

Singing Stars



The Singing Stars, a group of sixteen young ladies from TSCW, will be a part of the program to be presented in Guion Hall tomorrow night at 7:30. The ensemble will sing several

Cole Porter selections, some American Folk Songs and music on the popular side. Miss Bettigene Slover, right front, will be soloist for the group.

Talented Texan

Denny Beckner Signs To Play Military Ball

By BILL DICKENS

Denny Beckner's orchestra, hailed by the Music Corporation of America as the finest entertainment band to come up over the horizon since Kay Kyser, has been named to play for the Military Ball, March 10 in Sbis Hall.

Prior to the dance at 9 p. m., Beckner's orchestra featuring Betsy Ross, singer and dancer, will provide music for the concert in Guion Hall at 7:15.

Known to theatre-goers throughout the land as a comedy dancer of the vaudeville circuits, Beckner has traced his steps with his band to reach stardom.

With successful holdover engagements at the Roosevelt Hotel in Washington, D. C. and the Hotel Park Central in New York, the Denny Beckner Orchestra is acknowledged as one of the important name bands in the field.

A patented metronome provides a definite dance beat to satisfy all

Air Force ROTC Plans Expansion

The Air Force ROTC program will be expanded to include 187 institutions in the United States next fall, the Air Force announced today.

The program, now operating at 125 colleges and universities, will include 62 additional institutions. The names of the chosen institutions will be announced in April.

Liberal arts colleges and other non-engineering institutions, as well as those which offer engineering programs, are eligible for the new AFROTC units.

Instructions as to application procedures have been sent to eligible institutions in the form of a Defense Information Bulletin, issued by the Federal Security Agency, Office of Education.

The AFROTC is a principal source of officer procurement for the Air Force.

Architects Plan Ft. Worth Trip

Eight staff members of the Architecture Department, will attend the regional meeting of Southwestern Schools of Architecture, to be held in Fort Worth, March 9-10.

The men who will make the trip will be Ernest Langford, head of the department and members T. R. Holleman, B. M. King, G. C. McCutchan, M. M. Rotsch, J. M. Rowlett, J. N. Wood and R. Voorman.

Other schools which will be represented include the University of Texas, Rice Institute, Texas Tech, University of Houston and schools from New Mexico, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Theme of the meeting will be "Philosophy of Teaching Architectural Design." Professor Rowlett will be one of the speakers.

types of dancers. The over-all style is smooth with Beckner providing comedy in the Denny Beckner fashion. Seeing the band for the first time, Walter Winchell rated it "Oreohis."

As a personality leader, he has been compared with Kay Kyser and Horace Heidt for his pleasant manner and ability to keep the patrons happy. His band efforts to seeing that every customer has a good time and his patter and ad lib clown effects are dedicated to that end.

A native Texan, Beckner was born in San Antonio. With his parents in show business, he wasted no time in following in their footsteps. At the age of

nine he was with the Al C. Fields Minstrels and for 18 years since then he has been on the road, playing in tent shows and vaudeville acts with his band.

An all around athlete in high school and college, he at one time thought seriously of making boxing his career. With the advice of Jack Dempsey, heavyweight boxing champion, he decided to continue dancing. He became a vaudeville hooper and a master of ceremonies in the same circuits with such stars as Red Skelton and Bob Hope.

Realizing that bacon waving was the field for him, Beckner slowly added to his act, until it grew into a full sized orchestra with soloists as it is today.

In addition to his chores on the podium, the tall and slim musician finds time to write songs and for relaxation, to pilot his own plane.

Religious Leaders Critique RE Week

College Station ministers and members of the Inter-Church Council will meet in the Cabinet Room of the YMCA March 6 to discuss the recent Religious Emphasis Week program.

Beginning at 5:30 p. m., the group will meet to criticize the Guion Hall Services, the forums, and the discussion groups and make suggestions for improving Religious Emphasis Week next year.

"It is important that those present bring their criticisms before the rest so that a more effective program can be offered next year," said Curtis Edwards, chairman of the Inter-Church Council.

Supper will be served to those attending and the meeting will dismiss in time for the Guion Hall Town program, Edwards said.

Four Cents a Meal

Mess Hall Prices Boosted Still the Ends Don't Meet

The job of feeding some 4,000 boys and staying within budget limitations has recently proven quite a headache for J. G. Peniston, supervisor of subsistence.

Caught in the squeeze of rising prices recently, Peniston found it necessary to request the board of directors for authority to increase the charge for students' board.

The request was approved, raising the charge from \$36 to \$39.50 per month. This figure brought the average cost per meal to 44 cents.

For the average of 44 cents per meal, the Aggie gets all he can eat. His bill of fare for lunch and dinner includes meat, potatoes, or substitute, vegetable, bread and

butter, and dessert. The cadet has a choice of milk or coffee for breakfast and the evening meal, and tea, punch, or some other beverage is served for lunch.

Some 3,400 cadets are fed in the college's two dining halls. Non-military students may eat in the college cafeteria, where similar prices prevail.

Peniston recently compiled a list of 25 food items, which make up 70 per cent of the college's total food cost, and their comparative costs to the college in 1939 and 1951.

Total cost of one unit of each item (pound or dozen) in 1939 was \$3.19. Today it is \$9.84, an increase of 208 per cent.

During the period of 1939 to 1951, the charge for board has increased 86 per cent.

Before the outbreak of the Korean war, food prices were down almost 25 per cent from the postwar peak in 1948. Peniston said, but an all-time high was reached early this year.

"It was easier to meet high food prices in 1948 because the college had a peak enrollment," Peniston said. "It cost very little more to feed the larger student body than to feed the present one."

With enrollment lower than the postwar peak, the college's subsistence department was caught in the squeeze when prices began to rise following the outbreak of war in Korea.

Records Broken In 4th Annual Pipe Smoking Contest

By BILL AABERG

Seven records tumbled last night as 75 stout-hearted contestants gave the Assembly Room of the MSC a true baptism of fire at the Fourth Annual Battalion Pipe Smoking Contest.

Prizes with a total value of \$280 were passed out during the three-hour long affair as several dozen spectators squinted into the smoke-filled depths.

Top time-event of the affair was the Cigar-Smoking Division, in which P. T. Cardielac bettered last year's record by 15 minutes to roll up a two-hour long session with the stogie.

W. S. Lang puffed into second place at one hour and 42 minutes and C. R. Matula dropped out of the running at one hour and 36 minutes to grab third place.

The lads with the long-stemmed church-wardens made the best showing of the night by breaking last year's record in that division by 42 minutes. Top place honors went to Frank Simmen with a time of one hour and seven minutes.

Second place winner Lang made a 53-minute showing in this even while number three man J. M. Mathis had a time of 42 minutes.

Another of the records to tumble was in the calabash division where Glenn Cummings went 20 minutes better than last year's time of 30 minutes.

Second place man Z. H. Fehrman smoked close with a 45-minute run and third place Bill Witty called it quits at 28 minutes.

Large bowl pipe smoker, J. D. Linton, broke last year's record by nineteen and one-half minutes with a time of ninety-one and one-half minutes. Bob Shave smoked into second place with one hour and a minute, and J. D. Linton was third with twenty-three minutes.

Little pipe smokers broke records as G. G. Sawtell smoked for forty-eight minutes—double last year's time.

A very close second in the event was E. L. Huber who stayed forty-seven minutes. Third place was taken by Robert Wolselgel who had twenty-seven minutes.

The corn cob pipe smoking event was acclaimed to be the toughest of the evening. The pipes were really hot and, as one contestant put it, "Those things will jar your molars." (See WONDER PIPE, Page 6)

Local USMCR Officer Takes Field Courses

Maj. Maurice J. Gremillion, Marine Corps reserve from College Station, is among 300 community leaders attending a two-week field course of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Houston.

Instruction covers basic elements of mobilization of the nation's economy in event of war. A specially trained faculty group of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps officers are conducting classes in the Veteran's hospital auditorium.

A condensed version of a regular 10-month course offered by the Industrial College in Washington, the session has 31 students from the Navy and Marine Corps, and approximately 50 each from the Army and Air Force.

Dr. Turk Named To Vet Congress Panel

Dr. R. D. Turk, head of the Department of Veterinary Parasitology in the School of Veterinary Medicine, has been appointed one of three members of a panel to discuss Internal Parasites of Animals at the First Pan-American Veterinary Congress to be held October 20-26, 1951, on the campus of the Veterinary School in Lima, Peru.

S. W. Nichols, four-year scholarship; \$1,200; Dick Price-Motor Company, four-year scholarship, \$300; East Texas Chapter, A. P. I., \$300 scholarship; Permian Basin A&M Club, \$250 scholarship; Sam A. Shannon, four-year scholarship, \$1,200; Anderson-Clayton Company, research fellowship, \$2,400; Gifford Hill Pipe Company, additional scholarship, \$200.

New Scholarships

Col. T. H. Barton, the Barton Foundation, four-year scholarship, \$1,200; Mosher Steel Company, two scholarships, \$1,200; H. Larsen Memorial Scholarship, \$3,500; Mrs. S. W. Henderson, Sr., two additional four-year scholarships, \$2,400; T. W. Mohle, annual awards and prizes, \$250 and the Deep East Texas A&M Club, two four-year scholarships, \$1,000; Magnolia Petroleum Company, graduate fellowship, \$2,000; First National Bank, Houston, \$2,000 scholarship, anonymous for petroleum engineering equipment, \$2,500; Ray E. Dickson Memorial Fund, \$846.50.

Lilly Ice Cream Company of



Jack Gwynne

... will give the Aggies a taste of prestidigitation March 14 in a show in Guion. Tickets may be purchased in Student Activities Office, Goodwin Hall.

Finletter OK's Inactive Duty Officers Boost

Promotions for Reserve Officers in inactive duty have been authorized, Secretary of the Air Force Thomas K. Finletter announced today.

Inactive duty promotions, except for second lieutenants, were frozen last summer when USAF Headquarters suspended such promotion authority pending the ordering of large numbers of Reserve Officers to active duty.

The action was taken at that time to permit a study of inactive duty Reserve rank as compared to that of regular and Reserve officers who have remained on active duty since the war, and to correct as far as possible any promotion inequalities.

Twenty-five percent of the Reserve Officers on inactive duty were holding grades higher than their highest rank achieved during the war. A large majority of Reserve Officers still on active duty were found to be serving in their World War II grades because of limited postwar promotion possibilities.

The new promotion program will not consider Reserve Officers on inactive duty who received terminal promotions, and promotions, except to the grade of first lieutenant, will be made only to fill unit vacancies.

New Gifts, Grants Accepted by Board

A total of \$92,796.50 in gifts, grants-in-aid, scholarships and fellowships has been accepted the college's Board of Directors.

In addition, the board accepted gifts of equipment on which no specific cash value was placed, as well as a number of equipment loans.

Agricultural research drew \$51,400 of the total cash gifts and grants, with that amount going to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in the form of grants-in-aid; \$30,946.50 in scholarships, fellowships and awards went to the college.

Scholarships, fellowships and awards to the college were: Dow Chemical Company, graduate fellowship in chemical engineering, \$1,500; the Humble Company, additional graduate fellowship, \$1,200; James F. Lincoln Foundation, scholarships in agricultural engineering, \$500; W. P. and Bulah Luse Foundation two additional four-year scholarships, \$2,100; Fort Worth A&M Mothers, \$200 scholarship award; Southern States Life Insurance Company, four-year scholarship, \$2,500.

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Prairie View Fund

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The board accepted a gift of \$10,000 from Arlington citizens to aid in construction of dressing rooms, rest rooms and other facilities of the Arlington State College stadium at the earliest possible date.

Bryan donated equipment to the Veterinary Bacteriology and Hygiene Department and Roy A. Brewer, field representative of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, San Antonio, gave a Kodaslide projector and carrying case to the Animal Husbandry Department.

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Labor Refuses To Aid Truman Defense Plan

Washington, March 1—(AP)—A flat refusal by the top men of labor to participate in the defense mobilization program confronted President Truman today with a home-front crisis that threatened the whole wage and price control effort.

A complete break with the mobilization agencies as they are now constituted carried with it an ominous threat of widespread industrial unrest.

The decision to boycott the program was made last night by the United Labor Policy Committee in protest against what it called "legalized robbery" in price control, "unjust" wage ceilings, and "big business" domination of the defense drive.

It was a vote of no-confidence in Mr. Truman's economic program, and unionists looked to the President's news conference today (10 a.m., EST) for clues as to whether he will respond by shaking up his mobilization policies and personnel.

Investigators Wait

Two Congressional investigations loomed. Senator Bricker (R-Ohio) said he will ask the Senate-House "Watchdog" Committee on mobilization to start an inquiry. Senator Humphrey (D-Minn.) promised quick action by his labor subcommittee.

Bricker said the labor chiefs had made a "fatal mistake." He told a reporter: "Public opinion is certain to be against fellows who walk out just because they can't get everything they demand."

The instructions to union officers to "resign immediately" from defense posts bore the unanimous endorsement of some of labor's biggest names. These included AFL president William Green, CIO president Philip Murray, and 12 other policy committee members representing most of the country's 15,000,000 organized wage earners.

Green and Murray themselves are quitting several government advisory jobs.

Hack Wilson

A chief target of their attack was Charles E. Wilson, director of the office of defense mobilization, accused of running a big-business show and excluding labor.

Going further, the committee evidently sought the scalps of Cyrus S. Ching, chief of the nine-member wage stabilization board, and of both the other public members, John Dunlop and Clark Kerr.

Until Mr. Truman entirely "reconstituted" the board, the unionists decreed, labor's three representatives will boycott the board which formulated the disputed 10 per cent wage-increase formula by the vote of the public and industry members. That percentage would be allowed above Jan. 15, 1950 levels.

The committee left only one small apparent loophole. It said labor leaders ready to meet with "responsible representatives" of the government to seek a remedy. There was no immediate official response.

Highway Course In MSC, March 7-8

Experts will discuss street and highway problems at the 25th annual short course in Highway Engineering to be held in the MSC March 7-8.

DeWitt C. Greer, state highway engineer, Frank S. Maddox, assistant state highway engineer, John A. Waller, chief engineer of construction and maintenance and Fred J. Benson of Civil Engineering Department, compose the program committee.

Subjects to be discussed include "Effect of National Emergency on Texas Highways," "The Contractor's Present Position," and "Making Better Use of Existing Highways" and other subjects.

Methodists Attend Citizenship Meet

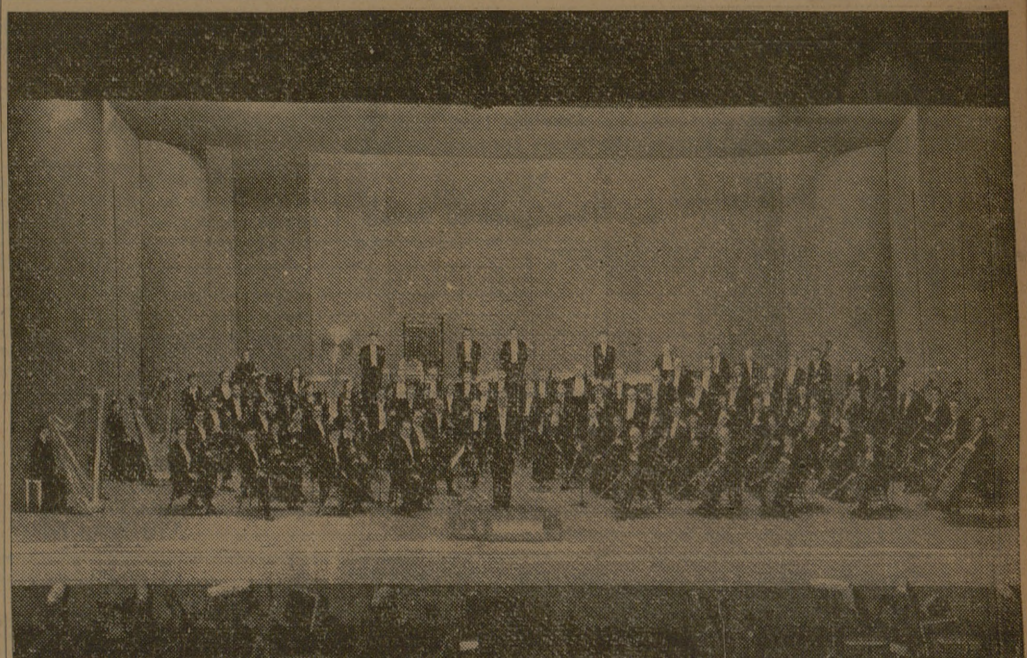
The Methodist Students of A&M are represented by Hugh Winn, Dale E. Walston, Kenneth Baker and Nat Kenney Jr., at the five day Citizenship seminar being held in Washington, D. C. and at Lake Success, N. Y.

The Aggie delegates were accompanied by the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Sneed of the A&M Wesley Foundation.

Between 60 and 70 Methodist Students representing college and university campuses of the United States will take part in the seminar.

For three days the group will meet with governmental leaders and statesmen discussing the Washington scene and current legislation.

On Feb. 27 the students will move to Lake Success where they will spend at least two days observing the United Nations in action and meeting with top leaders of that body.



The San Antonio Symphony will present a program especially designed for college audiences in their Tuesday night performance in Guion Hall. The program is being sponsored by Town Hall.

There are still a few tickets for sale for the performance and two other presentations to be presented later in this spring. They may be purchased in Student Activities Office, Goodwin Hall.