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MISS GLADYS SWARTHOUT, soprano, will present her second program in Guion Hall this evening at 8. She will sing selections from the works of many of the most famous composers of operatic music. Two selections from "Carmen" will be included on the program.

Senate Considers Measure To Help Veterans Obtain Land

AUSTIN, Tex., March 22 (AP)—Senate consideration of a bill whereby the state would help veterans to buy land was scheduled today.

The same legislation failed to get legislative approval two years ago. By Senator John Bell of Cuero, the bill sets up a veterans land

board to administer a program of financing veterans' land purchases on a long-term, low-interest basis. As amended in committee, it would permit sales to disabled veterans only.

A constitutional amendment approved by Texas voters more than two years ago authorized such procedure.

The Senate yesterday approved and sent to the House a drivers financial responsibility bill. Designed to make drivers show ability to pay for death or damage caused on Texas streets and highways, the measure received a 16-to-11 vote after long and bitter debate.

A driver would be affected only if he had an accident. Then, if a person were injured or killed or if property damage were \$200 or more, the driver would have to prove financial responsibility. He would be required to show he could pay a court judgment up to \$5,000 for injury or death of one person, another \$5,000 if a second person were hurt or killed, and \$1,000 for property damage.

The driver's license and car registration could be suspended unless such proof were shown.

"I ask this Senate to decide whether you think human lives are more important or the almighty dollar is more important," thundered Senator G. C. Morris of Greenville, author of the bill. He was replying to an objection that the measure would burden drivers with an estimated \$30 a year insurance premium.

"I'm getting awfully sick and tired of seeing propositions enacted into laws in this state taking away the rights of the people under the guise of public safety," said Senator Warren McDonald, strenuously opposing the plan.

With the Senate acting on the veterans land bill, other veterans legislation awaited House committee attention in the afternoon.

Transport Named For A&M Medal Of Honor Winner

George Dennis Keathley, '37, one of the four A&M men to be posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, was once again paid tribute Tuesday at Ft. Mason, California.

An army transport was renamed in honor of Keathley, who was killed in action in the Italian Campaign. His widow, Mrs. Geneva Keathley, journeyed to the West Coast for the occasion.

A warehouse fire caused the ceremony to be changed from the Oakland Army Base to Fort Mason. Rather than disappoint Mrs. Keathley, authorities had the transport towed by two fireboats from Oakland Army Base after the fire nearly caused cancellation of the ceremony.

In the action which won him the award, Sgt. Keathley successfully commanded his rifle company after all officers had become casualties. By his efforts three German counterattacks were beaten off around the western ridge of Mount Altuzzo. Sgt. Keathley died a few moments after the last unsuccessful enemy attack.

Williams to Attend Florida Conference

E. L. Williams, director of the Industrial Extension Service and president of the American Vocational Association, will serve as consultant to the Florida State Trade and Industrial Teachers Association at their annual conference at Daytona Beach, March 23.

He will also address the membership of the Florida State Teachers Association, who will hold their annual conference at the same time as the trade and industrial teachers.

Williams is scheduled to speak at the banquet which will mark the close of the annual conference of the Florida Vocational Association in Tampa on March 25.

The AVA is a national association composed of more than 30,000 teachers in the field of vocational education, Williams said.

Soph Sweetheart Pictures Needed

Sophomores should have the pictures of their choice for Sophomore Sweetheart in the managing editor's desk of The Battalion by Saturday, March 26. DeLoach Martin, class president said today. No pictures will be accepted after that date.

Each picture should be labeled with the girl's name, home town and her escort's name. There should be one portrait 5x7 minimum, and one full-length snapshot of any size. All pictures will be returned, Martin said.

The Sophomore Ball is to be held Friday night, April 8.

Student Life Sets May 4 for Election

The spring general election will be held on the night of May 4, the Student Life Committee decided at its regular monthly meeting yesterday. Committee members voted to open the filing for offices on April 13.

Deadline for submitting office applications will be 5 p.m. April 27, and campaigning will be conducted between this latter date and election time.

After discussing the value of outlining the methods of functioning for future Student Life Committees, the group accepted a motion that a constitution committee be appointed with Dr. Ralph Steen as chairman to draft a tentative constitution and by-laws for Section III of the Student Senate Constitution.

During the discussion it was stated that such rules would expedite the work of members when they first begin their duties as they would have a basis from which to understand what they were to do. Having a constitution for the Student Life Committee would allow all the students to know how and on what matters the committee works, one member stated.

The constitution committee is to investigate the need for such provisions and if it feels that benefits would be derived from having a constitution, the committee will prepare a set of rules for consideration at the group's next meeting. Members of the planning body are Steen, C. G. "Spice" White, Don Kasper, Doyle Avant, Kenneth Bond and Robert Ransom.

A motion carried in which the committee stated that the present contract for senior favors will be terminated as made and if a 25¢ rebate is offered by the firm manufacturing the favors it will be graciously accepted.

This statement was adopted after a discussion of the proposal of the firm holding the contract to return a part of the purchase price of the favor if a long term agreement were reached between the College and the company.

The committee recommended that the 1949-50 favor contract be let for the duration of the ring contract. Included in the recommendation was a provision that after the present ring contract is terminated, the favor contract will become a part of the ring contract.

Two items were placed on the agenda for the meeting next month in addition to the constitution committee's report. The subject of Aggie appreciation tickets and dates for the fall election will be covered at the April session.

The Industrial Arts and Vocational Education magazine published by the Bruce Publishing Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dedicated seven pages to the Industrial Education Department in the March issue.

A representative of the Bruce Publishing Company visited the campus several months ago.

The article consists of photographs and floor plans of the numerous shop and laboratory facilities on the campus in which industrial education students have an opportunity to study.

Senator Paul Landry (Non-Reg. Dorm 1), parliamentarian of the Senate, glanced up from his comic book. He contemplated a minute and then said in a dignified voice, "I dunno."

"Now sit down!" Kirkham warned Marble in stentorian tones. Senator Aubrey Sprawls (Cav. Dorm 2), legislative cohort of Marble, jumped up. "You can't do this," he screamed in a low voice. "It's an absolute violation of Outfit's Rights. You're effecting a cloture rule before debate even opens."

Kirkham smiled his best political smile and said in stentorian tones, naturally. "Now, Senator, we will start debate immediately if you'll just sit down. Who's first?"

"Me!" shouted Marble. Kirkham ignored him. "I recognize the Honorable Ted Davis." Davis thundered, "Tell Bob Smith to quit staring out the window and take this down, seeing as to how he's secretary. The men in Milner Hall want to go on record as saying long stockings cover up legs."

Kirkham fairly beamed. "Any more intelligent remarks?" he asked. "Not if they're sheer stockings. After all, this is a military school and people are supposed to be reg. ventured Ben Wyatt, (Non-Reg. Mitchell).

"Out of order," cried the impartial Kirkham. "Now, who's next?" "Me!" Marble flung himself on the speaker's podium.

"No one wants to speak? Oh, yes. I see Senator Benefield has his hand up."

"Yes," began Doug Benefield (AAF, Dorm 5). "I see that in the minutes of the last meeting, we agreed to refer this anklet matter to the Mess Hall Committee and the Social Committee. Now, it seems to me..." His oration was cut short, however. There was a disturbance in the back of the room caused by John Orr (AAF, Dorm 12) and Chuck Cabanis (Non-Reg. Dorm 15). Each was trying to get in front of a focusing newspaper cameraman and a fight had developed.

"Here! Here! Order!" Kirkham pounded his gavel against Marble's head. "All photographers are asked to leave the room." (See SENATE, Page 6)



MARTHA V. MCKINNEY of San Antonio is the duchess of the Cotton Ball and Pageant of the Agricultural Engineering Society.

Road Bill Goes To Jester For Final Approval

Austin, March 22 (AP)—A bill providing 15 million dollars a year for building hard-surfaced country roads wheeled through the house and went to the governor for signature yesterday.

The measure by Senator Nevelle H. Colson of Navasota had been approved by the Senate. The House did not amend it. Final passage came on a vote of 132-5.

Gov. Beauford H. Jester's signature was regarded as a certainty. This action came soon after backers of the Gilmer-Aiken Public School Bills won a 70 to 55 test vote. By that margin, the House beat down an effort to send one of the measures to another committee for further study.

The rural road bill calls for creation of a special rural roads fund to which monthly allocations of \$1,250,000 would be made for the exclusive purpose of building country roads.

The senate refused 14 to 13 to set the controversial oil utilization bill an special order of business for Monday.

The Senate then began debate on the driver's responsibility bill. Rep. Sam Hanna of Dallas moved to recommit senate bill 115, the measure by Senator James Taylor reorganizing the state school administration, to the committee on state affairs.

Mrs. Rae Files Still, Waxahachie, chairman of the education committee which held a ten hour hearing on the three bills in the Gilmer-Aiken plan last Wednesday, spoke against Hanna's motion.

The House then went along with Mrs. Still, 70-55, to kill Hanna's motion.

Calendars of both the House and Senate were loaded with dynamite as the 51st legislature went into its eleventh week.

KING GEORGE IMPROVES

LONDON, March 22 (AP) King George's operation has improved the circulation in his right foot so much he can now get out of bed part of each day, his doctors said this morning.

Gladys Swarouth Will Sing Tonight In Guion

By HANK MICHALAK

Miss Gladys Swarouth, famed operatic soprano, will appear tonight at 8 in Guion Hall for the last Town Hall performance of the 1948-1949 season.

An impressive program of operatic numbers has been planned for the performance. Miss Swarouth, who is currently on a concert tour, has been a star on the operatic stage since the early 1930's when she was the featured soloist on the General Motors Radio Hour. Her first starring role was the lead in Berlioz's "Romeo and Juliet" under the baton of Arturo Toscanini on the National Broadcasting Company Symphony program.

Tonight's program will open with an aria, "All Spietato" from Handel's "Amadigi." It will be followed by another Handel selection "Art Thou Troubled" from "Rodelinda."

The music of many of the great composers will be heard during the evening. Among those are Rossini, Chausson, Bizet, and Elgar.

Two selections from the opera "Carmen" will be sung by Miss Swarouth. One is card scene, and the other the seguedille. Both of these were featured in the recent movie, "Carmen."

The final portion of the Town Hall program will include several readings by Miss Swarouth: "Elegy" by Walt Whitman, "A Day In Barn" by Rowland Vance Lee, and "Silent Stars" by John Jacob Niles.

Miss Swarouth is a native citizen of the United States. She was born in a small Missouri town, Deepwater, on Christmas Day, 1897.

However, she is not the only member of her family who has exhibited outstanding musical talent. Her sister, Roma, was at one time a concert soprano and is now a music teacher in New York City. Two brothers, Donald and Max, are both musicians.

Music while it is the main accomplishment of the soprano, takes only part of her time. She has appeared in five motion pictures for Paramount—"Rose of the Rancho," "Give Us This Night," "Champagne Waltz," "Romance in the Dark" and "Ambush."

Another on her list of achievements is the writing of a best selling novel, "Come Soon, Tomorrow."

One of the most well known numbers slated for tonight's program is the selection from "The Easter Cantata," Jesus Christ the Son of God.

The program will begin promptly at 8 p. m.

Summer Camp Due For AF Reserves

A limited number of United States Air Force reserve officers will be called to active duty this summer for the purpose of instructing in the 12th Air Force ROTC summer camp. Lt. Col. J. H. Kelly, PMS&T for Air, announced today.

The period of active duty will probably vary from 60 to 90 days, Colonel Kelly said.

All Air Force reserve officers interested in making application for the summer duty should report to Room 27, Ross Hall before March 28, Colonel Kelly added.

Winner of Tucker Scholarship Plans Fall Entry in A&M

Sixteen-year old Billy Huffman, winner of a \$2,000 scholarship to A&M will enter school this fall in the first step toward realizing his ambition. He wants to be a county agent or raise Hereford cattle. His major study at A&M will be animal husbandry.

Donor of the scholarship, Jim Tucker of Houston, awarded Billy the prize recently. He qualified for it on the basis of his high school classroom work and his entry in the Houston Fat Stock Show. A calf he won in the scramble last year took prize money at the show. Dr. F. C. Bolton, president of A&M D. W. Williams, vice-chancellor for agriculture; and E. E. McQuillen, director of the College Development Fund were on hand when the presentation was made.

In high school, Billy distinguished himself by averaging 96.6 over his four years. His senior year average is 98. He also played on the Hallsville football team for three years.

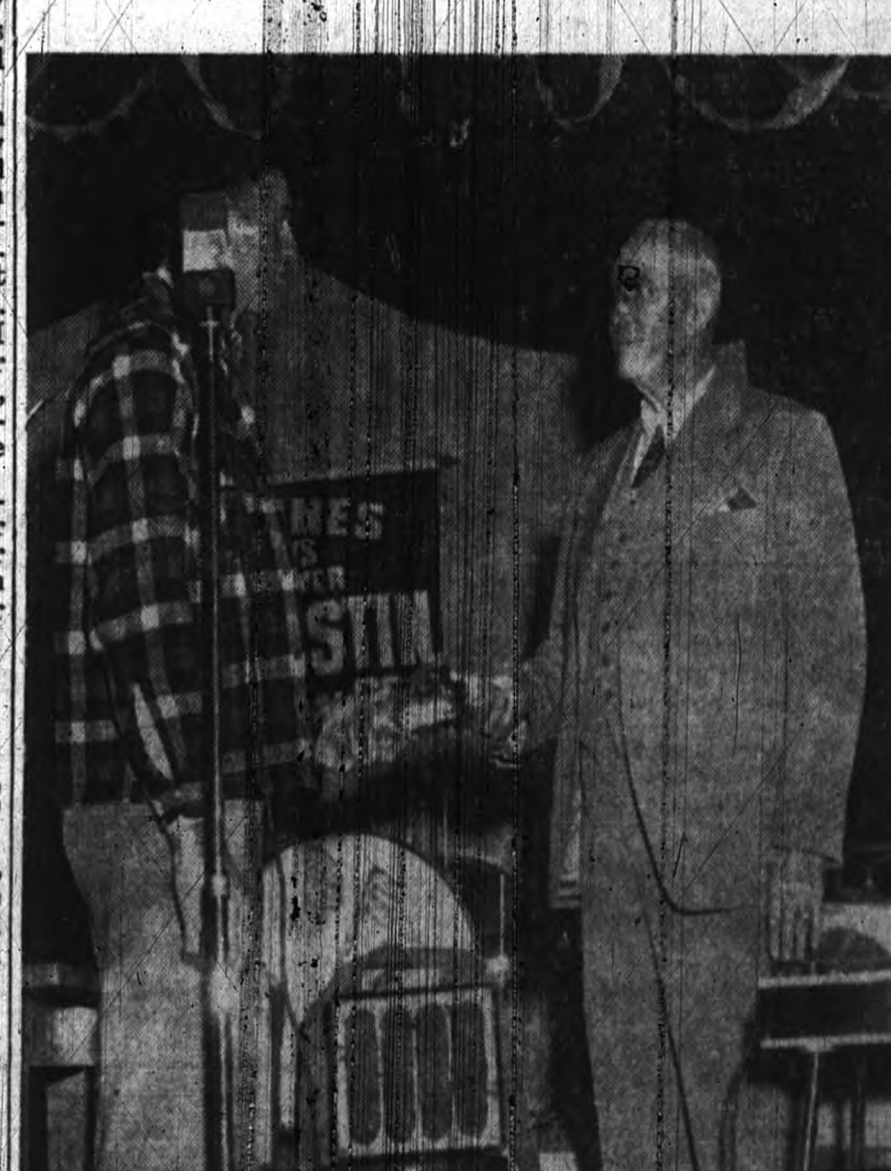
Sites Chosen For UH Study Courses

The International Study Course, introduced six years ago at the University of Houston, will be held this summer in Mexico City and Havana, according to Dr. J. S. Werlin, director of the program.

The course, known as the "college on wheels," is a non-profit venture designed to further international understanding, Dr. Werlin said.

This year the course will have programs of sociology, Spanish, architecture, art, and journalism. It will cost \$175 for a round trip to Mexico City, and \$285 for a round trip to Havana. Tuition cost will be \$75.

Dr. Werlin requested that anyone interested should write him at the University of Houston.



CARL KEMPLIN, president of the Saddle and Sirlion Club, presents an honorary membership in the club to J. C. Burns, prominent Texas cattleman from Fort Worth, for his outstanding contribution to the livestock industry in Texas. Honorary membership was also given to Dr. Charles Harris, another Texas cattleman for his work on behalf of the livestock industry.