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The Son-Of-A-Guns Visit Grand Ole Opry

Country Music And Opry Grow

Country music, Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry are growing because of and with one another.

The Grand Ole Opry has its beginning in 1925 as a radio show for the National Life Insurance Company on its radio station, WSM. The show, during air time, was free in the beginning as "a sort of present" from the life insurance company for its prospective clients.

The popularity of the Grand Ole Opry soon has people standing in the hallways of the radio station. So a larger studio was built, one that would hold a whopping 500 people. Almost by the time it opened, it too was over filled. Next, it was a 3,000-seat rented tabernacle. It took two years to outgrow it.

The next move was to the War Memorial Auditorium, and a charge of 25 cents went into effect in an effort to curb the crowds. It didn't work, for soon this magnificent building could not hold the crowds. In 1943, the Grand Ole Opry moved to the Ryman Auditorium. There were two shows a night and each hand standing room only.

The Saturday night Grand Ole Opry added Friday night in its attempt to allow all who wanted to see the show a chance.

Even now in its new home with a seating capacity of 4,400, Opryland tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis, and in the summer tickets must be purchased two to three months ahead.

As the Opry was growing,

the town in which it lives also was growing. Recording studios, music publishing companies and a host of other supporting companies and host of other supporting companies for country music began and grew. Soon Nashville, Tennessee was coined "Music City."

Smaller towns around Nashville are supporting new attractions or country music stars. In Hendersonville, just west of Nashville, perhaps 15 miles or so, Conway Twitty has his "Twitty City," a museum of articles, songs and films of his rise in the business. Also on the grounds are his, his parents' and his children's homes, all of grand style. Of course there is a gift shop selling his records and souvenirs. Under construction at Twitty's City, Tammy Wynette is building a complex along with Ferlen Husky. During this summer, a 2,000-seat tent is on the grounds and different country music stars appear daily, pulling from the overflow crowds from the Grand Ole Opry.

Across the road from the Conway Twitty compound, Johnny and June Carter Cash have a recording studio, museum and antique shop. On the outskirts of Nashville on the road to Hendersonville, the Jim Reeves Museum is located.

There are other stars homes and shops in Madison, Tennessee. In Nashville, near the Country Music Hall of Fame and Music Row (where the recording studios are, there are many souvenir shops with the stars names on them

selling doodads. Just to mention a few, Box Car Willie has a hot dog stand, Mel Tillis a shop as have Hank Williams Jr., Alabama, Conway Twitty, Loretta Lynn and others.

The Grand Ole Opry continues to grow, or perhaps outgrows. WSM, the radio station, is now into cable television with the Nashville Channel, a channel with only country music and country music happenings. Construction of the station in on the grounds of Opryland Park, near the Opryland motel. Just recently producers of the television syndicated show Hee Haw put together a package to buy all of the Grand Ole Opry related businesses. You might remember Hee Haw was canceled by the networks as not being popular enough. The show's producers mortgaged their homes, cars and borrowed what they could and put together several Hee Haw

shows and sold them to individual TV stations for broadcast during times when the network shows were not on. Seems the big networks were wrong, for Hee Haw has been running several years and apparently they have accumulated some money, for it is rumored the Grand Ole Opry, Opryland, the Nashville Network, WSM, and other Opry-related businesses have a price tag of over \$200 million.

Stories are being told around Nashville about the deal. Seems during a stock fight, one insurance company bought out another. The National Life Insurance, the originator of the Opry, no longer existed. The new insurance company wanted to keep the Opry enterprises to use as a tax loss. However, they made profits and more profits, so finally the new insurance company decided to sell off that portion of their operations. Hee Haw, or Gaylord Productions, bought it.



STUDENTS LEAVE FIELDS FOR CLASSROOMS - Duplin tobacco crops are several weeks behind last year's harvest schedule and many of the farm workers will be called to school August 22, leaving most of the leaf still on the stalk. While many Duplin farmers expressed hopes for the delay of school, the Duplin County Board of Education opted to

excuse student farm workers and allow the pupils to make up work missed during days absent while harvesting tobacco. Registration is set for August 22. Pictured above, Duplin student Vance Dail helps harvest tobacco near Warsaw.

Duplin Duplicate Bridge Club

The Duplin Duplicate Bridge Club played a Howell movement Monday, Aug. 1 with Lee Allred as director.

The winners were: First - Merle Currin of Wallace and Lee Allred of Rose Hill; Second - Chris Langley and John Sullivan of Goldsboro; Third - Eleanor Brown and Marie Britt of Wallace.

Thursday, Aug. 4, the club met in the home of Doug

Clark. A six-table Mitchell movement was played with Kay Autry as director. North-South winners were: First - Merle Currin and Eleanor Brown of Wallace; Second - Lee Allred of Rose Hill and Larry Sanderson of Wallace; Third - Morris Grady and Pony Quinn of Beulaville. East-West winners were: First - Doug Hunter and Frank Sawyer of Beulaville;

Second - Vashti Taylor and Ginny Holt of Kinston; Third - Sadie Funderburk and Jackie Crute of Beulaville.

All bridge players are invited to play duplicate bridge. The Monday 10 a.m. game is held in the home of Kay Autry, Route 1, Box 127-AA, Highway 11 North of Kenansville. Aug. 11 the Thursday 7 p.m. session will play at the home of Doug Clark, Main Street in

Kenansville. Beginning Aug. 18, the Thursday game will be held at the Kenansville Elementary School.

Adoption Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Chitty are proud to announce the adoption of an infant daughter, Leslie Ann on June 28, 1983. Mrs. Chitty is the former Beth Smith,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland E. Smith of Route 2, Pink Hill. The paternal grandparents are the late Sadie Doris Smith Chitty and the late George F. Chitty Sr.



BACKSTAGE AT THE GRAND OLE OPRY - Roy Acuff chats with Donna Lanier (Mrs. Son-of-a-Gun). Acuff is a born Tennessean who had hoped to be a baseball star. However, during three tryouts, he was a victim each time of sunstroke. He picked a new career with country music. He was 30-years old before he sang and fiddled

professionally, which was, by the way, with a medicine show. He now lives on the grounds of the Opryland Park, and on Opry nights, chances are he will be on stage singing "The Wabash Cannonball," "The Great Speckled Bird" or some other country classic. He is aptly called the King of Country Music.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Deep Run Ladies Prayer Breakfast will be held on Sunday morning, Aug. 14 at 7:45 a.m. at the B&S Restaurant in Deep Run. The Speaker will be Deana Reardon.

BARBECUE DINNER

There will be a barbecue pork and chicken dinner on Friday, August 12 beginning at 11 a.m. at the Pink Hill Church of God. Proceeds will go to the teenagers of the church for a trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Birth Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McMahon announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica Lynn, on Tuesday, July 12, 1983, at Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston. Mrs. McMahon is the former Karen Houston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn Houston of Route 2, Pink Hill. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe McMahon of Route 2, Pink Hill. Great-grandparents are Mrs. J.B. Whaley and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Houston, all of Pink Hill, and Inez Ward of Hearne, Texas.

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Stanford Homemakers Honors Members

According to Marie Dixon, Stanford Homemakers Extension Club honored some members by presenting them with awards.

Mrs. Marie Monk, an honorary member of the club, was given a pin in honor of her long and faithful service to the club. She is one of the oldest members.

Mrs. Angie Smith was given the Presidential Award for her outstanding work for her community and fellowman. This award stands for integrity - that is, the quality

or state of being of sound moral principle, uprighteous, honest and sincere. She should be a lover of God and people. This year's winner personifies all these qualities.

Mrs. Eva S. Miller was given a plaque as the recipient of the Mother of the Year award. What makes a good mother? Many answers can be given but we do know that her children will arise and call her blessed. What better honor is that. Mrs. Miller, we indeed salute you.

Fran's Casuals

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Gigantic Summer Sale

Lots of Back-To-School Bargains

we will be closed Thursday morning for big markdown

Sale Starts
Thursday,
August 11
3:30 til 8 pm

30 to 75% off All Ladies & Mens Summer Sportswear

Ladies & Men's Lee Jeans 20% off

Men's size 28-38 All Lengths (Reg. & Stretch)

Ladies, we have regular and stretch jeans, size 3-18. Also, we have the stripe and regular denim baggies.

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We have just received OFF Shore screen prints in long sleeve and muscle T-Shirts. We have also added a new line of Ladies Sportswear by Russ

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