

Society

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Methodist Women Having Special Meeting Tomorrow

Tomorrow, Tuesday evening September 3rd, all the women of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church are asked to meet in a mass meeting at the church at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of reorganizing the Woman's work of the church according to the new setup of the Methodist church. Since this is circle day the regular meetings of the circles will not be held in the homes, but following the meeting at the church each circle will meet in a group for a business session.

All women of the church, members and non-members of the auxiliary and girls of high school age, are expected to be present. Each woman joining at this time will become a charter member and will be presented with a certificate. A membership offering is to be taken. It is hoped that everyone is reserving this evening for the purpose only of attending the meeting.

Mrs. George Parlier Is Bridge Club Hostess

Mrs. George Parlier was hostess to the members of the Wilkesboro bridge club at her home in Wilkesboro Thursday evening. An ice course preceded the game, which was played at three tables. The traveler's prize was won by Mrs. Charles Hulcher and to Mrs. Edison Norman, the former Miss Lucille Culler, the hostess presented a gift.

Social Calendar

The Presbyterian Circles are meeting Tuesday as follows:

Circle No. 1, at the home of Mrs. A. E. Snel on, 3:30 p. m.
Circle No. 2, Mrs. H. B. Smith, 8:30 p. m.

Circle No. 3, Mrs. W. H. Cooper, 8:30 p. m.

Circle No. 4, Miss Margaret McNeill.

Circle No. 5, Miss Clara Gentry.

Circle No. 6, Misses Lucy and Grace Finley. The last three meetings at their usual hour.

The Episcopal Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. H. H. Morehouse on the Brushy Mountain Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock.

The regular meetings of the North Wilkesboro Methodist circles will not be held in the homes Tuesday, but each circle is to meet in a group for a business session following the meeting at the church that night at 7:30 o'clock.

An interesting meeting is being planned to open the fall season of the Junior Woman's club of North Wilkesboro, which is to meet Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock on the lawn of the home of Mrs. W. K. Sturdivant. Hostesses with Mrs. Sturdivant are Mrs. E. C. Johnson and Mrs. George Forester. A garden program is to be given by the garden committee.

Cummings-Ward Marriage Vows Are Announced

Announcement was made this week of the marriage of Miss Lucille Ward to Carl Cummings both of Independence, Virginia. The ceremony was performed at Bland, Virginia on Saturday, March 16, 1940, by the Methodist minister, Rev. J. A. Hardin. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ward, of Independence, Virginia. She is a graduate of Galax high school and Bluefield Business College. After graduation from Bluefield she was for almost two years a member of the office personnel of the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home in North Wilkes-

BING CROSBY'S "RHYTHM ON THE RIVER"



Bing Crosby and Mary Martin can sing we're sure, but from what we've heard of Oscar Levant on "Information Please," radio's top quiz program, we're inclined to believe he should stick to composing and authoring. At any rate, here are three players in a scene from Bing's new singing picture, "Rhythm on the River," at the Liberty Thursday and Friday. Basil Rathbone is also starred.

boro, N. C. For the past several months she has been with the Sturdivant Burial Association of Independence, Virginia.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cummings, of Comers Rock, Virginia, but formerly of North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Cummings are making their home in Independence, Virginia.

Ila Holman Bible Class Held Monthly Meeting

The August meeting of the Ila Holman Bible class of the Wilkesboro Baptist church was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Walter Watts with Mrs. Sherman Colvard as co-hostess, having an attendance of twelve members and two visitors. Mr. Everett Tedder gave the devotionals using as her theme "David Acknowledging His Transgressions", followed by talks on David by Mrs. Colvard and Mrs. R. L. Wellborn. Mrs. Colvard, the president, was in charge of the usual business session. At the close of the meeting Mrs. S. L. Turner assisted the hostesses in serving tempting refreshments.

Idlewise Club Entertained Thursday Evening

The members of the Idlewise club and their husbands were delightfully entertained at a buffet supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Johnson Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Tal Barnes were co-hosts with the Johnsons. Special guests at the supper, which was served at 6:30 o'clock, were Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Olive, who are leaving the first of September to make their home at Wake Forest where Rev. Mr. Olive has accepted work with the college.

JAPAN TURNS TOTALITARIAN

Tokyo, Aug. 28.—Japan took another step—perhaps the biggest step to date—toward totalitarianism with the pronouncement by Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye this afternoon of the long-awaited "new national structure."

Establishment of this structure, which is expected to begin immediately, will aim at the eradication of individualism, liberalism and democracy, and at unifying the energy of the people and government to enable all equally to fulfill their duties as subjects of the Emperor.

A single political party, which is expected to be formed shortly, will not be like those of other totalitarian countries, Konoye declared, but will be one which will harmonize with Japan's national policy and will transcend individual as well as party politics.

VEGETABLES

Growing fall vegetables cooperatively and selling them in Western North Carolina cities is being discussed seriously by New Hanover truck farmers, says Farm Agent-at-Large J. P. Her-ring.

Community farm tours have proved both interesting and educational for farmers and farm women of Henderson county, says W. Bennett, assistant county agent of the Extension Service.

BING CROSBY'S MAESTRO FEATURED IN NEW FILM

Farm Field Day To Be Sept. 12th

Raleigh, Aug. 31.—J. M. Broughton of Raleigh, Democratic nominee for Governor, will be the principal speaker at the annual farmers' field day at the Coastal Plain Test Farm at Wilkesboro, September 12. Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott announced today.

The field day will be sponsored by the U. S. and N. C. Departments of Agriculture and N. C. Experiment Station. Features will include farm field trips, demonstrations and exhibits under the supervision of Department and State College Extension Service specialists.

Mrs. Estelle T. Smith, district home demonstration agent of State College, will be in charge of the women's program to be presented in the afternoon.

State Senator Roy Rowe of Burgaw, chairman for the day, will be introduced by F. E. Miller, Director of the Test Farms Division of the State Department of Agriculture.

Other speakers on the morning program will include Col. John W. Harrelson, Dean of Administration, State College; Lt.-Col. George W. Gillette, United States district engineer, Wilmington; and James H. Cark of Elizabeth-town.

Music will be presented by the Penderlea Boys' Band, led by Captain Edward Peters, and community singing will be conducted by Jack Criswell of State College.

The invocation will be pronounced by the Rev. P. H. Fields, pastor of the Rose Hill and Wala Methodist churches.

Dr. Charles Dearing, assistant director in charge of the Test Farm, will announce other features of the program.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for the position of Substitute Clerk Carrier, for filling vacancies in the Post Office at North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

Applications for this position must be on file with the Manager, Fourth U. S. Civil Service District, Washington, D. C., not later than September 4, 1940.

The examination is being held to fill a vacancy in the Post Office Service.

Competitors will be required to report for written examination which will be held as soon as practicable after the date set for the close of receipt of applications. Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the Secretary, board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Post Office, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

PLANNING

Warren County farmers are now making plans for seeding crimson clover and vetch as winter cover crops, reports R. H. Bright, farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

Because John Scott Trotter, maestro of the Kraft Music Hall's air show, has developed a personality on the Bing Crosby program and, consequently, an enormous fan mail, most of which asks for a biography and a physical description of the band leader, Paramount Pictures decided it would be a good idea to answer all these letters in one fell swoop. What better way than to put him on every movie screen in the country?

So to local John Scott Trotter fans, the baton welder became an actor as of tomorrow morning when Bing Crosby's new starring film, "Rhythm on the River," opens at the Liberty Theatre Thursday and Friday.

They gave John Scott perhaps the hardest assignment a player can receive—that of "being himself."

"If they poked a camera through the window of my home when I wasn't aware of it, and shot me eating, shaving, reading and moving about my place, they'd catch me 'being myself,'" he explains, but when a person knows that the camera eye is staring at him, he simply can't go through doing things unconsciously, therefore, I'm wondering just who I was being—certainly not myself—but seemingly, Paramount was satisfied, so it's okay with me."

Since "Rhythm on the River" doesn't go very deeply into Trotter's biography, a few words on the subject might not be amiss. John was born on June 14, 1908, in Charlotte, N. C. He liked the sound of the family piano when but a child, and he was given lessons until he was 15 when he left for college.

He formed a jazz band at the university, with himself at the piano, Hal Kemp as first sax, Ben Williams and Saxie Bossell as sax players, Skinny Eunice as drummer and Harry Pond as bandleader. The aggregation with Hal Kemp as leader, became world famous. Trotter began doing arrangements for the band some years later, but left the band in 1934 and went to Hollywood.

An old friend, Johnny Burke, who was writing songs for Crosby at the time, took some of the Trotter recordings to the star who liked them. When Jimmy Dorsey left the Kraft show, he sent for Trotter to take over. He's been there since, and has recently developed a flair for comedy, which has been that elusive spark that makes the difference between lots of fan mail and none at all.

Just to complete the Trotter statistics: he's a bachelor, six feet, one inch, has brown eyes and black hair.

Beside Bing and Maestro Trotter, "Rhythm on the River" stars well-known Broadway stage star, Mary Martin, of "My Heart Belongs to Daddy" fame and Basil Rathbone.

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