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Town Hall To Have Burl Ives This Fall

Among the top Town Hall attractions of this Fall will be Burl Ives, famous ballad singer, who will give a concert on October 27. Ives, who is associated in most people's minds with "Blue Tail Fly," "The Woolly Boogie Bee," or another of his well-known songs, has been called "America's Mightiest Ballad Singer" by Carl Sandburg. The towering minstrel, who stands 6 feet 2 inches and weighs 240 pounds, appeared in the Broadway musicals, "I Married an Angel," "The Boys From Syracuse" and "The Heavenly Express," before the war. During his year and a half as a soldier he was the ground crew corporal in "This Is The Army." Since 1942 when Burl received his medical discharge he has made musical history with amazing success on his radio show, "The Wayfarin' Stranger," and with his performance in the Theatre Guild's "Sing Out, Sweet Land."

In Hollywood, Ives has made five successful films, of which his second, "Green Grass of Wyoming," received the trade-paper "Box-Office" Blue Ribbon Award, for the best family film of 1948. Burl was born in 1909 in Illinois, the son of family of preachers, river gamblers, and steady old-time farmers. Christened Burl Ives Ivanhoe Ives, he says that as far back as he can remember his family used to sing ballads to him. He made his professional debut at the age of four when he sang before a gathering of old soldiers in his home, Newton, Illinois. Ives' great-uncle, a preacher of the old and brickstone school, was the youngster's idol and his childhood ambition was to follow in his uncle's footsteps. But when Burl reached his teens he realized he would never be an evangelist singer. He entered Eastern Illinois State Teachers College where he became star full-back on the team that won a Conference championship. Three months before his graduation he gave in to a life-long yearning to see America.

With fifteen cents in his pocket and a banjo on which was inscribed "Yagabond Lover," he started thumbing his way eastward from village to town to city, singing for his meals in small restaurants, at church socials and barn dances. During this cross-country tour Ives enlarged his repertoire of folk songs and amassed a collection so unrivaled that he can sing for several days and nights without repeating one ballad. The next few years Ives alternated between troubadoring and settling down briefly. He played professional football, sang on an Indiana radio station, traveled with a group of evangelists, and finally wound up in Greenwich Village and then Broadway. Burl has received national radio reputation on the concert stage, on radio, on the stage, in night clubs, in films, and as a recording artist. His records are the largest selling folk song records on the market.

Today Burl Ives has won distinction in his seventh field of endeavor with the publication of "Wayfarin' Stranger," his autobiography. Burl was born in 1909 in Illinois, the son of family of preachers, river gamblers, and steady old-time farmers. Christened Burl Ives Ivanhoe Ives, he says that as far back as he can remember his family used to sing ballads to him. He made his professional debut at the age of four when he sang before a gathering of old soldiers in his home, Newton, Illinois. Ives' great-uncle, a preacher of the old and brickstone school, was the youngster's idol and his childhood ambition was to follow in his uncle's footsteps. But when Burl reached his teens he realized he would never be an evangelist singer. He entered Eastern Illinois State Teachers College where he became star full-back on the team that won a Conference championship. Three months before his graduation he gave in to a life-long yearning to see America.

Leon County Club Elects Treasurer

At a special called meeting held Friday at 1 p.m. the Leon County Club elected Clem Woods to act as treasurer until the Fall semester begins. It was necessary to elect Woods to his new position to fulfill the vacancy left by the graduation of the old treasurer, Jack Carrington. This was the last meeting of the club for the summer. Notice will be given when the club will hold its first meeting in the Fall semester.

What's Cooking

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION VIVES CLUB, 8 p.m., Monday, August 23, South Solarium of the YMCA. Dr. Mayo, head of the English Department will be guest speaker.

WEATHER

LOUISIANA: Fair this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday. Winds to moderate northerly gulls on the coast.
EAST TEXAS: Generally fair this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature. Moderate mostly northeasterly winds on the coast.
WEST TEXAS: Generally fair this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature.

Consolidated Celebrates New School Opening

A&M Consolidated High School will celebrate the opening of its new school building with an informal ceremony Thursday, August 25, according to Raymond Rogers, chairman of the entertainment committee. Highlight of the opening will be a picnic sponsored by the College Station Recreational Council, Rogers said. The program begins at 5:30 at which time there will be skating for all the kids under 12 years of age. Also at 5:30 the final softball game of the year will be skated between the champions. The picnic lunch will begin at 6:30 and last until 8. At 8 there will be square dancing on the Patnalia Slab with Manning Smith doing the calling. The youngsters will be entertained with a movie in the gymnasium starting at 8. In the skating contest, there are going to be six prizes which will be distributed among different age groups.

Juvenile Crime Is Subject Of Kiwanis Talk

"Victims of Parental Delinquency" was the title of a talk given to the College Station Kiwanis Club Tuesday, by the Rev. Vern Swartsfager, Rector of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Bryan, and founder of Kids' World, an organization to set juvenile delinquents on the right track. Rev. Swartsfager said that out of the more than 500 juvenile delinquency cases he has handled in Dallas in three years, only ten parents were not delinquent. He cited the incident that led to the writing of his book, "Bellringers." A juvenile gang in Dallas rang a huge bell to summon its members to crime. Mr. Swartsfager contacted the gang of 15 boys who called themselves "The Royal Legion of Blackshirts." He succeeded in breaking up the gang and helping the boys. None of the 15 boys came from a home where the father's income was less than \$5000 a year, he said. He showed the club blackjacks, knives, pistols and other weapons used by the children. Rev. Swartsfager said the Kid's World is working to establish a "ranch" in Colorado Springs which will keep and work with misguided children for six months to two years without charge.

Wool Technologist To Visit Campus

James E. Wilson, professor of animal husbandry from the University of California, will be on the campus this week, according to C. N. Shephardson, dean of the Agricultural School. Wilson is one of the outstanding wool technologists of the world and has studied widely both in this country and in Australia and New Zealand, Shephardson said. A special lecture open to all who are interested will be given by Wilson Thursday afternoon, August 25, in the Animal Husbandry lecture room at 3 p.m. Shephardson requested that all members of the agricultural faculty and all agricultural students attend. Any others that are interested will be welcome, he added.

College Station Reports Influenza

Although septie sore throat led the Brazos County Morbidity report for the week ending August 20 with 19 cases reported for Bryan and College Station, influenza reached a new high with 12 cases reported for College Station alone.



Burl Ives, renowned ballad singer, will appear on Town Hall October 27. In addition to concert tours, Ives has won distinction on radio, stage, night clubs, films and as a recording artist.

Pip Pip, Old Bean . . .

England is very much like a highly crowded museum. It's difficult to turn anywhere without seeing some point of historical interest back for many centuries. The Aggies have been in England for three days now, and we have seen most of those famous places in London ranging from Big Ben and Westminster Abbey right down to the subway which they all call the "tube."

Every place has evidence of the war and the bombings. Many downtown blocks are razed to the foundations, mostly because of the terrific fires started by the bombers in 1940. But somehow you're not conscious of the occasional empty building or the empty block anymore than a child is conscious of the cavity left by a tooth pulled last week. Many ruined places have gardens, displays, or signs about them. Some of them are quite effective. The people of London go about their separate ways, hopping on or off the moving double-decker buses, running up and down the tube's escalators, or "queuing up" (lining up) in the better restaurants and waiting for a table. Today's England is a topsyturvy world, full of shortages and curious economic facts. We found that while we were in Switzerland, where we could buy in the banks a pound sterling for about \$2.70, where as the exchange here is about \$4. It isn't hard to understand why there is a close regulation as to the amount of money a person can bring into the country.

CV Garden Plots Will Be Plowed

Garden plots in College View, which are furnished students by the college, will be plowed about September 15, Prof. Fred M. Brison of the Horticulture Department said today. Students who now have gardens growing, or who intend to plant fall gardens, should plan them accordingly, he added. Quite a variety of vegetables can be successfully produced by planting after this date, he said. Semi-hardy plants such as carrots, cabbage, turnips, and English peas may be planted as late as September 15. For later plantings hardy vegetables which will withstand heavy frost include collards, onions, lettuce, and spinach, Brison concluded.

Vets Gorillas, Too . . .

Recently glamorized in the August 20 issue of the Saturday Evening Post, J. Y. Henderson, graduate veterinarian of Texas A&M, is an example that a somewhat drab business of being a "horse doctor" can reach to sublime heights.

As veterinarian for the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus, Doc Henderson's daily rounds takes him out of the commonplace "horse-cow-pig" level, and through animal territories infested with dingo dogs, ocelots, gorillas, lions, tigers, elephants, and African gnus. Born near Kerrville, Texas, forty-one years ago, Henderson grew up on his father's ranch and fell in love with horses at the age of five. It was this love that caused him to come to A&M and enroll in the school of Veterinary Medicine. After graduation from A&M in 1937, he practiced as a licensed veterinarian for a year in Shreveport with Dr. A. V. Young, whom Henderson considered the greatest vet in the United States. Just about this time, Henderson's circus predecessor, Walter McClain, was killed in an accident. Through inquiry at the King Ranch, John Ringling North, now searching the country for a circus vet, heard of Henderson. North tracked Henderson down in Shreveport and propositioned him about going to work for the circus. Henderson thought it over for a month, joined the show for the season of 1941, and has been head vet ever since. Henderson soon found out that there were as many tricks to this trade as there were animals in the circus itself. The care and remedy of a toxic gorilla hadn't been included in his curriculum at A&M, but with experience and common sense, Henderson has kept the circus animals in a relatively healthy condition. However, chimpanzees in particular have failed to arouse in Henderson his natural love of animals. He has managed, on the contrary, to work up a cordial dislike of them. Perhaps it's because they're so much like humans. At any rate, Henderson has set quite a high standard for A&M veterinarians. Of course everyone can't expect to get under the Big Top and marry Martha Wallenda of the Flying Wallendas, but it's nice to think about. Someone has to take care of the hoof-and-mouth.

Freshmen to Begin Orientation Sunday September 11, at Annex

Freshmen Week will begin at 1 p.m., Sunday, September 11, for all students beginning their college career and for students transferring less than 15 hours of college credit, according to H. L. Heaton, registrar. From Sunday, September 11, until Freshman classes start on Tuesday, September 20, the new students will follow a schedule designed to orient them with the customs and traditions of A&M. On Sunday, September 11, the Freshmen will receive housing assignments from 1-5 p.m. The YMCA will hold an informal reception for the new students, their parents and friends from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Annex Student Center. Sunday evening beginning at 7, J. P. Abbott, assistant to the dean of men, will preside at a general assembly to be held on the south side of the chapel. Week's Activities Monday's activities will be restricted to testing. F. C. Bolton, president of The College, will deliver a welcoming address at a general assembly that evening. Tyree L. Bell, Class of '43 and member of the A&M Board of Directors, will address the group on "What It Means To Be A Texas Aggie." The schedule for Tuesday will be the same as for the preceding day. That evening movies of famous Aggie football games will be shown. Wednesday, September 14, will be devoted to more testing. At Wednesday evening's general assembly the senior yell leaders, Glenn Kothman, "Red" Duke, and Bill Thornton, will lead yell practice for the Freshmen. Further Orientation Thursday morning orientation will be given in the Annex gymnasium and will feature talks by W. L. Penberthy, dean of men, Col. H. L. Boatner, Commandant, and Lt. Col. Robert L. Melcher, assistant to the commandant. In the afternoon additional instruction will be given as announced by the Tactical Officers at the morning session. M. L. Cashion, YMCA secretary, will preside at the general assembly on Thursday evening. Advisory conferences will be held all day Friday to be followed that night by the President's Reception in the Student Center. Saturday and Sunday have no activities scheduled. Transportation will be provided for all Freshmen who desire to see the A&M-Villanova football game-Saturday night. Registration Monday The Freshmen will register for classes on Monday, September 18 and classes will begin at the Annex on Tuesday. All activities of Freshmen Week will take place at the Annex, Heaton concluded.

Animal Husbandry Department Offers 3-Week Sheep Course

A special three weeks course, "Sheep and Wool Production Problems," will be offered by the Animal Husbandry Department beginning August 22 and ending on September 9. Dr. J. C. Miller, head of the department, is in charge of the course and J. A. Gray, extension animal husbandman, is coordinator for the course. The first ten days will be spent on the campus and the third week will be spent in the field. Professor J. F. Wilson, head of the wool division, Animal Husbandry Department, University of California, Davis, California, will give five lectures during the course. He will discuss the international sheep and wool situation; Australian method of preparing and marketing wool; recommendations for improving Texas method of preparing and marketing wool; California sheep and wool production problems and West Coast wool marketing. Students Enrolled Dr. Miller in his lecture will handle the nutritional requirements of sheep and some of the problems that are encountered in sheep breeding work. J. H. Jones, professor of animal husbandry, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, will discuss "Lamb Feeding and Lamb Feeding Problems." Professor Stanley Davis, animal husbandry department, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, will discuss cooperative wool marketing in Texas under the Research and Marketing Act, and Gray will handle such items as shrinkage, market classes and grades and flock culling and selection. Lectures Scheduled The field itinerary calls for stops at the woolen mills in New Braunfels and Eldorado; Sonora Wool Warehouse; Sonora Experiment Station; visits will be made to two or three sheep ranches in the Sonora area for culling demonstrations, and one ranch will be visited near Kerrville. At the Sonora station the group will see the ram testing project that is being conducted there. Field Itinerary Enrolled for the course are the following county agents and the counties they serve: R. E. Nolan, Menard; O. F. West, Callahan; W. M. Day, Upton; E. S. Hyman, Mason; J. W. Jennings, Kimble. M. B. Templeton, Nolan; E. O. Nevills, Reagan; W. A. Bergfeld, Jr., Crockett; D. G. Langford, Sutton; W. G. Godwin, Schleicher. L. J. Wilson, Fisher; A. R. Grote, McCulloch; A. A. Storey, Jr., Edwards; D. R. Alford, assistant, Brown and Jack Waide, assistants in training, Bandera. S. B. Phillips, West Texas Utilities Company, San Angelo, is also registered for the course. Undergraduate or graduate credit will be given to those completing the course. J. L. Matthews, extension administrative assistant, was in charge of registrations.



J. T. Dotson, mechanical engineering major from San Antonio, has been named colonel in command of the Artillery Regiment for 1949-50.

No Decision Is Reached About Rice-A&M Ball

No definite plans have been reached concerning the proposed joint student body dance in Houston after the Rice-A&M football game on November 12, reported Charles Kirkham, president of the Student Senate. Kirkham was among a delegation of four Student Senators and the assistant director of student affairs, Grady Elms, which attended a meeting Friday afternoon in Houston with Rice student government officers. The meeting was called to discuss the proposed dance and the selection of an orchestra. While agreeing wholeheartedly on the idea of holding a joint student body dance, the meeting could not work out details of the dance beyond a few general points, Kirkham said. All dancing facilities in Houston capable of holding an estimated 1500 people have all been reserved prior to the Rice attempt to find a place for the joint student body dance. As an alternative, the Rice group proposed that the dance be held on the Rice campus in Rice's Field House and in the basement of her new library. After inspecting these facilities, the group found that even these facilities would not accommodate an estimated 1500 people. The estimate of 1500 people was based upon the thought that a name band would draw that many, Kirkham said. However, instead of having a name band, the A&M delegation suggested that a local band, perhaps the Aggieband Orchestra, play for the dance, Kirkham added. The thought behind this was that a local band would not draw as large a crowd, and the limited facilities would not become excessively crowded. "Both the Rice and A&M students want a joint dance, and I think we will have one. It won't be as large as we'd like to have, but this first joint dance will be a good starter for better relations between our two schools," Ben Hammond, president of the Rice student body said. Another meeting early in the fall semester is expected if correspondence between Rice and A&M cannot complete plans for the joint student body dance, Grady Elms said. Members of the A&M delegation were Harry Raney, Keith Allsup, Richard Denny, Kirkham, and Elms.

Grove to Close Tuesday Night

Tomorrow night will mark the official closing of the Summer session entertainment activities in The Grove, announced C. G. White, director of Student Activities. "Slave Ship" starring Wallace Berry and Mickey Rooney, will be the title of the free movie being shown. "Due to Exchange Store profits, the seating capacity of The Grove has been increased by approximately 1000 seats," White said. "The interest and cooperation extended by the Entertainment Committee was largely responsible for a 50 percent boost in attendance at the Saturday night dance," commented White. More money can be spent on next Summer's Grove activities because of an allotted increase in Student Activity fees, White concluded.

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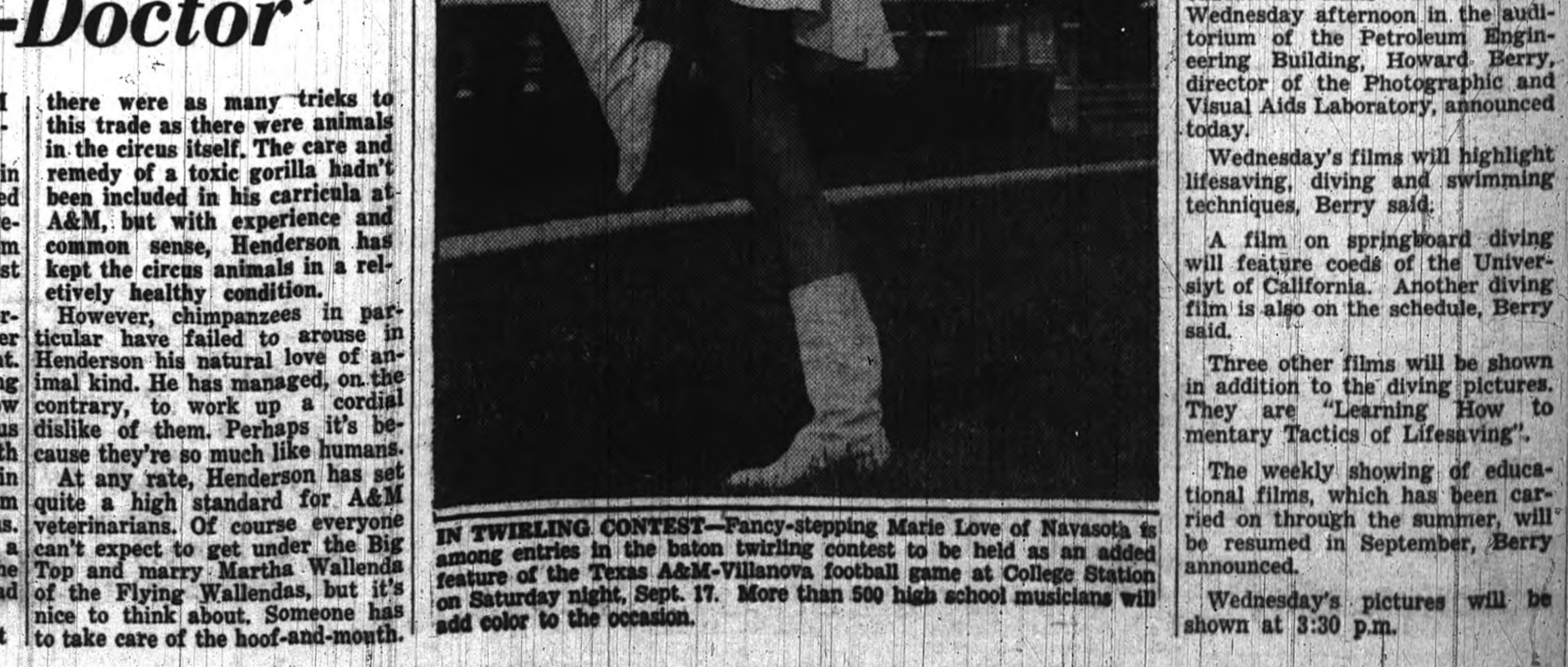
Grand Knight Claude J. Gabrysich of the College Station Knights of Columbus announced Wednesday night that his council will not have another meeting until September 23. At this time the council will resume its regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 8 p.m. in the basement of St. Mary's Chapel, Gabrysich said.

Young Methodists To Have Picnic

Methodist young adults from College Station, Bryan, and neighboring areas will meet at Caldwell on the Methodist Church grounds for a picnic supper Tuesday evening, August 23, at 7, announced Brad Waddle, president of the group. Gene Cragg, assistant pastor at Bryan, will conduct a worship service. A discussion of aims and plans for activity in young adult work will be included on the program as well as a discussion on the Young Adult Conference, scheduled September 3-5, at Lakeview, near Palestine. All young adults planning to attend, this meeting should bring a picnic basket, Waddle concluded.

Swimming Pictures Tomorrow's Plan

The last in a summer series of educational films will be shown Wednesday afternoon in the auditorium of the Petroleum Engineering Building, Howard Berry, director of the Photographic and Visual Aids Laboratory, announced today. Wednesday's films will highlight lifesaving, diving and swimming techniques, Berry said. A film on springboard diving will feature coeds of the University of California. Another diving film is also on the schedule, Berry said. Three other films will be shown in addition to the diving pictures. They are "Living How to Monetary Tactics of Lifesaving." The weekly showing of educational films, which has been carried on through the summer, will be resumed in September, Berry announced. Wednesday's pictures will be shown at 3:30 p.m.



IN TWIRLING CONTEST—Fancy-stepping Marie Love of Navasota is among entries in the baton twirling contest to be held as an added feature of the Texas A&M-Villanova football game at College Station on Saturday night, Sept. 17. More than 500 high school musicians will add color to the occasion.