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COLLEGE HILLS ESTATES SUES BRYAN AMUSEMENT COMPANY TO REGAIN TRACT FOR MOVIE THEATER

Cotton Show Court Partly Completed

Queen's Immediate Court Composed of 25 Maids of Honor

The names of the maids of honor to the queen's court at the 1939 Cotton Pageant have been announced. These girls will form the immediate court of the queen, Ruth Gordon of Bryan, who was selected last week.

The entire court will be composed of 25 maids of honor and some 75 or 80 duchesses. As yet all the duchesses have not been selected, and the final list will not be completed until April 5. Each club and organization on the campus is entitled to be represented by a maid of honor. Several girls have been added to this list by the students of the Agronomy Society.

The maids of honor as submitted are Helen Jean Kiker, representing the A.I.E.H.; Catherine Cade, representing the Pre-Medical Club; Mary Alice Lee, representing the Cream and Kow Club; Mary Lewis Blundell, representing the A.S.C.E.; Carolyn Thompson, representing the Ross Volunteers; Mary Alexander, representing the Heart of Texas Club; Frances Edwards, representing the Petroleum Geology Club; Dene Boothe, representing the Agricultural Engineering Club; Frances Dewd, representing the A.S.M.E.; Betty Jane Jones, representing the Archery Club; Algie Hill, representing the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority at Newcomb College; Bina Sue Martin, representing the Saddle and Siroin Club; Sara Kay Curtis, representing the Pre-Law Club; Betty Herpel, representing the Marketing and Finance Club. Those selected at large by the Agronomy Society are Sara Cobb, Jacqueline Nutter, Katherine Cullom, Helen Hill, Elizabeth Anne Bradley, Margaret Hollingshead, Frances Senter, Katherine Pipes, Mary Virginia Dimmitt and Carol Rogers.

CHEM ENGINEERS TO MAKE ANNUAL INSPECTION TRIP

A. & M.'s chemical engineers will leave this weekend for their annual inspection trip, accompanied by Professor F. F. Bishop and Dr. J. D. Lindsay of the chemistry department. The trip will be held April 3, 4, 5 and 6, the students visiting various concerns in Houston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, Galveston and Pasadena.

There will be 36 in the party leaving from Houston at seven o'clock Monday morning. When the party arrives at Beaumont they will visit the International Creosoting Company, Gulf States Utilities Company, and the Magnolia Petroleum Company, being guests of the Magnolia Petroleum Company for a luncheon.

In Port Arthur the party will visit the Gulf Oil Land and the Asphalt Plant of the Texas Company, being lunch guests of the Gulf Oil Company.

The Texas Star Flour Mills and the docks will be visited in Galveston on Wednesday, as well as the Pan American Petroleum and Transport Company of Texas City. They will be guests of Mr. Bimmerman, president of the Texas Star Flour Mills, at the Rotary Luncheon at Galveston also.

Bluebonnet Duchesses



Duchesses to be presented in Miss Molly O'Daniel's court of honor in Navasota's first annual Blue Bonnet Festival April 14 to 16. Top left to right: Miss Dolores Heyser of Giddings, Miss Marguerite Walling, a student at T. S. C. W., duchess of Senior Class of A. & M. College, Miss Dorothy Elliott, Duchess of Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Miss Mittie Sue Carter of Conroe.

Seven Architecture Seniors Working on Plans for New 'Y'

Seven advanced seniors in the A. & M. Architecture Department are working on plans for a new Y. M. C. A. building to be constructed in the near future, according to M. L. Cashion, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Prizes of \$100, \$75, \$50, and two prizes of \$25 will be offered for the best five plans submitted. The awards will be made on Mother's Day, after a committee yet to be selected decides the winners.

The students competing are Ben Christian, Charles Stout, Mateo R. Ortiz, Antonio Malo, Rudolph R. San Miguel, F. W. Bush, and William Taylor. Each student will submit plans to fit a location just south of the athlete's dormitory; by the new mess hall. Cost will be figured on the basis of \$300,000. This will include improvements on the present building maintained by the Y. M. C. A.

Varied types of interests will be represented on the contest committee. It will consist of one outside member of the Y. M. C. A., one A. & M. Mother's Club member, an outside architect, one ex-student, and one member chosen on his standpoint of recreational facilities. Plans will be submitted in time for the results to be published on Friday before Mother's Day. According to Mr. Cashion, the blue-prints will be on exhibition Saturday and Sunday of the Mother's day weekend, May 4.

Features that Mr. Cashion hopes to be included in the new "Y" will consist of many ideas given him by interested students. A 4000 square foot dance floor will be included in the plans in order that students may entertain their guests when nothing of spectacular importance is scheduled for the week-end at A. & M. It will be equipped with a "nickelodeon" for general use, but will also have a platform large enough for a small orchestra. This will mean that each military organization may have dances of their own in addition to organization dances, Mr. Cashion said. It may be possible for small clubs to use this for informal dances also. Plans also include a large lounge room, partially broken into nooks

Debate Is On Tap for Wednesday

Centenary Due To Debate Thompson, Doss on Spending

The last home debate and probably the last debate of the season for A. & M. will be held Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in the Physics Lecture Room, when Centenary College and A. & M. hold their annual contest.

Debaters for A. & M. will be Mayo Thompson and R. L. Doss on the affirmative side of "Resolved, That the federal government should cease spending public funds to stimulate business."

Centenary's debaters have not been announced. They will arrive here Wednesday afternoon shortly after noon to visit the campus.

Each year Centenary and A. & M. teams debate each other. Last year the contest was held in Louisiana.

Judges for the debate will be local profs. The public is invited to attend.

DOROTHY PALM SELECTED AS R. V. QUEEN

Dorothy Palm of Waco has recently been named to reign as queen of the Ross Volunteer Court to be held here April 6 and 7. Miss Palm, a student of Baylor University, will be attended by B. Simmons Jr. of Houston as king.

Festivities will begin Thursday evening at 8 p. m., the first function to be the queen's coronation. Immediately following the coronation will be the queen's ball. An exhibition drill will be presented Friday afternoon to be closed with the presentation of the memorial wreath at the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross. At 3 p. m. the princesses of the holidays will be honored with a tea dance. A dinner dance for the Ross Volunteer Company will last from 7 p. m. until 9 p. m., and afterwards from 10 till 2 will be the Captain's Ball. The Saturday Corps Dance will be eliminated this year.

Music will be furnished by Tommy Littlejohn and his Aggeland Orchestra who will play for the entire holidays. Miss Dorothy Thames will sing with the orchestra. Miss Thames, who is from Victoria, has been featured here before.

Chief Yell Leader for Next Year Will Be Chosen on April 17 in Year's General Student Body Election



BERT BURNS

When A. & M. students elect an editor-in-chief of The Battalion and senior and junior Representatives on the Publications Board for the coming year on April 17, they'll also choose a Chief Yell Leader.

There are only two students eligible to make the race—Bert Burns of the Engineers and Bodie Pierce of the Infantry.

Elected junior yell leaders last year by the sophomore class, these two students, who have assisted Chief Yell Leader "Hub" Aston and Assistant Charlie Trail this year, will both seek the position of leader of the Aggie "twelfth man."

College Company Asking \$25,000 In Damage Suit

Petition Says Bryan Concern Does Not And Has Not Intended To Construct Movie Theater Building at College

COLLEGE HILLS ESTATES COMPANY OF COLLEGE STATION YESTERDAY FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BRAZOS COUNTY, 85TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SUIT FOR \$25,000 DAMAGES AND ANNULLMENT OF A DEED TO THE BRYAN AMUSEMENT COMPANY.

THE PETITION FOR COLLEGE HILLS ESTATES, OF WHICH J. C. CULPEPPER IS PRESIDENT, ALLEGES THAT THE BRYAN Amusement Company has disclosed to the realtors that it "did not intend to and had never intended to build a motion picture theater building on the site described" but that the tract of land bought by the Bryan concern was obtained "solely for the purpose of protecting the business operated by defendant in said city of Bryan, Texas, against any new competition."

It was learned from College Hills that prior to the time that the Bryan company obtained the tract for the construction of a theater, two outside promoters had been interested in purchasing the tract for the construction of a \$100,000 theater. The Bryan company proposed to build a \$45,000 building, the plaintiff's petition states.

Plaintiff Wants To Buy Back Deed for Land Tract

The Plaintiff—College Hills—offers in the petition to pay the Bryan Amusement Company \$5,000 with 6 per cent interest from July 5, 1938, in order to cancel its deed of land in the new addition to the Bryan company.

It is understood that if this is done, any promoter who will take immediate steps to construct and operate a movie will be eligible to purchase a tract for that purpose.

In its petition, College Hills alleged that it on July 5, 1938, sold to the Bryan Amusement Company, managed by Mrs. Edna Schulman, a tract of land in College Hills for the construction of a \$45,000 theater, but that the Amusement company did not live up to the requirement that it immediately establish and operate a motion picture theater in the area.

The plaintiff's petition says, in part:

Petition Says Sign Was Opposed by College Hills

Plaintiff protested the erection of such signboard (saying) it was defendant's obligation to begin actual construction of a motion picture theater building on said site. That defendant then contemptuously refused to remove said signboard and advised plaintiff that instead of building a new building

on the site described in the deed from the plaintiff to the defendant, the defendant has expended the sum of nearly \$100,000 in improving its theater building in Bryan and that defendant had paid the \$3,000 to the plaintiff and had bought the site described in said deed solely for the purpose of protecting the business operated by defendant in said city of Bryan, Texas, against any new competition and for the purpose of perpetuating its monopoly of the motion picture business in Brazos County, and that defendant did not intend to, and had never intended to build a motion picture theater building on the site described in the deed abovementioned.

"I've never heard of anything so ridiculous in my life," said Mrs. Edna Schulman, manager of the Bryan Amusement Company upon learning of the filing of the College Hills Estates suit against her company for \$25,000 damages and cancellation of a deed to a tract of land.

"The agreement called for no specific time whatsoever. There's no ground whatsoever for suit," she said.

14 Cadets Asking For Positions

4 Candidates Jump Into Races During Last-Minute Rush

Fourteen students for four positions to be filled in the general election April 17 had announced today.

Four additional candidates—L. E. Thompson for Battalion editor-in-chief, Jimmie Cokinos and Ray Treadwell for Senior Representatives on the Student Publications Board and Hub Johnson for Junior Representative on the Board—announced their candidacy over the weekend.

Thompson is a junior editor of The Battalion, as is Treadwell. Johnson is a reporter for The Battalion. Cokinos is not on the staff of any publication.

April 6 will be the last date for filing for office, according to E. L. Angell, Manager of Student Publications. The election will be held April 17 under the supervision of the editor-in-chief of The Battalion and a Student Election Committee to be named by Dean Bolton, Chairman of the Student Publications Board.

A list of candidates who have announced follows (arranged alphabetically):

For Battalion Editor-in-Chief:

James "Hymie" Critz
Bill Murray
L. E. Thompson
Charlie Wilkinson

For Chief Yell Leader:

Bert Burns
Bodie Pierce

For Senior Representative:

Jimmie Cokinos
Ray Treadwell
Mick Williams

For Junior Representative:

C. F. DeVilbiss
George Fuermann
Paul Haines
Hub Johnson
Bob Nisbet

HOTARD SPEAKS FOR COMPANY COMMANDERS MEET

In a meeting of the Company Commanders Monday night, J. C. Hotard, supervisor of subsistence, explained in detail the work of the Mess Hall in its plan of gradual change which has led to cheaper meals at no reduction in quality. He asked the Seniors, as leaders of their respective units, to acquaint the students with the plan, or at least get their curiosity aroused where they would come to him personally for information on the general working of the Mess Hall—to create better relations between the Mess Hall and the students and to correct the misunderstandings of the students.

Beginning April 1, the waiters shall be directly responsible to the men they serve, and the right given them to get the amount of food which they know their men will eat, Mr. Hotard said. In this way, the enormous waste of food will be decreased, he believed, and it will gradually lead to additional items of service such as "seconds" on milk and ice-cream. Instead of having "Gum-shoes," four extra head-waiters will be added and each will take care of fifteen tables.

Ever since Mr. Hotard started managing the Mess Hall in 1937, gradual changes have been made which have led to an entirely different menu to which most of the Seniors and Juniors will testify.

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