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Five Most Popular Seniors To Be Selected

Miss Swarthout Arriving at Aggie Land



Above is shown Gladys Swarthout, star of radio, screen, and grand opera, as she arrived at Aggie land last Friday noon for her concert here that night. Left to right are Walter "Sully" Sullivan, student Town Hall manager; Mrs. T. O. Walton, Miss Swarthout, and President Walton.

Attention Uglemugs! Here's Your Chance To Be Famous

Hurry! Contest For Beauty To End Sunday Night

Frankenstein, Editors Ineligible; All Other Aggies Can Enter Contest

Official announcement of the rules and regulations pertaining to the forthcoming Ugly Boy contest, was made this morning by Battalion editor Bill Murray and Battalion columnist and junior editor George Fuermann. Sponsored by the Battalion column "Backwash," first primary of the contest begins tomorrow and ends two days later at midnight Sunday.

To facilitate the running of the contest and to insure fairness throughout, a committee has been appointed to collect the ballots, count them, and generally conduct the election. Don Peterson, Engineer senior from Fort Worth, has been appointed general chairman of the committee. Assisting Peterson will be head yell-leader Bodie Pierce, Jack Bibbs, Dick Pitts, Gat Garrison, A. D. Toland, Morris Pettit, Leonard Glaser, Jimmy Radford, George Mueller, Graham Purcell, Joe Snow, and Max Melcher.

Ballots, which appear in another part of today's Battalion, should be turned in to the various dormitory representatives. These men, and their room numbers, are as follows:

"Singing Cadets" Is New Name Of Aggie Glee Club

The title, "A & M. Glee Club," is no more. In its place, A. & M.'s highly successful band of singers in the future will call themselves "The Singing Cadets" as a result of the recent name contest sponsored by the club. The \$5.00 prize offered for the winning name was won by Charles Drumwright of Bryan with his entry of "The Singing Cadets."

Four of the many names submitted were given honorable mention by the club in the order named: "Aggie Men of Song" by J. O. Bartlet of First Headquarters, Signal Corps; "Cadet Singers," by A. J. Robinson, A Field Artillery; "The Soldiers of Song," by James E. Greer, graduate assistant in the Genetics Department; and "Merry Men of Song," by Mrs. R. H. Bush, of Bryan.

The selection of the new name was made by vote of the entire Glee Club.

She Is Really Human Says Sully About Town Hall's Star, Gladys Swarthout

By Walter Sullivan
At first, it was surprising to learn that Gladys Swarthout could entirely forget her profession for the sake of talking of such commonplace things as new makes of automobiles, the radio, and popular music. More surprising was it that I could forget while talking to her that she was the same woman who had sung before Congress, presidents, and kings . . . that's how interesting a conversationalist she is.

In the course of a conversation, anyone could easily observe that Miss Swarthout is modest, intelligent, and attentive. Also one quickly finds that the life of an opera star is no bed of roses, so to speak, for she watches her diet, her sleep, and her practice religiously. In short, most of the nicer things that such a life as hers could afford, she must abstain from in order to maintain it . . . and this she does, simply because she loves to sing.

Most impressive to me was the firmness and sincerity with which she grasped our (Steuer, Williams' and mine) hands just prior to her boarding the plane for New York City . . . it would take a much more intelligent person than I to perfectly express the feeling transmitted by her handshake.

Just as she entered the plane I

told Miss Swarthout that I had never witnessed such a delightful combination of true singing ability and beauty as she had presented to our Town Hall here at College Station; also, I added that I would never miss an opportunity to hear her again. This opinion, I think is general for all who heard her last Friday night.

Saddle and Sirloin Club Initiates 83 New Members at Meeting

The Saddle and Sirloin Club held its annual initiation of new members in the Animal Husbandry Pavilion last Monday night adding 83 new members to the club roll. All of the new members are animal husbandry majors while in the past a number of the members have been animal husbandry minors. This number exceeds last year's new member enrollment by 9.

Applicants for membership are required to be in their sophomore year of an animal husbandry course and to have paid the nominal fee of \$2.00 to the secretary of the club.

Club membership before the initiation was 93. Last year's initiation brought in 74 new members.

Sadie Hawkins DeLuxe-That's February 29, Leap Year Day

Superstitious? February 29 comes only once every four years and we've heard or maybe just imagined that this is the day during Leap Year that all eligible men who don't desire to be hooked lock the door to their room, and to be doubly sure lock the door to the closet. Incidentally the eligible is supposed to be inside of locked portion.

All this brings forth the question—what is the reason for this extra day and this "Leap Year." It seems that scientists have proved that the earth does not revolve in an exact designated time and revolves only 365 1/4 times each year which every 4th year completes a cycle and starts again.

Tradition has it that, though a

man must ask a woman to be his wife on three years, every fourth year brings the woman the privilege of taking matters in her own way and doing the pursuing. Thus 1940 sees once again, the woman taking her pick and choice and bachelor men on the run without much chance for woe be it, if caught, for married life has no joy to confirmed bachelors.

Clubs have been formed both for "getting their man" and "to keep from being caught by women." You've heard, of them—these Sadie Hawkins' affairs—

Nevertheless our money is on the ladies, but our sympathies are with the men and our hope is that everybody will be satisfied with no unhappiness evident at the turn of the year.

Artillerymen Stage Annual Ball Friday To Music of Del Courtney's Orchestra

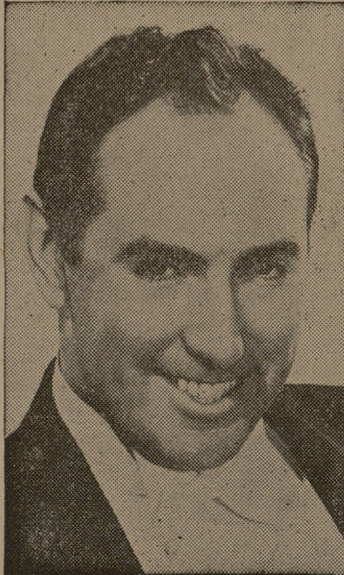
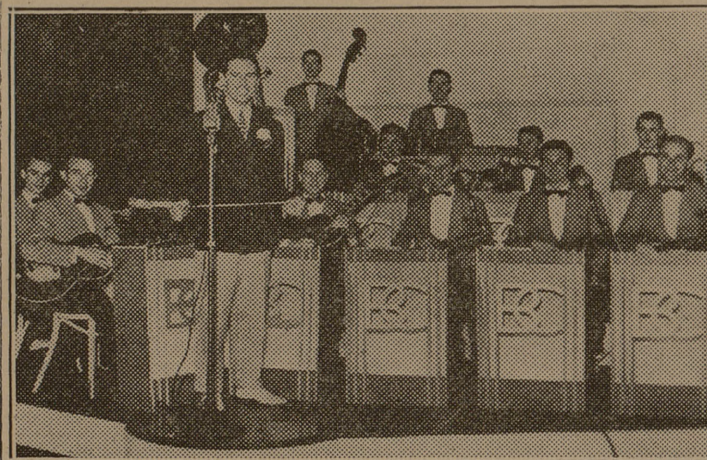
Season's First Big Prom To Be Given By Field Artillery

Sbisa Hall Decorations To Carry Out Traditions Of Field Artillery

Friday night Aggie Land will resound with the music of the famed Del Courtney band playing for the Field Artillery's sixth Annual Ball, which promises to be the greatest this large organization has yet presented. The dance, which will be the first organization ball of the year, will begin at nine and last until one o'clock.

The Field Artillery Ball promises to present something new in the way of band decorations. The back stand will consist of a large blue background, which will be made in several sections with the center section projecting before the others. The artillery insignia of cross cannons will be painted in gold letters on a five-foot circular background which will project outward from the blue center section of the stand and will be surrounded by a circle of light. Above the center section of the stand will appear the United States Flag while on the sides of the band stand will be placed the guidons of the Field Artillery batteries. The design of the new stand, which

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Del Courtney (left) and his orchestra (above), who will play for the Field Artillery Ball Friday night and the corps dance Saturday. Courtney's band, composed of young college graduates, is known for its "Candid Camera" music. Musical authorities have called it one of the best orchestras in the country today.

FRIDAY LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR MAY DEGREE

Candidates for Bachelor And Master Degrees Must Turn In Applications

Thursday and Friday of this week are positively the last days that applications for degrees to be conferred on May 31, 1940 can be made. Included in this group are all candidates for degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Architecture, Bachelor of Petroleum Engineering, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and Master of Science.

The deadline for applicants is set by college regulations and is strictly adhered to by the Registrar's Office in accepting degree applications. All candidates for degrees in June including graduate students must make application. Graduate students are required to fill out applications with the Registrar's Office as well as with the Dean of the Graduate School. Forms for filing the application may be secured at the Registrar's Office.

Almost 500 students have already filed applications with the Registrar, and more than 600 students are expected to have done so by the deadline at 5:00 o'clock Friday afternoon. Last year 623 students filed applications for degrees and 595 degrees were conferred.

Degrees will be conferred on Friday night, May 31, 1940, at the commencement exercises which will follow the baccalaureate services Friday morning. The school year will end for the seniors with the Final Review, Saturday, June 1.

Kiest Lounge To Be Open Over Weekend

Guests Attending Field Artillery Ball To Use Newly-Opened Lounge

The new Y. M. C. A. Lounge in Kiest Hall will be opened Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock for the convenience and comfort of visiting girls and parents attending the Field Artillery Ball, M. L. Cashion, secretary of the A. & M. Y. M. C. A., announced Wednesday.

A hostess will be in charge of the lounge and the lounge will stay open all night on Friday and Saturday nights for the convenience of the campus visitors. Maid service will also be provided so that complete facilities will be available for the girls attending the Field Artillery Prom to dress at the lounge.

The building will be open until at least 6:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon and later if the boys need it, Mr. Cashion stated, and any boy with a date or whose parents are visiting him is invited to make full use of the lounge. A telephone (College 264) has been installed and stationery will also be provided for occupants.

MRS. FOURAKER IS DIRECTOR OF COTTON PAGEANT

Ladies Store in Houston, "The Fashion" Will Present Style Show for This Year

It has been announced by the Cotton Ball committee that Mrs. L. L. Fouraker of Bryan has been selected by the members of the Student Agronomy Society to direct the Cotton Pageant for this year. Mrs. Fouraker was born and



Mrs. L. L. Fouraker, director of the Cotton Pageant.

reared in Bryan and is one of the Bryan "400" of years past, who married an Aggie. Mr. Fouraker is an ex-student of A. & M. and is now professor of Electrical Engineering. Having worked as a purchasing agent for a large ladies' ready-to-wear store, she has had considerable experience as a designer, and she should arrange for an exceptional show.

The theme of this year's style show and pageant will be along the lines of patriotism, according to Mrs. Fouraker. Among her plans for the show will be the construction of a mammoth American flag to be made of cotton bolting and dyed the appropriate colors. The flag will cover one entire end of the gymnasium.

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Ballots For Contest In This Issue

Senior Ballots Must Be In By Friday Afternoon

Balloting is to take place today and tomorrow in the selection of the five most popular seniors on the Aggie campus. This contest is held each year under the auspices of the editors of The Battalion and the Longhorn.

Ballots to be used in the selection are printed in another part of this Battalion. Seniors are requested to fill in their choice of the five most popular seniors and to give the ballots to their first Sergeants. The first sergeants will turn the ballots in to be handled by a committee appointed by Senior President F. M. "Max" McCullar. The winners will be announced in a later issue of the Battalion. They will each receive a full page picture in this year's Longhorn, as has been the custom in the past.

Only graduating seniors will be allowed to vote in the election, and only graduating seniors will be eligible to receive this honor. Seniors should name on their ballot in order the five men whom they consider to be the most popular members of their class.

All graduating seniors are being urged to cast their ballots and turn them in before the deadline so that the vote may be as representative as possible. The opinion of each member of the class is necessary to choose the truly most popular member.

Last year the most popular seniors were: Owen "Slick" Rogers, captain of the football team; Bob Adams, executive officer of the corps and senior class president; Dick Todd, twice All-Southwestern halfback; Beal Hargrove, King of the Cotton Ball and manager of the Entertainment Series; and Hub Aston, chief yell-leader.

These selections and those of past years have shown that the Aggies selected have been the most prominent students on the campus. Each year the most popular students have received the highest acclaim and honors from the faculty and their fellow students during their school life here.

A. & M., T.S.C.W. Meet In Conflict! Don't Worry—It's Debating

A. & M. debaters Mayo Thompson and Don Gabriel will enter a worthy conflict with feminine representatives of the Texas State College for Women at Denton debating team on the field of the Physics lecture room at 7:30 Friday night.

The subject, Resolved: That the U. S. should follow a policy of strict economic and military isolation toward all nations outside the western hemisphere engaged in armed civil or international conflict.

This is the first time debating teams from the two schools have met for a number of years. A. & M. will pay a return engagement on March 15 to Denton.

The audience will be the judges for the debate.

CLUB RESERVATIONS IN LONGHORN MUST BE PAID FOR BY MARCH 15

According to a decision of the Longhorn Staff, all those responsible for club pictures must pay the balance due for their Longhorn picture space before March 15. This is the absolute deadline if the picture is to appear in the 1940 Longhorn. However, it is preferred that the payments be made as soon as possible so that an estimate can be made of the number of pages that these pictures will require, but payments will be accepted until March 15. Payments may be made to D. H. Watson in room number 106, Dormitory 10.

SEE INSIDE FOR UGLY BOY, POPULAR SENIOR BALLOTS