

Toe-Tappers Meet For Dancing Fete

Foot-tapping and high-stepping hold the spotlight in the Memorial Student Center at Texas A&M this week, during the 18th dance school conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Manning Smith of College Station.

Dancers from all over the U. S. are studying new ideas of dance and better teaching techniques in the week-long short course. The last notes of dance music will fade Friday evening.

Participants include 130 people who teach in city recreation departments, churches and schools as a sideline. The institute lists a federal land bank official, machine shop owner, electrician, oil

field drilling superintendent, school teachers, principals and other businesses.

Ages range from the mid-20s to over 70.

"There has been an upsurge of American round dancing among this generation," Smith noted. "These folks want to dance in the social ballroom style as was the practice in their youth."

He explained that the term includes square dancing, the polka, schottische, waltz and other forms. Daily 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. dancing in the MSC Ballroom also will include instruction in rumba, samba, tanga and more modern steps.

Rotary Community Series Set

Performances of the Houston Symphony Orchestra, violin virtuoso Pinchas Zukerman and acclaimed Metropolitan Opera bass Jerome Hines plus Broadway hits "Cactus Flower" and "Man of La Mancha" will highlight the Rotary Community Series in 1968-69.

Rotary President Ed Burkhart announced Wednesday that season tickets for the five presentations in Bryan Civic Auditorium and White Coliseum are now available through Rotary Club members.

Series presentations are in co-

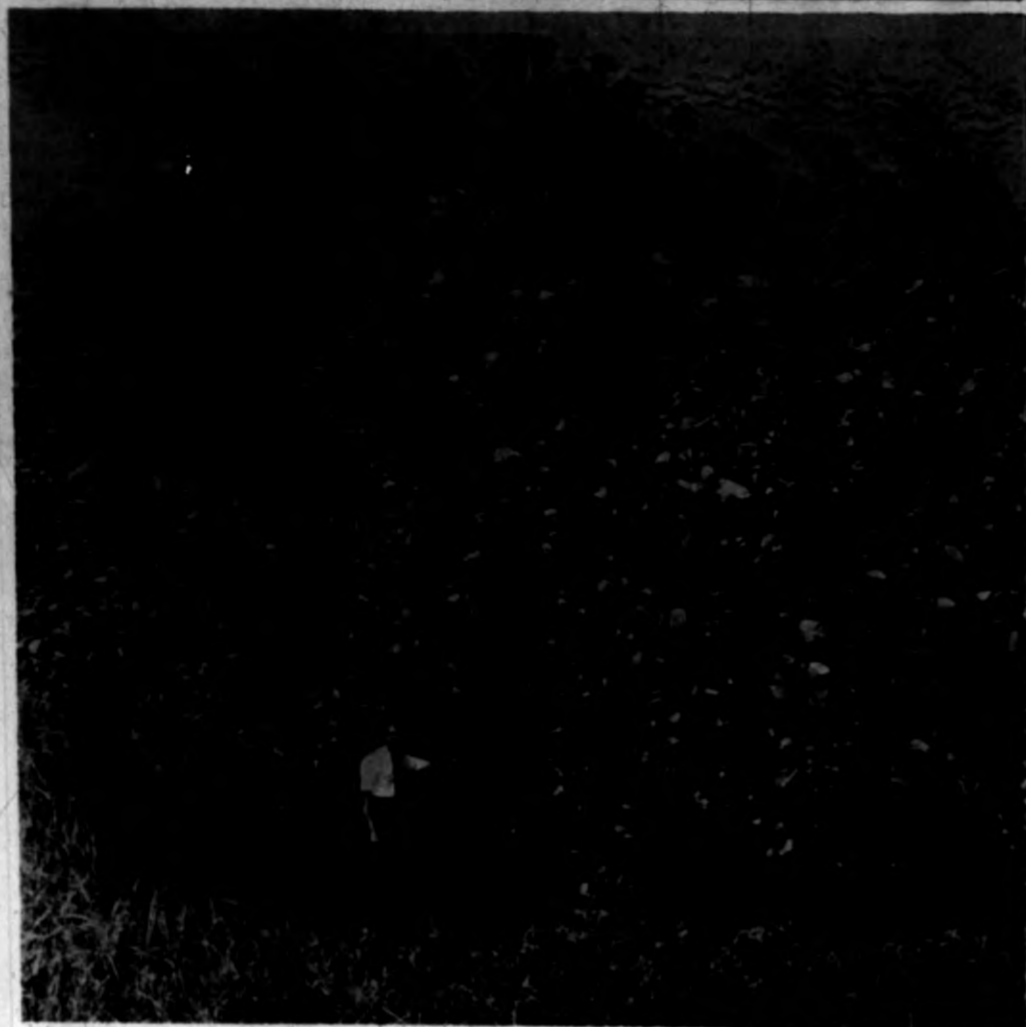
operation with Texas A&M University's Town Hall.

The Houston Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Andre Previn will lead off the Rotary Series in Bryan Sept. 23.

In addition, Rotary Series season ticket holders will be admitted without charge to Artists Showcase presentations of Town Hall. Showcase will feature the Hungarian Quartet, Houston Chamber Players, Pianist Jeffrey Siegel and Houston Brass Ensemble during 1968-69.

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NEW PAPER CROP

Dr. Hans van Buijtenen, A&H silviculturist, is dwarfed by giant cottonwood trees which were grown in only three seasons.

Geneticists Find Fast-Growing Tree

Texas A&M forestry geneticists have produced cottonwood trees that range 30 to 40 feet in height in only three growing seasons.

Dr. Hans van Buijtenen, A&M silviculturist, says he's not sure if such growth is some kind of a record for common-type trees, but it's plenty fast.

The forester didn't use hormones or other way-out scientific methods. Instead, they relied on selection of growing stock, fertilization, irrigation and a deep, high quality soil.

The trees grew from 18-inch cuttings planted in rows on five acres of rich Brazos bottom land—land that is usually put in experimental crops of such cash kings as cotton and grain sorghum.

Why cottonwoods and why grow them on such choice farm land?

A slick, lightweight paper highly desirable for magazines can be produced by adding the cottonwood to the fiber mixture. The A&M project is in cooperation with the U. S. Plywood-Champion Papers Inc., which makes much of the paper used by several nationally distributed magazines. Lightweight paper means greater savings in mailing costs, now jumping to new highs.

The reason for growing the trees on the prime bottom land is to see if they can be produced at a reasonable profit for the commercial pulpwood market.

So far, the five-acre plot looks marginal as far as economics are concerned, van Buijtenen says, but much remains to be seen.

"If we get less than two or three cords per acre, the effort probably won't be worth it," the silviculturist added. "Champion would like to see us get four to five cords to the acre."

Using stock selected on the basis of nursery performance, the cottonwoods were planted in light Miller Clay in March, 1966. By summer's end that year, the saplings reached 12 to 17 feet in height.

At the end of the second growing season (1967), heights of up to 34 feet and average diameters of 3.7 inches at chest height were found. The trees are now 30 to 40 feet high, and trunk diameters are averaging five inches.

Van Buijtenen believes that the first pulpwood will be ready for cutting in a year or two, when trees removed for thinning will be pulpwood size.

In the beginning, 2,000 cuttings with 10 different selections were planted on the five acres. Row spacings were 10, 12, and 14 feet, with plants 5, 6 and 7 feet apart.

The field was cultivated like

San Antonio's World's Fair is the first international exposition ever held in the southern half of the United States, National Geographic says. The \$156 million fair seeks to combine the gaiety of a festival, the vigor and spontaneity of the frontier and the sophisticated adventure of Space Age technology.

corn, because cottonwoods don't cotton to competition from weeds. Neither do they grow out well on forest land when competing with other trees.

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