

Six Encores

Crowds Applaud S.A. Symphony

By BOB HENDRY Battalion Feature Editor

The San Antonio Symphony opened its Town Hall concerts last night with Rossini's "Overture to William Tell" to gallop away with the hearts of the audience.

Two crowds thundered for six encores by the orchestra after it had finished its scheduled performances. "They were really a great audience," said conductor Victor

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tended unemployment insurance, long-time housing loans and slum clearance, and federal aid for state school building needs.

Sen. Duff (R-Pa) said the recommendations indicate "the President's firm intention to fulfill all his campaign commitments."

Sen. Bridges (R-NH) voiced confidence the President's program would have "overwhelming support, not only of all Republicans, but all thoughtful Americans as well."

Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R-Ky) said the President "is assuming the leadership that the people want." He predicted enactment of most of the program.

But Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore) found the message only "a masterpiece of platitudes, thereby raising false hope."

Significantly, perhaps, there was almost no criticism of the President's discussion of foreign policies, on which Secretary of State Dulles supplied additional details in a 2 1/2 hour closed session with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee after the message was delivered.

Dulles told the senators that both the United States and Russia were having foreign affairs troubles, but added:

"As bad as our troubles are, I wouldn't trade our troubles for theirs."

Dulles defended the proposal to withdraw two divisions from Korea, explaining that additional South Korean troops are being trained. He was quoted as saying the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is "in good shape."

Sen. Clements (D-Ky) said he sees in the President's speech approval of "the foreign policy which the Democrats developed" and he hopes Republicans now would support the President, especially in continuing and expanding the reciprocal trade program.

But plenty of controversy was brewing in that field, as it was learned a presidential commission plans to recommend shortly further tariff cuts, carefully safeguarded. Many GOP lawmakers have been urging higher import duties on some items.

One administration headache in the field of foreign relations persisted — the controversial amendment proposed by Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) to limit treaty-making powers. President Eisenhower, Secretary of State Dulles, and other executive and legislative leaders met yesterday with Bricker seeking a compromise acceptable to him and the administration.

But the senator said afterwards they "reached no agreement and nothing definite was accomplished."

Alessandro. "When they like something, they let you know it."

Because the new field house has not been completed, two performances were given by the orchestra in Guion hall.

The symphony played Bizet's Symphony No. 1 in C major; Divorak's Slavonic Dance, opus 72, No. 2 in E Minor, and opus 46, No. 1 in C Major; White's Five Miniatures; and Saint-Saens' Bacchanale from "Samson and Delilah."

Providing some of the best showmanship by any symphony director, Alessandro carefully picks his program before giving a concert.

"Symphony music should be listened to for pleasure and enjoyment," he said. "No matter what people say about listening to opera music for art and education, they actually don't like it unless they enjoy the program."

Asked if classical music is still considered to be for older people and "high-brows", Alessandro said, "Absolutely not. That's proved by the fact that 15-30 year-olds buy more symphony recordings than any other age group."

Alessandro joined the San Antonio Symphony three years ago when he became its permanent musical director. He is a native Texan and attended Allen Academy in Bryan in 1929 for one year.

The conductor started his musical career in the East, traveled to Europe to study, and then returned to America where he founded the Oklahoma City Symphony orchestra.

"It seems everytime I change I travel towards the Gulf," Alessandro said. "The next time I change I'll be in the water."

Editors Letters

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Shorty Clark '54

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News Flashes

READING, Pa., Jan. 7 (AP)—The Reading area was shaken by earth tremors today that tumbled sleepers out of bed, toppled chimneys, rattled houses and tumbled liquor bottles from shelves in a state liquor store.

The tremors were centered in the Sinking Springs area, a community 60 miles from Philadelphia.

BASTROP, La. (AP)—Six persons died — five from one family — in a head-on automobile crash north of here yesterday. Two others were injured. Police said Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lynn and their three children, all of Bastrop, and Mrs. Ida Moore of Jones, La., were killed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—Chester Lee Davenport, sought by the FBI as one of its 10 most wanted fugitives, was arrested today near Dixon, Calif., as he sat down to milk a cow. Davenport's name had been posted on the 10 most wanted list only yesterday.

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Three persons were killed and three injured when a fire truck collided with an automobile and rammed it through a show window here last night.

CLEVELAND (AP)—A 17-year-old high school student who punched his teacher in the eye was sentenced yesterday to an indefinite term in the Cleveland Boys School at Hudson.

Ernest L. Cookson, 62-year-old science instructor, suffered a laceration above his eye after he asked the boy to take his seat in class.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—The Agriculture Department failed today to decide on more drought aid funds for Texas, but an official said he expected final action tomorrow.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP)—Premier Daniel Malan's Nationalist government has failed to sell its racial segregation program to South Africa's most moderate group of native leaders.

Outright rejection of Malan's Apartheid segregation program was voted yesterday at the conclusion of the four-day Location Advisory Boards Congress — the moderate native group.

Student Councils To Hear Reports

Three student councils will meet Monday night, with committee reports as the main item of business for all three.

Meeting will be the Arts and Sciences council, the Agriculture council and the Memorial Student Center council.

The Arts and Sciences council will hear a report on the Academic Council's opinions of the evaluation report made by W. H. Delaplane, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

The A&S council will also discuss the honor code.

No agenda has been made for the Agriculture council meeting, according to Ken Hall, president.

J. Wayne Stark, MSC director, will report on the MSC financial situation to the MSC council. The group will also hear reports on the audio committee reorganization and the constitutional revision.

All three groups will meet at 7:30 p. m. Monday in the MSC.

Extension Leaders Planned for Panel

Four extension leaders are tentatively scheduled to conduct a panel discussion before Ben D. Cook's agricultural education 441 class on Jan. 12.

Members of the panel are J. D. Prewit, W. M. Williamson, Floyd Lynch, and Miss Gladys Martin.

Prewit and Williamson will discuss advantages of working in the extension field and retirement benefits of the extension service.

Miss Martin will tell how the home demonstration agent works in conjunction with the county agricultural agent.

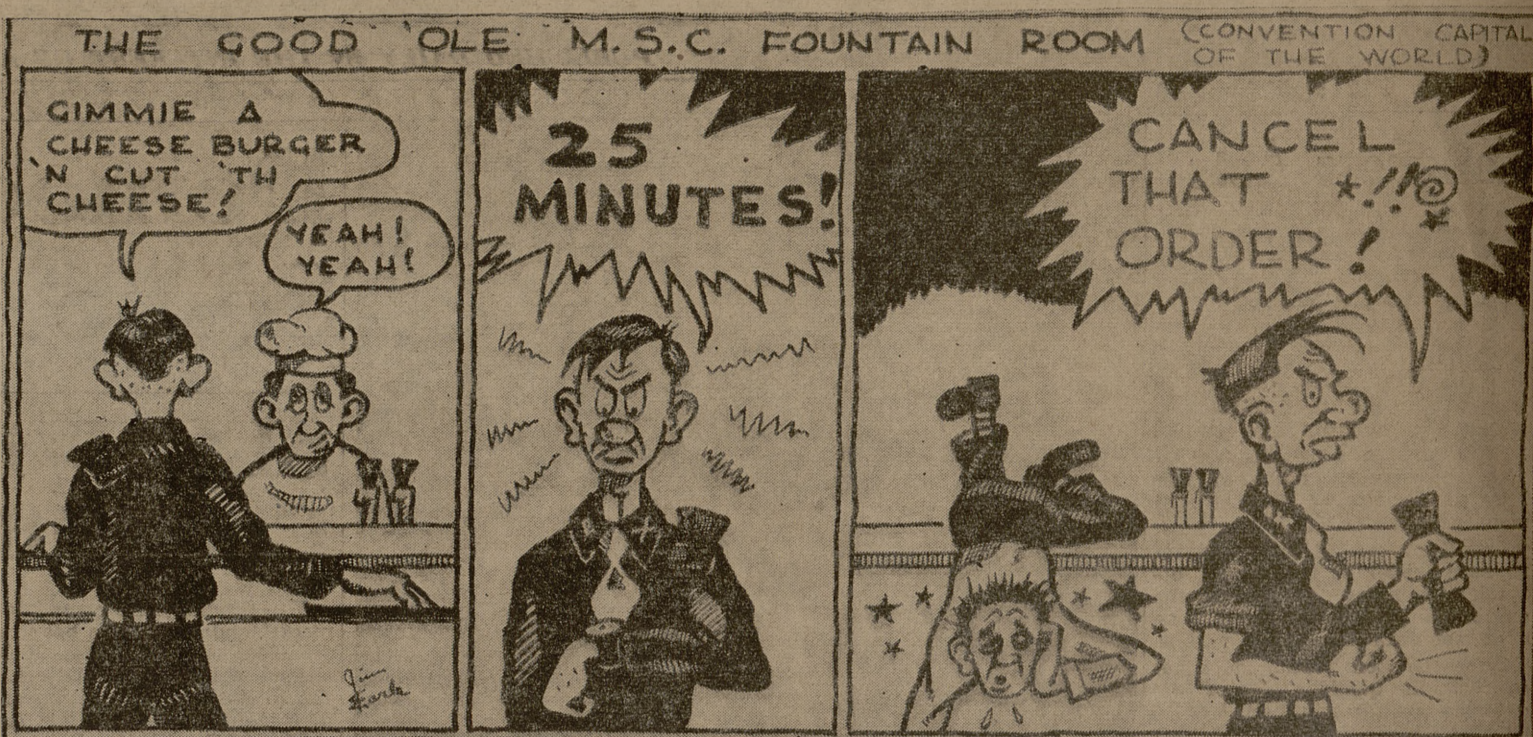
Lynch will cover all phases of 4H club work.

What's Cooking

Friday 7:15 p. m.—Fraternity of Alpha Zeta, social room, MSC. To discuss honor code. 7:30 p. m.—Texas A&M Radio club, radio room, MSC.

Monday 4 p. m.—Phi Kappa Phi room 106 Agademic bldg. Election of new members.

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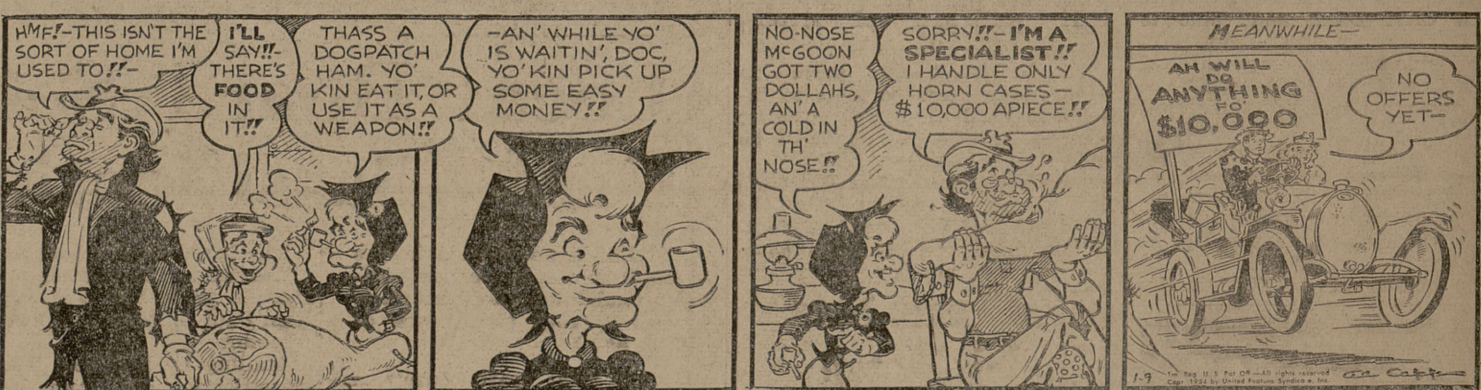
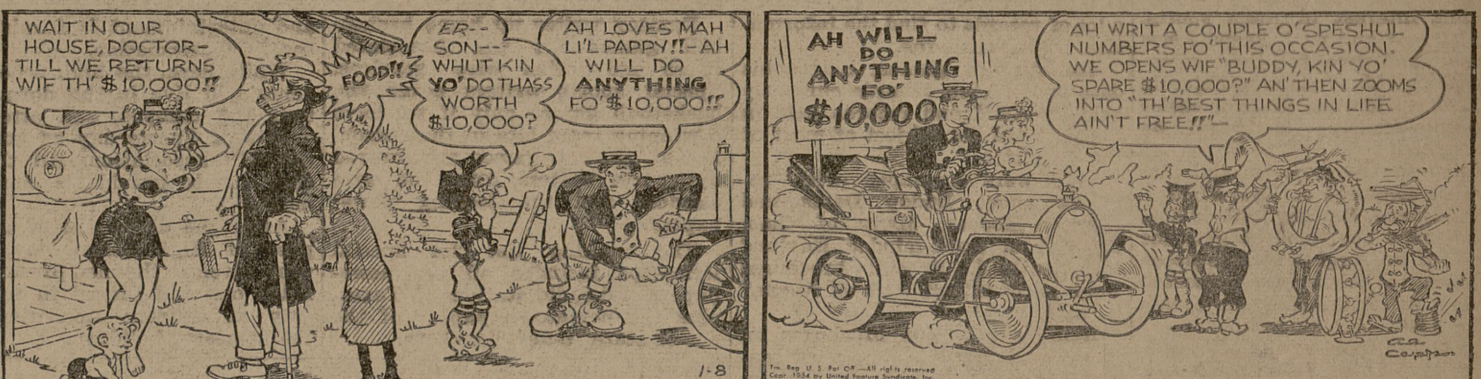


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