



The 45-member TSCW Modern Choir sang as lovely as they looked in their Guion Hall concert Saturday night. The group was under the direction of Dr. William E. Jones, professor of music at Tesseland.

'Goodwill Tour' To Prairie View Made by Group

Nine students representing Student Senate and The Battalion spent Sunday afternoon at Prairie View A&M on an unofficial student relations "goodwill visit."

The Aggie group was entertained by a group of 12 male and co-ed students headed by Lloyd Scott, director of Student Life at Prairie View, and presently holder of the world's Negro tennis championship.

After a short visit with Dr. E. B. Evans, Prairie View president, the group was taken on a tour of the campus and later sat in on a current events forum held regularly on Sunday afternoons at Prairie View.

Miss Vivian Brooks, junior political science major, and Miss Ruth Edwards, sophomore chemistry major, presented a discussion on the atomic and hydrogen bombs and their effects on the national and international scene.

Representing the Student Senate were Keith Allsup, president; Joe Fuller, secretary; Allen Eubank, social committee chairman; Tom Calhoun, senator from Leggett; and Dan Davis, Sophomore Class vice-president.

Bill Billingsley, Dave Coslett, Clayton Selph, and John Whitmore represented The Battalion. Bennie Zinn, assistant dean of men, accompanied the group.

Invitations were extended by the Aggies for a group of Prairie View students to visit the campus this spring.

Tessie Vocalizers Make Hit In Guion

Well-filled Guion Hall echoed back the voices of 45 singing lovelies Saturday night as the TSCW Modern Choir serenaded scores of appreciative Aggie brothers.

But the ladies didn't have to rely on traditional prejudice to please the crowd. Talent did the job. Collectively and individually, they paid fine tribute to the work of their able director, William E. Jones, professor of music at Tesseland.

A program that contained, as the group had promised, music to appeal to all types of music lovers included among other selections "Romance," "Yours is My Heart Alone," "Salangdo," "Ay, Ay Ay," "Creole Juanita," "Two Lullabies," "Jolly Farmer," and "Barn Dance."

Soloists Joan Loerzel on the piano and Winona Perkins on the violin proved that the group was not limited to vocal talent. Other members of the choir, incidentally, are accomplished musicians in other lines.

In the vocal solo line, many of the girls displayed fine pitch, tone, and delivery. These soloists included Delores High, Betty Poindecker, Kitty Bethal, and Lou Ann Wright.

Ably filling Director Jones shoes several times throughout the performance was Lady Lou Terry, assistant conductor of the Modern Choir.

Sweet-voiced Loyce Miles handled announcing duties for the night and drew very favorable audience response from her comments as well as other attributes. Mary Ann Watson did a fine job of providing piano accompaniment for the night.

Before their Guion show the Tessies were entertained at a tea held in the YMCA by the local chapter of TSCW Ex-Students under the head of Mrs. William L. Braddy, '38 president. Social Committee Chairman Mrs. Joe Barren, '46 arranged the informal reception.

Some of the members attended the Freshman Ball in Sbisas after their Guion performance.

Bids Open For Land Sale In Brazos Bottom

One thousand, two hundred and seventy-one acres of rich Brazos River bottom land near the Agricultural Experiment Station land in Burleson County is being offered for sale by the Board of Directors of Texas A&M.

The land is located in the John P. Coles Grant, Farm Highway 50 and is located about seven miles southwest of College Station.

Bids will be received on three separate tracts of 670, 151, and 450 acres, on the entire acreage, and on any combinations of the tracts.

Sealed proposals for bids will be received in the Office of the Comptroller of the A&M System until 2 p.m., March 15, according to Holzmann. At this time the bids will be publicly opened and read in the lecture room of the Agricultural Engineering building.

For full information and bidding forms, write W. H. Holzmann, Comptroller, Texas A&M College System, College Station, Texas.

Bidding Forms, other data and instructions, with notice of when property can be inspected will be furnished on request.

Proposals shall be submitted only on forms furnished and shall be in sealed envelopes furnished with proposals, Holzmann said. The College will reserve one-half of the mineral, oil and gas rights. The Board of Directors will reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all technicalities, Holzmann concluded.

Whites Smash Maroon Team Freshmen 'Swing Out' at Ball

Bobbie Boydston Named Fish Sweetheart at Annual Affair

By ROGER COSLETT

The walls of Sbisas Hall resounded to the dancing feet of the class of '53 Saturday night as they and their dates took to the floor to rock and sway to a variety of musical compositions rendered by the Aggieland Orchestra for the annual Freshman Ball.

Formal bedecked ladies and their dates twirled on the dance floor beneath a canopy of maroon and white crepe paper sprinkled with hundreds of differently shaped balloons. Against the wall were potted palms and evergreen boughs intermingled with flags of the state, college, and armed services. Adding to the affect were cut silhouettes of dancing couples and a 'kiss and tell' statue in the corner near the band stand.

Backdrop for the orchestra was a huge cardboard sailfish on a maroon and white draped curtain with the class numerals above and to the right of it. Another sailfish adorned the entrance to the hall.

Highlight of the evening of festivities was the presentation of the Freshman Sweetheart. All six finalists were introduced during an early intermission from an original field of 77 entrants by Annex staff members Maj. H. B. Greer, Lt. Col. R. L. Melcher, Mrs. Ann Hilliard, W. G. Breazeale and C. H. Ransdell.

Final judging duties were turned over to J. P. Abbot, Dean of Arts and Sciences; H. W. Barlow, Dean of Engineering, and A. H. Shuffler, director of information and publications.

After careful consideration the judges choose Bobbie Boydston, an 18 year old, 5'5" brunett from Shreveport, Louisiana, as Freshman Sweetheart. The young miss, who was making her first trip to Aggieland, wore a white shoulderless formal trimmed in red. Her escort was William Shlar, of barracks T-355, from Shreveport.

She received a gold locket, with appropriate inscription, from Freshman Class President Jack Brooks of McLearn, during a brief presentation ceremony.

As the evening progressed and the star ratio continued to grow with a mild sprinkling of senior boots, a crowd far beyond expectation necessitated the opening of the east wing of Sbisas Hall.

A short impromptu yell practice was held in the closing hour of the dance. Midnight found the assembled patronage weaving in familiar fashion to the strains of "Sav' Varsity's Horns Off."

Tired but happy couples streamed from the hall with the memory of the dance fresh in their minds; headed for the waiting transportation and disappeared into the night.

For many Freshmen it was their first dance on the campus; but to all it was a milestone in their college career.

Maroons Hold Statistics Edge But Whites Take 25-7 Victory

By HAROLD GANN

Three pass interceptions and a 95-yard touchdown run by Charlie Royalty enabled the Whites to trip the Maroons, 25-7, Saturday before a crowd of 150 sun bleached bystanders in the second of four spring training gridiron games.

Gaining revenge over the team that beat them, 20-7, the previous weekend, the Whites piled up 13 points before Glenn Lippman could put the Maroons back in the game with a 70-yard romp late in the first quarter.

A 65-yard pass play in the second quarter with Ray Graves throwing and Royalty receiving, gave the Whites their third touchdown and allowed them to hold a 10-7 halftime lead.

The final goal-line thrust came early in the fourth quarter when Quarterback Delmer Sikes sneaked 12 inches for a TD after directing the only sustained drive of the White team.

Statistics Favor Losers

The Maroons outplayed the Whites in every department except punting, but alert, sticky-fingered defensive White backs were the downfall of the dark jersey eleven.

Senior Halfback Royalty turned a midfield tug-of-war into wide-open football when he took a Lippman punt on his own five-yard line and threaded his way to the first touchdown of the game nine minutes deep in the first quarter.

Displaying a highly effective change-of-pace, Royalty eluded many would-be-tacklers, but his long run would have been reduced if it hadn't been for a block by Bob Smith that erased Lippman on the Maroon 15 yard marker.

Doyle Moore, Maroon fullback, blocked End Charlie Hodge's extra-point attempt.

Nohavitz Scores

One minute later, after the Maroons had run back the kickoff, Elo Nohavitz snugged a Gardemal aerial, drifted to the side-lines, and steam-rolled his way 35 yards to paydirt. Hodge split the uprights to give the Whites a 13-0 lead.

The next time the Maroons got the ball, Lippman took a toss-out from Gardemal in the flats, eluded three Whites; including Bob Smith, and galloped 70 yards down the sidelines. Hooper bounced the successful conversion off the roof of the little gym.

With four minutes remaining in the first half, Duncan put the Whites in striking distance again when he intercepted a Maroon miscue on the 35-yard line. Graves (See SCRIMMAGE, Page 4)



Miss Bobbie Boydston of Shreveport, La. receives a gift from Freshman Class President Jack Brooks after being named Sweetheart of the Freshman Class. Looking on is Miss Helen Woodward, one of the finalists, from Houston.

Student Mother Will Be Named 'Mother of Day'

This year's "Aggie Mother of the Day" will be selected from a list of nominees whose sons are now in school according to a vote taken at this month's meeting of the State Federation of A&M Mothers Clubs.

Allen Eubank, social chairman of the student senate, presented student letters and the argument of the student body for selecting the Mother of a student presently in school. The vote taken following Eubank's presentation was unanimous.

E. E. McQuillen, director of the A&M Development Fund, also presented to the group a request for approval to contact the various Mothers Clubs explaining the scholarship program of the Development Fund.

He also asked that the Mothers Clubs contact high school principals throughout the state asking them to have students write to the college who are interested in a scholarship.

About 40 scholarships are available for students in the upper third of their class, McQuillen said.

Old Fashioned Flu Invades Texas Towns

Old-fashioned type flu has struck hard in several Texas communities, the Associated Press reported today.

The news was particularly pertinent to College Station, which has been having more than its share of flu and head colds this week. Handkerchiefs were seen in increasing numbers about the campus, and the college hospital reported a rise in its number of flu patients, although the trend was nowhere near serious proportions.

One physician estimates a third of Abilene's people are ill. Flu also has laid its crippling hand on Big Spring. The disease is declining at Wichita Falls after raising school absenteeism there to 25 per cent ten days ago.

Abilene doctors were swamped. Some were handling 50 cases daily and had to give prescriptions by telephone.

"It's the old fashioned type of flu that we had during the first World War," the Abilene doctor reported. "Most cases have been light, and no critically ill patients have been reported." The World War I flu epidemic was deadly. Apparently highly contagious, the disease often strikes entire families. Abilene schools had 1,166 absent, Friday.

At Big Spring, hospitals were jammed. Doctors and druggists worked long hours. School absences rose to more than 500 a day. Coach Carl Coleman cancelled spring football practice.

School absenteeism at Wichita Falls fell from 25 per cent ten days ago, when flu was at its height there, to 12 per cent Friday.

At San Angelo, absenteeism was up to 10 to 20 per cent, but mumps were more to blame than flu.

Brothers and Rose Play Guion Tonight

By JOHN WHITMORE

Slim, dust off your Levi's the Maddox Bros. and Rose are coming to Guion Hall tonight at 8 p. m. Admission will be 70c for students, \$1 for non-students.

This well-known band is recognized by some authorities including folklorist Roland Bing, of Oakwood, Texas as the nation's most colorful western and hillbilly band.

They were selected to entertain at the World's Fair held in San Francisco, to play for the President's Ball in Sacramento, California and to play at the California and to play at the California.

It is ironic that this band which hailed from Alabama, received its first national recognition in California. The group started out its entertaining career in California.

This family team originally organized in 1938, but when the war came three of the four brothers went into the army. After the war they re-organized and have been hitting high on all of the Western band hit parades since.

In 1948, shortly after they re-organized, over 200,000 persons paid admissions to see the Maddox Brothers and Rose. Their popularity rating is attributed in part, to their radiating personality.

As one person said after hearing them sing "When they start to sing, everybody in the audience starts to smile."

Last year they started something new for them, they started recording. Their record sales followed the same line that their personal appearances did—their skyrocketed.

Their recordings of "Tramp on the Street," "Flowers for the Masters' Bouquet," and "Whoa Sailor," have been on many of the Western Hit Parade in the country.

The Maddox Bros. and Rose are four brothers—Fred, Cal, Don, and Henry—and Rose, their sister. Henry plays the mandolin, Cal plays the guitar and harmonica, Don "saws the fiddle," and Fred doubles on the bass and acts as the master of ceremonies for their appearances.

Rose plays the bass and also sings, with the four brothers joining in on the chorus. Bud Duncan, who has been with the band so long he is considered one of the brothers, plays the steel guitar.

Jimmy Jeffries, who plays a hot electric guitar, has just recently joined the band.

In order to keep up their reputation of being one of the best dressed bands in the country they have 15 different bright colored uniforms. Rose, exercised a woman's prerogative, has 35 bright cowgirl uniforms.

Tickets for the concert are on sale in the Student Activities Office until 5 p. m. and at the ticket office at Guion Hall before the show.

The Sloop System—Reading Made Easy For Youngsters

By GEORGE CHARLTON

Not many first graders can pick up a newspaper, read it, and understand it all at the same time. But the little six-year-olds at Consolidated High School can.

They're not a particularly precocious bunch. They are merely under the capable direction of Cornelia Brown. Sloop who has found a revolutionary process of teaching children how to read.

During her 30 years of teaching, the smiling, good-natured lady discovered the system that makes it possible for children who enrolled in the first grade in September to be reading and understanding newspapers and magazines now.

Her special education innovation, which she has used for more than 20 years, has been nationally recognized and is based on what she terms the "phonetic method."

Before learning their ABC's, children in her classes are taught the names of vowels and sounds. Eventually they learn the sounds, and after the first six weeks, they are usually sounding the words for themselves. All during this period, first graders are learning learning them by sound.

"And without memorizing them," Mrs. Sloop added.

After 12 weeks, the children are usually ready to begin spelling. By the end of the first year they are all reading and, what's more, understanding what they read. They are also pronouncing and understanding five syllable words.

"Most people don't hear of first graders studying their lessons," Mrs. Sloop says laughingly. "Well mine do."

To supplement her "phonetic" system, she has written and published her own text. She has written a special pre-primer, primer, and a first reader. All are part of the "Home Life Series of Readers."

"We used to use charts," she says. She made these too and still has about 200 of them.

Each summer Mrs. Sloop conducts a special class for teachers from all parts of the United States. Last summer she taught her new methods to as large a class as 55. The course, entitled "Improvement of Reading, Spelling, and Speech," consists of the application of phonetics to the teaching of reading, spelling, and speech included with an insight into the science of speech and American pronunciation. The A&M Department of Education and Psychology offers her summer course.

Newcomers to Hear Bryan Decorator

Frank Coulter, Bryan interior decorator, will address Newcomers Club at A&M College at 3 p. m. next Wednesday, March 1, at the YMCA. He will speak on the topic, "How Not To Be A Pumpkin."

Council Meeting This Afternoon

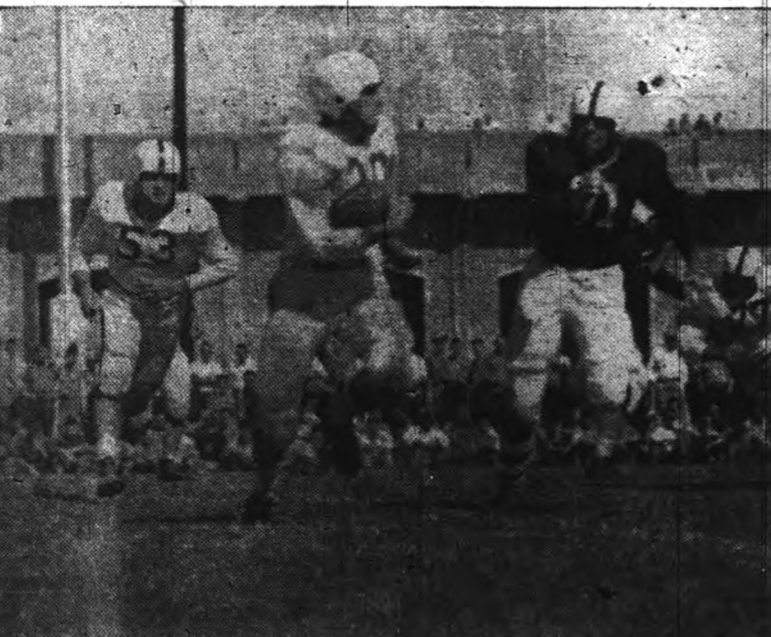
The College Station City Council will meet today at 3:30 p. m.

According to reliable sources the Council will decide whether or not to repeal the city ordinance which requires that dogs be confined to the premises of their owners.

Dr. Trotter to Address Victoria Rotary Club

Dr. Ide P. Trotter, dean of the graduate school at A&M, will deliver two talks at Victoria on Tuesday, February 28.

He will address the Rotary Club at a noon luncheon meeting on "How America Does It," and at night he will talk to the Farmers Luncheon Club.



Charlie Royalty hugs the pigskin in his right arm and skirts around right end for ten yards during Saturday's game between the Maroon and the White squads. The scrimmage marked the mid-point in Spring practice for the A&M team.

Late Wire Briefs

Washington, Feb. 27—(AP)—Senators Taft (R-Ohio) and Lodge (R-Mass) butted openly today over a proposal to change the way of electing presidents.

The Lodge bill would divide each state's electoral vote between presidential candidates on the basis of the popular vote they got. Now, the candidate with the most votes in any state gets all of that state's electoral votes.

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Wilmore, Ky., Feb. 27—(AP)—The spirit of religion and reverent dedication to God which has swept Asbury College here for four days was unabated today.

A thousand persons crowded the college's red-brick Hughes Memorial Auditorium again today and tonight to sing, pray, testify and "praise the Lord" with an impressive tone of sincerity.

Dr. T. M. Anderson, a teacher in the department of the Bible, said regular classes would be resumed Tuesday on a required basis, but several students declared the sessions probably would continue "as long as necessary." There were no classes today.