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Wednesday, June 21, 1972 College Station, Texas

### Amateur radio operators hold emergency practice

lon A&M will gather together this reekend to conduct simulated ergency communications in 14 stor Radio Relay League, amateur rao's own society in the U.S. and

> The A&M club, station W5AC, it has in past years, will pack its radio equipment and move

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Amateur radio operators at to a field location operating only with emergency power.

Amateur radio clubs across the unction with the American their equipment and operate in an effort to contact as many other amateur stations as possible.

The weekend event this year will involve an estimated 12,000 hams, as they are called, along

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motor-driven generators and miscellaneous camping gear. Known U. S. and Canada will set up as Field Day, the closing exercise of Amateur Week, it combines fun of a campout and the excitement of a contest, not to mention serious preparation for emergencies.

During the 27-hour period beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday and running until 4 p.m. Sunday, hams around the country will set up and operate their equipment from parks, beaches and other exotic locations without the benefit of commercial power - just as they would when a natural disaster cuts the lines.

Amateur radio clubs such as A&M's W5AC, and ad hoc groups of hams will operate as many as 18 different stations in order to contact as many other stations as possible using all available radio bands.

Run as a test and contest combined, amateurs since 1933, except during World War II, have been competing for the largest number of stations contacted during the Field Day period.

Although it is run as a contest, the real payoff for Field Day will come in the radio amateur's response to human needs, during hurricane or tornado season or when other disasters strike, breaking normal means of communication into and out of the area.

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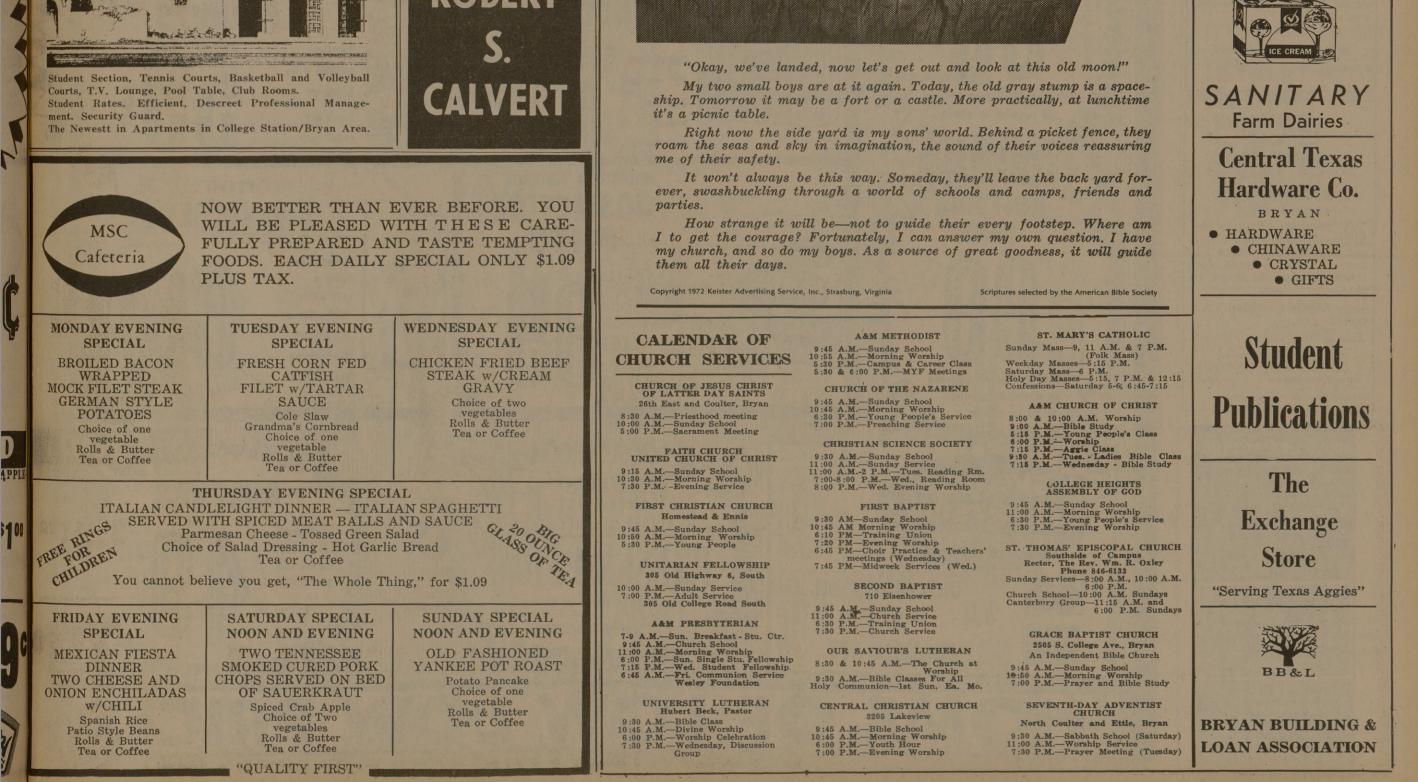
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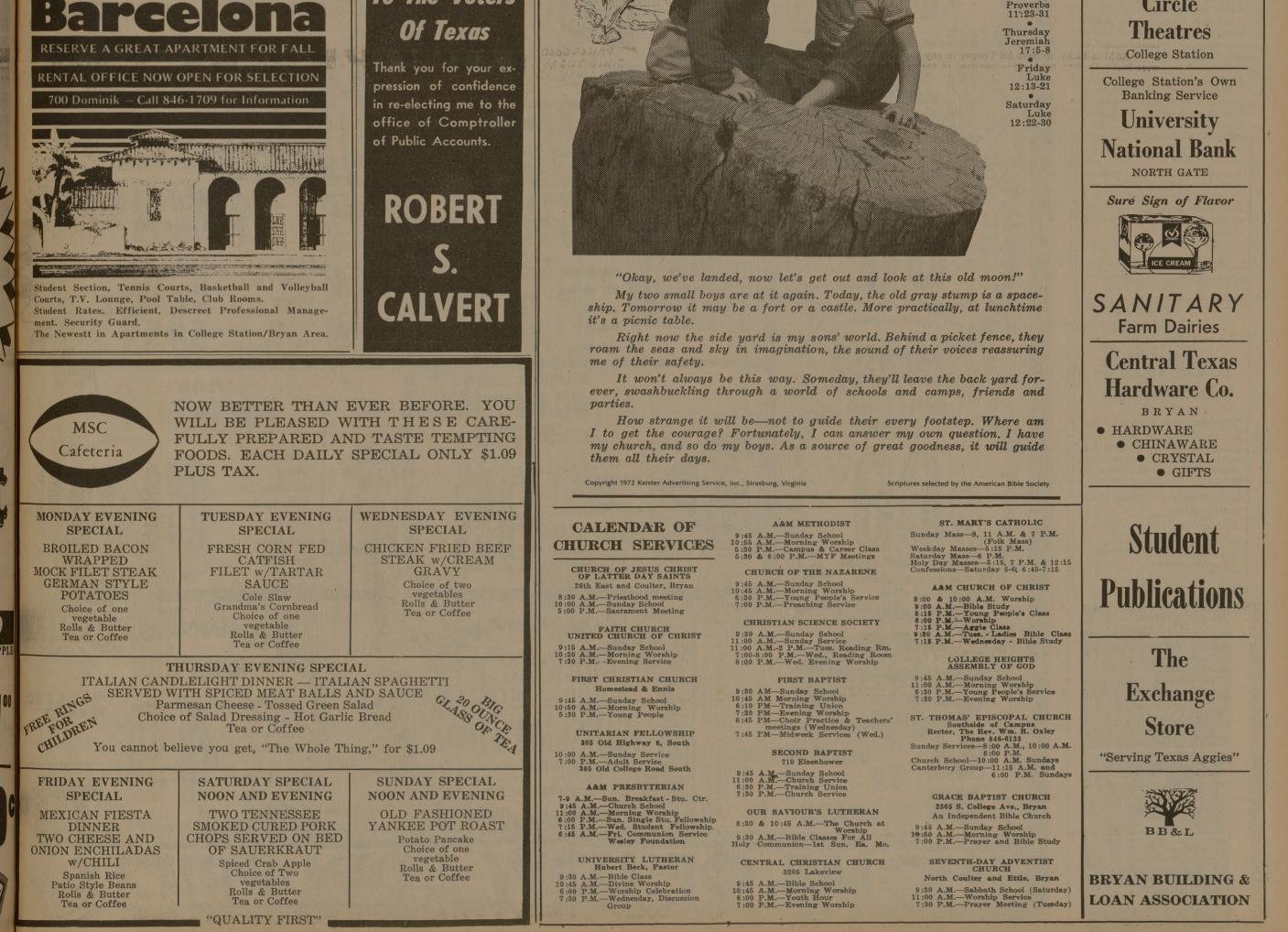
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World Speedway are two racing enthusiasts. The race, marking the halfway point of the 1972 Winston Cup Grand Thursday, with a special consolation race for non-qua cars set for Saturday. (Photo by Kenneth Stroebel)