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QUEEN JOANN DOBBS of Menard and KING EUGENE VACEK of Wiemar will reign at the 13th Annual Cotton Ball and Pageant tomorrow evening.

One-Time Cotton Ball Duchess Now Director of Style Show

When the Cotton Style Show was only four years old, Juanita Cowsert of Junction was a duchess. Now, as Mrs. Manning Smith, she is still taking an active part in the Style Show as the director of the event tomorrow night. Mrs. Smith—her friends call her Nita—finished high school in Junction, and attended Westmoreland Junior College in San Antonio in 1933-35. She ranks high as one of the 10 outstanding students there, and was voted as Class Favorite her senior year. After completing her work at Westmoreland Junior College, Mrs. Smith entered the University of Texas where she received her B.S. in physical education in 1937. While at the University of Texas, she was president of the Physical Education Majors Club her senior year and a Blue-bonnet Belle in the spring of that year.

Following her graduation, Mrs. Smith taught in the Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio for two years, and in 1939 she married the Aggie she met at her first Cotton Style Show three years before. Since coming to A. & M. as the wife of ex-coach Manning, she has been active in the Girl Scouts, having had charge of a Girl Scout Troop each year, and having served two terms on the Girl Scout Council as chairman.

Says Nita, "I'll miss a good meal any day to dance; at present, square dancing is my hobby. We have two children, the older, a boy 5 years old, Dee, who was the crown bearer for King Cotton last year's Pageant; and a 2-year-old girl, Sherry, the future Cotton Pageant Queen—I hope."

A Sneeze, False Teeth Clatter To Table, Witness Continues

By Mack T. Nolen

Iron hand-clasps, great toothy smiles, banks of cigar smoke, and "hail fellow, well met" keynoted the grand entry into the Senate Chamber Monday night. Legislators, senators, and glad-handers welcomed every slightly familiar face. The house-senate investigation of A. & M. was resuming.

Motivated by the law of supply and demand, chairs soon commanded a premium in wachfulness. Relax the vigil one moment, and a kindly old dowager would trundle the chair right out from under you.

People of all shapes, sizes, and descriptions attended the hearings for various reasons. Gay young blades in lavender and chartreuse ties, impelled by some devilish, sadistic curiosity, listened with mouths agape.

Stephen F. Austin, Jefferson Davis, Albert Sidney Johnston, and others of the state's history stared down from the walls. It was impossible to detect a single gleam of sympathy in their stony cold eyes. Obviously, they disapproved of the entire proceedings.

Under the hostile eyes of these revered gentlemen, the meeting plunged headlong into apathy.

During Comptroller W. H. Holzmann's dollars-and-cents oration a gentleman near the rostrum let go with a singularly vivacious sneeze. His teeth chattered audibly on the table in front of him. With a Wagnerian scoop of the hand, he crammed them back into his head to the embarrassed snickerings of the audience.

The Lord High Inquisitors, the Thomas Torquemadas of the Investigating Committee, were good for an occasional laugh. Sen. Dorsey Hardeman became carried away by the responsibility of his position. With all the strength and power of an Avenging Angel, he plied question after weighty question to Dr. T. O. Walton, who got so bothered that he began to smoke a cigar and a cigarette at the same time.

Attention Seniors!

All Corps and Veteran seniors will meet tonight in the Assembly Hall at 7:30 to discuss plans for the Senior Ring Dance and Banquet. It is very important that all seniors, both corps and veteran, attend.

Kite-Flying Contest Held Last Sunday

The kite-flying contest which was held Sunday afternoon on the new drill field brought out a varied assortment of kites of various sizes, colors, and shapes. The contest was sponsored by the College Station Recreation Council and was open to youths from the age of 6 to 16.

The judges of the contest were Dean H. W. Barlow, Carl Tischler, "Spike" White, C. A. Bonnen, and Frank Anderson, who judged the 43 entries which were entered in 6 events.

Events held were for the largest kite, smallest kite, best-made kite, prettiest and most artistic kite, highest-flying kite, and speediest kite. Prizes were awarded to the top three entries of each event.

Jack Grant's kite which measured 10 feet won the largest kite event while David Bonnen had the smallest kite which measured 6 1/2 inches. Spencer Buchanan had the best made kite, a red and white two-sticker; John Gay had the prettiest and most artistic kite, a French war kite, while Bob Barlow took high honors with his high-flying kite and Gene Potts won the speed contest.

ChE Faculty Plan Trip to Houston South Texas Meet

Chemical Engineering faculty members plan a mass exodus to Houston Friday, to attend a meeting of the South Texas section of American Institute of Chemical Engineers, according to Dr. J. D. Lindsay, head of the department and chairman-elect of the Houston section.

Following an afternoon visit to the Katy plant of the Humble Oil and Refining company, the largest recycling plant in the world, the AIChE members will have dinner and hear a talk on recycling by W. L. Dixon, Houston consulting engineer.

New Members Sworn Into Newman Club

Twenty-nine new members were initiated into the Newman Club at its first spring social held last Sunday. The festivities inaugurated the new Newman Club lounge, recently erected in the basement of St. Mary's chapel. More than 100 were present.

The program was divided in three parts: physical, social and spiritual. The physical part was the initiation of new members. A dance was held with the cooperation of the Catholic girls' club from Bryan. A devotional service was also part of the program.

'Best Band In Long Time!...' Concert Shows

By Walter Lowe, Jr.

Musical enthusiasts packed Guion Hall Tuesday night for a performance of the Aggie Band, which appeared in concert for the first time this year.

Under the direction of E. V. Adams, the Aggie Band opened the recital with "Castanets", a Spanish march. "Triplets of the Finest", was given by a corpet trio, composed of Phillip Kosub, T. D. Prater, and W. L. Carruth, after which, the band gave its rendition of "The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise", a concert marche militaire.

Changing the mood of the audience, the entire drum section moved into "Percussion Antics". "Three Trombonists" featured E. S. Anderson, D. R. Howell, and John R. Lauderdale. Then the band encroached upon the religious theme with the fantasia "Faith Eternal", followed by "Los Toros" from "Paso Doble". That famed bugle call "Reveille", which means the same regardless of how played, was their ninth number.

As a climax to the evening's presentation, the band turned orchestra to tender Schubert's "Symphony No. 8 in B Minor" (Unfinished), which exemplifies all that is finest in Schubert's work. Not originally scheduled was the march "Army of the Nile". The concert closed with the Aggie War Hymn.

The best-received number of the evening was "Martha", with Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" running a close second.

Lack of space on Guion Hall's "Tom Thumb" stage, forced a considerable number of the band behind the giant pillars to either side of the stage. For this same reason, the trio of cornets as well as the trombone threesome were unable to advance to the foreground for their features.

Despite all this, the band's hard work netted results in a praiseworthy performance, which was heard by rapt devotees.

To sum it all up in the words spoken by an elderly gentleman as he proceeded down the steps, "That's the best band we've had in a long time."

Good Will 'Special' From Waco to Make Short Visit May 3

Waco (SPL)—A special six-car train equipped with a screaming siren whistle and loaded with 65 Waco business men will arrive in College Station, Wednesday afternoon, May 7, in the annual good will tour of the Waco Chamber of Commerce.

A 30-minute free musical program will be presented by the Lone Star Playboys of radio fame, and souvenirs including bubble gum will be distributed. Bob Walker, radio announcer for Station W-A-C-O, will be master of ceremonies.

School officials are being contacted concerning the possibility for a school recess during the program.

The Waco group will stop in 32 cities during a four-day tour of the eastern section of Waco's trade territory. Last year the special good will trip was routed through West Texas in the policy of alternating the excursions from year to year.

Leaving Waco Tuesday morning, May 6, the good will ambassadors will spend the first night of the tour in Austin, the second night in Houston, third night in Tyler, and will return to Waco Friday night, May 6.

Cowpokes Wanted For Summer Jobs

Any student who would like a job for eight weeks this summer and who can teach western style riding and rope tricks should contact the Placement Office, Room 126, Administration Building, at once. G. D. Morrison, Look Out Mountain Camp For Boys, Cloudland, Georgia, will be on the campus Saturday, April 19, to interview those interested. This Boy's camp, which is located near Chattanooga, Tenn., runs for an eight week period and College students are used as Counsellors.

Successful applicants are paid a salary plus Room and Board. Morrison secured two A&M students for the summer of 1941 and hopes to secure two Aggies for this summer.

AVC Founder Here



CHARLES G. BOLTE, national chairman of the American Veterans Committee, was scheduled to speak in the YMCA auditorium this afternoon to the local chapter of the AVC. Bolte, author of the best-selling book, "The New Veteran" and named one of the 10 most distinguished of 1946 by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, became a storm center recently when the Texas legislature refused to allow him to address the body.

Sungold Trophy for Best Dog Tops Kennel Club Prizes

A large array of prizes, topped by the flashy Sungold trophy, will be awarded at the all-breed dog show of the Brazos Valley Kennel Club on April 25, at the Animal Husbandry grounds.

The Sungold trophy, a yearly award of the club, goes to the best dog in the show and is the highest award given.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Celaya are offering as an addition special award, ten dollars in cash for the best American bred dog in the show. The club also offers ten dollars cash for the best dog in each of the six variety groups, and five dollars in cash for the best of breed or best of breeds, having five or more dogs entered in competition.

The children's classes, with eight prizes of five dollars for each of the firsts, three dollars for the seconds, two dollars for the thirds, and one dollar for fourth place, are also expected to bring heavy competition.

In the obedience trials, Pop Hicks offers a travelling kennel for the dog making the highest score in the classes, and the club offers five dollars cash for the highest scores in each of the following: novice, open, and utility.

Among the judges who will determine the awarding of the prizes are Walter Reeves of Ontario, Canada, who will judge all breeds in hounds excepting Afghan hounds, all working breeds, all non-breeds, all variety groups, the best dog in the show, and miscellaneous. Reeves is one of the outstanding judges in the country.

Children Instruction Children who are entering the (See DOG SHOW on Page 4)

Vienna Medical Student To Speak at Newman Parley

The South Central Province of Newman Clubs, which includes Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas will hold its annual convention on the campus of A. & M. this week-end. There will be approximately 125 delegates from seventeen colleges and universities.

The outstanding event of the convention will be the formal banquet to be held in Sbis Hall Sunday noon. The speaker for the event will be Miss Verena Von Lieben, a medical student of the University of Vienna, who has just recently come to this country from Austria. Miss Von Lieben lived for two months while stranded in Germany by trading the contents of two packages of cigarettes for meals and lodging.

Miss Von Lieben will speak on behalf of the World Student Fund. This 21-year-old medical student is a capable speaker and has the first-hand information about the conditions of the campuses of the universities and colleges throughout continental Europe. The Newman Club has received high recommendations on Miss Von Lieben from several colleges and universities where she has spoken.

The Veteran dorm representatives will hear Miss Von Lieben tonight, Thursday at 7:15 in the YMCA. Any teachers desiring to have this young lady speak to any class can call M. L. Cashion at the YMCA.

The Newman Club is sponsoring a picnic for the visiting delegates Saturday afternoon. Any Newmanite on the campus may attend this affair and bring their dates along if they wish. The first group leaves for the picnic grounds at 2:30 p.m. from the basement of St. Mary's Chapel.

Dates Needed Some forty girls from the Newman Clubs from Texas University, TSCW, and Rice Institute will be on the campus for the convention. These girls would like to have a date for the Cotton Ball and the All-college Dance Friday and Saturday evenings. Any Newmanite

Joann Dobbs, Eugene Vacek Reign At Cotton Ball Friday

Investigators Take A Rest

No meetings of the senate-house investigating committee were scheduled as The Battalion went to press. It is believed that the committee might meet again next week, possibly on the campus.

'Showboat' at Gym Begins At 7:45; Dance in Sbis 10 Till 2

The thirteenth annual Cotton Pageant and Ball will be held tomorrow night starting at 7:45. Due to a mistake in printing, tickets came out with the opening time scheduled at 8 p. m.; however, the pageant will start as planned at 7:45.

Nearly 150 duchesses from all over Texas as well as many other states and foreign countries will be present to represent various organizations, cities, schools, and countries.

In the setting of old time "Showboat" scenery designed by a special staff of decorators and display advertisers from Sanger's in Dallas, the program will begin with a special arrangement of "Old Man River" by the Aggeland Orchestra. Immediately following will be the crowning of Cotton King Eugene J. Vacek by Governor Beauford Jester. King Vacek will then crown his Queen, Joann Dobbs from Menard.

Brazos Aggies Invite All To San Jacinto Day Muster

The traditional San Jacinto Muster of the Brazos County A&M Club, to be held April 21, will be an all-community gathering, President Fred Hale announced. All residents of Bryan, College Station and Brazos County are invited. Special invitations are extended regular students, veteran students and their families, and the faculty of

Texas A&M College and their families. Arrangements have been made to bring in the students residing at the Annex at Bryan Field.

If the weather allows, the Muster will be held on the lawn just east of the Administration building. In case of rain the Muster will be moved to the Livestock Judging Pavilion. The Aggie Band will start playing at 6:30 p. m. with the Muster ceremonies slated to start at 6:45.

College authorities have announced the evening meal Monday for all students has been moved up to 5:45 p. m. to get it in ahead of the Muster.

Seven events are listed on the Muster program, which Mr. Hale said would be short and snappy. These in order are:

The Muster Tradition—W. T. Moore, State Representative and Chairman of the Muster. Address of Welcome—Gibb Gilchrist, President, A&M College of Texas.

Message from the President of the Former Students' Association—Read by Fred Hale.

Roll Call for the absent—Richard Gottlieb, A&M student.

Main address—R. L. Elkins, former Colonel, U. S. Army. Songs and Music—Singing Cadets, joined by the crowd, and Texas Aggie Band.

Closing Ceremony—W. T. Moore.

College Delegates To Attend Fire Prevention Meet

Invitations to attend and participate in President Truman's Conference on Fire Prevention to be held in Washington, D. C., May 6-8, were received today by Director W. E. White and S. L. Frost, chief division of education and information, Texas Forest Service.

"The main objectives of the conference are to emphasize to the public the ever-present danger of fire to human life and resources, and to intensify the work of fire safety," Major General Philip B. Fleming, general chairman of the conference, said.

White will represent the Texas Forest Service at the general sessions of the conference. Frost has been invited to serve as a member of the organized public support committee which has the job to recommend a plan which will help intensify public approval and support of the recommendations of the conference.

Mary Ann Barrier Chosen Junior Class Cotton Ball Duchess

Miss Mary Ann Barrier, a junior dress designing student at Texas State College for Women, Denton, has been chosen duchess for the junior class at the 13th annual Cotton Ball and Pageant to be held at Texas A. & M. College Friday, April 18. She was Aggie Sweetheart in 1945.

Miss Barrier will be escorted at the Pageant by W. P. Dickson of Waco, a junior mechanical engineering student at A. & M. She was chosen a princess at the annual Redbud Festival at T. S. C. W.

Dorothy Jacobs Is San Antonio Duchess

The San Antonio A. & M. Club has selected Miss Dorothy Jacobs as club duchess for the annual Cotton Ball and Pageant. Miss Jacobs, a junior at TSCW, has been a princess at the yearly Redbud coronation and festival for the past three years.

She will be escorted by Dick Dickerson.

Miss Verena Von Lieben



SPEAKER AT THE SOUTH CENTRAL PROVINCE meeting of the Newman Club is Miss Verena Von Lieben, 21-year-old medical student of the University of Vienna. She will speak at a banquet Sunday noon in Sbis Hall.

wishing a date with these girls are asked to contact Bob Weiler in F-1 Walton.

trampling out the vintage...

By Mack T. Nolen

It's spring again. Ah, spring! The trees see the robins' brilliant red breasts and turn green with envy. In the fields and meadows where last week brown weeds lay fallow, this week soft green rushes proclaim themselves to a cerulean sky. Irises, marigolds, and delphiniums peep up at the newborn sun. Nauseating, isn't it?

Spring is a season of gay colors and freshness. It is a season of renaissance and rejuvenation. It is disgusting and repugnant.

What is so rare as an acrid arm-pit? That same newborn sun discolors shirts and raises odors reminiscent of the horse barns. It freckles girls' noses, and leads to athletes foot.

At this time of year the mosquitoes, gnats, ants, flies, and bees wake again to continue their pillage and nuisance which the winter interrupted. Snakes doff last year's apparel, sink into a new spring outfit, and lie away to surprise some moron whom the season has encouraged to go hiking. Heart-failure can be fatal.

Spring affects men and women in different ways. Women feel ambition and industry in their veins. Men want to sleep. Both are somehow thwarted by the discord of the scheme of things.

Little children assume a fish complex, long to swim in abandoned quarries, do so, and are never heard from again.

That abominable old American custom, the picnic, rears its ugly head, and it rains for forty days and nights.

But what can be done about it?