

# Strip Mine Scar Cure Found

Pennsylvania can and must do something about the ugly scars left on its surface by strip mining, W. G. Jones, director of the Pennsylvania Conservation Association, told the Forestry Convocation yesterday.

Reclamation of strip mining lands has been underway in the central part of the state for over ten years, Jones said, and results seem to show that strip mined areas can easily be restored to usefulness.

DEMONSTRATING this point with slides, he explained how strip mines are graded by construction equipment to insure proper water flow after rainfall. The land is

bulldozed to blend with the surrounding terrain.

After necessary grading, the areas are given a definite usefulness. In central Pennsylvania, several fir tree plantations are now located on sites that formerly were strip mines.

NUT AND FRUIT orchards also develop well in reclaimed mine areas and yield abundant, healthy fruit, Jones added. The land can also be converted to farming, he said.

Citing other advantages, Jones said reclamation of strip mines often results in improved game lands. Trees and bushes which provide food and cover for animals are grown for the benefit

of sportsmen. Access roads are made to facilitate the ease of reaching these game lands. In the event of a forest blaze, these roads could speed fire-fighting equipment, he said.

Because of their hard base, abandoned strip mines are also ideal water basins, Jones said. Reservoirs now occupy the pit left by many mines. Four towns in central Pennsylvania will soon receive their water from a single reservoir constructed in the shell of a strip mine, he said.

# Military Ball Committee Offers \$25 For Best Decoration Idea

The 1963 Military Ball Committee is offering a \$25 prize for the best decoration design for the Hetzel Union ballroom, where the annual dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Feb. 22.

The design itself should cost no more than \$25. They are due tomorrow at the HUB desk.

Music for the dance will be by the seventeen-member Fourth District Naval Band from Philadelphia. The band is composed of professional musicians who have

joined the Navy.

Tickets, which cost \$4 a couple, will go on sale in Wagner Monday, with a special sale in the HUB basement Feb. 11-13. After that date, a limited number of tickets will be available at the HUB desk until the day of the dance.

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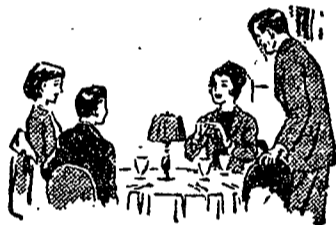
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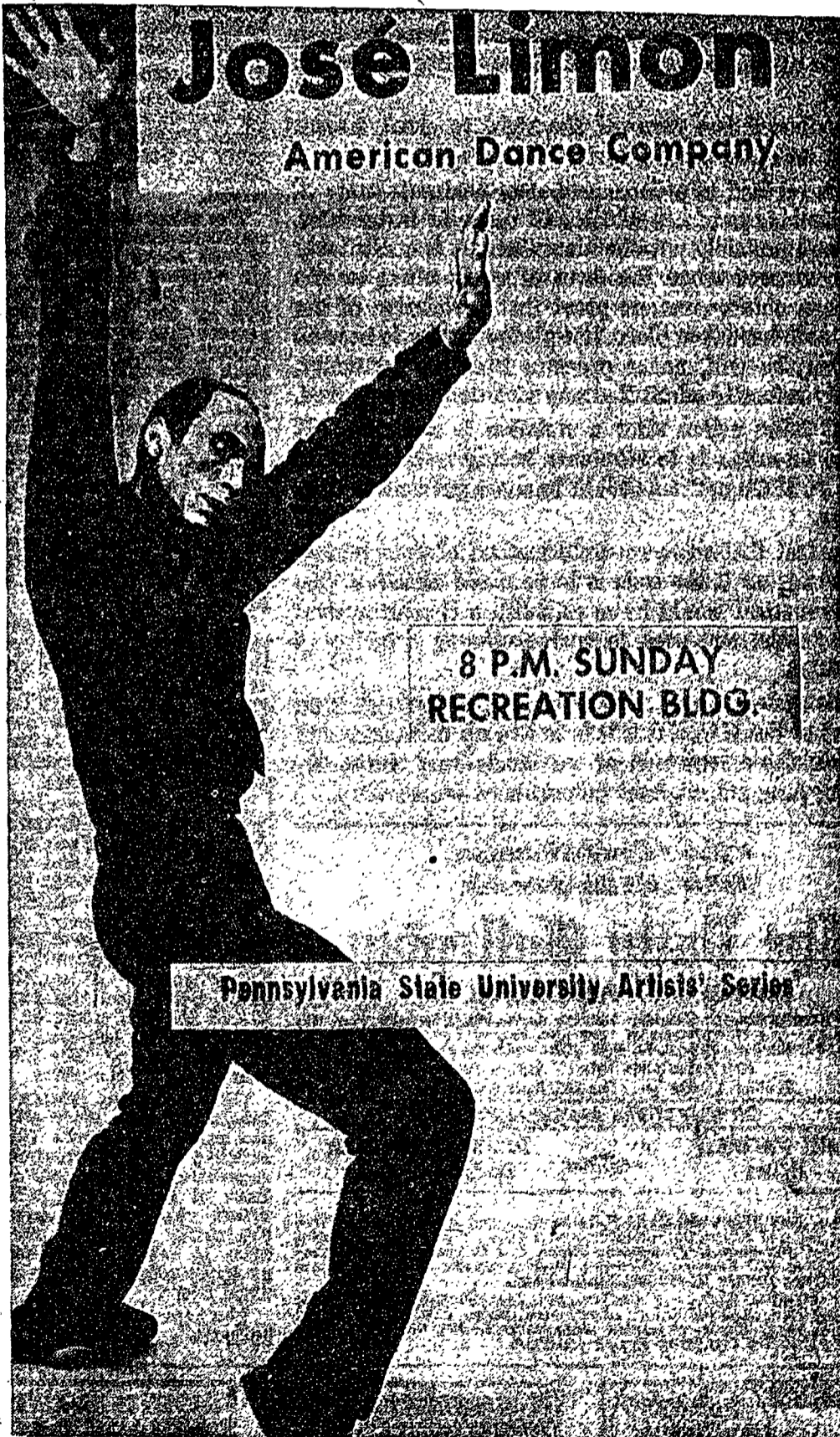
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