Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Drive Safely

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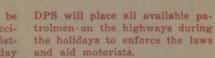
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ron 1 an ting through midnight Dec. 28. Force un l, third He also estimated that 33 affic deaths will occur during up slot i the New Year holidays, from 6 the hand d in for mininght Jan. 4, 1970. bowli

"We urge each individual driva to accept the challenge of t Associa hold dow moving that our estimates are s C. Schawo high," Speir said. "Many holithird, re ay accidents can be prevented and bowid Texans will drive safely and keglimmalize that no one is immune to nd on the traffic crash." z Class

Speir also announced that the the foot



He said a special "operation motorcide" will be in effect over both holiday periods, during which periodic tabulations of traffic fatalities will be made and given the widest possible dissemination in order to focus public attention on the added dangers present in holiday driving.

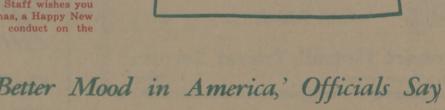
The Battalion staff encourages all students to drive carefully during the holidays and wishes all a merry Christmas.

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This is the last issue of The Battalion for 1969.

a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and safe conduct on the highways.

The Battalion Staff wishes you



Drive safely. 'A Better Mood in America,' Officials Say Nixon Administration Does Some Back-Patting

DRIVE SAFELY

y Douglas B. Cornell ssociated Press Writer WASHINGTON (P)—The Nixord

administration, after taking a et a ne ok at 1969, is doing a bit of relay a tack patting for what it says La., this a better mood in America at ear's end.

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nd Okling at which the White House rned up a trio of top officials ot this lonestic matters. The White or, con House stipulated ground rules fourth. Warred naming the officials or jump f

quoting them directly. gh jump The theme seemed to be the

government, although it isn't getting all it wants out of Congress and is having some troubles with a financial crunch. There were other plusses and

gress in putting a new facade on

In the plus column one or another of the three spokesmen put what they interpreted as: • A lowering of voices and a

good deal less stridency in the national rhetoric-the whole war moratorium thing has run its course.

• An attempt to make the government work better in such problem areas as taxes and the draft.

• Steps to broaden the base for handling problems that involve more than one department ecutive Organization. Additional questions have been

raised, one official said, about the responsiveness of the government to such recognizable problems as population. Some of them require congressional action and the administration, the spokesman said, still is waiting for the fruit to drop off the trees in some areas.

One such area takes in measures to fulfill Nixon campaign promises to bring law and order to the land.

On the minus side, one spokesman conceded the obvious-that Senate rejection of Judge Clement F. Haynsworth, Jr. for the Supreme Court was a straight away defeat.

Another lamented that probor agency by creating councils on lems of welfare, education and reform bill.

be heel dragging to black and other Americans-and represent a primary failure.

Asked how the intellectual community reacts to the President, he said it sort of dislikes Nixon whereas it loathed, feared, hated and despised Lyndon B

One gratifying development for the administration has been what it considers a show of limited but growing cooperation from Democratic leaders in Congress, especially in the Senate. The names figuring in this in-cluded Majority Leader Mile Mansfield, J. W. Fulbright, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee; and Albert Gore of Tennessee, who has had a key role in fashioning the tax

Songs, Lights MERRY CHRISTMAS Mark Service

Students from A&M will combine a non-denominational service with Christmas carols tonight during the annual YMCA-sponsored Christmas program.

Lighting of a 35-foot high string of lights shaped like a the Christmas message. Christmas tree will conclude the program.

Deputy Corps Commander Buddy Mason, a senior psychology major from Virginia, will give the call to worship at 7:30 p.m. on the east steps of the System Administration Building.

The invocation will be given by Chris Shaw ,a junior civil en gineering major from Garland and chairman of religious programs, YMCA Cabinet.

Alan Byrd, senior pre-med major from Austin and representative to the Civilian Student Council as Schumacher Hall president, will read the Christmas scripture.

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Nixon in a more or less under-

Frank Coulter will direct his

A&M Consolidated High School four carols, including "Coventry Choir in four numbers. Ed Donnell of Jones Creek, senior psychology major, president of the YMCA Cabinet and

civilian student chaplain, will give Donnell will speak on Isaiah, chapter 9, verse 6-A: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.'

"O Come All Ye Faithful" will follow, sung by the people attending the program. A&M's Singing Cadets will sing the public.

Carol," "Carroll Brothers' Carol,' "Jesu Bombino," and "Hallelujah Chorus.'

Otway Denny, junior political science major from La Porte, will introduce the Christmas lighting program.

Robert Boone, Singing Cadets director, will lead the singing of "Silent Night" at the end of the service.

The program is open to Texas A&M students, faculty, staff and

Race no Problem **For Black Santa**

By Larry Heinzerling **Associated Press Writer**

hug.

Leonard Eggleston said race never has been a problem in his Santa role.

"I was amazed," he said.

Eggleston, 63, a retired factory worker, was hired last year to play Santa at an Elder-Beerman store which serves a predominantly black neighborhood. White children and their parents come

Eggleston so far this year.

Welsh said Eggleston was hired after there were some inquiries had 333 to Rod Dickenson's 242, bout why there wasn't a black Santa at the store. "It came out 181. very well," he said.

state's only black Santa.

"I enjoy it fine," said Eggles-on. "At first I thought I ton. wouldn't like it, but it's more enjoyment this year. I talk to the kids, see what they want, tell them to write me letters, ask them how good they've been."

His wife enjoys being married to Santa. "Everywhere we go," she said, "we're greeted with a ho ho ho."

Darkoch Voted Fish President In Run-Offs

Four Freshman Class officers were elected Wednesday in a run-off election.

Bill Darkoch was elected president; Mike Holley, vice president; Mike Milliner, secretary-treasurer; and Larry Moore, social secre tary.

Darkoch won over Nichols 356 to 252. Holley had 264 votes to John Adcock's 177 and Mike Major's 146. Milliner and Moore had 383 to Duke Jones

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) - "Go ahead," a mother said, prodding her hesitant daughter. "It's Santa Claus. Tell him you've been a good girl and give him a big

The occasion was typical of Christmas, except this Santa was black.

standing way in foreign policy is

far out and beyond what it was toward the end of the Johnson "They come sit on my lap. They admiinstration and the early days kiss me and tell me what they want. It's nice to see how things are changing compared to years back. I guess there has to be a

Vet College Gets first time for everything." **Gift from Ag-Ex** Dr. and Mrs. Harry B. Reele of Galveston have presented Texas A&M a gift of corporate stock

to see him too. for the College of Veterinary James Welsh, a manager at the store, estimates that more than 3,000 children have visited The gift was formally presented to President Earl Rudder by

University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M." to go along with the National perity. He also said he would security Council in the field of have to agree with a newsman that some of the administration's the administration's the administration's that the adm another Advisory Council on Ex- stands on civil rights appeared to BB&L

Dr. Reele received a veterinary

Medicine.

of the present one.

His son is scheduled to graduate in August.

Dr. and Mrs. Reele's son, Sirel A.

Reele, a third-year veterinary

A check of department stores FIRST BANK & TRUST-Home in other major Ohio cities indi- of the Super C D - 5% interest cated Eggleston may be the compounded daily.

Kids, Staff, Students: All Enjoyed the Christmas Party

-Adv.

Area school kids wait in line .

A&M architects hosted elementary school children to a Christmas party Wednesday but it was hard to tell who was having more fun-the kids or the architecture students and staff watching the kids.

Approximately 1,000 elementary age children from the Bryan-College Station area were treated to the party, which included talks with Santa Claus, play on giant toys, an exhibit of smaller toys and a wall of paper to write on. All toys were made by the Aggie

One small boy put his thanks on the wall: "Santa is an Aggie.

The displays were inside the main floor outside the building. It didn't take the mob of small fry long to give everything a well-worn look.

Graduates students Mrs. Fredda King and Jay Belford, both urban planning majors, coordinated the program for the College of Architecture.

One architect looked on in disbelief as a toy he spent eight hours building was scattered about a display table in less than a minute.

"I don't believe it," he whispered with a

Refreshments were served to the children and the college held its faculty, staff and student family party among the remains.



to see Santa at Architecture Christmas party. (Photos by Jim Berry)

Aggies' Shout: 'One More Day and We'll be Out!'