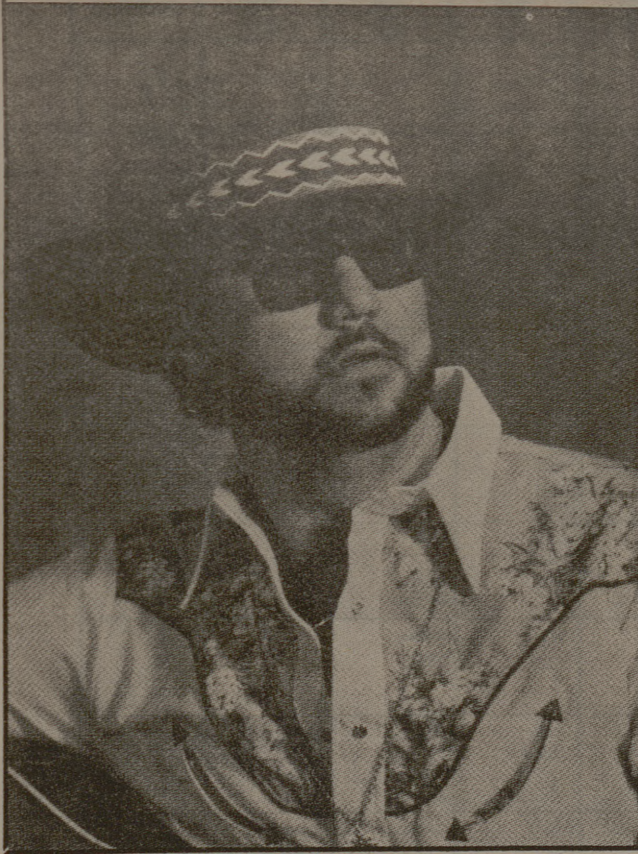


Country singer pats Aggies on the back

By JANE G. BRUST



"I don't know what they do at Texas A&M, but those kids are proud of their school," he said.

When Dickie Westmoreland wrote the song, "A Tribute to the Maroon and White," he wanted to characterize the Aggies as proud, he said.

Westmoreland, 39, is part of a country and western band, The Madison Express, which consists of "three Bryan boys and two Madisonville boys including myself," he said.

He said his group has played a lot of parties for Texas A&M University students.

"The first time we ever played the 'War Hymn' at a party, you never heard such a reaction to it — we couldn't hear ourselves til we were way down into the song," he said.

Last April at Cell Block Five in Bryan, some students told Westmoreland they would like a song about the Aggies so he asked them for some ideas.

"We put legal pad on the stage and got 'em to list the things they're proud of," he said. "Everything on that pad is in the song."

The most popular responses were Coach Tom Wilson's football team, the team's winning record of the last several games against the University of Texas and "a dog called Reveille."

The song dedicated to "the sons and daughters of the maroon and white" also mentions Wednesday night at the Hall of Fame, "doin' the Cotton Eyed Joe," Friday night at the Cell Block, "dancin' close and slow," and Saturday night at Lakeview, "doin' the do-si-do."

Westmoreland said he took two weeks to write the song, and did some research on his own. For example, he learned that Texas A&M provided more officers to World War II than any other military school.

He said that fact explains the lyric, "When it comes to love of school or country, they're the first to answer the call."

After Westmoreland recorded his song, he decided to do something else for the Aggies.

He contacted Robert Boone, vocal music coordinator for Texas A&M. Then he gave the Singing Cadets the rights to sale and distribution of the record, he said.

Hank Rorabeck, chairman of the record sales, said the Singing Cadets have sold 1600 records since September. Each 45 sells for \$2.

Rorabeck said the Singing Cadets would like to use the profits to finance a trip to Europe for international competition that summer.

Westmoreland said he has written other songs for his group and is working on a country and western version of "I'd Rather Be a Texas Aggie," which the Singing Cadets have recorded. He said that after he records that song, he may give those rights to the Singing Cadets as well.

With all the attention Westmoreland has given to Texas A&M, one might find it hard to believe that he never attended the University himself. He received a master's degree in technical agriculture from Sam Houston State University and is employed by the Commission of Agriculture for the State of Texas.

The Madison Express, together four years, plays mainly within Texas but has gone out of the state a few times.

"You can't get anywhere that there's not A&M graduates," Westmoreland said.

"We were so far back in the piney woods toward Louisiana over a month ago, and we took requests and someone said, 'Hey that's the group that does the tribute to the Aggies.' Sure enough there were three or four Aggies there," he said.

"We love to play for Texas Aggie parties," he said. "They're the best damn people anywhere."

Sunday Specials

MORNING

9:30 **2** COUNTRY KIDSWORLD

AFTERNOON

12:30 **3** VOYAGE TO THE EDGE OF THE WORLD Jacques Cousteau and his crew explore the underwater secrets of the frozen continent of Antarctica in his most dangerous expedition ever.

2:00 **8** THE SHATTERER OF WORLDS From the establishment of the Los Alamos laboratory to the explosion at Hiroshima, humanists review the development of the atomic bomb with historical film footage from the United States and abroad.

2:30 **15** PIAF, BREL AND LEBRUN French chanteuse Denise LeBrun sings the music of her countrymen Jacques Brel and Edith Piaf. (R)

3:00 **39** MOM, THE WOLFMAN AND ME A feminist photographer's precocious young daughter conspires to change her mother's single status. Patty Duke Astin, David Birney, and Danielle Brisebois star.

3:30 **6** CHILDREN OF THE THIRD WORLD Dean Jones hosts an up-beat documentary on the forgotten children of Third-World countries.

4:00 **35** OUR LARGEST MINORITY: THE DISABLED The role of disabled individuals in the American society and the growing awareness of their abilities is examined.

5:00 **3** BATTLE FOR CASSINO The conflict between the United States and Britain on the matter of how to best deliver the final blow to the Axis during World War II was finally resolved in the famous May 1944 attack on German forces in Stalin.

5:30 HBO STANDING ROOM ONLY: LINDA RONSTADT IN CONCERT The popular songstress performs many of her top hits --

EVENING

10:00 **15** SYMPHONY NO. 5 The birth of a new American symphony is documented from its germination in the mind of composer

David Van Vactor to the premiere performance by conductor Arpad Joo and the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra.

10:10 **3** A CHRISTMAS SPECIAL WITH LUCIANO PAVAROTTI

11:00 **3** PICASSO "An Exhibition At The Walker Art Center, Minneapolis" More than 160 paintings, drawings, sculptures and collages reveal the genius and zeal of the artist who is regarded as the most significant single influence on 20th-century art. (R)

11:30 **3** PIAF, BREL AND LEBRUN

Sunday Sports

AFTERNOON

12:00 **3 7 11** NFL FOOTBALL Atlanta Falcons at Philadelphia Eagles

6 36 NFL FOOTBALL Regional coverage of Baltimore Colts at Cincinnati Bengals; New York Jets at Cleveland Browns; San Diego Chargers at Washington Redskins

2:30 **2** NFL '80

3:00 **2** NFL FOOTBALL Denver Broncos at Kansas City Chiefs

3 7 11 NFL FOOTBALL Dallas Cowboys at Oakland Raiders

36 LONE STAR SPORTSMAN

MORNING

11:00 **7** TOM LANDRY

36 BUM PHILLIPS

11:30 **2** BILL YEOMAN

6 36 NFL '80

7 11 NFL TODAY

EVENING

8:00 **11** BLAIR RODEO

Sunday Movies

MORNING

10:30 **13** ★★½ "The Miracle" (1970) Lassie, Michael James Wixted. A mute boy rescues Lassie and her pups from danger.

AFTERNOON

12:00 **2** ★★★ "Three Godfathers" (1949) John Wayne, Ward Bond. A trio of bandits put their

lives on the line when they attempt to deliver an orphan they found in the desert to the nearest town.

2:00 **24** ★★★ "Great Catherine" (1968) Peter O'Toole, Jeanne Moreau. Fascinated by a newly arrived Britisher, Catherine the Great has him imprisoned and playfully torments him. HBO "Hero At Large" (1980) John Ritter, Anne Archer. A struggling young actor finds sudden fame when he stops a hold-up attempt while wearing the outfit of a comic-book superhero named Captain Avenger. (PG-1 hr., 37 min.)

3:00 **13** ★★★ "Harry Black And The Tiger" (1958) Stewart Granger, Barbara Hush. A famous hunter almost loses his life because of a coward's actions.

4:00 HBO "Hide In Plain Sight" (1979) James Caan, Jill Eikenberry. A divorced man begins an eight-year search for his children, who were relocated by the government after their stepfather testified against a pair of crime bosses. (PG-1 hr., 29 min.)

EVENING

7:00 HBO "The Muppet Movie" (1979) Bob Hope, Steve Martin. Kermit the Frog leaves his lily pad and heads for Hollywood to try for international stardom with several friends in tow, including his beloved Miss Piggy and Fozzie Bear. (G-1 hr., 34 min.)

8:00 **3 13 24** "Fighting Back" (Premiere) Robert Urich, Art Carney. The story of Rocky Bleier, who overcame near-crippling war injuries to star with the Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers, is dramatized.

9:00 HBO "Rocky II" (1979) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. Boxer Rocky Balboa tries to start a new career after "going the distance" in the ring with the world heavyweight champ, only to be challenged to a re-match. (PG-1 hr., 58 min.)

10:30 **11** ★★ "Indict And Convict" (1974) George Grizzard, Reni Santoni. The attorney general's office investigates the murders of a public official's wife and her lover.

13 ★★½ "Crosscurrent"

(1971) Robert Hooks, Jeremy Slate. Two San Francisco detectives investigate the murder of a youth aboard a cable car.

24 ★★½ "There Was A Crooked Man" (1970) Kirk Douglas, Henry Fonda. After an escaped prisoner dies of rattlesnake bites, the warden takes \$500,000 from the corpse and heads for Mexico.

10:45 **3** ★★½ "Flying Leathernecks" (1951) John Wayne, Robert Ryan. A tough Marine commander tries to show his

men that discipline is the key to survival on the battlefield.

11:00 **7** ★★½ "In The Steps Of A Dead Man" (1974) Skye Aubrey, Denise Buckley. An English family harbor an Army deserter who claims he tried to save their son's life.

11:15 HBO "Time After Time" (1979) Malcolm McDowell, David Warner. H.G. Wells chases the infamous Jack the Ripper from Victorian London to modern-day San Francisco through the use of a time machine. (PG-1 hr., 52 min.)



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