

## Daughter and Company



Stars of last night's performance of "The Daughter of the Regiment" seen by an appreciative crowd in Guion Hall are, left to right, Juanita Teal, the Marchioness of Berkenfeld; Edgar Stone, Sgt. Sulpizio; Nancy Wright, Maria, the "daughter"; David Taylor, Tony, Maria's lover and Helen Marshall, the Duchess.

## 'Daughter' Troupe Charms Guion Hall Operetta Audience

By B. F. Roland

North Texas State College's version of "The Daughter of the Regiment," proved to be a well-accepted and thoroughly appreciated off-spring indeed to diversion seekers in a nearly filled Guion Hall last night.

For many, seeing an operetta for the first time, the presentation was a pleasant surprise. For those more familiar with the world of higher music, it was a high-standard production.

Nancy Wright in the title role of the daughter, Maria, was as easy to look at as she was to listen to. But she had to use the natural beauty to steal star-billing from David Taylor and Edgar Stone.

## US Turns Down Commie Terms For Settlement

Washington, Jan. 17

(AP)—The United States swiftly rejected yesterday Communist China's proposal for a settlement of the Korean crisis on the Reds' own terms. Secretary of State Acheson said the proposal shows the Communists' "contemptuous disregard of a world-wide demand for peace."

The Red Chinese, turning down a UN cease-fire plan, called instead for seven-nation negotiations to be held in China and withdrawal of American forces from the Formosa area.

Acheson issued a statement declaring the proposal is "unacceptable to the United States government." He added that it doubtless would be unacceptable to the United Nations generally.

He issued another statement tonight which said:

"The reply of the Chinese Communists to the U. N. cease-fire proposal is still further evidence of their contemptuous disregard of a world-wide demand for peace. Their so-called 'counter proposal' is nothing less than an outright rejection."

"Once again, the Peiping regime has shown a total lack of interest in a peaceful settlement of the Korean question."

"There can no longer be any doubt that the U. N. has explored every possibility of finding a peaceful settlement of the Korean question. Now we must face squarely and soberly the fact that the Chinese Communists have no intention of ceasing their defiance of the U. N."

"I am confident that the U. N. will do that. The strength of the U. N. will lie in the firmness and unity with which we now move ahead."

## Film Receipts To Benefit Polio

A chance to see one of the "classic" war films of all times and at the same time help out the March of Dimes will be offered students and faculty members tonight at 7:30 in the YM-CA Chapel. The film, "All Quiet on the Western Front," is the story of German soldiers in World War I.

Profits from the showing will be donated to the local March of Dimes chapter to be used for treatment, medical services, and X-rays of polio cases.

Admission will be 25 cents per person, although those who wish to give more may.

## Sweetheart Entries Open

## Junior Prom Set Feb. 10

Feb. 10 has been definitely set as the date for this year's Junior Prom, Harold Chandler, Class of '52 president, said this morning.

Date for the annual class dance was changed to late April earlier this month, but has been switched again to the original time. Scene for the third-year men's biggest fling will be in the ballroom of the Memorial Student Center, with the traditional Junior Banquet preceding in Sbisba Hall.

Tariffs have been set for both events. Tickets for the Prom will sell for \$3, stag or drag, while banquet duets will require \$1.75 per plate. Main speaker for the banquet will be C. N. "New" Hielscher, light-hearted orator of the Engineering Drawing Department.

Hielscher was recently master of ceremonies at the midwinter sports banquet and has gained local fame as director of the Bryan Lions Club's annual "Minstrels."

## Sophomores Need Sweetheart Pics

All sophomores who plan to submit entries for Sophomore Sweetheart should do so immediately. Pictures may be turned in to Joe Blanchette in Dorm 10-304. Deadline for submitting entries is Feb. 10, Allen Pengelly, social secretary, said.

Two pictures of the entrant are necessary. One picture should measure approximately 5x7", formally posed, and the other must be an informal snapshot of the girl in a bathing suit, shorts or other sporty attire.

Ticket sales will be handled through unit first sergeants. Arrangements will be made soon for sales to non-corps and day students.

Entries are now being accepted for the Junior Sweetheart contest, committee chairman Bob Chapman announced this morning.

To enter a girl in the contest, the junior must submit two pictures at the Student Activities office in Goodwin Hall. One bust picture and another full-length snapshot, preferably in sports clothing, will suffice. Chapman asked that the bust picture be 5x7 or larger, if possible.

Entries will be accepted through Monday, Feb. 5. A committee will then select six finalists, who will be presented at the Junior Prom on Feb. 10. At that time the sweetheart of the class will be chosen.

## Tot Smiles Not Knowing Death Near

Anniston, Ala., Jan. 18—(AP)—Five-year-old Dorothy Ann Ottwell lies in her bed and smiles at visitors, unknowing that physicians say she can live only three to five more weeks.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ottwell, said today doctors told them the little blonde child has a brain tumor. They quoted the physicians as saying the tumor is on the brain and can not be removed surgically.

Dorothy Ann is a happy child, the parents said. She knows she is sick but she doesn't know death stands so near, they added. A few days ago, Mrs. Ottwell heard the child pray:

"Jesus, don't let me be too sick so that I can't go to the birthday party."

The parents first noticed something was wrong a few months ago when the child began holding pictures too close to her eyes. Then she began to stagger when she walked.

## Certificate Is Needed for Vets To Register

In order to do away with delay for veterans registering for the Spring term, Taylor Wilkins, veteran advisor, has announced the four categories which veterans must have a Certificate of Eligibility in order to register under the GI Bill of Rights.

• Veterans who are in the following categories must present a Certificate of Eligibility at the time they register:

• Veterans who change their place of training.

• Veterans who receive a degree and desire to start working toward another degree.

• Veterans who desire to change courses.

• Veterans who enter training for the first time.

There are only 12 days left in which to secure this certificate, Wilkins said. Veterans who do not have the certificate at the time they register will be required to pay their own fees and buy their own books until they receive their letter of authorization.

The advisor pointed out that this will also cause a delay in subsistence pay. Veterans who fall in the four categories mentioned above who have not applied for their Certificate of Eligibility are urged to come by the Veteran Advisor's Office, Room 103, Goodwin Hall for instruction on the procedure to secure it, Wilkins said.

Veterans whose GI benefits have expired are entitled to matriculation fee exemption providing they are residents of Texas. These veterans should report to the Veteran Advisor's Office for instructions on this.

Taylor, in the role of Maria's lover, Tony, displayed both firm voice and stage-mastery. Stone, as the laugh-provoking and lovable Sergeant Sulpizio, could well have come from a professional troupe.

Nor did these three complete the list of fine talent. Juanita Teal did a creditable job as the late-discovered and finally relenting mother of Maria, while Bill Sparks backed her up solidly as her steward, Orsenio.

Featured performers Helen Marshall, Al Skoog and Stewart Vannerson helped in paying tribute to the able direction of Dr. Walter H. Hodgson, dean of the North Texas School of Music.

And just to insure not missing a chance for entertainment the troupe provided an intermission violin solo by Hans Muenzer, resident violinist at NTSC. Muenzer's beautiful offering of the familiar "Gypsy Airs" by Sarasate drew a fine round of applause from the crowd.

Not a detail was lacking in the Opera Workshop presentation of the well-known Gaetano Donizetti operetta.

Captain's Daughter

The story revolved around Maria, daughter of a captain in the Grand Army of Napoleon. Upon his death, the captain leaves young Maria to the care of the 20th Regiment. Members of the regiment adopt the child and raise her to beautiful young womanhood.

The operetta begins at the stage in Maria's life when she has found as her lover, Tony, a young Tyrolean peasant who saved her from falling over a precipice. The 20th Regiment has just moved victoriously into Tyrol.

The Countess of Berkenfeld discovers the young girl with the Regiment and claims her as a niece. She demands that Maria be left in her care. Tony, meanwhile, enlists to get the approval of the Regiment for his proposed marriage. (See DAUGHTER, Page 3)

## Almost Immediate Vengeance Promised by Air Force Chief

Tokyo, Jan. 18—(AP)—A sneak air attack on the U. S. mainland would bring American aerial retaliation "almost immediately," Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force Chief of Staff, declared yesterday.

"Even in undeclared war there would be certain indications which, if properly utilized, should put us into a position to retaliate almost immediately," he added.

Later Vandenberg and Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, took off for Washington.

They had visited the Far East Command and the Korean battle-fronts for three days.

Vandenberg said it is an Air Force maxim that offense is the best defense.

"The whole proof of defense against an enemy power is attrition and destruction on the other end," he added. "The American strategic Air Force is small but very efficient."

Asked whether the U. S. would not likely be hit by surprise air attack if a Communist enemy decided upon a direct assault, Vandenberg replied "Yes, probably." He even went on to discount the element of surprise and speak of swift avenging action.

Britain at her best never knocked down more than 8 per cent of raiding German bombers during the battle for Britain, he emphasized. The Germans never were able to knock down more than 4 per cent when the tide turned the other way.

The goal of the American air defense system is to achieve a 20 to 30 per cent loss ratio against attacking aircraft, "but this would be extraordinary," he said.

The so-called "radar fence" guarding the air approaches to the U. S. is just being built, he said. Vandenberg said he concurred with General MacArthur's opinion that the Far East Air Forces are "a veteran professional outfit doing a magnificent job in Korea."

He said it would be "most efficient" to launch strategic attacks on Chinese factories in Manchuria and China to cut their supplies off at the source, "but you understand we can't do that."

## Red Offensive Feared Along Western Front

Tokyo, Jan. 18—(AP)—A strong Red Chinese defender force fought a blazing battle with probing U. N. troops tonight inside Kumyangjang, on the Korean western front.

The Allied scout-raider force was one of several feeling out the strength in the vanguard of what appears to be a Communist offensive buildup all across the peninsula.

An Allied commander said: "All hell might break loose pretty soon."

Associated Press Correspondent Jim Becker reported the Kumyangjang fight started at 4 p. m. Thursday (2 a. m. EST) and was still raging an hour later, with the Allied commander of a motorized patrol calling for air support.

Then after 90 minutes of fighting the Allied commander reported he had pulled both his units out of the town and taken one prisoner.

Becker quoted the Allied commander as saying he had encountered a large enemy group, was facing heavy resistance before the pullout and that his position was being flanked by the Red Chinese.

It was the first strong action reported by patrols prowling the far-flung Korean war lines during the day. They penetrated as deep as 26 miles.

An ominous quiet prevailed in most sectors but there was abundant evidence of heavy Red troop concentrations.

A pre-offensive buildup of enemy troops became evident Wednesday night when U. S. Fifth Air Force B-26 bombers sighted six Red troop trains and attacked five. Pilots claimed one was destroyed and four others damaged.

Highway convoys totaling more than 400 Red vehicles likewise were spotted and attacked on roads leading to central and western fronts.

Red China yesterday rejected the latest U. N. cease-fire proposal.

A rough outline of enemy positions was drawn by accounts of patrol activity. The line slants southeast from Seoul to Yongwol, 97 miles from the fire-blackened South Korean capital. Yongwol is 33 miles northeast of Chungju, road junction city held by the Allies.

Red deployments appear to be designed to cut off Eighth Army forces strung out from western Korea toward the old Pusan frontier, on the southeastern tip of the peninsula.

Specifically, patrol activity reports indicate the Communist forces are stretched from a 90,000-man force south of Seoul to Suwon, 17 air miles south of Seoul, and then east through Icheon and down to Yongwol, a mining town.

The Allied patrols roamed at will through enemy front lines, meeting only light opposition Thursday except at Kumyangjang.

## Language Division Offers New Course

Public Speaking in Spanish-326, a new two hour course, will be offered this spring announced Dr. J. T. Woolket, head of the foreign language department.

Each student will give a three minute talk in Spanish every week and will speak on a subject of his own choice. The speech will be recorded and played back to enable the students to offer criticism.

Woolket also stated that a proposed course in beginning Russian may be offered.

## Military Dept. Announces New Transfer Policy

A policy concerning transfer and assignment of ROTC students between the Army and Air Force has been announced by the military department.

In accordance with the Statement of Joint ROTC Policies, dated June 21, 1949, the PMS&T agree that students will be divided on a 60-40 basis, that is 60 per cent of the total enrolled ROTC student body will be assigned to the Army and 40 per cent to the Air Force. This ratio may be revised from time to time due to contract quota limitations.

Entering Freshmen will initially be assigned to a unit within the service of their choice, either Army or Air Force, insofar as practicable.

During the spring of each academic year, Freshmen will be given a final opportunity, in accordance with their academic standing, to select the service of their choice, subject to the quota limitations described above, and no subsequent transfer of students between services will be approved, except:

• Where a mutual transfer can be arranged between students in the Basic Course who possess similar baccalaureate backgrounds.

• Transfer of students entering the Advanced ROTC course will be permitted provided the 60-40 ratio is retained in that class.

Retained students entering A&M for the first time will be assigned to their choice as to service, either Army or Air Force ROTC.

## Levens to Address Engineering Group

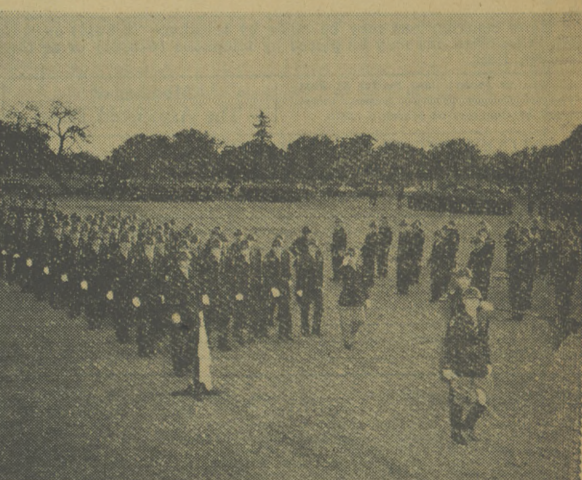
"Graphics in Engineering and Research," will be the topic of a talk by A. S. Levens, of the University of California, at Berkeley, tonight in the new Biological Science Building at 8.

He will give pointers to the faculty and graduate students on the presentation of research and educational material by graphic means.

Under the joint sponsorship of the Engineering Drawing Department and the Drawing Division of the American Society of Engineering Education, Prof. Levens' talk is part of the Graduate Lecture Series.

In addition to his text books he is the author of a long list of papers and articles which have appeared in several journals.

## On Parade



Freshman Squadron 7 passes in Review during the review held yesterday on the field west of Law Hall. The Squadron is commanded by Homer H. "Cotton" Johnson, senior Geo-physics major from Iredell. (Photo by Bill Hites)

## Aggie Ex Given Publicity In January 'Texas Parade'

M. S. Church, '05, leads off the list of picturesque Texans in the January issue of "Texas Parade." A story, "Texans in Action," by William H. Gardner, lists the various pursuits of this 66-year-old Dallas attorney.

The magazine names Church a "recognized master" at his primary profession of law and sidelines including scientific farming, pigeon raising, collecting cook-books, and cooking.

His accomplishments in all these lines are particular interesting in light of the fact that as a student at A&M, Church became the first corps commander. The position at that time was worth a cadet major rating.

In the line of scientific farming, Church manages four family-owned farms, according to the magazine. His tenants mix livestock raising and row-crop growing to reap a harvest for themselves and their landlord.

Regarding his farming Church is quoted as saying, "I have come to the theory that landlords need educating as well as the tenant farmer. First class farming families will not put up with the kind of dwellings offered them in the past. I believe that for a landlord to have a first class house, he must have a first class house, with conveniences."

The tenant on the Church farm at Richland has \$15,000 worth of equipment.

The former cadet commander reads every bulletin published by the Agricultural Experiment Station since, as he says, "If you are going to farm, it takes as much study on the problems involved as a lawyer must spend on a case."

Concerning Church's other avocations, "Texas Parade" cites the four grand champions he won with his favorite Giant Runt breed.

Geography Course Replaces Science

A new geography course which will satisfy the science requirement in the School of Arts and Science, has been set up and will be taught this semester. Dr. George Schlesselman, head of the department, announced this morning.

The new course will have three hours of theory and three hours of laboratory with four hours credit.

The course will include orientation in the field of geography; basic facts and geographical tools; latitude and longitude; map construction and map reading; elements of the weather and climate; and earths processes distinguished from the classes of earth features.

"The point of view maintained throughout the course is that the physical earth is the home of man and that consequently the resources potentialities of the elements are of the paramount importance," Dr. Schlesselman said.

## Refinery Tours Halted by Humble

Baytown, Tex., Jan. 18—(AP)—The Humble Oil and Refining Company has stopped public tours through its five huge plants here.

Nearly 50,000 people from all over the nation and the world had attended the lecture tours through the operating facilities since the good will feature was introduced at the close of World War II.

The national emergency and the possibility of sabotage were given as reasons for stopping the tours.

## Fish Meet Tonight In Assembly Hall

The Freshman Class will meet tonight in the Assembly Hall at 7 p. m. Thomas Clemens, president of the class, announced today.

Clemens said the class will discuss the Freshman Ball. The ball will be held in Sbisba on Feb. 3.

The class will also discuss the choosing of the Freshman Sweetheart.

Deadline of entries in the contest will be Jan. 20.

Six finalists will be chosen. From these the Sweetheart will be chosen the night of the Ball.

## Food Group to Meet

The Foods Group of the A&M Christian Church will meet in the Women's Social Club at 7 p. m. Friday.

The occasion will be Party Night and husbands and other guests have been invited.