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A Year's Collection

Campus Security Patrolman C. E. Bolton examines some of the collection made by members of the Campus Security force during the past year. Included in the junk which was cleaned out and disposed of were numerous highway signs, gasoline cans and highway flares.

College, Community Talent in Show

'Oklahoma!' Presentation Set July 12-13 in Grove

Rehearsals are now under way for the production of the famous Broadway musical and motion picture "Oklahoma!", according to Dr. William Turner, Memorial Student Center music activities coordinator and producer and musical director of the show. "Oklahoma!" will be produced by community and college talent in The Grove at 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, July 12 and 13.

The production has a cast of approximately 30 and an orchestra of 20, Turner said. Casting Completed Casting was completed last week and rehearsals have been going on nightly in the MSC and will continue until the production is staged, Turner said. "Oklahoma!", a musical version of Lynn Riggs' play, "Green Grow the Lilacs," was written in 1943 by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. With its simple and graceful music modeled after the patterns of American folk songs, the operetta marked a new advance in the development of the American musical theater.

Introduced Ballet

The production of "Oklahoma!" introduced the use of ballet in Broadway musicals and generally violated many of the then-accepted rules of the musical stage. Its unusual style earned it a special award from the Pulitzer Prize Committee in 1944. One of the greatest Broadway hits during World War II, "Oklahoma!" was also made into a motion picture.

Cast Announced

Doris Allison has the role of

Aunt Heller; Charles Mitchell plays Curly; Barbara Gibbs is Laurey; Lane Lynch is Ike; John Paxson is Will Parker; Bill Dansby is Jud Fry; Ado Annie is played by Janie Rae Fasket; Richard Moore and Justin Kidd alternate in playing Ali Hokim; Charles Arnold plays Andrew Carnes; and Carolyn Barnett plays Gertie Cummings.

Ann Elkins, Lynda Chalk, Pat McEwen, Trudie Adam, Sandra Bell, Patsy Varvel, Miriam Chumbley, Dorothy Crim and Julia McCulley are members of the girls' chorus.

Jim Pat Hudson, Carroll Brunson, Bob Blakewood and Alex Quisenberry are members of the men's chorus.

Ballet Group

Vera Sorg, Kathy Mohr, Suzanne Sorenson and Mary Ellen Scotates are the ballet group for the production.

Mrs. Billie Jean Barron is director of the show. Stage and lighting is being done by Charles Hearn, Marcia Ransom and Pat Nash.

Admission will be 75 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Educators Must Take Lead In TV Use, Officials Told

Texas School Men Close Annual Meet

A nationally known educator said Tuesday that "educators must take the lead in considering the imaginative use of television."

Speaking at the conferences of the Texas Assn. of County Superintendents, Texas School Administration and the Texas Assn. for Instructional Supervisors, which closed Wednesday, Margaret Gill declared that "since the first educational television station was opened about 10 years ago, the television experts have produced the literature about uses of educational television and have been impressive in the urgency of their claims."

Margaret Gill is executive secretary, Assn. for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Washington, D. C.

"We must put foremost what we know about teaching and learning. We must renew efforts to involve teachers in planning for the use of television by making the best use of what they know about children and how they learn."

She said that "in spite of all that is new, confusion, excitement and turmoil, one truth about education remains unchanged: The only purpose for school is to provide the right kind of learning experiences for boys and girls of America."

Conner Speaks

Forrest E. Conner, president of the American Assn. of School Administrators, a speaker at the opening session, said "that pressure from special interest groups, certain parent groups, business and industrial groups and the grandiose theories of the so-called classicists, do not determine the function of today's school."

The speaker who also is superintendent of the St. Paul, Minn., Public Schools declared that "if the modern school is to meet its responsibility, it must take fully into account the total range of ability, interest and cultural background of the student body it is called upon to serve."

"... accomplishment seen ..." "In schools where excellence is respected and consequently taught, worthy accomplishment will be seen in varied forms. Students of limited ability should be recognized when they accomplish what is properly expected of them. "Honest effort is to be respected wherever it is found. "Whether or not anyone approves of the fact, (See EDUCATORS on Page 2)



Commissioner Addresses Conference

J. W. Edgar, commissioner of education for the Texas Education Agency, was one of the featured speakers during the conferences of Texas schoolmen and women which closed here Wednesday. More than 500 attended the meetings. Dr. Grady P. Parker, head of the Department of Education and Psychology, was in charge of the meeting.

Fire Destroys College Station Chemical Plant

An explosion, described by a College Station policeman as sounding like a 12-inch shell, rocked south College Station about 11:45 Wednesday night.

The explosion started a fire that destroyed a building owned by the Agriculture Chemicals Co., located on Wellborn Road south of the A&M campus, and started numerous grass fires in the area.

At 8 a.m. this morning no casualties had been reported.

The employees of the firm were mixing a liquid cotton poison just prior to the blaze when, according to one of the employees, they looked up and saw flames covering one room of the building. The employee said he tried to report the fire on the company's telephone, but it was not working and he had to run to a neighboring house 300 feet away to report the blaze to the college fire department.

A&M and Bryan firemen responded to the blaze, but the intense heat and acrid smoke held them back until almost 2 a.m. They put out the blaze soon afterward, but smoke continued to pour from the ruins this morning.

North bound trains were held up at Navasota because of the nearness of the blaze to the railroad tracks until the fire had been extinguished.

Sparks from the fire set ablaze the roof of a nearby house, but firemen quickly extinguished the fire before much damage could be done.

Enrollment Set at 2,512; 3-Year Low

First session summer school enrollment dropped to a three-year low, according to figures revealed Wednesday by Registrar H. L. Heaton. Total enrollment for this term is 2,512.

Last summer there were 2,596 enrolled in the first summer session, which was a record. In 1958, there were 2,526, which was the high up until the 1958 figure, and in 1957 there were 2,381.

The 1960 figure includes 130 female students and 184 students at Junction—12 geology students, 52 civil engineering students and 120 entering freshmen.

Last summer there were 167 women and 186 students at Junction—121 freshmen and 65 geology and civil engineering students.

For the same period in 1958 there were 122 women students and 202 students at Junction—119 freshmen and 83 geology and civil engineering students.

There are 1,167 automobiles registered to students on the campus of which 757 are for day students and 410 are registered to dormitory students, according to Campus Security Chief Fred Hickman.

Last year there were 1,460 cars registered on the campus.

Dormitory students are residing in Puryear, Law, Mitchell, Milner, Leggett and Hart halls.

Last Thursday was the deadline for enrolling in the college for the first summer term and Friday was the last day for dropping courses.

Registration for the second summer session will be held from 8 a.m. until 12 noon Monday, July 18. Classes will begin Tuesday, July 19.

As in the past, a few courses are being taught in the Memorial Student Center. Few courses are being taught in the Academic Building, which is being air-conditioned. The building will be completely air-conditioned by next session and will be used.

15th Annual Session for Group

Church Meet Opens Monday

Approximately 150 rural church workers from across the state are expected to attend the 15th annual Rural Church Conference to be held here Monday through Wednesday.

Included on the program will be talks by nationally known agriculture and religious leaders, the announcement of the Rural Minister of the year, and several panel discussions and talks.

Dr. Joseph Ackerman, managing director of the Farm Foundation of Chicago, Ill., will be the featured speaker at the conference to be held in the Memorial Student Center.

The conference is sponsored by A&M, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas Rural Church Conference.

Welcome By Patterson

The first session of the conference will be held Monday afternoon. Vice Chancellor for Agriculture R. E. Patterson will welcome the group. The Rev. Jesse W. Roberson, president of the Texas Rural Church Conference, will give the response and presidential address to be followed by a talk,

"Analysis of the Rural Economy," by Dr. R. J. Hildreth, assistant director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Later Monday afternoon at 3 Dr. Ackerman will speak on "Family Farm Policy" and J. Lloyd Evans, associate director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews of Dallas, will speak on "Moral Responsibility and Traffic Safety."

Father Elmer To Speak

The Rev. Charles W. Elmer, chaplain to A&M Catholic students, will open the Monday evening session at 7. A panel composed of Dr. Bardin H. Nelson, professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology; Robert A. Toland Jr., Director of the Brazos County Youth Counseling Service; Walter R. Delamarter, secretary of the Human Welfare Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; and S. A. Kerley, director of group work and counseling for the A&M College System; will conclude the Monday night program.

Tuesday morning at 8 Dr. Frederick H. Kasten, assistant professor in the Department of Biology, will conduct a session for the con-

ference in the Department of Biology.

Later Tuesday morning at 10 Director of the Agricultural Extension Service John E. Hutchison will speak on "Changing Role of Agricultural Extension Service."

Ackerman Talks Again

"The Rural Church Adjusting to the Changing Rural Life" will be the topic of an address given Tuesday morning at 10:35 by Dr. Ackerman.

At noon Tuesday the annual Honor Luncheon will be held at which time the Rural Minister of the Year will be presented. Eugene Butler, editor of The Progressive Farmer, will make presentation at the luncheon.

Tuesday afternoon at 2 Mrs. A. J. Mohr, wife of the Rev. A. J. Mohr, pastor of the Bellville St. John's Lutheran Church, will lead a panel discussion on "Role of the Rural Minister's Wife."

At 3 Tuesday afternoon W. A. (Doc) Ruhmann, associate director of the Broadway Plan of Church Finance of Houston, will speak on "Church Financing." At 3:30 p.m. Tuesday Dr. Vance W. Edmondson, associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Econom-

ics and Rural Sociology, will speak of "Rural Resource Development: Economic" and Frank W. Shepard, agent in rural development for the Agricultural Extension Service, will follow Edmondson with a talk on "Rural Resource Development: Human."

Address By Skrabanek

The final day of the conference will have an address by Dr. R. L. Skrabanek, professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, on "Problems of the Aging" at 8:10 a.m. Wednesday. At 8:45 Wednesday morning R. E. Burns, deputy regional executive for the Boy Scouts of America, will speak on "The Boy Scout Program and the Rural Church."

Dr. M. Wendell Belew, secretary of the department of Associational Meetings for the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak on "Current In-Service Training Program for Rural Ministers" at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday.

After a business meeting, E. N. Holmgreen, former director of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the International Cooperation, will deliver the final address, "Special World Challenges Today."

'Giants of Jazz' To Play Tuesday Night at 8 in MSC

A Tuesday evening concert by "The Gulf Coast Giants of Jazz", a fifteen-piece band styled in the vein of Count Basie and other popular jazz groups, will highlight next week's Memorial Student Center Summer Entertainment Program, which will also feature its regular Sunday afternoon films and a dance in the Ballroom Monday night.

The jazz band, to play in the Ballroom at 8 p.m. Tuesday, is composed of outstanding musicians from the Houston area, most of whom have played with the nation's top bands—including the orchestras of Stan Kenton, Woody Herman, Jimmy Dorsey and Hal McIntire. Instrumentation features five saxophones, four trumpets, three trombones, a piano, bass and drums. Lois Wales, a singer well-known in the Gulf Coast area, travels with the group.

According to Herb Brockstein, "Giants" drummer, the special arrangements making up the library of the band include arrangements from the bands of Basie, Kenton, Herman, Harry James and Bill Holman. New additions to the repertoire are some original Basie arrangements by Howard Williams and specialties by Bill Gannon, "Giants" pianist.

Organized in January 1959, the "Giants" have performed periodically in Houston and have been featured on KPRC-TV. Featured players are Coton Davidson, trombone; Bill Patterson, trumpet; Art Boyd, Jerry Coker and Ed Gerlach, saxophones; Pianist Gannon and Drummer Brockstein.

Speaking of the group, MSC Special Programs Chairman Pat Cockburn said, "In the jazz concerts the 'Giants' have played in Houston and the surrounding area, they have had overflow audiences. Some music lovers have driven all the way from cities in Louisiana to attend a 'Giants' session."

The Aggieband Combo, led by Dr. William Turner, will play for the dance to be in the Ballroom from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Monday. Tony Thomas, a member of the Decorations Committee, has indicated that a special surprise theme

is planned for the affair. Admission will be 75 cents a couple or 50 cents stag.

A "20th Century" documentary film, "Suicide Run to Murmansk", tops the list of films to be shown in Sunday's "Afternoon of Free Films", to begin at 2 p.m. in Rooms 2A-B-C.

Other films to be shown Sunday will be "The World's Most Beautiful Girls", a color film of the Miss Universe contest; "Marc Antony of Rome", a short portrayal of the famous love story of Marc Antony and Cleopatra; and a travel film on our 49th state, "The Great Land—Alaska."



Herb Brockstein ... drummer for 'Giants of Jazz'