



Singing Cadets Will Make Concert Tour On Weekend

Performances Presented at Army Camp, U.S.O. and Churches Are On Program

Next weekend the Singing Cadets will make an excursion to Camp Swift, San Antonio, and New Braunfels in a concert tour which is the first of the spring season.

The cadets will leave for the army camp, their first stop, on Friday afternoon, February 25th, on a bus. At eight o'clock in the evening they will perform for the personnel with their musical voices and some extra acts. Arrangements for their appearance at Camp Swift were conducted by Capt. Robert B. Tate, Special Service Officer of the post. The group will be the guests of the officers and men and after a night's lodging in the barracks will journey to San Antonio.

In that city, the Singing Cadets will present their repertoire at the U.S.O. club at 422 North Alamo from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m. W. T. Bolger, Associate Regional Director of the U.S.O. secured the cadets for this program.

At a spiritual program at the Laurel Heights Methodist Church Sunday morning the group will offer some special music and will be entertained at a luncheon following their performance. The purpose of the affair is to benefit the fund to build a larger Methodist church on the campus of A. and M. after the war.

The cadets will be guests of the New Braunfels Methodist Church Sunday night when they appear in that city at another rally to raise church funds. Following this presentation the singers will return to the campus.

There are to be some special numbers rendered by Pinky Hall on the piano. Marvin Brown will appear as a magician in the program at Camp Swift. Negro spirituals and novelties are also in the repertoire of the club for presentation to their audiences.

Zino Francescatti To Play Violin On Town Hall Program

Next Attraction To Be On Guion Hall Stage March Seventh; Famed Musician

Zino Francescatti, violinist, who plays here on March 7, on Texas A. & M. Town Hall, has been called "worthy of the mantle of Paganini" and as a matter of fact the glory of that supreme virtuoso comes to him by direct heredity. Francescatti's father, a naturalized Frenchman of Italian birth, played the cello with the Concerts Classique orchestra in Marseilles where Zino was born. The elder Francescatti had studied the violin with Sivori who in turn had been the only direct pupil of Paganini. In the Francescatti household the personality of Paganini was a living presence.

Francescatti remembers the stories his father heard from Sivori about Paganini. Until he met Sivori, Paganini had never shown any interest in having pupils. Instead he went to great lengths to conceal the secrets of his miraculous technique. He himself did almost no practicing between concert appearances. Having worked feverishly all through childhood and youth to perfect his art he determined to use the time when he wasn't earning money in enjoying himself. Jealous fiddlers of the day spread rumors that Paganini's unheard-of mastery could only come from the devil.

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Same Name; Just Different People

Fargo, N. D.—One Erickson has replaced another as North Dakota Agricultural college extension service home economics agent.

Mrs. Astrig C. Erickson, Ashland, Wis., Indian service extension agent, succeeded Amy E. Erickson, now on the Concordia college staff, Moorhead, Minn.

Speaker On Latin America At Bryan Wed.

Latin American Expert Is Last of Rotary Series

Dr. Samuel Guy Inman, specialist in Latin American affairs, will be the fourth and last speaker Wednesday afternoon and night at Stephen F. Austin High School in the current series of lectures sponsored by the Bryan Rotary Club to give residents, students and men in the armed services stationed in this section an opportunity of hearing from outstanding authorities about the dominating forces on the world scene and their probable impact upon the postwar world.

High school students will be special guests at the first lecture Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. The second lecture will be held at 8:00 p.m. There is no admission charge and everyone is cordially invited to attend. Following each formal talk there is a forum period in which the audience may ask questions of the speaker.

First lecture of this series, which was arranged by the Rotary International Institute of Understanding, was by Simon M. Davidian on the Russian Republics; second by Lt. Col. Edward F. Lascelles, retired, British Army, on the British Commonwealth of Nations; third by Merle Burke on the Oriental Nations. Each address features the contribution of the subject to a possible new world order.

These lectures have been alternating as to place held between College Station and Bryan.

Student Chem Society Will Meet Wednesday

The Student Affiliate of the American Chemical Society will meet Wednesday night at 7 o'clock in Room 9 of the Chemistry Building for a regularly scheduled business meeting.

Kermit Anderson, prominent commercial chemist, will be guest speaker of the evening. The subject of his speech will be "Modern Pigment Manufacture and Its Application." All student members are urged to attend.

Extension Service Names Emergency Information Ass't

C. W. Jackson Joins Staff As Information Assistant March 1

Appointment of C. W. Jackson, currently Harris County agricultural agent, as emergency information assistant for the A. and M. Extension Service was announced today by James D. Prewitt, acting director. He will join the headquarters staff at College Station on March 1.

His work will include assembly and distribution of information relating to the 1944 food and feed programs, especially through the medium of radio.

Native of Shelby County, Jackson graduated at A. and M. in 1933 with the B. S. degree in agriculture. After about seven years service as vocational agricultural teacher in Colorado and Brazos Counties, he was appointed assistant county agricultural agent for Harris County in 1941. He succeeded Dan Clinton as Harris County agricultural agent in August, 1931, when the former entered military service.

At College Station, he will be associated with the Extension editorial staff.

Col. Ike Ashburn To Speak on WTAW For "Jobs Ahead"

Col. Ike Ashburn, director of personnel and public relations for the Houston Shipbuilding Corporation, and connected with the Texas A. & M. College for many years, will discuss the shipbuilding industry of Texas for the benefit of Texas high school students over the Texas Quality Network from Station WTAW Thursday at 11:15 a. m.

Col. Ashburn's talk will be on the Jobs Ahead program, the general subject of 27 broadcasts of the current series arranged by the Texas School of the Air and presented by the Texas A. & M. College each Thursday at 11:15 a. m. in cooperation with the State Department of Education.

The current series began Sept. 30, 1943, the first 11 programs being sponsored by the School of Agriculture, while the last 16 programs are sponsored by the School of Engineering. Thursday's program is the 19th of this series.

The efficient, popular and portly Col. Ike Ashburn was a fixture at the Texas A. & M. College for many years. Back in the "teens" he was supervising publication of the Battalion and other student papers, also handling publicity and public relations activities for many years. After World War I he was commandant for several years, being executive assistant to the president when he resigned in 1941 to form the Houston connection.

A&M Board Holds Call Meeting

"Stand Pat" On Extension Choice; ASTP Cut Discussed

Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas are standing pat on their selection of E. R. Eudaly to head the Extension Service, and their unanimous original view that he is the best qualified man for the position is unchanged, it was announced here Saturday following a special meeting by F. M. Law, of Houston, president of the Board of Directors.

"The special meeting was called immediately upon receipt of a letter from M. L. Wilson, Washington Extension Director," Mr. Law said. "Mr. Wilson's letter inquired if we had any more names to suggest other than that of Mr. Eudaly."

"Mr. Eudaly was the unanimous choice of the A. & M. College Board of Directors for the post of Extension Director, and we so informed Mr. Wilson two months ago. The opinion of the Board members has not changed one iota with regard to Mr. Eudaly, and in the meeting today we reaffirmed this opinion."

"The Board also is highly pleased with the conduct of the Extension Service affairs by Acting Director James D. Prewitt. We have made a thorough inquiry into the functioning of the Service under Mr. Prewitt's stewardship, and it is satisfactory in every detail."

Another important subject discussed at Saturday's meeting was the cancellation of the Army Student Training Program for students in the basic phase of that training. Acting President Frank C. Bolton reported to the Board that upwards of 1250 students now in A. & M. probably will be moved out by April 1. The Board authorized President Bolton to negotiate additional contracts with various branches of the military still utilizing college facilities in their training programs.

The Will Rogers Trust agreement, placing \$75,000 available for student loans and scholarships to handicapped youths also was accepted by the Board.

Asked if the Board considered filling the presidency of the college at Saturday's meeting Mr. Law said: "It is a safe bet to say that the Board discusses that question at every opportunity."

A. V. Moore of the dairy husbandry department was given an indefinite leave of absence of three to six months to go to Chapingo, Mexico, and assist in the establishment of a dairy products manufacturing department of the Mexican National Agricultural School. Mr. Moore will set up courses in dairy products manufacturing, assist with obtaining machinery and its installation and (See A. & M. BOARD, Page 2)

Removal Of Basic ASTP To Relieve Congestion

Loss of 1,000 to Campus Is Part of Nationwide Reduction of A. S. T. P.

Excitement runs high on the Tiesland campus as students and faculty of that school wonder which one of the 104 Redbud Princesses, recently selected by dormitory groups, will reign as Queen of the Redbud Festival, which will be held on March 11.

Princesses are, from Austin Hall, Olive Cameron, Ruth Dinwiddie, Mary Jean Durham, Mary Beth Foshee, Muffet Merrell, Jolene Proctor, Katherine Reeve, Katherine Scott, and Jo Ann Webb.

From Fitzgerald Hall come Dorothy Blalock, Mary Coates, Natalie Harbin, Jeannette Hudson, Frances Leath, Joan Murrey, Cassandra Morris, Elaine O'Leary, and Margaret Thomas.

Representing Lowry Hall are Bobbie Ann Anthony, Bonnie Barsi, Bebe Brown, Iris Doyle, Peggy Hendricks, Hayden Kelly, and La Vonne Redman.

From Brackenridge Hall are Ann Alderman, Nancy Bush, Barbara Cook, Bonnie Jo Crumacker, Betty Jo Farris, Lois Gibbins, Margaret Kerby, Ellicia Murnane, Margorie Monaghan, Mary Helen Olsen, Sue Rowan, and Peggy Trickey.

Mina Jean Barnes, Betty Berry, Lucinda Blakely, Bobbie Jo George, Vicki Moran, Dottie Rutledge, Betty Samsel, Thalia Sasseen, and Jane Ward were chosen from Houston Hall.

Capps Hall selected Betty Bran—See ROSEBUD, page 2—

Cancellation of the basic Army Specialized Training at A. & M. will relieve the congestion of teaching and dining hall facilities, it was reported recently by College officials. It has been announced that by April 1, some 110,000 men in this program will be transferred from college campuses to combat areas; this will leave about a fifth of the present number still in college. Advanced A.S.T.U. Engineers are not affected by the order and may be allowed to finish their present schedule of courses.

Norton Calls Twelfth Man for Baseball

Another baseball season is about to get underway and Coach Homer H. Norton, athletic director and coach of the team, is asking members of the Cadet Corps to join the squad when it gets into regular practice hours. All boys who want to play on the varsity team and try out for it are urged to meet him at the gymnasium on Thursday afternoon, February 24, at 5:15 o'clock. This is an urgent need and a loyal response is wanted.

Large Crowd Hears Philadelphia Opera Version of 'The Bat'

The Philadelphia Opera presented "The Bat" last night before a crowd that nearly equaled the crowd that saw Dunninger, Gilbert Russell, as Gabriel Eisenstein, and Helena Bliss, as Rosalinda, sang brilliantly before an appreciative Guion Hall audience.

In the first Act Gabriel Eisenstein was found guilty of a minor crime and sent to prison. Before he was to leave for prison Eisenstein was given an invitation to a dance at Prince Orofsky's house. Rosalinda, his wife, gives the maid, Adelle, the evening off, and Alfred, who is an admirer of Rosalinda, dresses as Eisenstein and eats dinner with her. Meanwhile the prison guards come to pick up Eisenstein, and by mistake take Alfred.

In the second act which took place at the dance, Eisenstein is found having a gay time drinking with the warden, who is disguised. His wife walks in, disguised of course, and he immediately starts to make love to her. At six in the morning the warden and Eisenstein walk away from the party arm in arm and full of gay warty.

The third act finds the two boys walking into the prison gates. All of the party files in after them to see the outcome. Eisenstein, who is puzzled by all the happenings, is reconciled when Dr. Falke, who was playing a joke, tells him about it. Eisenstein and Rosalinda make up and the play ends with everyone in a happy humor.

Press Club Holds Meeting Wednesday On Lass-O Trip

A special meeting of the Press Club will be held tomorrow at 7 o'clock, it was announced by the president of the Club today. The meeting will concern acceptance of the invitation of the T. S. C. W. Lass-O staff to be their guests for either the week-end of March 4 or March 11, and all members of the Club are expected to be present.

Students not yet associated with the Battalion are reminded that the staff is not yet complete and several more additions to the staff can be taken in. All staff men are also reminded that they are members of the Press Club and should be present. Those members who have joined recently or expect to join in the near future are required to work on the staff at least 30 time hours during the remainder of the semester, that is, those who plan on making the T.S.C.W. trip.

Remember that the meeting will be held in the Cabinet room of the Y.M.C.A. tomorrow night - at 7 o'clock. All old and new members should be present without fail.

So You're Sweating The Old Draft Board

So your life has undergone a complete metamorphosis. People ask you how old you are and what you are doing with those blue lapels on your blouse. You reply jokingly that you are 18 (or 17 or 19) and that you have never been kissed—enough!—or that you are old enough to sleep by yourself—or that you have passed from the boy scout age to the girl scout age—or any one of several other cliché remarks. But this is only a camouflage for most of us! Most of us resent these remarks and become acutely aware that we have reached the crucial age and that we are not in one of the regular branches of the service.

This article is written for the benefit of those lads who come under this category. You have been stewing over the problem—what shall I join?—since you became 17 years old. You gathered a dab of

information here, there and you from this and that procurement office. Still you don't know doodle-dy-squad about the situation because you can't assemble all the information at one time and find out what the score is.

For the past several weeks your author has been in an identical situation. Letters have been sent everywhere. All available information has been drained from local officers. And now he has the audacity to drop all this accumulation into one short article. Remember, any similarity between programs, living or dead, is purely coincidental. You can't blame a fellow for trying, neither can you sue him for lying.

Another explanation before we get down to business. We are assuming, of course, that you don't mind being drafted since your course has been declared unessen-

tial or since you haven't made the best possible grades. We take it for granted that you simply desire some say-so about what outfit you are going to join. We just want to be sure that we get into an outfit in which we will be happiest, best adapted and in which we can render the most profitable service to our country.

The newest deal on the line has a very promising future for those fellows who are 18 years old and have completed two years of engineering. This opening is in the Air Corps Communications Ground Crew and the Air Corps Engineers. The only way that you may become a member of this relatively new set-up is through the regular army. You must volunteer or be drafted before applying for a transfer. The physical requirements are not quite so steep as that of the regular Air Corps, since you must pass Test

No. 64, a lenient edition of the regular tests.

Our old stand-by's of course, are the V-12 and A-12 programs that have been open at intervals for several years. Examinations will be held March 15 under the auspices of G. B. Wilcox's Student Personnel office. These examinations are the doorway to both the Army Specialized Training Detachment and a future commission in the navy if you complete the prescribed courses in outstanding colleges which are designated by the government all over this vast United States. There is a swell opportunity for more college and a future commission. No more need be said concerning this program; it has been advertised sufficiently as the outstanding program for a select group of ambitious fellows.

Then there is the V-5 program

which is open at the present to all ages from 17 to 26. This, of course, is the Naval Aviation Program. The physical requirements are much steeper than those of any of the aforementioned programs. If you are 17 or 18 years, you will be required to complete a certain amount of college work before entering pre-pre-flight training. However, if you are 19 years old or older and have had two years of college, you may skip this college work and go directly to the air training program. After pre-pre-flight training there will be pre-flight training and then actual flying in one of the Navy's prominent flight centers. A careful study of men in this program determines their final job, according to their merit. Don't forget the commission attached.

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Agronomy Group To See Movie

"Meat and Romance" will be the title of the picture show for Agronomy 415, according to announcement made this morning by Dr. L. G. Jones, professor of Agronomy. The picture will be shown in the Animal Husbandry room of the Animal Industry building at 7:20 o'clock Thursday evening February 24. Dr. Jones stated, and all those interested are urged to attend.

The picture is very interesting, it was pointed out, dealing with an important and timely subject.

People who wouldn't listen to the dictates of their own conscience may soon be taking dictation from someone who hasn't got a conscience.