Fire-resistant holiday

By JOHN BRAMBLETT

Battalion Reporter
It's time to deck the halls with boughs of holly - but make

sure the holly is fire-resistant. Although the number of fires resulting from Christmas lights or trees has decreased in recent years, people should exercise special caution during the holiday season, said Joey Porter, deputy fire marshal for the College Station Fire Department.

"Last year we did not answer any calls resulting from Christ-mas mishaps," he said. "In the last two years I think we've answered one call which resulted from Christmas decorations and there was no fire.

With the sales of flame-retardent artificial trees and safety lighting electrical fires during the holiday season have decreased, Porter said.

People who put up live trees should take special care to protect their house, Porter said. Trees should not be put up earlier than two weeks before Christmas because they will dry out, he said.

If candles are displayed in the house, they should be kept away from the Christmas tree, wrapping paper and children,

"You're not talking about losing a present, you are talking about a child's life," Porter said.

Consumers should check labels on boxes to make sure ornaments and outside lights are fire retardent, he said. Outside lights should be checked for faulty wiring and cracked bulb bases. These can cause

But Christmas decorations aren't the only cause of holidayrelated fires. Fireworks have

been the major cause of fires in the Bryan-College Station area during the Christmas season, Porter said.

Possession, selling, storing or transporting fireworks within city limits is illegal, he said. Citations will be given out, especially to people shooting fireworks from cars.

Christmas decorations can pose threat to kids

The delicate plastic Santa Claus dangles on a low tree bough, enticing the two-year-old boy. He grabs it, puts it in his mouth and realizes it isn't candy. Surprised, the youngster tries to spit it out. But it cracks and a portion of the plas-

tic lodges in his windpipe or is inhaled into his lungs.

Aspiration of foreign objects is a leading cause of death and injury among children under

The holiday season is a dangerous time for toddlers.

Animal science trip planned

BY LAURA J. LARSON

Battalion Reporter
One hundred fifty Aggies will take to the road January 10 for a 1,700-mile animal production field study trip through Texas.

The seven-day study is designed to allow students to see a variety of Texas livestock units and to hear owners and managers of each unit discuss their management philosophies.

Students will tour facilities ranging from feedlots to grain ele-

Dr. Howard Hesby, associate professor of animal science, is organizing the field study for the eighth year.

He said each manager or owner not only shares how the unit is operated, but why specific practices are followed. Students quickly see that the reason these people are successful is simply because of themselves.

Dr. Hesby encourages students to analyze their field trip hosts as to the characteristics which made them successful.

He said the tour is especially valuable for students who want to become a veterinarian, vocational agriculture teacher, county agent or animal producer, but who don't have a varied farm and ranch back-ground.

ence major from McAllen and past field trip participant, said that getting exposure to so many different animal agriculture industries in Texas was the most significant part of the trip for him. He said it showed that there are unlimited opportunities in agriculture after graduation.

Learning that there are many similarities in the management of successful operations even though the type of agriculture or farm is so varied was important to Dorothy Stevenson, a junior animal science major from Copperas Cove, who attended last year.

She also said that getting to know other students interested in animal agriculture was beneficial.

The trip costs \$125 and is open to all interested students. To participate, students need to register for animal science 400A and fill out field trip forms with Dr. Hesby.

The trip is worth two credits. Students must write thank-you letters to all the facilities toured and two reports for Hesby.

Dr. Hesby is also coordinating a nine-day agribusiness field study trip during spring break. It will cost \$325 and is open to 44 stu-

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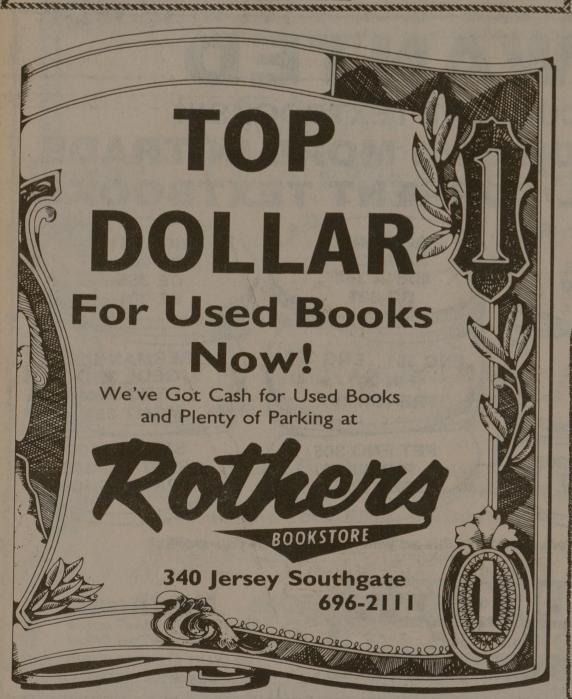
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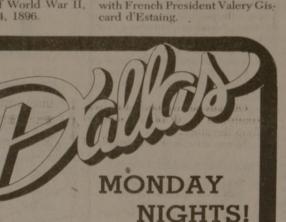
and Venus. Those born on this date are

under the sign of Sagittarius. James (Jimmy) Doolittle, American hero flyer of World War II, was born Dec. 14, 1896.

On this date in history: In 1799, George Washington, Revolutionary War commanding general and first president of the United States, died at his Mount Vernon home after asking his doc-

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George C. Fowler, assistant professors of business analysis and re- special sections like home search, have developed a way to ses, and possibly to course classify students as having either high or low aptitude for introduc-

tory computing classes.
"We're trying to predict before (he's) taken the course how successful a student will be," Glorfeld

By looking at four variables, Clorfeld and Fowler can usually predict the success an individual student will have in the introduc-tory computing class, BANA 217, a class in which students learn the basics of programming.

The four variables studied are: the results of the Wolfe Programming Aptitude Test, SAT math students coming into the and verbal scores and the stu- he said, "we should be able dent's current grade point ratio. better for our course

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Students receive help

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