

Queen Ernestine Ashe---King Gene Wilmeth



Pictured above is Miss Ernestine Ashe who has been chosen as queen of the Cotton Pageant to be held in Guion Hall tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. Miss Ashe is a TSCW freshman.

To the right is Gene Wilmeth, king of the Cotton Pageant. Wilmeth is a senior in agronomy.



160 Duchesses to Participate In Cotton Pageant Tomorrow Night

Juniors Make Plans for Ball And Uniform

Vote to Exclude Seniors from Prom; Sophomores to Usher

In an orderless meeting Monday night the junior class made final plans for their banquet and dance to be held May 8. Jack Miller, president of the class, presided over the meeting which became spirited and frequently beyond control. Final action was taken on the dance, and a committee on the uniform to be worn next semester was appointed.

No definite action was taken in the way of uniform changes. Many ideas were given for ways in which to make it possible to distinguish the different classes, but no suggestions could be voted upon without the approval of the commandant. A committee composed of Austin Nance, Bill Holland, Bill Black, John Longley, Earl Hartman, and Frank Young was appointed to work out the best plans for the uniform and present them to Colonel Welfy. The class in their next meeting will then vote on the most advisable plan.

Other action taken at the meeting was the voting of the class not to invite the seniors to the Junior Prom. By a unanimous decision this motion carried.

For the dance it was decided that the juniors in each organization should select a sophomore from their organization to serve as usher at the banquet. Doing this, individual place cards will be used.

Tickets for the dance are \$1.50 and will include the banquet and the dance for one couple or a stag. The price will be the same for either the dance or the banquet. Distribution of the tickets will be through first sergeants, and they can be obtained now.

English Contests Are Held Tomorrow

Announcement of students qualifying in the annual freshman and sophomore English contests has been made by George Summey Jr., head of the English department. The contests examinations will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 30 in the Library classroom.

Freshmen who are eligible for the F. M. Law English Contest for Freshmen are: William H. Andrew, W. L. Baker, Richard L. Bolen, A. W. Campbell, J. W. Holway, F. I. Jones, H. L. Philipson, R. Shanks and William W. Ward. Qualified sophomores for the (See CONTEST, Page 8)

Singing Cadets Have Fingers Crossed Pending Contest Result

By Ed Kingery

With the time rapidly approaching for the announcement of regional winners in Fred Waring's Pleasure Time National Glee Club Competition, the Singing Cadets of Aggieland are keeping their fingers crossed and hoping that they will be included in the lucky eight. The announcement is expected around May 10.

The eight regional winners who are finally chosen to compete in New York for the selection of a national champion will be featured at two tremendous concerts in Carnegie Hall on the night of May 30 and on Sunday afternoon, May 31. Although many of the preliminary details have not been worked out as yet, these two dates will probably climax this unique competition of college musical talent. Waring's Glee Club Competition has drawn 140 entries of college

Wilmeth, McGouirk, Waddle Chosen As Winners of Tour

Tomorrow night is the night for the annual Cotton Pageant and Ball. Nearly 160 duchesses and their escorts will participate before an expected capacity crowd in Guion Hall beginning at 8 p. m. and lasting for approximately an hour.

White suits and light sports coats will predominate in the pageant and will be worn to the ball to follow. The Cotton Ball is the second largest ball on the campus, being excelled in attendance only by the final ball.

Adding color to the event will be the white summer uniforms of the sailors stationed on the campus. As indicated by the reserved seat sales there will be people from all over the state to see the girls who will be here from all over Texas and adjoining states.

Duchesses in the court are sent to represent clubs on the campus and various schools and colleges in the Southwest. They were chosen as beauties and the social secretary of the event who has handled the pictures of most of these women states that they are beauties, the prettiest in several years.

E. D. Wilmeth, G. C. McGouirk, and B. A. Waddle have been chosen as the winners of this year's annual Cotton Tour which will extend this year through the south, southwest, and Mexico. F. G. Colard will also make the trip this year as he was chosen as the winner last year but was unable to make the trip because he had to attend camp.

These men were chosen through a series of nine examinations covering all the phases of Agronomy. Each of the examinations being given by the man in the department who knew most about the subject covered. These exams were held at intervals throughout the school year.

At present the itinerary calls for the tour to begin here May 6 and head for New Orleans and arrive there on the seventh and stay until noon the following day. They will go from there to Baton Rouge, Louisiana on the ninth and tenth. They will be in Leland, Mississippi May 11-12.

Memphis, Tennessee will be visited May 13 and the group will return to Dallas May 14. The group will leave for Mexico May 16 and will visit Saltillo, Torreón and vicinity from the 18 to 21 and Mexico City on the 23 and 25. They will return to college on May 28.

Senior Ring Dance Ducats Go on Sale

Tickets for the Senior Ring Dance and Banquet and for the favors are now on sale by organization commanders. The final day for purchase of the tickets will be Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 5:30 p. m., in the corps headquarters office. The price of the tickets to the Banquet and Ring Dance is \$2.30. The cost of the favors this year is \$1.71. Since most seniors have made a 50¢ deposit for their favors, the balance for both is \$3.50. This should be turned in to each organization commander, so that he may make the deadline Tuesday.

A senior not living with an organization can purchase his ticket in the corps headquarters office any time before Tuesday afternoon. Senior Class President Dick Hervey said, "I would like to urge all commanders to start making collections for the tickets so that the money can be turned in Tuesday afternoon."

The banquet will start at 6:30 p. m. in Sbis Hall. The Ring Ceremony will immediately follow the banquet program which will be shortened considerably this year. The Ring Dance will start at approximately 10:30.

Mounted Review Held This Afternoon for Inspectors

Afternoon Classes Suspended from 1 to 4; Number One with Khaki Shirts to Be Worn

This afternoon at 1 o'clock the cadet corps will pass in mounted review as part of the annual federal inspection of ROTC facilities at A. & M. now in progress. All classes will be suspended from 1 to 4 p. m. to allow cadets to participate in the review.

Uniform to be worn will be the Number One uniform with khaki shirt. The order or review will be the same as in previous reviews this year. This is the first time that khaki shirts have been worn as part of the Number One uniform for any occasion.

Inspection of the training facilities was carried on yesterday and is being continued today by the inspecting party of officers under Col. E. A. Keyes, senior officer. The inspecting party were guests at a luncheon in Duncan Hall yesterday, with the senior cadet officer of each unit acting as hosts.

Yesterday afternoon the officers called upon President T. O. Walton, Executive Assistant E. L. Angell and Dean T. D. Brooks.

Federal inspecting officers are as follows: Col. E. A. Keyes, Cav., civilian components officer; Col. C. L. Mitchell, Inf.; Col. Wm. J. Calvert, Q.M.C.; Col. John Perkins, C.A.C.; Lt. Col. O. C. McIntyre, F. A.; Lt. Col. B. F. Chadwick, Eng.; Lt. Col. R. A. Eads, C.W.S.; Maj. J. B. Wise Jr., Cav.; Capt. G. T. Turner, Sig. Corps; and Lt. D. C. Cutter, Ord. Dept.

Brazos Exes Plan Old Time Barbecue For May Meeting

The May meeting of the Brazos County A. & M. Club will be an old fashioned country barbecue with all the trimmings, it was announced yesterday by P. L. Downs, Jr., president. The meeting is for Ex-Aggies only.

"The affair will be strictly stag, and those among the 250 membership who cannot get away from home on the evening of May 4 can drive by the Bryan Country Club and enjoy the aroma of prize beef being cooked to a turn," Downs said. George Long and his entertainment committee of E. E. McQuillen, T. A. Munson, W. W. Scott and Ivan Langford have bought the meat and it is on cold storage now.

"George Long's committee has done a good job on the watermelon feast and the sunrise breakfast, but those were only warm-ups for this barbecue with all the trimmings, and I mean all the trimmings," Downs concluded.

No advance ticket sale will be held, but everybody planning to attend is urged by President Downs to mail in his return card so the committee will know how much meat to put on the barbecue pit. A small fee of 50¢ will be charged that night.

The festivities will begin at 6:30 p. m. rain or shine, because the Country Club pavilion can be used in all weather.

Pearson Makes Trip To Chicago for Food Meeting Held There

Dr. P. B. Pearson, professor of animal nutrition of the department of animal husbandry has been called to Chicago for a nutrition conference. The conference is being held under the auspices of the National Live Stock and Meat Board for the purpose of considering research in nutrition. Special attention will be given to nutrition problems related to national defense. Other institutions represented at the conference will be the University of Chicago and the University of Wisconsin.

Longhorns Will Be Distributed Next Week, Editor Says

New Plan to Be Used In Issuance; Seniors First, Juniors Last

A limited number of Longhorns will arrive Thursday, May 7th and will be distributed to the Seniors only, Seniors should turn in their first term registration slip to their First Sergeant before noon Friday and the first sergeant should turn these slips in before five o'clock Friday to the Student Activities office, announces R. L. Heitkamp, editor. Monday or Tuesday a small yellow card together with these registration slips will be returned through the first sergeant to the seniors. On May 7th, starting at noon, by endorsing the yellow card and by turning same in to the Longhorn office, seniors may receive their book.

Distribution to underclassmen will be held the same as last year. Starting Friday, May 8th, sophomores must bring their own registration slip by the storeroom in the basement of the Administration building where they will be given a small yellow card and by turning in same to the Longhorn Office will receive their book. The same process is to be followed by the Fish on May 11th and Juniors on May 12th, according to Heitkamp. "Don't call for your book before the time designated for your class as the book will arrive in lots that can be suited only to these distribution plans," says Heitkamp.

If anyone has lost his first term registration slip, he should notify the Student Activities office and his book will be held for him. The ruling states that if you are obtaining a book for someone who has withdrawn from school you must present a letter from him requesting that you be given his book. Duplicate registration slips will not be honored.

Air Production Reaches New High; Fliers Needed Now

The United States is now engaged in the greatest aircraft production ever conceived. But that program can be given meaning in terms of air supremacy only if we can provide the manpower to "Keep 'Em Flying."

On pages 4 and 5 of this issue is more information concerning the Air Corps—branches, enlistment plans, pay, college squadrons. Any further information may be obtained at the nearest recruiting office.

Experts have said that this war will be won in the air. The key to manpower need for modern fighting machines is youth. Thus, the future of America is in the hands of youth.

The safety and rights of this nation demand that every healthy, intelligent young man, from 18 to 26 years of age, determine whether or not he is qualified to serve his country—in the U. S. Air Forces.

Cotton Ball Queen Is Second In Family to Win Ags Hearts

(Editor's Note: This story by Irene Dwyer of TSCW appeared in The Lass-O student newspaper of that school.)

Recipe for the way to an Aggie's heart this year seems to have been to take an Ashe from Fort Worth and mix slightly with a group of Aggie judges. First of the honors went to Anna Ruth when she was chosen Aggie Day Sweetheart last fall. Recently, not to be outdone by her older sister, Ernestine captured the Cotton Ball Queen title, insuring herself the number one position at the Cotton Ball celebrations in Aggieland May 1.

"Little One" or "Teenie," as Ernestine is dubbed by friends, is a five-foot-five hazel-eyed brunette majoring in business administration.

So far during her college career the freshman student has kept up the popularity record she set in high school where she was cadet

sponsor and queen of her senior class. She has been beauty nominee, Redbud princess, and Aggie Day Sweetheart nominee.

"Teenie," who claims she's not much of an athlete, likes to bowl and ride horses. She likes dancing if it's "kinda' slow like."

Students will remember her as the All-American girl in the freshman stunts last month. In connection with this "Teenie" laughingly tells about being second choice as the original girl got sick at the last moment. After TSCW she expects to do office work but would like to do something more exciting such as singing or acting.

Proving herself versatile she wrote a song two years ago titled "Wondering Why," which she claims was too much like the later hit "Million Dreams Ago" for coincidence.

Looking back on the 18 years spent with sister Anna Ruth, Ernestine recalls Anna Ruth's favorite pastime, which seems to have been scaring her. She still giggles about the time she was taken behind the house and told that they were lost. "Teenie" didn't know the difference and ended up scared to death. Until recently "Teenie's" burning desire was to break a record over someone's head. She finally found a willing victim and evident-

Faculty Dance Club To Hold Box Supper

The Faculty Dance club will close the season with a box supper and dance to be held beginning at 7:15 on the night of Friday, May 8 at the Bryan Country Club. The ladies of the group will provide the refreshments, including liquids, in shoe boxes (or packing cases) appropriately decorated and tied with non-strategic materials. All interested are urged to come either for both supper and dance, or if preferred, for the dancing only, which will begin at about 8:30 or 9:00.

Pink Elephants Aren't D T's; It's Hobby Lobby Time

Have you ever seen a pink elephant? Are you a model airplane enthusiast? Do you know anything about bottles, or is all of your interest centered in mugs? The answer can be found at the Annual Hobby Lobby sponsored by Evening Study club which is to be held at the Country Club, Sunday afternoon, May 3, between the hours of 3 and 7. According to Mrs. Stuart Cole, chairman, hobbyists of Bryan and College are enthusiastic over this Second Annual Hobby Lobby sponsored by the Evening Study Club and from the number of hobbies already entered everyone should be able to find something of interest on display. There will be guns, plates, pictures, ships, pitchers, dolls, walking canes, bells, donkeys, and even wildcats on parade. Everyone is invited.