

Musical Ramrod of Singing Cadets Has Varied Duties

By GEORGE CHARLTON

Second to Bill "Pop" Turner, there's probably only one other person on the campus so musically conscious, and that's Leonard Perkins, assistant director of the Singing Cadets.

The senior business major from Fort Worth is also "Pop" Turner's right hand man holding his present position in the Music Hall since January of '47. He plays the organ, piano, and in past years has mastered the violin.

In 1946 Leonard first came to A&M, and one of the first things he did was to join the Cadets. The next year he was elected their vice president.

A busy day for Leonard includes supervising the use of instruments and practice rooms, performing stenographic and clerical duties, relieving "Pop" at various intervals during rehearsals, and holding individual practices with members of the Cadets. These are just to mention a few.

Recalling one of the more precarious positions in which the Cadets have been placed in past years, Leonard says:

"It was that ill fated return from TSCW December before last. All the Cadets were on two buses returning to College Station ahead of us lay a prearranged evening performance at the A&M Methodist Church. While on Industrial Boulevard in Dallas, it happened.

"A spring broke in one of the buses. In the meantime, the driver of the first bus was completely unaware of the accident and continued back to College."

When time came for the concert to begin that night, only half the organization was present.

"During the performance," Leonard says, "Buddy Boyd sang all solo parts but one from first tenor on down to baritone."

Another crisis occurred, according to Leonard, when the Cadets

were presenting a program in Beaumont. They were singing one of their most difficult numbers when one of the Seniors dressed up in boots and blouse fainted from heat prostration on the front row.

"We just stopped and waited while he was carried off the stage and then began again where he had left off," Leonard says. "The audience was kind of awed at the calmness."

This Spring Leonard will get his bachelors degree in business. He has played the organ at baccalaureate for the last three years and probably will play for his own in June.

"And, if the weather is bad, commencement will be held in Guion. That would mean that I would probably play for my own graduation exercises too," adds Leonard.

Working all his afternoons including Sunday in the Music Hall, Leonard also aids in recording sessions and the production of special broadcasts. In the Summer of '48, he was assistant musical director of The Mikado, a Gilbert and Sullivan light opera.

Leonard has played the piano since he was six years old and has played the organ for the last 11 years. He learned to master the latter by practicing on a pipe organ in church.

In high school he was selected to Who's Who in Texas High Schools. He won the honor due to scholarship and outstanding work in the orchestra, mixed chorus, and high school musical programs.

During the war, he served as organist and choir director in many Army and Air Force stations.

Leonard's past seem to prove he is capable and then some for his responsible job in the Music Hall. And it's only an occasional one in a while that when you phone to find out about some musical activity on the campus that you don't hear at the other end of the line:

"Music Hall, Leonard Perkins speaking."

Business Professor To Attend Conference

Ernest R. Bulow, assistant professor with the Business and Accounting Department, will attend the Southwestern Conference of Sales Executives at the Shamrock Hotel in Mouston, May 5 and 6.

Bulow will be a guest of the Houston Sales Executives Club.

This conference will feature many speakers from outstanding sales organizations throughout the country, Bulow said.

Mrs. Flowers Cardon
Mrs. Cardon will represent the El Paso A&M Club as their duchess in the Cotton Pageant and Ball. She will be escorted by her husband Don. Both are from El Paso.

Mary Partain
Miss Partain has been selected as their duchess to represent the Liberty County A&M Club in the Cotton Pageant and Ball. Her escort will be David Nelson sophomore Ag Ed major from Devers, Texas.

Doris Jean Hawthorne
Miss Hawthorne will represent the Port Arthur A&M Club as their duchess in the Cotton Pageant and Ball. She will be escorted by Jack Alexander, junior accounting major. Both are from Port Arthur.

Jacque Galloway
Jacque, a junior at the University of Arkansas and from Little Rock, has been named to represent Arkansas U. as their duchess in the Cotton Pageant and Ball. She will be escorted by James Pace, junior agronomy major from Kenedy, Texas.

Mary Lois Wickes
Miss Wickes, of San Antonio, will represent the La Villita Chapter, D. A. R., College Station, as their duchess in the Cotton Pageant and Ball. Her escort will be Hubert Davis, junior ME major also from San Antonio.

Marilyn Eiland
Marilyn, a student at the University of Houston and hailing from Houston, has been selected as duchess to represent the American Foundrymen's Society in the Cotton Pageant and Ball. Her escort will be James E. Niennast, from Sweetwater, Texas.

Ruth Maxwell
Miss Maxwell, a student at San Jacinto High in Houston, has been chosen to represent the Waco and Northern Star Seed Farms as their duchess in the Cotton Pageant and Ball. She will be escorted by W. R. Green, freshman from San Antonio.

Allegro Richardson
Allegro, a senior at NTSC and from Bonham, has been selected to represent the Texarkana A&M Mothers Club as their duchess in the Cotton Pageant and Ball. She will be escorted by Jim Overly, senior business major from White Oak, Texas.

Lovera Veach
Lovera will represent the Dallas A&M Club as their duchess in the Cotton Pageant and Ball. She will be escorted by Ed Curtis, senior Chem E. major. Both hail from Dallas.

Thelma Jean Churchill
Thelma of Bellville, Texas, has been selected as duchess to represent the Poultry Science Club in the Cotton Pageant and Ball. She will be escorted by Delvin Barrett, senior PH major from Bellville.

Laverna Avera
Laverna of Katy, Texas, has been selected as duchess to represent the Saddle and Sifoin Club in the Cotton Pageant and Ball. Her escort will be John Rhemann, junior dairy husbandry major from Brookshire, Texas.

Ida Beth Broadway
Miss Broadway will represent the Panhandle A&M Club as their duchess in the Cotton Pageant and Ball. She will be escorted by Bill Cunningham, senior ME major. Both hail from Panhandle, Texas.

Delayed Delivery
Mackinaw, Ill. — A mail carrier about to start on his rounds picked up an old pouch in the Mackinaw post office. In it he found a postcard mailed by Mrs. Horace Boyd of Roberts, Ill., to Mrs. Henry Parmele of Mackinaw. The carrier delivered it. Distance by the card: 60 miles. Elapsed time: 12 years.



Leonard Perkins, musically inclined from way back and presently assistant director of the Singing Cadets, strikes a ready pose beside the Musical Hall organ.

Specialist Attends Memphis Meeting

M. C. Jaynes, extension organization and cooperative marketing specialist of Texas A&M College left Sunday for Memphis, Tennessee. He will attend and participate, as a member of a national planning committee, in a meeting called for the purpose of outlining a program for the Extension Workshop on Cooperative Education to be held at Oklahoma A&M College, August 14-19, 1950.

In making the announcement, Director G. G. Gibson of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said the summer workshop is to be sponsored by the American Institute of Cooperation and the Institute has asked that Extension personnel take a leading part in planning the workshop program.

According to Gibson, Jaynes has had considerable experience in planning such meetings and is in a position to make many contributions to the Memphis meeting. He will return to College Station on April 25.

Cooperation Plus
Haifa — This is a new kind of cooperation among motorists—but it doesn't help the police any. Traveling along the Mediterranean coast to and from this Israeli industrial and port city, one sees frequently a single blinking highlight on passenger cars and trucks. Drivers so blink their lights to inform each other there's a police check post not far ahead.

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More Marijuana, Murgatroyd

Daily Texan's Editorialist Foresees Jolly Old Skulling

By BILL BILLINGSLEY

Here is the text of an editorial, entitled "Water Keeps Rippling through Library Walls," which appeared in the Wednesday, April 19 Daily Texan: (Quote).....

We can see it now, a trainload of Texas rooters, climbing along the banks of the Colorado River. Up past the scenic drive, down by Mount Bonnell, and around the bend. And right behind them, a trainload of Aggies, standing, to the man, although the cadets are five lengths behind.

That would be the first South-west Conference regatta—the initial crew race between A&M and Texas.

And that would be minor sports carried to its ultimate at the Uni-

versity. Oddly enough, we are not the first to propose a little Poughkeepsie on Lake Austin. Vice-president James C. Dooley, says that the idea has been mentioned before. If the University ever pulls a University of Chicago and gives up football, it might be a good time to mention it again.

Shell racing, of course, would come a year after the Longhorn Yacht Club had been operating for two or three years and had staged its first national regatta on a rain-filled Lake Travis. With sails and Southernly gusts on the upper waters, the calm waters of Lake Austin would be just too tempting for the crew racing enthusiasts to pass by.

And what a day it would be when the Texas lads, fourteen sets of arm muscles rippling in unison to the knock of a coxswain's beat, came tearing across the finish line to the triumphant sound of "Texas Fight" and mournful "Silver Taps."

Maybe there will never be any "T" awards with crossed oars, but

with the sun straying higher, and the waters turning cooler, and the sound of rippling water drifting through the library walls—a nice can dream, can't he? (end quote)

Ah, what crystal balls these Texan editorialists have! Not only can they see racing shells on the piddle-proportioned bodies of water that surround our state capital, but they also envision a win by the water-shy environs of that 40-acre stronghold of sin and schismophrens.

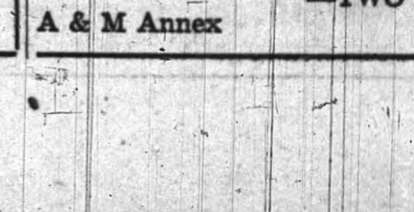
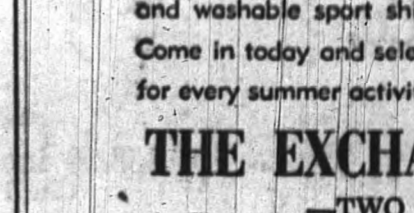
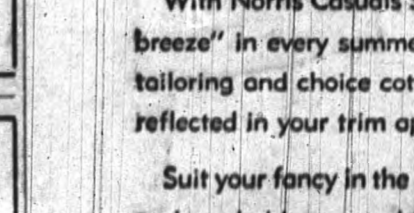
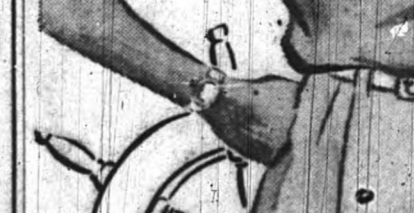
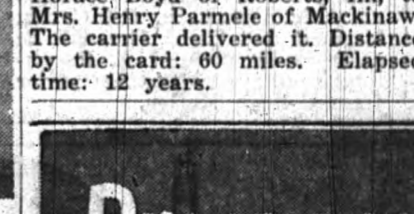
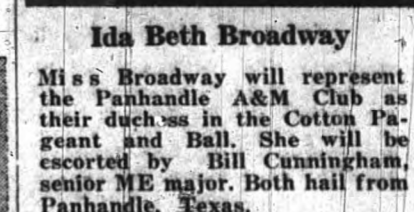
How can anyone believe that a boat crew, trained on the milky-thin waters of the peaceful Colorado, could defeat a team of robust youths from a chest and strong of back from slushing a shell through the silt-laden waters of the Brazos.

Now there is a body of water with real body. Some of the best top soil in Texas—washed, of course, from North Texas—offers potential training opposition for Brazos Boy's School boat crews.

And why, tell us, does the Texas editorialist in his ivory tower (with orange lights, of course) make that a two-school race by excluding the oarsmen of SMU hardened among the cat tails and east off Cadillac convertibles in Bachman's Lake; or the white ash tuggers of Baylor, kept free from the lung-collapsing effects of a rowing coach, sent out pick-up orders to their far-flung recruiters for Boy Scout canoeing champions who want a college education, and are holding daily workouts on Littlefield Memorial fountain.

But have no fear. Their dashingly plan to dominate the rowing racket will come to a no good end. As any university student can plainly see, sailors never remain rational long in the presence of cream-colored convertibles and cuddly co-eds, the foundation stone of all university athletic programs. Thus Southwest rowing shall be saved from the orange and white tentacles, and will probably require only a lightly insane version of the sanity code.

Did we say it was a crystal ball that editorialist had? We beg your pardon. It sounds more like he was puffing on a pipeful of woppy seed!



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