

Smokers' Contest Scheduled Dec. 11

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Profs and students will blow off smoke instead of steam at the Sixth Annual Pipesmoking Contest in the MSC Assembly Room, Thursday, Dec. 11.

At this time clouds of smoke will fill the MSC Assembly Room as victims of the weed compete for valuable prizes on their puffing ability. The contest is being jointly sponsored by the MSC and The Battalion.

Variety of Pipe Events

The various contests in the pipe smoking division include large bowl, medium bowl, small bowl, miniature bowl and metal bowl competition. Sections have also been provided for calabash and churchwarden pipes.

Each of the contestants in the pipe smoking division will be given a predetermined amount of tobacco depending on the size of the pipe to be smoked. The object of the contest is to maintain a constant burning in the pipe for as long a period as possible.

A special section has also been set aside for faculty and staff members, both in the pipe and cigar smoking divisions. Students will not compete with them.

Stogie Smokers

For those who prefer stogies to pipes, a cigar smoking division has also been included. This phase of the contest will be judged on much the same basis as the pipe smoking. The contestant keeping his cigar burning the longest will be declared winner.

Other divisions included in the general contest are pipe collections, cigarette rolling, smoke ring blowing, and corn cob smoking.

In the cigarette rolling contest participants will have the opportunity of entering either the professional or amateur divisions. Those contestants in the profes-

Seven Division Heads Named For WF Drive

Seven divisional chairmen for the Wesley Foundation educational and fund raising campaign were recently announced at a dinner held at the Foundation.

Charles Pluenneke, senior animal husbandry major from Mason, was selected to lead the first division, including dorms 1, 3, and 5. Rufus (Roddy) Peoples, senior agronomy major from Tehacana, will conduct the campaign in dorms 7, 9, and 11.

Billy Carl McMasters and Davis Bottom, seniors from Spade and Dallas, respectively, will be in charge of solicitation in the dormitories on the west side of the new area.

The campaign in the non-corps dormitories will be conducted by Joe Bob Croley, senior animal husbandry major from Huntsville. Bill Stallworth, senior from Rosebud, and Ronald Hudson, Junior from Cameron, will conduct the work in the freshman area.

Crop Judges Place Fifth At Kansas City

The crops judging team of the agronomy department placed fifth in the International Intercollegiate Contest held at Kansas City this week.

The team will go to Chicago this week-end to compete in the International Hay and Grain Show and Livestock Exposition.

Weather Today



FOGGY

WEATHER TODAY: Low clouds, fog and occasional light rains and drizzle. Rainfall recorded at Eastwood Airport was .04 inch yesterday and .10 inch until 10 a.m. today.

Blaze Damages Denman's Home Tuesday Night

A fire of undetermined origin at about 9 p.m. yesterday damaged the walls, floor, and ceiling in the home of Sam J. Denham, 112 Kyle Ave., in the College Estates section. Denham is owner of the Metropolitan Barber Shop in Bryan.

Arriving on the scene shortly after the fire whistle blew, BC&U firemen extinguished the blaze in less than 15 minutes.

Uel D. Thompson of the Ag Extension Service, and Ed Holder, Battalion sports editor, attacked the blaze from outside the house through a roof louver. Thompson's son Wayne, 12, was also on the scene.

According to the Denmans' neighbors, they have lived in the house about a year and a half. Smoke was thick when firemen arrived but lifted as the fire was put out and the house was opened up.

The Denmans were in bed when Mrs. Denham smelled smoke. Her husband investigated, discovered the fire in the bathroom, and attempted to extinguish it.

In the meantime, Mrs. Denham called the fire department.

The smoke eaters pulled up in front of the Denman home about 10 minutes after the whistle began blowing. This is pretty good time for a volunteer department, according to Chief Cleo H. Warren of the BC&U department.

'Catherine the Great' Is Film Society's Next

'Catherine the Great' will be shown by the A&M Film Society Dec. 16 in the MSC Ballroom.

Following movies and their dates include 'Rembrandt,' Jan. 6; 'The Spoilers,' Feb. 5; 'It Happened One Night,' Feb. 20; 'Open City,' Mar. 16; 'Pygmalion,' Mar. 12; 'Lost Horizon,' Mar. 20; 'The Well Digger's Daughter,' Mar. 26; and 'The 39 Steps,' April 27.

The following films have been ordered but not booked: 'The Long Voyage Home,' 'The Lady Vanishes,' and 'The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari.'

A&M, UT Show Profit Again In Athletics, Says State Auditor

Profs Tell Of Plan To Bring Musicians

Plans are now underway to bring A&M a series of recitals by musicians from Texas colleges and towns, including instructors and graduate students, said Dr. Melvin Eisner of the physics department.

Backed by Professors Eisner, L. E. Hauer, and E. E. Stokes, the play calls for the appearance of Lino Bartoli, a violinist from Baylor; a cellist from Austin; a piano, violin viola, and cello group from Houston; and a pianist from Austin.

Families Contribute

"The success of the plan depends upon how much money can be raised," Eisner said. "The idea is to use a sponsorship plan. If enough people would be willing to put up five dollars a family or person, the series could go through."

"The whole family," continued Eisner, "can come if they wish, for there will be no such things as a ticket or membership card." The recitals will be open without charge to all who are interested—students and to the people of College Station and Bryan.

AF Adjutant Hernandez Beaten and Robbed

Warrant Officer Joe L. Hernandez, adjutant of A&M's AF-ROTC, was beaten and robbed in the 200 block of East 25th St. Bryan Sunday night.

According to Hernandez, he was assaulted by three men in front of the Sears office and robbed of six dollars and a wristwatch.

The attackers wore levis and wide buckled belts, Hernandez said.

NASU to Hold Regional Meet Here Dec. 6-7

Delegates from 11 colleges in Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma will attend the regional meeting of the National Association of Student Unions in the MSC Saturday and Sunday.

John Samuels, Galveston Junior, is national chairman of the association. He is vice-president of the MSC Council. Regional advisor of the group meeting here is J. Wayne Stark, director of the MSC. He will give the keynoting speech of the conference Saturday morning.

The 43 delegates will be welcomed by Lamar McNew, president of the MSC council. Several Negro delegates will attend the conference from Arkansas AM&N college in Pine Bluff.

Schools to be represented are A&M, Texas, Texas A&I, Oklahoma A&M, Oklahoma, Central State of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Arkansas AM&N, Lamar Tech, Sam Houston State Teachers, and St. Marys.

Five workshop groups will be held for the visitors. The delegates will attend Rue Pinalte Saturday night and will leave Sunday noon.

Lions Offer CS Residents Car Service Jobs

The people of College Station can get a personalized car wash or grease job Saturday, when 20 members of the Lions Club take over L. E. McCall's service station.

Profits from the day's work will be used for the Texas Lions Crippled Children's Camp and other projects. McCall, president of the club, is donating his facilities, including grease and water.

"We just want to give a good car wash and make some money for the club's civic projects," said Lucian Morgan, one of the car washers.

Members of the club will be on duty from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., working in shifts so at least eight or ten are on the job at all times.

"We'll even pick up and deliver," Morgan said. "Just call the station."

Cost will be a dollar for a car wash and a dollar for a grease job. In case of rain the service will be discontinued, Morgan said.

'Horsemen' Subject Of Wheeler's Talk

The Rev. Sterling Wheeler, director of the Texas Methodist student movement, will speak at the A&M Wesley Foundation this evening at 7:15 on "Contending With The Horseman."

Before doing student work, Wheeler was pastor of Jefferson Methodist Church in San Antonio. He served as a chaplain in World War II.

Other State Colleges Lose Up to \$50,000

AUSTIN, Dec. 3—(AP)—The only state-supported colleges which have consistently showed a profit in athletics in recent years are Texas and Texas A&M, State Auditor C. H. Cavness said yesterday.

Cavness said most of the other state-supported colleges lose about the same amount they spend on athletic scholarships each year.

The deficit sometimes runs to \$50,000 a year, he said.

The auditor said gate receipts of the smaller colleges usually are just about enough to cover expenses other than coaches' salaries and scholarships.

Tech Self-Supporting

Texas Tech is self-supporting in athletics, he said, but only because it transfers money from auxiliary funds to make up the annual deficit in the athletic fund.

Cavness, in his annual audit report, said a decision is needed on whether the state should continue to subsidize athletic programs or order colleges to curtail them enough to make them self-supporting.

Such a decision probably would have to be made by the Legislature.

Christmas Decorating Hits MSC Friday

Students, local residents, and all interested persons are invited to help the MSC House Committee decorate the Center for Christmas, said Rodney Heath, chairman of the MSC House Committee.

The decorators will assemble in the lounge of the MSC, Friday night at 7:30.

Girls Help Decorate

College Station and Bryan girls have been invited to help with the decorating and to attend a dance for the group after they have beautified the Center, Heath said.

Decals and sprays on the promenade windows, Christmas trees, and evergreen branches will dominate the MSC's Christmas garb.

Hot chocolate and doughnuts may be served after the decorations are completed, said Heath.

Three Christmas Trees

Not too much work is involved, he added, as the jobs will be divided among those present.

Three Christmas trees will be in and outside of the Center; one will be in the Serpentine Lounge on the second floor, one in front of the Center on the lawn, and one tree will be on the main floor, either in the main lounge or along the promenade.

King in Charge

Most of the outside decoration, lights and greens, will be put up Friday at 4 p. m. Bob King is in charge of the decorating with Dan Blackburn as his assistant.

The dance after the decoration party will be informal and is sponsored by the Dance Committee.

Joint Choir to Sing Christmas Cantata

College Station church choirs of all faiths will join to present the cantata "The Song of Christmas" Dec. 17 in the First Baptist Church.

The 44 members of the choir are under the direction of W. M. Turner, A&M's music director. Soloists will be Frank Knapp, Victor Weining, Mrs. Dorothy Butler, Mrs. Ruth Alter, and Mrs. Armildrege Barker.

Mrs. J. B. Baty will accompany the group and Dr. T. F. Mayo will narrate.

The cantata, which tells the story of the Nativity, was written by Roy Ringwald, arranger for Fred Waring.

Bankers Arrive Sunday for Ag Credit School

Commercial bankers will meet at A&M, Dec. 7-10, in the second annual Texas Farm and Ranch Credit School for Commercial Bankers.

Bankers, scientists, economists and men of the soil in general, will take an active part in the program. More than 200 are expected to attend.

"This school was started last year with the purpose of assisting bankers of the state to acquire a better understanding of the needs for farm credit under modern conditions," Dean C. N. Shepardson, School of Agriculture, said today. "It was also hoped that it would afford a better understanding of the requirements for successful operation as a basis for such credit."

"The hearty and widespread acceptance of the school last year and the requests for its continuance have been most encouraging," Dean Shepardson said in announcing the program for the second annual school.

The program committee is composed of R. N. McLain, Brownfield State Bank; J. V. Barger, professor of agricultural economics; John Yantis, First National Bank, Brownwood; C. D. Campbell, Nixon State Bank.

Dr. Carl Moore, agricultural economist, Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas; George Logan, First National Bank, Waco; P. B. Garrett, Texas Bank and Trust Co., Dallas; W. H. Kelley, Victoria National Bank.

Dean Shepardson is general chairman of the school and Dr. Tyrus R. Timm, extension economist and professor of agricultural economics, is chairman of the program committee.

Kiwanis Toy Drive Nears Completion

The Kiwanis Club's toy drive for underprivileged children is near completion, according to J. B. Hervey, chairman of the drive.

The club conducted a drive in College Station to get broken toys to be repaired and distributed to underprivileged children for Christmas.

"We have collected enough toys to provide a good Christmas for the underprivileged children of this area," Hervey said.

About 20 members of the club have been repairing the toys every Monday and Tuesday night in the A&M Consolidated School shops. Hervey said he thought the group would finish the work next week.

Town Hall Presents

Longines Symphonette To Play In Guion Hall

By JERRY BENNETT
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The Longines Symphonette, under the baton of Mischel Piastro, will be spotlighted Tuesday at the next Town Hall concert.

Broadcasting from coast to coast every Sunday afternoon, the orchestra has been a standard radio favorite with thousands of radio listeners.

The symphonette won the top musical award of 1950 which is presented by the Musical America's annual poll. The poll is taken from 800 music critics and editors of the United States and Canada. Three awards are given each year. One is presented to the top symphony of the year and another awarded the leading dance band.

Leader in Field

The third is presented to the leading smaller concert orchestra grouped in this class, the Longines Symphonette has won first prize in its field for three years.

Commonly referred to as the "average man's symphony orchestra," the symphonette's specialty is playing shorter selections by the great composers and "light" serious music.

Responsible for the Longines Symphonette's success is Mischel Piastro who has been with the orchestra since it was organized.

Piastro was born in Kerth, Russia. He was taught to love music by his father who was famous

Singing Cadets Go To Lodge Opening

The Singing Cadets are scheduled to sing in Waco, tonight, at the opening of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Texas.

This will be the second out-of-town trip for the Singing Cadets this season. They sang in Austin in November, at a meeting of the Texas Federated Women's Club.

The Cadets will leave this afternoon and will return late tomorrow evening.

violinist at that time. Piastro studied the violin under Leopold Auer, another great Russian musician. He graduated from Petrograd Conservatory in 1910 with highest honors.

After being exempted from military duty by the Czar, Piastro made a successful concert tour throughout the orient. He made his first appearance in the United States in 1920 as soloist with the National Symphony Orchestra in New York.

Later he appeared as soloist with symphonies under the batons of Toscanini, Bruno Walter, and Sir Thomas Beecham.

In 1925, Piastro accepted the

post of concertmaster and assistant conductor with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. At the invitation of Arturo Toscanini, he accepted the post of concertmaster for the New York Philharmonic Symphony. During his period, Toscanini frequently referred to him as "the greatest concertmaster in history."

In addition to gaining fame as a concert master, Piastro is also considered one of the nation's leading violinists. One critic said, "Piastro's playing is in the grand manner—there are few violinists in the world who have his breadth of style and range of dramatic intensity."



PIASTRO CONDUCTS—The Longines Symphonette, winner of several music awards and nationally famous, will be featured in a Town Hall Concert, Tuesday, Dec. 9. Mischel Piastro, will conduct.

College Station Community Chest



Goal	\$11,019.00
Total now	8,870.00
Still needed	2,129.00
Deadline	Dec. 5