

Robert Shaw Chorale Appears In Concert Here November 9

By LOUISE JONES

America's number one choral conductor, Robert Shaw, will give a concert here November 9. His recorded performance of Bach's B Minor Mass for RCA Victor earned the Recorded Music Award for 1947.

The Birmingham News-Age-Herald acclaimed the conductor with "greatness" last year. It said further that the quality is "only very rarely attained in concert."

Shaw, who is tall and husky looks like a gridiron hero, is regarded by his singers as the high priest of choral art. His specialties are teaching amateurs how to sing together and achieving the kind of artistry that has made eminent conductors like Toscanini and Stokowski select him as choral director for important works.

Distinguished conductors, instrumentalists, and singers cite his remarkable thoroughness and painstaking care for every detail.

An illustration of this is his Victor recording of Brahms' "Ein

Deutsches Requiem," in which he conducts the RCA Victor Chorale and Symphony Orchestra, with James Pease as soloists.

The actual recording of the work climaxed three years of intense study and preparation.

Shaw pointed out that his choral group is really a group

of solo artists and concertmasters because he has limited it to professional singers.

Other Shaw RCA Victor Red Seal recordings include five vocal miniatures for female voices and two children's albums, "Kanga and Baby Roo," and "In Which a House is Built at Pooh Corner for Eeyore."

Ann Hilliard Helps 'Troubled' Fish

By BILL COLVILLE

Whenever Freshmen feel like unloading a few mental burdens, Mrs. Anna Maze Hilliard, director of the student center at the annex, is always ready to listen.

From girl troubles to "I just can't seem to pass Math 101," Mrs. Hilliard is always on hand

in her office at the student center to lend a sympathetic ear and a great deal of good advice.

Born in Rogers, Texas, Mrs. Hilliard came to the College in 1941 as a secretary in the Placement Office, and held that position until she became director of the Annex Student Center in 1946, the first year Freshmen were housed at the Annex.

Her main duty is working with the Freshmen in planning all of the parties, dances, and other different forms of recreation that are held at the annex throughout the year.

She also arranges for rooms for parents and sweethearts when they come to visit the Freshmen, and corsages for the dances.

"The Student Center is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.," says Mrs. Hilliard, "and has at the disposal of the Freshmen a piano, juke box, magazines, pool tables, cards, dominoes, or almost anything else along that line that the Freshmen could want."

Mrs. Hilliard has a phonograph and a good collection of records in her office, and students may use these anytime they wish.

"Any games or recreational facilities that the students might want," said Mrs. Hilliard, "I always try to get for them."

So if any Freshmen are beset with worries, and feel the need of a little feminine understanding, Mrs. Anna Hilliard is the person to see.

When 1949 football practice begins, Barlow (Bones) Irvin of Texas A&M will be out of gridiron togetery for the first time in 31 years. Now the Aggies' athletic director, Irvin played and coached high school, college and pro ball during that long span.



Robert Shaw, America's number one choral conductor, will bring his famous Chorale here November 9 for a concert on the 1949-50 Town Hall series.

Page 2



Frankie Carle, his orchestra, and his daughter Marjorie, the orchestra vocalist, will start the 1949-50 Town Hall series with a concert in Guion Hall October 21.

60 Years Priesthood . . .

Rev. Gleissner Completes 45 Years of Service Here

By LOUISE JONES

Few Texans have such a record as that of Rt. Rev. J. B. Gleissner, Catholic priest of Bryan and College Station.

A true Texan, he came here in pioneer days and passed his 60th year of priesthood on July 10 this year. He has spent 45 years of that time in Bryan.

During that time Monsiegnor Gleissner has been father, guide, and friend to people all over the state. Coming to Texas in 1889, he spent 14 years working in Texas parochial schools; and he has lived to see his beginning A&M congregation of 6 Catholic Aggies increase to well over a thousand people.

The 84 year old Father is a modest man who speaks with energy and enthusiasm of his work.

"I decided to come to the United States," he said, "to help priests in the German-speaking communities." Born in Bavaria, a section in southern Germany, the Father studied in Holland and completed his education at Niagara University in New York when he was 24.

Monsiegnor Gleissner recalled that he was the only German-speaking boy among his Irish classmates. "I certainly learned to

English!"

Remarkable to say, the Father wanted to come to Texas because of what he had heard about it. "People told me that if you wanted to go anywhere in Texas, you had to take an ax to cut down the trees and make a road as you went; they talked of rattlesnakes as big as trees," he said.

Ordained in the Galveston diocese on July 10, 1889, he found a Texas full of many things that people hadn't spoken of.

Father Gleissner lived for a time six miles from the nearest post office and often had to pull his horse out of mires in wet weather. He remembered that the trip from Caldwell to Bryan via horse and buggy took three hours in good weather.

"Those were pioneer days, but happy ones," he said.

Monsiegnor Gleissner spent seven and a half years in Tours, near Waco, where he started a parochial school which is still in existence. Stationed at Hearne for the next seven years, the Father said that he lived there because it was a central railroad point for the missions he visited. His mission territory extended from Mexico south to Waller near Houston.

Moving to Bryan in 1904, he said, "We thought A&M was a big school with its 400 enrollment, and if anyone had told us it would be this big today, we might have been skeptical."

Father Gleissner organized the first denominational church on the campus. Although his congregation consisted of 6 Aggies for a while, it soon grew. Since there was no chapel, mass was held on the fourth floor of the Academic building in the architecture department.

"Having just conducted mass in Bryan, I often had to run up the four flights of stairs to be on time." The rapid pace began to get

rather tiresome so eventually mass was changed to the CE building.

"It was about 20 years before we got our own chapel," the Father explained. The Knights of Columbus financed it.

He added that he thought the 300 person seating capacity of the new chapel would never be filled. "Now we don't have enough room."

Particularly vivid in the Father's memory was the influenza epidemic at A&M after the first World War. Flu was a dread sickness then due to lack of medical knowledge. He remembers the horror with which it struck the college. He said that the "small" boys usually pulled through, but it was the "big" boys who often developed pneumonia.

Today Monsiegnor Gleissner speaks with pride of the six Catholic churches and parochial schools in Bryan and College Station.

Five Aggies from his congregation are now priests and five others are in training at La Porte.

His congregations have become so big that he has Father Timm Valenta and Father Edward Mat aha to help him.

For only 3¢ a word you can talk to 10,000 people a day through BATTALION classified ads. Call 4-5324.

Each of the 29 backfield candidates at Texas A&M played high school football on a Texas team.

We're not running a date bureau, but if you're looking for anything else, a BATTALION classified ad will do the job for you. Call 4-5324.

Gen. George Moore Retires After 40 Years Active Duty

Major General George F. Moore, class of '08, retired during the Summer after 40 years of active service. A native Texan, Moore began his military career as a coast artillery officer after graduating from A&M.

Moore, who commanded the Manila Bay defenses against superior Japanese forces until ordered by higher authority to surrender Corregidor, was honored on his retirement at Sixth Army Headquarters.

Army, Navy, and Air Force officers attended, including surviving prisoners of war from the Philippine Defense Campaign, who shared confinement with Moore in Japanese prison camps.

His long army service ended after a year's service as deputy commanding general of the Armed Forces Headquarters for Unification of Facilities and Service.

Commandant At A&M

Part of Moore's service was spent at A&M, where he returned in 1937 as Lt. Colonel and Professor of Military Science and Tactics. He was commandant until he was transferred to the Philippines in 1940.

Serving with the coast artillery and at times with the Ordnance Department, Moore was stationed at Fort Monroe, Virginia; Fort Worden, Washington; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fort Adams, Rhode Island; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Stockton, California, the War Department, and four tours of duty at Corregidor.

Commanded Manila Defenses

Early in 1941, he became a brigadier general and assumed command of the harbor defenses of Manila and Subic Bays, with headquarters at Corregidor.

Throughout the bitter Philippine Defense Campaign, he commanded these fortifications, and was entirely responsible for their air, sea and land defense against the Japanese attacks from December 7, 1941, until May 6, 1942, when his battered, half-starved command was ordered by the Commanding General, U. S. Army Forces in the Philippines to surrender.

POW For 3 Years

With survivors of his gallant force, Moore, a major general since January 9, 1942, was a prisoner-of-war. He spent three years and four months at Japanese prison camps in the Philippines, Formosa, Japan, Korea and Manchuria.

When Moore returned to A&M after his release from Japanese prison camps, to receive an honorary degree from the college, Bryan and College Station held a "General Moore Day." A dormitory here bears his name.



C. N. Shepardson is Dean of the School of Agriculture.

Following liberation and temporary duty in the United States, Moore was in turn commanding general of the Hawaiian Artillery Command, of the Army Forces, Middle Pacific, and of the Philippines Ryukyus Command. He returned to the mainland last year to join the Armed Forces unification organization.

Awarded Citations

For extraordinary heroism at Corregidor, Moore was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. The citation told of "his great gallantry by continually visiting the most exposed elements of his command, giving encouragement, directing operations . . . inspiring heroic efforts of his command."

General Moore also received the Distinguished Service Medal. The Philippine Commonwealth awarded Moore its Distinguished Conduct Star.

During his post-war command in the Philippines, he was awarded the republic's highest decoration, Commander, Philippine Legion of Honor, for war service, his post-war activities in strengthening U.S.-Filipino friendship and rebuilding the Philippine armed forces.

Lancaster to Make Study of Pastures

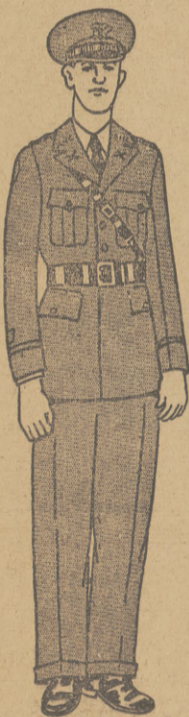
R. R. Lancaster, extension pasture specialist here will attend a conference in Woodward, Oklahoma at the Great Plains Field Station that will deal with pasture problems in that section, according to G. G. Gibson, director of Texas Extension Service.

The conference is the first in a series to be held along with a tour of the West Texas range country, says Gibson. Representatives from the USDA and departments of the A&M System under the guidance of the Texas Production and Marketing Administration will make the tour and will participate in the discussions. They will be studying the need and opportunity for shrub control work in that section of the state.

Vice Chancellor for Agriculture D. W. Williams, will join Lancaster at Woodward and will accompany him on the tour of West Texas.

Regulation Uniforms

Make our store your Headquarters for Regulation Uniforms and Equipment



Our prices are right . . . so be sure to stop in to see us before you make your Fall purchases.

- Reg. Khaki Shirts
- Reg. Khaki High Back Cotton Slacks
- Reg. Green Elastique Slacks — High Back
- Reg. Pink Elastique Slacks High Back
- Reg. Socks . . . Ties . . . Belts . . . Caps . . . Shoes

J. H. CONWAY, JR. . . . Class '31
RAY COPUS Class '47
DICK HOLMGREEN Class '47

Conway & Co.

103 N. MAIN

BRYAN

"Where the Aggie Bus Stops"

Welcome Back Aggies



For the best . . .

HOME COOKED MEALS

—Visit—

A & M Grill

Phone 4-9384

North Gate

Aggie Freshmen Meet Ole Lou

SAVE

He's Right With You

SAVE

1/3 to 1/2 On Books & Supplies

SAVE

LOUPOT'S Trading Post

N. Gate

She Wants a **CORSAGE** for the Game!

Why Not Order it Now from **STILES FLOWERS**

We know what kind of corsage she wants . . . and we also know what a week-end costs! (Aggie Grad 1948)

Remember . . .

- . . . Your date with Flowers
- . . . Your Pocketbook with our reasonable

Flower Styles —by—

STILES Florists

Clip this Card	FLOWER STYLES . . . by Stiles Flowers PHONE 2-6188 1903 S. College	For Future Reference
----------------	--	----------------------

WELCOME AGGIES . . .

Your Memorial Student Center Confectioneries are all set to give you another year of Good Food and Good Service. Whatever your needs may be, come in to see us . . . we can serve you.

The Cave and The Campus Corner

SANDWICHES AND SPECIAL DISHES OF ALL KINDS
FOUNTAIN BEVERAGES AND GOOD COFFEE
YOUR FAVORITE CANDIES
TOBACCOS AND PIPES
DRUGS AND SUNDRIES
GIFTS FOR MOM AND DAD OR THE GIRL AT HOME