

GENERAL ELECTION IS ANNOUNCED FOR APRIL 4

Bel Canto Quartet, Nancy Swinford Will Appear Tonight Handbills Are 'Out', Says Ruling

Popular Selections Programed

Group Is Rated High By Musical Critics

By Walter Sullivan
A. & M. Town Hall will present Nancy Swinford, celebrated Houston soprano, and the nationally famous Bel-Canto Quartet tonight at 7:30 in Guion Hall.

Nancy Swinford's voice is rated by all who have heard her as being "one of the best ever," and her programs in the past have proved successful from every perspective. At present, there are many people on the A. & M. campus who have attended her programs before, and who have made it quite plain to all that the lady is definitely very good.

The Bel-Cantos, too, have a reputation all their own, for they have thrilled audiences with their singing in most of the larger cities in the United States.

General admission is one dollar for adults and fifty cents for A. & M. students. Town Hall season tickets will be good.

The program for the evening will consist of five groups of familiar numbers, two of which are to be offered by Nancy Swinford, and the other three by the Bel-Canto Quartet, and at present, is listed as follows:

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| I | |
| Quartet | |
| God Bless America..... | Berlin |
| Marching Along Together..... | |
| Arranged by Smalle | |
| "The Drum"..... | Gibson |
| Over Here..... | From Sons O'Guns |
| II | |
| Nancy Swinford | |
| I Love Life..... | Mana-Zucca |
| II Bacio..... | Arditi |
| Ave Maria..... | Bach Gounod |
| In the Luxembourg Gardens..... | |
| Manning | |
| Street Fair..... | Manning |
| The Sleigh..... | Levine |
| III | |
| Quartet | |
| My Texas..... | McCoy |
| Lone Star..... | Simon |
| The Rosary..... | Nevin |
| Old Man River..... | Shilkret |
| Intermission | |
| IV | |
| Quartet | |
| Rigoletto (Travesty)..... | Verdi |
| Bow Down (Spiritual)..... | Shink |
| Last Roundup..... | Billy Hill |
| Old Faithful..... | Billy Hill |
| V | |
| Nancy Swinford | |
| One Fine Day..... | Puccini |
| Indian Love Call..... | Friml |
| Gianina Mia..... | Friml |
| My Johann..... | Grieg |

Mamie Tramonte Is Chosen Queen of 1940 Cotton Ball

By Bob Nisbet
At 7:30 Saturday morning two cars of people left College Station headed for Denton and T. S. C. W., their purpose to select from among the beauties of that student body a queen for the Cotton Pageant of 1940. Eight girls, two from each class, were presented by Mrs. Mattie Wooten, Dean of Women at T. S. C. W., for the committee to make their choice. Miss Mamie Tramonte was their unanimous choice. She and E. W. Seay will reign together as king and queen at the event which is the highlight of A. & M.'s social season.

Her Royal Highness, Mamie Tramonte, Queen of the Cotton Pageant is a senior student studying to be a school teacher, majoring in kindergarten and primary grades. Her home town is in Galveston, where her father carries on

SENIORS MAY ATTEND FARLEY BANQUET FREE

Bryan-College Station Residents Also Invited

Members of the senior class will be admitted free to the banquet honoring James Farley, Postmaster General, to be held in Sbis Hall April 4, provided they dress in number one uniform, according to an announcement made by Col. Ike Ashburn yesterday. Reservations, however, must be made by all who plan to attend, and details in regard to this will be announced later.

Dr. Walton also issued a statement clarifying the matter of invitations to Bryan and College Station residents for the affair.

"Everybody in Bryan and College Station is cordially invited to attend the dinner," Dr. Walton said; "We do not feel it necessary to issue special invitations to our home folks to occasions of this nature, for it is always the policy of the College to share its distinguished visitors and its schedule of important events with the people of Bryan and Brazos County.

"Those wishing to attend the Farley dinner should get in touch with the office of Col. Ike Ashburn to make reservations not later than March 30, for it will take a few days to make final preparations for the dinner after all reservations are in.

"The price of tickets will be \$1 per person, and to save time, I would suggest that checks be sent to Col. Ashburn's office along with the reservation, so that tickets may be sent out in advance of the closing day for dinner reservations, March 30.

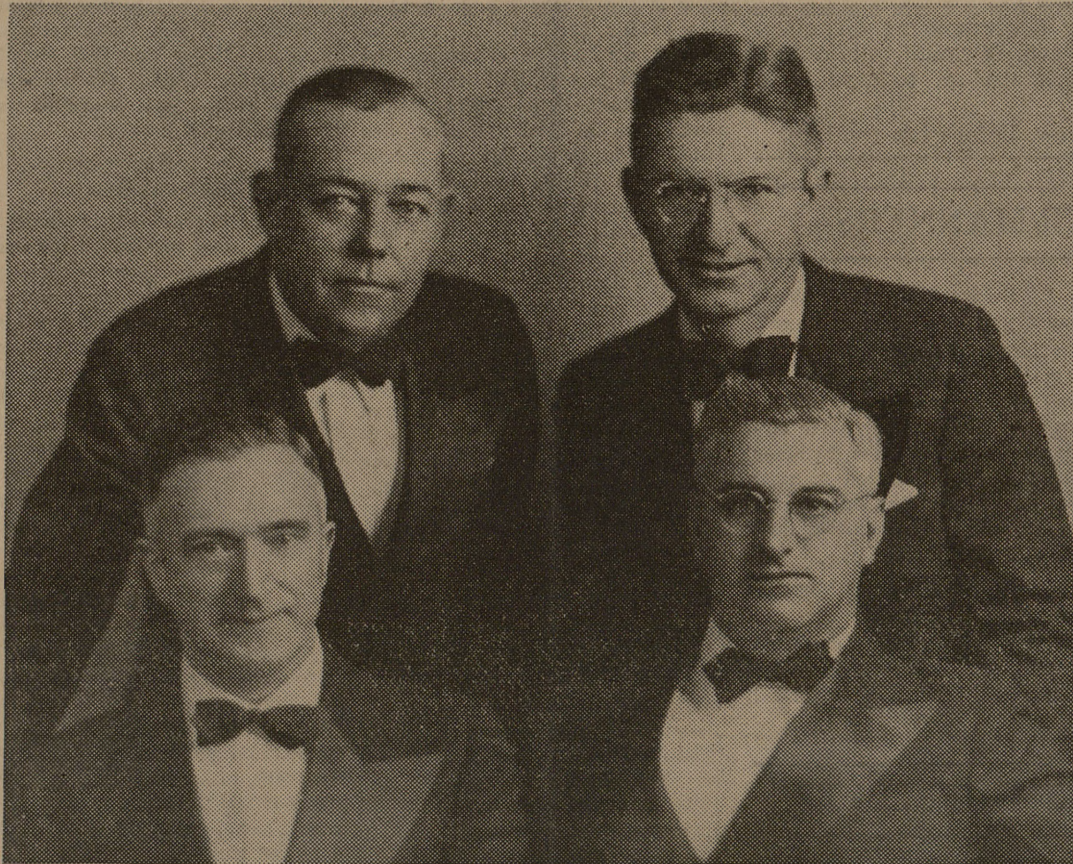
"We are in hopes that hundreds of our Brazos County friends will be on hand to welcome General Farley to the A. & M. campus, and to attend the banquet in the evening to hear him speak."

ARCHITECTS TO HEAR BRACKEEN SPEAK TONIGHT

L. C. Brackeen, Dallas Sales Representative of the Vermont Marble Company, will address the Architectural Society tonight at 7 o'clock on various phases of the marble industry. In addition to his talk, he will present a picture show "Mountains of Marble", which should prove very interesting to architectural students.

Wednesday afternoon Mr. Brackeen will speak to the fifth year men on the manufacturing of "Lumar", a luminous marble which has just been developed by the company in the last two years. An exhibit of this material will also be presented.

Noted Quartet Appearing Here Tonight

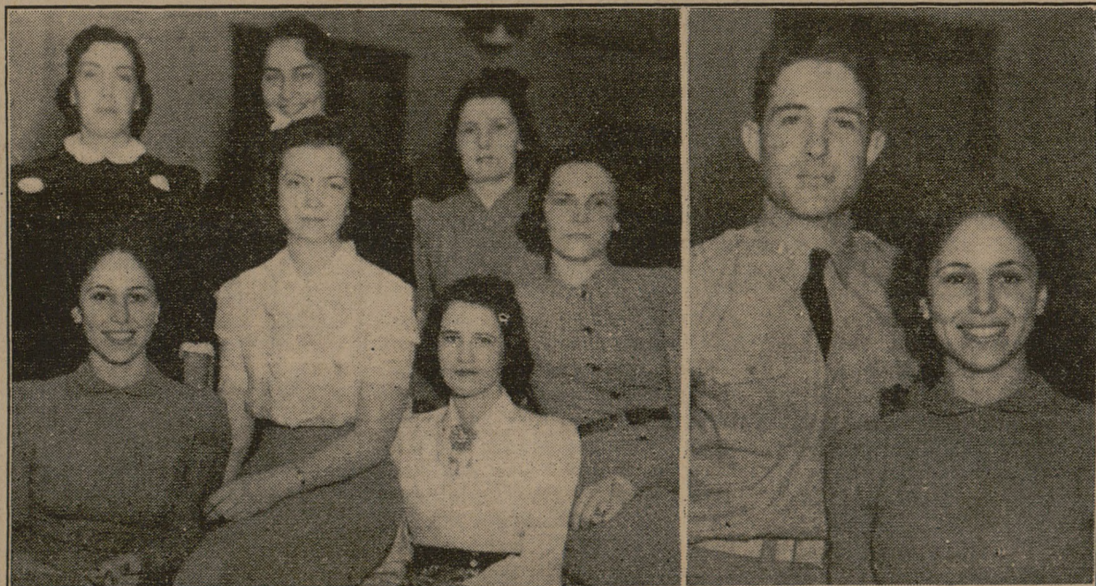


Shown above are members of the Bel-Canto Quartet which will sing here on the Town Hall program series tonight, March 19. Seated left to right: T. W. Johnson, tenor, and Marcel Jones, baritone. Standing: Fred Shelton, tenor, and Martin Thomas, basso. These four men have been singing together for the past sixteen years.

The quartet broadcasts each Sunday morning from 8:30 to 9:00 over radio stations KGKO of Fort Worth and KXYZ of Houston.

Appearing with the quartet as another feature of tonight's program is Nancy Swinford, well-known Houston singer.

As Cotton Ball Queen Was Chosen



Upper left: This group of beauties was picked to represent T.S.C.W. at the Cotton Ball as the Queen and her Maids of Honor. Standing, left to right, they are Katherine Day, Christine Maddox, Alice Kirk. Seated: Mamie Tramonte, Ann Terry, Mary Hughston and Margaret Ramsey.

Upper right: The King, Wesley Seay, with Miss Mamie Tramonte, the girl selected by the committee to reign as Queen of the Cotton Pageant for 1940.

Lower picture: The committee that acted as the jury; standing, left to right; Johnny Rice, Byron Bing, Mrs. Mattie Wooten, Dean of Women at T.S.C.W., Harry Forbes, Mrs. J. S. Mogford, Percy Bennett. Seated: Ray Stephenson, Wesley Seay, Mrs. L. L. Fouraker, Tilden Easley of the Agronomy Department, and Bob Stone.

R. V. Court To Be 'Out' Thursday

Mary Mae Crawford Will Reign as Queen Of Holiday Affair

At 8:45 p. m. this Thursday night the Ross Volunteers' festivities will begin with the crowning of Miss Mary Mae Crawford of Houston as Queen of the R. V. Court. Miss Crawford, a student of National Park College, Washington, D. C., will reign over the court with her king, Hubie Brauning, Field Artillery senior. The rest of the court will be made up of Prince Dan Sharp, Princess Daphne Salois, of Dallas, and ten other dukes and duchesses.

The members of the court will enter the annex of the mess hall, where the coronation is to take place, from different entrances at timed intervals and then take their respective places around the king's throne. The sixty-foot throne will be at one end of the court and Al Kavelin's Orchestra will be opposite it at the other end. The king and his guards, who are the first to arrive, will enter the Court from a side door and walk to the throne and be seated. The King and Queen are the only members of the Court who are to be seated. The Prince and Princess and each of the ten dukes and duchesses will enter the Court from diagonal corners; meeting in the center and will then walk to their positions on each side of the throne.

After the dukes and duchesses have all arrived, the entrance of the Queen and her train-bearers will be announced by a blast on a trumpet, blown by a page. The (Continued on page 2)

Fifteen Governors Name Twin Delegates

Lois and Louise Bailey, presidents of the Baylor Twin Club, announce that 15 governors have designated twin delegates from their states to the second annual Texas college twin convention on the Baylor campus, April 5 and 6.

The states are Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah and West Virginia.

Subsistence Department Saves Aggies \$21,000 in Recent Maintenance Slash

By George Fuermann
Twenty-one thousand dollars was given away a couple of weeks ago, and here on the A. & M. campus, too. That's the saving to the 4,000-odd members of the cadet corps who eat in Sbis or Duncan dining halls, made possible by a recent reduction in maintenance.

True enough, it doesn't mean a great deal to each individual student—\$5.25 is the amount—but it's one more indication of the continued effort on the part of A. & M.'s officials to give the students the most for the least.

Most significant of all, however, is the fact that this reduction will not in any way alter the quality or variety of the food which cadets have received in the past. The reduction represents the amount of money gained during the first semester of operation by the dining halls. So there's no lessening of quality... no lessening of variety; on the other hand, dining hall officials are always on the look-out to find new dishes to serve the corps.

From the fiscal viewpoint, what's behind this world-famous dining

Candidates Must File by March 28 For Important Jobs

The date for the general election of three student body officers has been set for Thursday, April 4, it was announced this morning.

Officers to be elected are editor-in-chief of The Battalion, chief yell-leader, and junior representative on the Student Publications Board.

A rule adopted this year by the Publications Board prohibits the use or circulation of handbills or other political literature. It is generally agreed that this reduction of expense and of the possibility of unfair allegations will make the election less expensive and fairer for all concerned.

With the primary election set for April 4, the runoff, if one is necessary, will be held the following Tuesday, April 9.

Election rules adopted last year by the Board will apply to this election, with possible modifications. It is expected that the Student Election Committee headed by Cadet Colonel D. B. Varner will meet soon to consider all the political aspects and to draw up or modify any rules which may be deemed necessary to a fair and representative election.

All candidates must file for office at the Student Publications Office, 126 Administration Building, by one week prior to the primary election date. Candidates for the editorship, according to the rule, must pay a \$2 filing fee. Candidates may begin filing this morning.

Any and every student enrolled at A. & M. is entitled to vote. At the time of his voting, he must present in person his Fiscal Office receipt showing the payment of his fees for the second semester.

Any protest of the election is to be heard and judged by the Student Election Committee.

Rules for making the race for editorship follow:

"A candidate must have had at least one year's experience on the newspaper in a capacity that will fit him for the editorship. He must be a junior with a general scholastic record above the minimum required for graduation, a grade-point average of at least 1.25, and his general academic standing must be such that with a normal load, he can graduate with his class the following year. (Continued on page 6)