village, after first preparing a memorandum sheet and sending it to all residents there.

"The people out there were certainly receptive to our efforts, and before it was over, I thought we might break a spring with all that load of toys. They not only filled up the bed of the truck, but covered the cab and hood as well," said Dick Robertson, one of the men responsible for the gathering.

**Event Moved Up**  
Robertson explained that the event was rushed up somewhat because of the approaching Easter holidays, and that the people weren't quite as prepared as they might have been, but nevertheless, the residents of College View responded very well.

"We contacted the Bryan Fire

Department, and asked them if they would like a load of toys to get busy on to avoid the usual Christmas rush, which usually results in the firemen being engulfed with toys just before Christmas. They readily agreed to the idea and we surely got them a load," said Robertson.

"The toys included four very good bicycles and various large, heavy toys such as tractors and cars. We were only asking for old, unusable toys, but some of them were in very good condition. There were a number of ladies' shoes donated, although not asked for."

**Want Another Drive**  
Robertson said that many of the seniors living in College View were very enthusiastic about the idea and suggested that the Council sponsor another drive during dead week at the close of the semester, since many of the seniors will be graduating and will have many surplus items they might donate. "It was originally planned that we might conduct another toy gathering during the first part of September, but the seniors of College View have moved the date up for us, if plans go right," said Robertson. "I believe it would be

a good idea to hold one semi-annually, just before the seniors graduate and I believe we could get a great deal of reception out of such a drive," he added.

"doubly-sure..."  
"When we were gathering the toys, it was always made doubly-sure that the toys we picked up were the right ones, and as a result, we had no trouble, whatsoever. One little girl was very cooperative and brought out a pair of her own skates for us, saying that she had outgrown them and didn't need them any more," said Robertson.

Other men participating in the drive included James Snelgrove, James A. Preddy, Kelly Chapman and William H. Flynt.

When the toys were unloaded in a garage across from the U. S. Post Office in Bryan, they covered the entire floor space of the double garage.

**Egg Hunt Sponsored**  
The Apartment Council also sponsored an Easter-egg hunt for the children living in college apartments, held in Hensel Park on April 3, with five silver dollars being offered as first prize, donated by Sear, Roebuck and Co. of Bryan.

**By-Products Become Useful As Result of New Research**

Research just completed at the Texas Transportation Institute has resulted in converting millions of tons of industry by-products into valuable building materials, it was announced here today by Bob M. Galloway, Institute research engineer.

Galloway, also a faculty member of the Department of Civil Engineering, disclosed that research has resulted in finding new uses for by-products of the rock asphalt mining industry. Successful use is also being made of skid-resistant asphaltic surfacing, which uses slag as a basic ingredient.

**Successful Hot-Mix**  
Today's announcement dealt specifically with the fact that T.T.I. research engineers have developed successful hot-mix surfacing materials using screenings or "fines" left over as a by-product of mining rock asphalt.

These fines are a coarse powder which comes down in the screening process where rock asphalt is being mined, crushed, and prepared for use in paving mixes. Research was done for White's Uvalde Mines, a San Antonio firm operating the largest limestone rock asphalt unit in the Southwest, near Uvalde.

**Find Use for Screenings**  
Last spring, Galloway and his staff were asked to investigate the possibility of finding a use for

these screenings — currently accumulated in the hundreds of thousands of tons — and the result has been development of hot-mix preparations where screenings are used as major components.

**Already in Use**  
Surfacing mixtures using the rock asphalt fines already have been put down on two residential streets in College Station. This paving is standing up under traffic in good shape.

The Whites Mines rock asphalt screenings were recently used in a commercial contract job on Interstate Highway 35 near Laredo. This is a highway carrying eight traffic lanes, and the hot mix utilizing the rock fines extends for several miles.

**Test Sections Laid**  
Last summer, T.T.I. research engineers supervised the laying of test sections on one Texas highway and on streets in Bryan and College Station of a skid-resistant paving material produced from slag that results from the burning of lignite at the power plant at the Aluminum Co. of America's Rockdale, Texas, smelter.

This slag, and fly-ash, also a by-product of the lignite burning have been developed into several products of value, Galloway points out. Slag has been used to produce a high-quality, skid-resistant pavement particularly valuable as a safety factor on curves, at inter-

**Hancock Named Fellow of AAAS**

Dr. C. Kinney Hancock, professor in the Department of Chemistry and research chemist for the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, has been notified of his election as a Fellow of the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science.

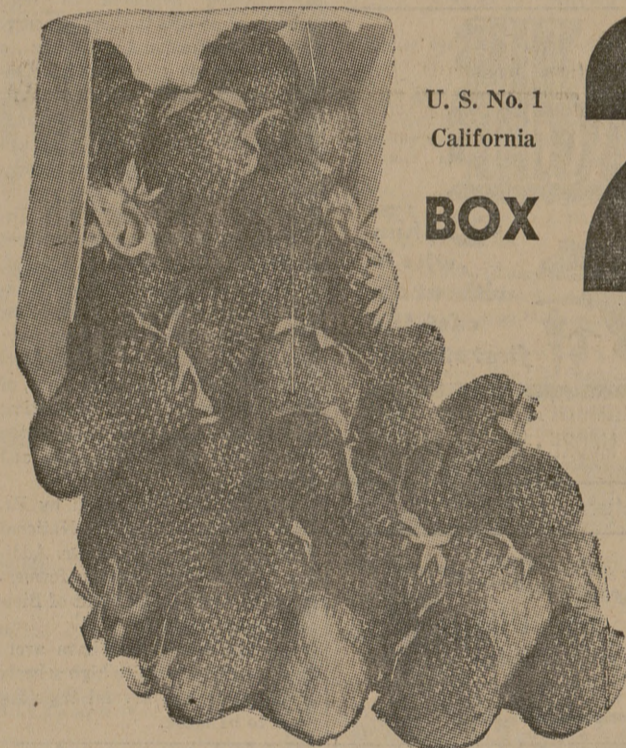
Hancock has been at A&M since 1946. His research for the Texas Engineering Experiment Station is currently concerned with the effect of structure on the reactivity and properties of certain organic compounds.

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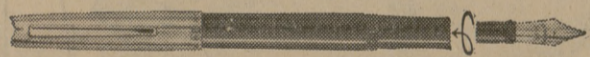


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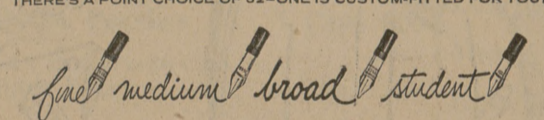
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