

Houston Symphony



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Houston Symphony Returns January 8

Fourth on this season's Town Hall schedule will be a return performance by the Houston Symphony on January 8. Under the direction of Efrem Kurtz, the orchestra has been called "comparable throughout to the Northern orchestras and among the better symphonies in the country."

After the Houston Symphony was reorganized in 1948, it made its debut on November 1 of that year. On this program it presented the world premiere of the works of the contemporary American composer, Aaron Copland.

Ag Extension To Move Into New Building

The Agriculture Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station will soon move to new quarters in the System Administration Building.

The basement, first and second floors of the building are being remodeled and repainted to provide offices.

New work handled through the office of Arch C. Baker, college architect, is the veterinary hospital and clinic, 15 percent completed, the maternity barn and five silos for the dairy husbandry department, and the Agronomy Laboratory, nearly completed.

Dormitories 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, the three story office section and lecture room of the agricultural engineering building and the exterior of the cotton research laboratory and petroleum engineering buildings are to be painted.

Culpepper Plot Has 30 Units Ready

Thirty units of the Oak Terrace addition are now completed and ready for occupants.

The first families moved in four weeks ago, said Bill Carl, associate in the Culpepper Realty Company.

Attracting attention in the national press, the performance soon gave Houston the distinction of having one of the principal symphony orchestras in the nation.

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The man whose artistic helped put the Houston Symphony in its honored position in the musical world is Efrem Kurtz, the director.

Before taking direction of this musical group, Kurtz was conductor of the Kansas City Philharmonic orchestra. He had made two previous visits to Houston and on each occasion had won the respect and admiration of the Houston musical public from his experienced and intelligent symphony direction.

Kurtz was given a three year contract with the orchestra and at the same time saw it undertake a large expansion program. The budget of the 1948-49 season was enlarged and the orchestra was increased from 78 to 85 musicians. Also the concert schedule was expanded to present more than twice the number of musical events of former seasons.

Additional Programs

In addition to regular subscription concerts, the Houston Symphony annually presents student concerts, free "pop" programs, gives radio broadcasts, makes classical recordings and fulfills numerous out-of-town engagements.

Student tickets for the coming Town Hall season will be sold on September 12 and 13 at Registration and in the dormitories after classes begin. Non-student tickets will go on sale at 7 o'clock (See SYMPHONY, Page 4)

South Likes Ike Says Dixie Man

Air Force Band Gives Concert Wednesday Eve

The 515th Air Force Band from Bryan will present a concert of semi-classical selections on the star lighted terrace of the MSC, Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 8 p.m., announced Warrent Officer Joseph F. Langillotti.

Langillotti, director, is a former member of the Air Force Symphony Orchestra and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Prelude to Act III from Lohengrin by Wagner, selections from The New Moon by Romberg and Begin the Beguine by Cole Porter are among the selections that the band will present.

The band consists of 32 members, many of which are professional musicians.

A recent recording has been made by this band which will be a prelude to the Wednesday night concert. This recording may be heard over WTAW, Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 6 p.m.

"It is one of the best bands I have heard and anyone missing the concert will be missing great musical entertainment" stated J. B. Raynaud one of the music committee members who was present when the recording was made.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 11 (AP).—A key Dixie supporter of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said Monday the GOP presidential nominee apparently is confident "we will crack the Solid South"—traditional Democratic stronghold—in the November election.

John Minor Wisdom, Republican national committeeman from Louisiana, conferred with Eisenhower and later told a news conference he believes Texas—the general's birthplace—is most likely to line up in the GOP column.

Dr. David Morgan Arrives August 18

Dr. David H. Morgan will arrive August 18, to assume his duties as new dean of the college.

Dr. Morgan is now dean of the college and dean of the graduate school at Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical College at Colorado Springs.

The new A&M dean will replace Dr. C. C. French who resigned several months ago to become president of Washington State College.

Dr. Morgan started his academic career as a research assistant in the Institute of Child Welfare of the University of California, and served 10 years as a member of the staff of the California School for the Blind.

For the past four years he has been at Colorado A&M, where he has been a department head, dean of the graduate school, and dean of the college.

Now 43, Dr. Morgan is married and has two daughters, age 11 and 17.

And the chances are good, Wisdom added, that Florida, Virginia and Louisiana will go for the general.

Wisdom and twenty other Eisenhower supporters from eight Southern States sat down with the general and his vice-presidential running mate, Sen. Richard M. Nixon of California, to discuss plans for a GOP bid in the South.

In addition to Louisiana, there were representatives from Texas, Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, South Carolina and Florida.

Eisenhower went from that meeting to a conference with Republican farm leaders, including some members of the Senate and House agriculture committees.

In advance of the farm session, Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper of Iowa, a member of the Senate committee, told a reporter Eisenhower must make an intensive campaign for the farm vote.

"And I am convinced that is just what he is going to do," Hickenlooper added.

Eisenhower aids have emphasized that all possible steps will be taken to prevent a repetition of the Democrats' success in the farm belt states in the 1948 presidential election.

At the conference of Southerners with Eisenhower, Wisdom served as chairman and spokesman of the delegation. At the Republican national convention in July, he headed the pro-Eisenhower Louisiana delegation which won recognition over a rival group backing Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio for the nomination.

At Monday's session, Wisdom said, Eisenhower made a little talk and emphasized that he is anxious to seek development of a two-party system in the South.

"I think the General recognizes that we will crack the solid South this time," Wisdom declared.

Asked which southern state that he feels is the most likely to line up for the general, Wisdom replied that in his opinion Texas is the answer.

Grassmen Attending Turf Meeting Today

Leading grassmen and other persons interested in lawn grass problems from all over Texas are expected to attend a Turf Field Day at A&M today.

Sponsored by the agronomy department, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas Turf Association, the meet will be held on the experimental turf plots near Easterwood Airport in College Station.

Many city park directors, golf course superintendents, and caretakers of playgrounds, athletic fields, cemeteries and industrial

plants are expected to attend, in addition to professional grass culture specialists.

Dick King of Fort Worth, president of the Texas Turf Association; Jim Jennings of Houston, vice president, and Bob Shelton of Tyler, secretary-treasurer of the association, also will attend.

Experimental tests to be inspected and discussed include strain tests, fertilizer tests, chemical tests, cut tests, weed control tests and warm-cool season grass combinations.

In addition, the group will tour Kyle Field, the college golf course and other turf areas on the campus.

J. R. Watson Jr. and R. C. Potts of the agronomy department, are arranging the field day.

Dr. Roy Donohue Accepts New Post

Dr. Roy L. Donohue, professor of agronomy, has been appointed head of the agronomy department of the University of New Hampshire.

Donohue received his BS degree from Michigan State in 1932, and took his PhD from Cornell University in 1939.

He came to A&M in 1939 and was extension agronomist for seven years. He has been teaching soils since February.

Donohue's resignation will become effective Aug. 31, and he will assume his new position in September.

75 Expected From Foreign Countries

Seventy-five foreign students are expected to register in September, announced Bennie Zinn, assistant dean of men.

Approximately 25 students will be from Mexico, and the remainder coming from Venezuela, Peru, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Panama.

Dean of Graduate School, Ide P. Trotter, has accepted four students. Two are from India and two from Pakistan.

Registration Date Set For Firemen's School

Registration for the Firemen's Training School begins August 24. The school lasts through August 29.

The Firemen's Training School this year offers four different

courses—the basic course, advanced course, fire marshall's course, and the fire department instructor's course.

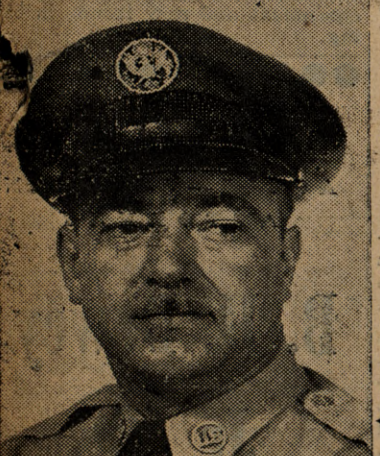
Approximately 800 firemen and fire marshalls will attend the week of training. Firemen and fire marshalls will come from 325 cities, industries and from 49 army, navy and air force posts, bases and stations. Last year 18 states and Puerto Rico were represented in addition to Texas.

About 80 experienced instructors from municipal departments, industry and armed forces work with the student firemen. The student firemen are broken down into small groups to facilitate closer individual attention in instruction with actual handling of all types of fires with many types of extinguishing equipment.

The men will select the course in which they desire training and during the week will rotate by sections for three to six hours in the specific subjects.

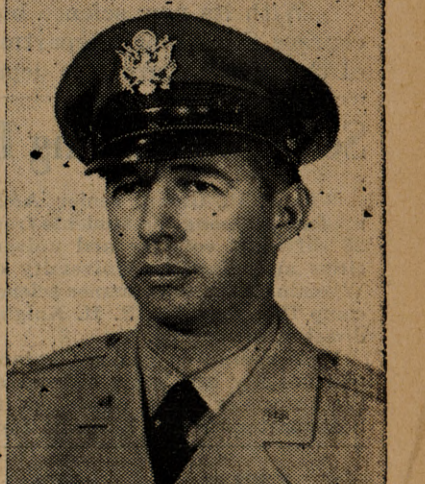
At the end of the course, those who pass a written examination are entitled to a certificate.

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Maj. Hubert Otis Johnson, Jr.

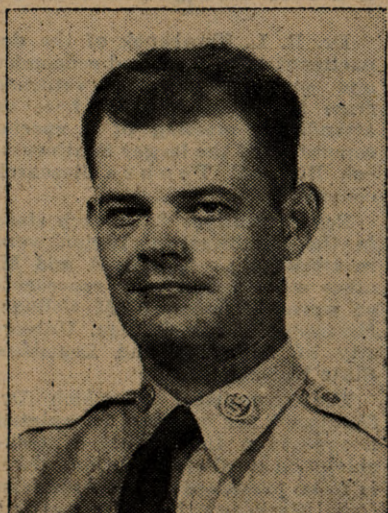
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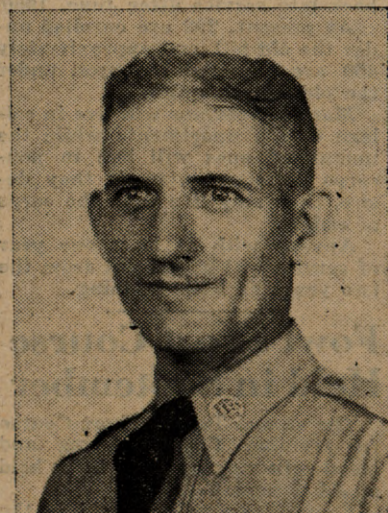
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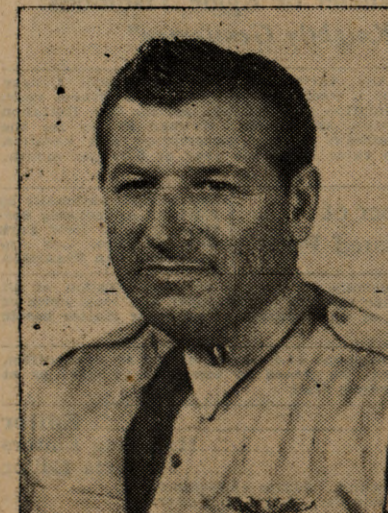
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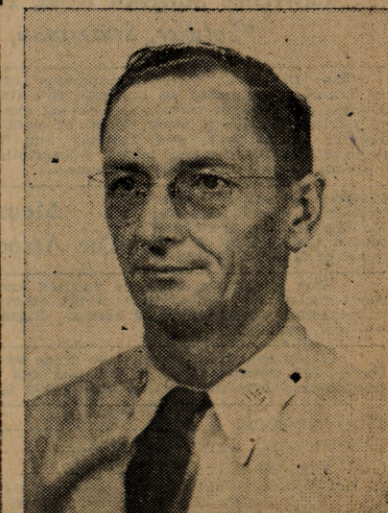
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