B. I. almost too smooth

By IULIE SPEIGHTS **Battalion Staff**

ng hard to appeal to an Aggie nce, B.J. Thomas and his ece orchestra gave a polished thusiastic performance at Hall Friday night. Yet they ring the roof down.

nas wore an Aggie hat part of time, got the audience to sing g to his oldie, "Somebody Done mebody Wrong Song," and in-ed the words "College Station" me song. But somehow, the seemed disappointed.

thaps the announcer saying, ies and gentlemen, B.J. perhaps it was that Thomas'

own Hall concert Friday night.

Rollie White Coliseum.

just seemed to naturally ap-

and clarinet player, had the

d clapping to, stomping with, ust plain enjoying the country-

had heard of, stole the show at was outstanding.

er, and Steve Meisburg, guitar, told the audience.

music. Walters was working on a degree in music therapy at Florida State Uni-

rwise been too "Seals and versity before the two paired up.

avis

performance was so refined compared to that of Meisburg and Walters, the group preceeding him, that do for a person. it was almost anti-climatic

give his testimony, the crowd fell si- change lent and then cheered.

He sang one song "in praise of his Lord" and it was well received. Thomas said he turned to Jesus

after wrestling with drugs for over 10 years and nearly dying several

s the announcer saying, and gentlemen, B.J. he said he would have probably been dead by now if he hadn't experienced Christ.

Thomas said he doesn't see him-

Unknowns steal the show

The mood of the performance

Both Meisburg and Walters are

natives of Tallahassee, Fla. Meis-

burg was a campus minister and

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Crofts-y" was different because of the soft-country instrumentation.

The group's back-up fiddle player became interested in what they

y just seemed to naturally ap-the crowd of Aggies packed their words) "a little crazy." with no instrumental accompani-ment. But Meisburg said he doesn't

Malters, the bearded banjo places we've ever been," the singers songs or use performances as

Thomas said he will try to keep However, when Thomas announced about half-way through the performance that he was going to songs, but overall, his style won't

'My thing is to make pop records, and that's what we're going to do," Thomas said. "In the pop music we make, it may not be easy to glorify God so we'll just make sure we don't un-glorify Him.

He added that he does have a separate contract for making gospel

Thomas said his biggest problem in his career recovery will be getting air play. To do this, he has been

One of their songs was a hymn

Their second national album, "Love's An Easy Song", will be out around the first of October on the

Casa Blanca label and judging from the enthusiasm the group generated

here, it should do very well.

self as a crusader but rather an visiting disc jockeys and hoping his example to others of what Christ can current No. 16 single, "Don't Worry Baby" reaches the top ten.

His wife Gloria who was backstage with him accompanies him on about half of his trips. She was instrumental in helping him redirect his life and seems optimistic about B.J.'s future as a singer and as a person. And so does he.

Mr. and Mrs

United Press International BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. Glenn Ford married actress Cynthia Hayward Saturday during a private ceremony at the actor's sprawling

hillside mansion.

Best man William Holden stood by as Ford, surrounded by a select group of Hollywood celebrities, recited wedding vows. It is Ford's third marriage and Miss Hayward's

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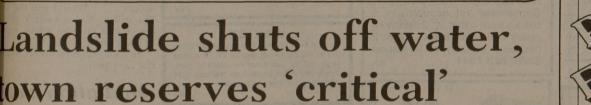
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d not have to go without water. pipe was an emergency meato pump water to the city after dslide Saturday closed a 40old concrete canal connecting y's water source, Brownwood with a purification plant. The me was implanted but had to

noved to repair leaks. gone from bad to worse, e dispatcher Ted Smith said of water situation. "We're defi-y getting down to the critical It's about gone.

e critically low supply forced ing of businesses, rationing and cing of the city to catch residents

hith said 500 feet of canal had buried and the southern porof the city, as well as boring towns, were without

ficials estimated it would take or three days to repair the capokesman said the hospital was

so far "no emergencies" had oc-ed which could not be handled the water available.

hough official rationing of rhad not begun, Smith said auities were urging people not to te the little water in their pipes. while, officers policed the city g for citizens wasting water.

United Press International "Any time we catch them at car washes or laundromats we tell them to stop," he said.

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by trucks with independent water supplies. A Fire Department official said several private companies and

Smith said most businesses, such as restaurants which use a lot of water, had volunteered to close

until the crisis was over. "Most resturants are closing down. Anything like a Dairy Queen, which needs a lot of water and ice to

operate has already closed.

nearby towns had promised to supply water for emergencies.

'The water in our tanks is the only thing we have," a fire department spokesman said. "We have a tanker truck with 5,000 gallons, but when that's gone we'll have to draft water from some local creeks.

Firefighters reported three minor grass fires which were extinguished "It's getting kind of critical right now," he said.

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