

Symphonette to Appear Dec. 9

While on a concert tour that will carry them throughout the entire United States, Canada, and part of Mexico, the Longines Symphonette will appear on this season's third Town Hall program on December 9.

Under the direction of Mischel Piatro, this celebrated ensemble will present a program devoted to shorter selections or movements by the greatest composers as well as many "lighter" pieces.

The Symphonette has become familiar to many radio listeners through its regular Sunday afternoon broadcasts. For many years it has been heard five times weekly over Radio Station WOR in New York City at 10:30 p.m.



Mischel Piatro

Five time winner of the Musical America Critic's Poll, the Longines Symphonette is sometimes called "the average man's symphony orchestra." The ensemble is a full symphony orchestra in all respects except large numbers, and with all instruments represented. The essential difference between the Symphonette and the usual symphony orchestra is merely the Symphonette has a smaller string section.

Composed of 31 of New York's finest musicians, this musical group began its career with only 13 members. Later the woodwinds were added and finally all the usual instruments of the full orchestra.

The number of musicians making the broadcasts vary slightly according to the music being played that day. The 31 musicians to play here with Mischel Piatro are the average number heard on the radio.

The Longines Symphonette had its premiere broadcast over Radio Station WEA in New York in 1941 and has been continuously on the air ever since. During 1948, the Symphonette made its radio debut on the Columbia Broadcasting System and has recently completed its third year cycle over the full CBS Network of 166 stations.

World-wide Fame
Piatro's orchestra has established a reputation throughout the United States and Canada. Its programs have also been carried by government-owned radio enterprises, including the Armed Forces, stationed all over the world.

Piatro was born in Kerth, Russia, and started his violin lessons at the age of six. Coming to the United States in 1920, he made his first appearance as soloist in this country with the National Symphony Orchestra in New York. In 1925, Piatro accepted the post of concertmaster and assistant conductor with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.

By 1931, he had accepted the invitation of Arturo Toscanini, to take the post of concertmaster for the New York Philharmonic Symphony. Toscanini has frequently referred to him as "the greatest concertmaster in history."



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Learn Infantry Tactics

Aggie Campers In Alabama End Training, Return Home

By BERT WHEELER

Chem. Corps Camp Correspondent

Ft. McClellan, Ala.—(Delayed) As the Chemical Corps Camp moves into its final days, the biggest subject of conversation is naturally the impending trip home.

The Army still has some ideas about what must be done, however, and insists on forcing the tired cadets into doing some work.

In addition to learning the various Chemical Corps subjects the Aggies have been concentrating on infantry tactics. On a recent three-day bivouac, the troops alternately attacked and defended one of the local hillsides.

The hill, known as Hill 734, will probably not be forgotten for a long time by most of the cadets here. On the various ranges at Ft.

McClellan, the group has been firing man of the weapons in use by the Army. Range work has included the M1 rifle, the carbine, the .45 cal. pistol, and the .45 cal. submachine gun.

Most of the Aggies managed to qualify on the M1 course and then moved ahead to the transition ranges where they were called upon to be the first in the pits pulling targets. On these ranges, in which all targets are either moving or bobbing, the bullets pass about five feet above the head of the person controlling the targets.

Close Fire
Most of the cadets wondered if one purpose of the course might not be to get the student used to operating under close rifle fire.

On the day after he won the camp ping-pong championship, Tommy Mondshine was injured in the barracks and has been kept in the hospital under observation for possible head injuries. Although complaining that he does not remember much about what happened, Tommy is the envy of practically everyone as he enjoys the luxuries of an innerspring mattress, lots of ice water, and good food.

One of the highlights of the

camp here in the hills of Northeastern Alabama, has been the two large dances. Many of the local girls were quite amazed with the guys in big boots from Texas and helped everyone to have a fine time.

For several days after the dances, the local telephone exchanges were clogged with Aggies calling their new-found friends. The empty barracks on the succeeding Saturday night gave proof of their success.

Another social event at which the Aggies were guests was a big steak dinner at the Officers Club given by the former students here on the post. With Col. Moore acting as toastmaster, everyone enjoyed the talk.

Student Saves Crewman's Life In Swift Water

Jerry Stien, graduate student in oceanography, was commended by Dr. A. A. Jakkula, head of Texas research foundation, for his quick thinking and effective action that saved a tug crewman's life.

A group of oceanography students and faculty members from A&M were testing a new tug ten miles south of Galveston, when the crewman fell overboard.

When Stien saw that the crewman could not swim and was about to be pulled under by current set by the boat, he dived overboard and pushed the crewman away from the boat.

Dr. D. F. Leipper and D. W. Hood of the oceanography department, came to the rescue of the two men and helped Stien keep the crewman afloat until the boat could stop to make the pick-up.

Stien entered graduate school in oceanography at A&M this summer. He is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire. He was released from a hospital a short time ago where he was treated for a lung ailment.

Studio Announces Winners of Child Personality Award

Winners of the Aggieland studio's first annual child personality contest were announced Saturday.

Winners were chosen from the following age groups: three months to one year, one to three years, and three to six years. The respective winners for each group were Sandra Kay Huebner, Louise Mahoney, and Kathleen Lewis.

Winners were each awarded a 11 by 14 inch colored photograph, complete with frame.

Entries were judged on personality, interest and appeal as evidenced in the photograph.

Judges for the contest were Mrs. Ralph Terry, Mrs. Tom Taylor, and Mrs. Tom Puddy.

4 Agricultural Education Professors Receive Invitations to Attend Meetings

E. R. Alexander, Henry Ross, E. V. Walton, and J. R. Jackson, all of the agricultural education department, have been invited by the commissioner of education, Dr. W. J. Edgar, to assist with vocational education conferences during August.

Alexander, head of the agricultural education department, will lead panel discussions on "Adult and Young Farmer Education," and "Vocational Agriculture in Total Education Program," at Fort Worth Aug. 12 through 16, with teachers from areas four, five, and eight participating.

Ross will serve as a special consultant on "A Building Program and the Annual Teaching Plan," at

San Antonio with teachers representing areas seven and ten.

Walton will serve as a consultant on "Teaching Plan and Farm Shop Programs," with teachers from areas three, six, and nine assembled at Houston.

Jackson will be a consultant on "Improving Supervised Farming Program," at Lubbock with areas one and two participating.

Registrar's Office Gets Ring Order

All senior rings have arrived and are ready to be picked up at the ring window in the Registrar's office, announced Mrs. Dell Bauer, ring clerk.

29 Die In Bus Crash

Death struck by moon light early yesterday morning as two Greyhound busses crashed head-on and burst into flames on the Waco-Temple highway, seven miles south of Waco. At least 29 persons died in the pre-dawn collision.

Seventeen injured were brought to the Providence Hospital in Waco and another man was treated at Hillcrest Memorial Hospital in Waco, reported a spokesman at Providence Hospital.

An officer at the James Connally Air Force Base, north of Waco, said 17 servicemen injured in the crash were treated

Absentee Vote Ends August 19 For Vacationers

Qualified voters absent from their home county may vote in the Texas Democratic Runoff Primary Aug. 23, by complying with requirements for absentee voting.

Persons now at home but who will be absent on the day of election may vote at any time from Aug. 3 to 19. They must personally appear before the County Clerk of their county and present their poll tax receipt or exemption certificate.

The voters will receive an official ballot which they must mark and place in the regular ballot box of their precinct.

If an individual is unable to vote in the above manner and will not be home on the election date, he may make a written application for a ballot to the County Clerk of his home county.

Applications will be received from Aug. 3 to 19 and should be accompanied with a poll tax receipt or exemption certificate. The voter in this case will be mailed a blank official ballot and a ballot envelope.

The ballot must be marked, placed in the ballot envelope, and the envelope sealed in the presence of a notary public. It should then be returned, postage prepaid, to the county of its origin.

there. About eight of the victims taken to Providence Hospital were among those transferred to the air base hospital.

Scene of the crash was about two miles from the Waco Memorial Cemetery. State highway patrolmen said the weather was clear and a near full moon was shining. The highway was dry.

Greyhound officials said one of the busses was going to San Antonio and the other was en route to Dallas.

Scores of ambulances from nearby towns rushed to the scene to help take the dead and injured to hospitals and morgues. The wreckage of the busses, which burst into flames after the crash, was moved from the traffic clogged highway with bulldozers.

Irvin Warren, office manager of the Compton Funeral Home, said most of the bodies at the morgue are burned beyond recognition "and some are burned so badly that it is impossible to determine whether they are male or female."

The Associated Press reported it will be a difficult job to count the dead because many bodies were so badly burned they fell to pieces on being moved. The busses themselves burned almost to rubbish.

One of the busses appeared to be completely eaten up by the flames which burst out following the crash. Nothing appeared left on this vehicle but the frame work. The other, some 75 yards away and on the opposite side of the highway, appeared to be sheared off at the wheels and half burned, resting on its frame.

The collision occurred about 4:30 a.m., according to the State Highway Patrol.

Hours later, shoes, parts of purses and their scorched contents, luggage tags and other clues to identify the victims still were being carefully combed from the blackened wreckage, the Associated Press reported.

Waco Times-Herald Reporter Sam Wood said "one of the busses burned down to a rubbish pile and the other was almost as bad. When they pulled the smashed busses apart, the wreckage just fell to pieces."

The sickening scent of burning flesh was reported heavy in the air after the busses exploded. A baby was seen lying on the pavement burning.

Although many of the casualties were servicemen, apparently none were of the 550 Houston reservists who went to Fort Hood Sunday for two weeks training, said Lt. Pat Nicholson, public information officer for the 75th Infantry Reserve.

Clark Munroe Writes History Of 2nd Division

Lt. Clark C. Munroe, 1949-50 editor of The Battalion, has written a book depicting the history of the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea.

Entitled "Second to None," the book is rapidly becoming a best seller in military circles. Thirty "Second to None" is a record of the battles and operations of the 2nd Division. A special section is devoted to men of the 2nd whose heroic deeds won them the Congressional Medal of Honor, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Silver Star, and the Distinguished Service Cross.

61 Pictures
Abundantly illustrated, the book contains 61 pages of photographs, eight maps, and numerous sketches showing campaigns and life of the American soldier in Korea.

Munroe graduated in 1950 with a degree in business administration, and is from San Antonio. He was a member of the Ross Volunteers, and served as chairman of the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee in 1948-49.

New Editor



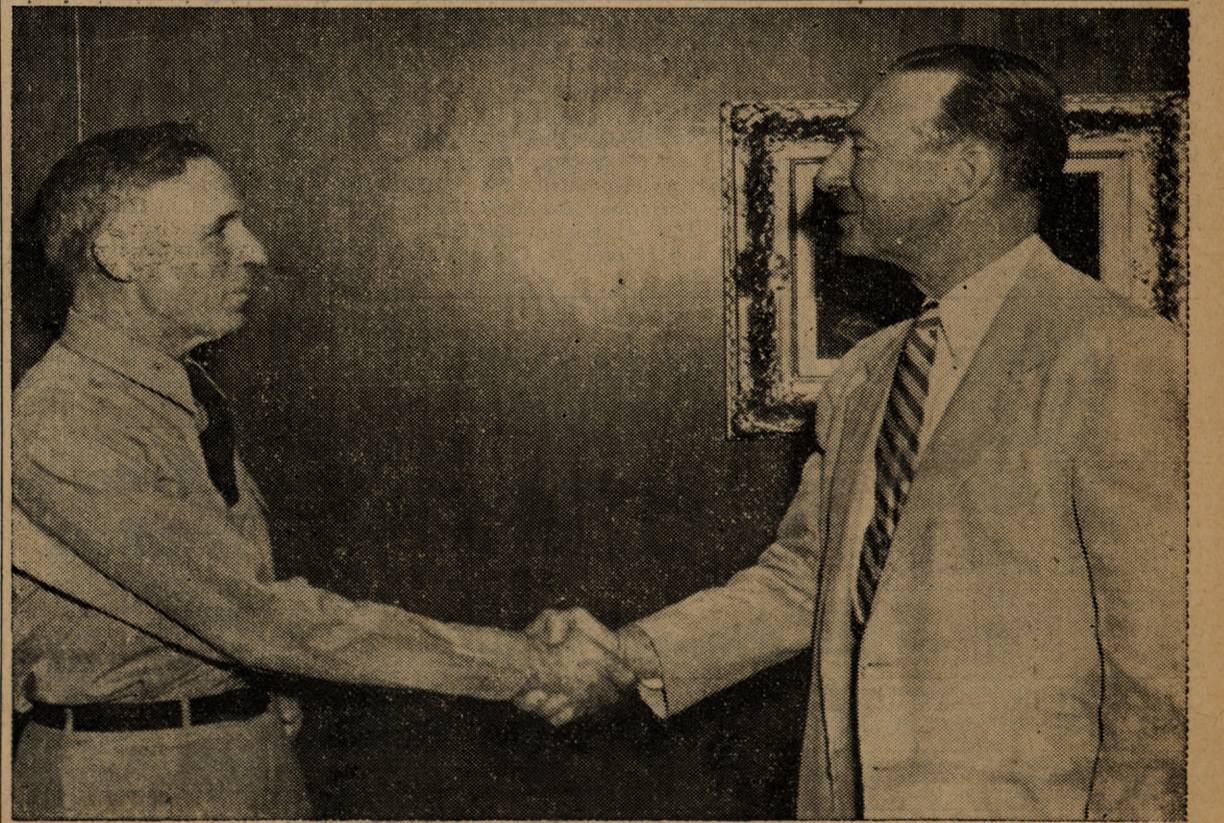
Bob Selleck

Robert H. Selleck, senior journalism major from San Benito, took over the duties of Editor of The Battalion Monday.

Selleck, who is married, is a member of the Journalism Club and has served as secretary-treasurer. He has been with The Battalion

staff for three years. He started as reporter, then sports news editor, and for most of the past year he has served in the capacity of sports editor.

Selleck will continue as editor for the remainder of summer school.



Col. John A. Way, professor of Air Science and Tactics, left, is greeted by President M. T. Harrington of A&M. Colonel Way replaces Col. E.

W. Napier who was assigned recently as deputy commander of Headquarters Air Force ROTC at Montgomery, Ala.