

Burl Ives Sings Tonight In Guion

BY JERRY ZUBER

Burl Ives, nationally known folk singer, will inaugurate the 1949 Town Hall season tonight at eight in Guion Hall. Ives burst into the public spotlight four years ago when a New York producer worked him into spot appearances in two legitimate stage productions.

Ag Dean Speaks On Grasses At Conference

The increase in knowledge of our grass crop is one of the biggest developments of new technologies on agricultural economy in Texas said C. N. Shephardson, Dean of Agriculture of A&M while speaking at the Nutritional Conference held in the Chapel of the YMCA last Thursday afternoon.

The change from small dairy herds of several hundred cows has caused a great need for improved pastures and a better knowledge of grasses adapted to Texas ranges. This includes removal of brush and reseeded of pastures with perennials that grow from year to year, Shephardson said.

Mechanization of agriculture, increased knowledge in new and old crops, and scientific development in plant and animal breeding are technologies that have affected the agricultural economy of Texas, Shephardson declared.

Dr. Jack Miller, head of the AH Department, made a talk on the use of grain sorghums as feeds. Experiments made at A&M with the support of the Corn Products Corporation of Corpus Christi showed that grain sorghum was not satisfactory when used alone but had good results when used with other feeds.

Williams to Address Indiana Teacher Meet

E. L. Williams, director of the Industrial Extension Service, will address the Vocational Education section of the Indiana State Teachers Association at Indianapolis on Thursday, October 27. The subject will be "The Challenge of Vocational Education."

Friday afternoon, October 28, Williams will meet with the vocational teachers of the South Chicago area at Gary.

His slow, well-phrased style immediately caught on, and motion picture work and a radio show followed. Ives' easy-going actions and looks make him perfectly typed for the balladeer roles he is frequently cast in.

Possessing a tremendous repertoire of folk songs and ballads of all types, Ives has carried many of the songs to the top of the popularity heap with him. His "Foggy, Foggy Dew", "Streets of Laredo", "Blue Tail Fly", to name but a few, have risen from musical nonentities to hit parade positions purely on the force of Ives' friendly, tuneful voice.

Seventeen Songs The 17 songs which Ives will feature in his performance tonight range from rollicking cowboy songs to sentimental folk ballads. Some of the better known numbers are, "Midnight Special", "The Cowboy's Lament", "The Boll Weevil", "Now Now Shepherd", and "When I Was Single". The singer will furnish his own accompaniment on the guitar.

Ives has perhaps the most distinctive style of folk singing of any other balladeer in the country. He becomes a part of the characters he is singing about. He has many ideas of how folk songs should be sung and interprets each one in his own fashion. One of Ives' favorite quotes is, "A singer of folk songs can be authentic only so long as he keeps to the spirit of the song."

Called "Greatest" He has been called "the greatest folk-ballad singer of them all," by Carl Sandburg.

Ives records for the three major companies of Columbia, Decca, and ASCH.

Experiment Station Receives \$500 Grant

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has received \$500 for renewal of a grant-in-aid. The money is from the Wildlife Management Institute and through Dr. W. B. Davis, head of the department of Wild Life Management.



Sophes Elect Class Officers Tonight

Members of the Class of '52 will cast their first ballot for the new class officers tonight after yell practice and before 8:30.

The first sergeant of each corps unit will appoint a sophomore to pick up the ballots in the Guardroom of Dorm 12 after yell practice, take them back to his unit for the voting, and return them to the Guardroom before 8:30, according to Ralph W. Rowe, Freshman president of the Class of '52.

Filing for the eight available at 5 p. m. Candidates must have filed in the Office of Student Activities before that time.

The office of president, vice-president, secretary-at-arms, and reporter-historian are open for any academically classified sophomore, whether he be a corps member or veteran, the class decided at a meeting Tuesday night.

Officially, filing for the positions began October 21, but many of the candidates waited until yesterday to file. Here is the completed list of candidates whose names will appear on the ballots.

President: Richard A. Ingels, Eric W. Carlson, and Ralph W. Rowe. Vice-president: Dean Reed, Dan Davis, Dohert N. Dobbins, Hayden I. Jenkins, Dan Scott, and

Horticulture Show in Sbis

Arrangements have been made for the use of Sbis Hall for the Horticulture show on December 12 and 13. A. H. Krezdorn, sponsor of the Horticulture Club, said today.

Club members are trying to make the show more educational this year according to J. R. Reese, club president.

The club will demonstrate important phases of horticulture. Most of the exhibits will represent fruits and vegetables grown in Texas, Reese added.

Club members appointed as chairmen of exhibit committees are: E. O. Courtade, deciduous fruits; B. O. Hauser, sub-tropical fruits; R. T. Correa, vegetables; W. H. Culver, processing; O. Chapin, propagation; and B. W. Wilson, advertising.

Smith Speaks Friday At Baptist Union

C. O. Smith will give the devotional at the meeting of the Baptist Student Union Friday at 7:30 in the YMCA Chapel, according to Bobbie W. Davis, publicity director.

The new dormitory chairmen will be introduced and their duties will be explained to the club. Information concerning the State Baptist Student Union Convention in Dallas November 4-6 will be brought to the club's attention, Davis added.

Coffee and donuts will be served after the meeting.

Secretary: Fred Bruce McDaniel, Duane E. Vandenberg, Grady L. Smallwood, Bill (Doggy) Dalston, and Luis F. Dominguez.

Treasurer: Vic Russek, Herbert Marion Gerrod, Sammy Joe Cannon, Robert H. Jourdan.

Social Secretary: C. Luther Leatherwood, and C. L. Ray, Jr.

Parliamentarian: A. C. Burkhalter, Elmore R. Torn, R. D. Kirk, and H. Doak Neal.

Sergeant-at-arms: Arlen E. Reese, and L. O. Tiedt.

Reporter-Historian: John Thomas Tapley, 2nd, Guy C. Jackson.

The second and final election will be held Monday night, October 31, Rowe said. In this election, the men receiving the highest number of votes in tonight's balloting will appear as candidates in their respective offices.

Pluralities will be decided by the final vote, Rowe concluded; however, a majority on the first ballot will eliminate the necessity of a run-off in any position.

Barnes Named to Celebrations Group; Non-Corps Veep Vetoed

Wilman "Pusher" Barnes, president of the junior class, was named class representative to the A&M Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Committee last night at a junior class meeting.

The committee, of which Barnes is now a member, was established by the Board of Directors at its last meeting. Its purpose is to plan a year-long series of special events to mark A&M's 75th Anniversary.

Barnes is a business major from Abilene.

The juniors also voted down a proposal to add a non-military vice president to the list of class officers.

This action was taken after several members present at the meeting objected that the non-military students in the class took little interest in class functions.

The six non-military students at the class meeting said they would try to arouse more interest among the non-military juniors in class affairs, and they believed this would be possible if they were given representation in the class offices.

The class decided, however, not to include a non-military vice president on the list of class officers.

Barnes pointed out that the non-military juniors are represented on the executive council of the class.

A letter to the class from the juniors at TSCW was read by Barnes. It contained an invitation to all juniors to attend a formal dance Saturday night at Denton.

Barnes said that all men needing dates or a place to stay at TSCW should contact him before 8 p. m. tonight so that he could make the necessary arrangements.

PH Judging Team Practices at Fair

The A&M Senior Poultry Judging team will go to Beaumont Saturday to practice judge at the Beaumont Fair, E. D. Parnell, ready to open.

Johnson, Meyers, Lester and Powell Win Smoking Contest

Houston Midnight Yell Practice Out

There will be no midnight yell practice in Houston before the Rice-A&M game next weekend. The cancellation was made at the request of the Houston Chapter of the Former Student's Association.

A letter from George G. Smith, past president of the Former Students Association and chairman of the Corps Trip Committee of the Houston A&M Club, to Dean of Students W. L. Penberthy contained the request.

A daytime yell practice at which the band will be present will be held Saturday morning at some central downtown location in Houston. The location will be determined by city officials and a corps trip arrangements committee from A&M next week.

Minimum Wage Bill Signed By President

Washington, Oct. 26 (AP) — President Truman today signed legislation raising the minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour and called it "A major victory" for his administration.

In a statement, Mr. Truman expressed "regret" that the legislation exempts some workers who previously had been covered by the fair labor standards law.

He added: "But the improvements made by the new law will go far toward achieving our basic purpose of assuring minimum labor standards necessary for health, efficiency and general well-being of workers."

"The enactment of the fair labor standards amendments of 1949 is a major victory in our fight to promote the general welfare of the people of the United States."

The President called labor leaders and others to the White House for the ceremony signing the measure.

The new pay, "floor" for workers in interstate commerce becomes effective in 90 days. Congress members have estimated the 35-cent-an-hour increase in the minimum rate will hike the pay of up to 1,500,000 workers now getting less than 75 cents an hour.

At present about 22,600,000 workers are protected by the statute. The House voted to exclude about 1,005,000 of those, and the senate only about 200,000.

The compromise worked out puts the total number excluded some-what less than 1,000,000. Sponsors of the bill have said it probably will take years, including court actions, to find just how many workers have been removed.

Group Assembled Penberthy explained that he had called together what he hoped was a representative group of students and college officials to express their ideas for a substitute time and place for yell practice.

Those present were Doyle Avant, colonel of the corps; the six regimental commanders, Sam Pate, J. T. Dotson, Frank Cleland, Allen Eubank, Jim Magruder, and Willy Bohlmann.

The senior yell leaders, Glenn Kotzman, "Red" Duke, and Bill Thornton; Keith Allsup, president of the student senate; Charles Kirkham, co-vice president of the senior class; veteran senators Harry Raney, Cecil Huey, and Joe Fuller; M. L. Cashion of the Student Life Committee; C. G. "Spike" White, dean of students for activities; Barlow "Bones" Irvin, athletic director; and The Battalion co-editors Bill Billingsley and C. C. Munroe.

Bob Byington, president of the senior class, was unable to attend.

Location Discussed The group discussed a proposal by Smith to hold the Saturday yell practice at Sam Houston Park.

"Red" Duke suggested that it might be possible to hold it in front of the Rice Hotel or at a similar downtown location.

Doyle Avant said this matter could be settled with city officials next week when a group of cadets (See YELL PRACTICE, Page 6).

Tunneling Near Hart Continues

Construction of the steam-tunnel to the Memorial Student Center will be completed in approximately 30 days if weather conditions remain favorable, according to C. K. Leighton, college construction.

Work was commenced on the job two weeks ago.

The tunnel will be 500 feet long, five feet wide, and six feet and four inches deep inside measurements. It will extend from the sidewalk in front of Hart Hall to the basement of the memorial center.

In front of Hart, it connects with a steam-tunnel which runs under the sidewalk on the east side of Military Walk to the power plant.

The E. E. Farrow Construction Co. of Dallas is constructing the tunnel. The cost of the project will be \$18,000, and this does not include the pipes which will be installed in it, Leighton said.

Leighton said that the contract for installing the pipes will be awarded sometime next spring or summer, in order that the pipes will be installed and connected up before the memorial center is ready to open.

English Professor Powell Sets New Record, Leaves Still Afire

BY DAVE COSLETT

Frank F. Johnson added seven more pipes to his collection last night—seven certified Purex matching pipes. Johnson was declared winner in the collection division of the 1949 Battalion Stoker Derby which belled forth before an estimated crowd of 100 spectators and contestants.

The prize winning collection contained 48 pipes of various kinds and styles. Included were several foreign made pipes.

Johnson had to be awakened to reap his reward. He had fallen asleep in a convenient chair while awaiting the end of the three-hour affair.

Runner-up in the collection division was Glenn Cummings whose 64-piece collection tagged closely behind in the (the) closely matched race. Third place winner was J. D. Piana. All three collection leaders were students.

One Prof The lone Prof entry in this phase of the contest was voted a special prize by the contest judges. He was Frederick D. Meyers of the E. D. Department. His showed a display of 12 Bulldog pipes designated by carefully lettered cards.

The judges thought he deserved special consideration both because of the impressiveness of the display and because the pipes were of an unusual quality.

Competition in some of the more familiar fields of nicotine endeavor produced some new records for this area.

The newly inaugurated cigar division proved to be the marathon event of the night. At 10:45 p. m. C. M. Lester won a coin toss to become crown prince of the cheeroof chompers after an hour and 45 minute session. The toss was mutually agreed upon by he and R. K. Heveron, to whom fell the second place position.

The third place man, T. Nanney, had thrown down his quarter inch but only five minutes before the closing contest winner was decided. Nanney, who won a cigar holder, moaned that the prize would do him no good—his wife doesn't allow him to smoke—the stinkin' things.

Another newcomer to this year's derby produced a record-breaker. F. W. Powell of the English Department strode from the YMCA Chapel with his stoker still burning after besting an hour and 17 minute go by second place winner F. D. Meyers in the profs medium bowl class. Third place winner, was Harry Gooding with a time of 43 minutes.

The stiffest competition by far came in the medium bowl division in which five winners were decided. More than 15 contenders pitted lungs in this class.

Top puffer W. J. Burcham went better than an hour and five minutes to cinch the title. Second placer R. V. Garcia burned into the top three with a solid hour and one and one half minutes. Robert (See CONTEST, Page 6)

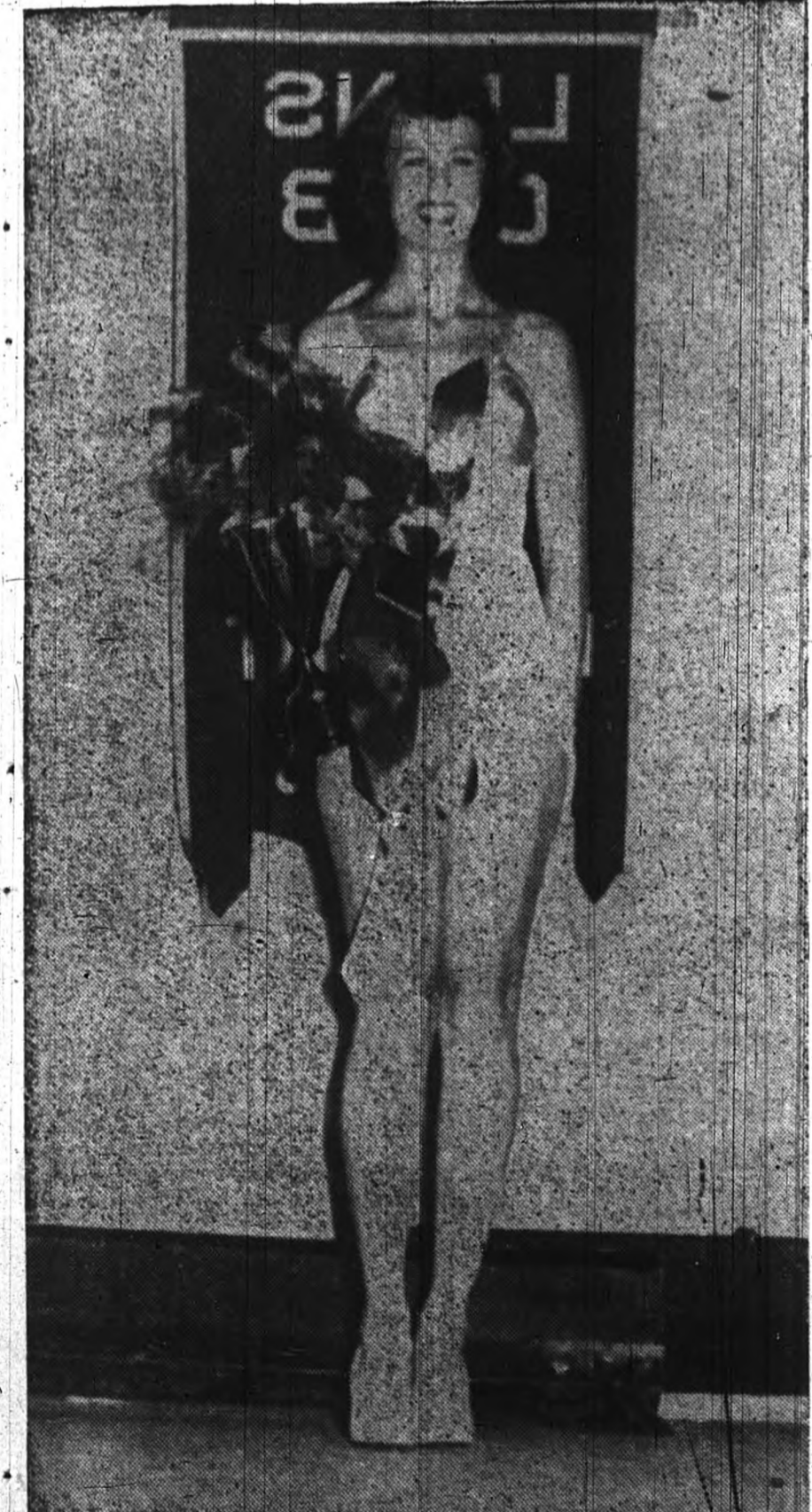
Now That's Our Kind of Learnin'

New Orleans, Oct. 13 (AP)—Educational "peepshows" as a teaching aid for colleges and schools were suggested today by a technical illustrator.

"The peephole is the greatest thing in the world for stimulating people's curiosity and helping them remember what they see," said W. Branks Stewart, chief medical artist and photographer on the staff of Louisiana State University's School of Medicine.

"People get fun out of looking through a peep-hole, no matter what they're looking at, and when they have fun the things they see are more apt to stick in their minds," declared Stewart.

Blue-eyed, brownette Mabel Hall of San Marcos is an entry in the ABC Ball Sweetheart sweepstakes. Her campaign manager is Jarvis Miller.



From the Gulf Coast comes Miss Carolyn Andrews, of Freeport, who's picture was submitted to the ABC Ball Sweetheart selection committee by Edwin Brewer of E Flight, Air Force.