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# "Bernstein a genius"

by Bob Lindsey

Conductor-composer Leonard Bernstein remains the last of those giants in music capable of dominating the concert world of two continents.

Dr. Robert Keener's world is largely that of the Warren Wilson College campus, where as a faculty member he teaches music and directs the choir. Recently it fused with that of Bernstein on a second continent.

For two weeks in August, conductor singer Keener, together with seven Warren Wilson students choir members, traveled with Bernstein, performed in a Bernstein festival in Austria, then proceeded on concert tour with Bernstein to Frankfurt, West Berlin and Vienna.

From the concert stage, Doctor of Music Keener enjoyed a conductor's eyerew of Bernstein, genius, conducting the 90-man Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and the 126-voice Vienna Youth Choir, of which Keener was a temporary member.

"When Bernstein was conducting the Israel

Philharmonic, we, the choir, would be seated toward the rear of the concert stage. As a conductor, it was a point of view which otherwise I could never have hoped to have. It was a fantastic experience to watch him mold the performance."

As one of the 216 participating musicians, Keener doesn't suggest his association with Bernstein was close, however on Keener's side it was intensely personal. "In rehearsal he was never overbearing. He was really quite gentle, not temperamental at all. Still, he was commanding, demanding. When he rehearsed the choir he spoke German. When he rehearsed the orchestra he spoke English.

"We recognized that he was under strain. His wife was terminally ill of cancer in New York. But there were never any tantrums or blowups."

While in West Berlin, Bernstein had his 59th birthday.

"That evening after the curtain calls, we, the choir, sang 'Happy Birthday' and presented him with a cake. He was delighted, as was the audience."

Curtain calls revealed more of the man.

"Traditionally the Austrians have a strong preference for their own musicians. However at Villach, during the three-day Leonard Bernstein Festival, their response was tremendous...six to ten curtain calls that would last to 20 minutes.

"Somehow during curtain calls his attitude would subtly give credit to the orchestra, to the soloists, to the concert master, to the choir. It was real and gracious."

For Keener and the seven Warren Wilson students, the occasion to join Bernstein and the Vienna Youth Choir, came when the Warren Wilson Choir was concluding its participation in the Ninth Vienna Choral Symposium. Were their months of work and sacrifice, which earned for them much of the cost of their Vienna experience, worth it?

In Keener's view: "Unquestionably. It has been an experience that has enriched all our lives."



ROBERT KEENER

## Owen magazine sale begins

by Betty Davis

Friday, September 30, is the kick-off date for the sale of magazines by the Owen High School students. The sale will run one week and two weekends.

Their goal is \$12,000, about half of which will remain in the school, to be used for various school-wide activities such as Junior-Senior Prom,

Freshman-Sophomore dance, etc. The company will be the Perfect School Plan.

This project is the one and only school-wide project that Owen has for this school year. The parents, friends, and community have given the school such tremendous support in the past and we hope every family in the Swannanoa Valley will sub-

scribe to at least one magazine from our students this year. Those who would like to subscribe to a magazine and have not been contacted, may call the school and give their name and address. A student with the proper credentials will come for the order. The support of the community is vital to the success of the drive.

## Lunches Provide Bacteria Room to Grow

Sack lunches for the back-to-school crowd can be a haven for sickness-causing bacteria.

Because the bacteria responsible for food poisoning grow best between 45 and 120 degrees Fahrenheit, sack lunches kept at room temperature offer a good place for bacteria to grow, says Jane Aitchison, agricultural extension foods and nutrition specialist at North Carolina State University.

If bacteria are present, it only takes a few hours in the hazardous temperature range to get them growing.

The key to preventing food poisoning is careful and sanitary methods of food preparation and storage.

Clean hands, utensils and work areas are essential.

Hands and wrists should be washed with soap and hot water. If hands have cuts or sores, rubber gloves should be worn when preparing food.

Prevent cross contamina-

tion of foods by thoroughly washing surfaces and utensils used with raw foods before using them with cooked foods.

One of the standard food safety rules is to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.

Thermos or vacuum bottles can do either. Be sure they are thoroughly washed and rinsed in boiling water before reusing.

If a refrigerator is handy, lunches should be stored in it until ready to eat.

A lunch box is a better insulator than a paper bag says Ms. Aitchison.

A slightly frozen drink may also help to keep a lunch cool and many sandwiches can be frozen ahead of time for the same purpose as well as to keep them safe longer.

If refrigeration is not available, some foods should be avoided altogether.

Cooked and uncooked foods containing eggs must be refrigerated. Others include items containing cream,

custard or meringue fillings or toppings and salads and sandwiches with eggs or dressings containing eggs and little vinegar or other acid.

Cooked meat and fish in sandwiches or salad mixtures can also be unsafe if not handled properly and kept cold.

Almost any other food that has been properly prepared, cooked and stored is a good choice for the sack lunch.

Canned meat and poultry products, opened and eaten immediately are nutritious as are dry or fully cooked meats, such as franks or bologna.

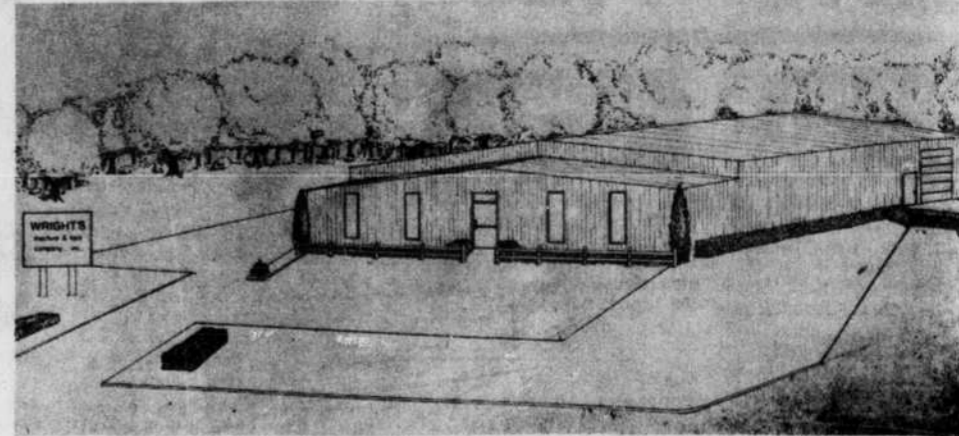
Cheese and crackers and nut butter sandwiches are also good choices. Frozen chicken or turkey or soups, stews or chili that are boiling hot and poured into a sterile thermos bottle are all welcome lunchtime foods.

To complement the main course, add clean fruits and vegetables of your choice.

## Machine company to build facility

Wright's Machine and Tool Company, Inc. located on Bee Tree Road in Swannanoa, is building a new facility near US Highway 70 approximately three miles west of Swannanoa. The new facility is now under construction with an expected completion date of November 1.

Frank A. Wright, President, states that the new building will contain approximately 10,000 square feet. Plans have been made to add still another 10,000 square feet within the next six months. This new building will house the Company's new line of automatic, bar-and-chucking lathes and Computer-Numerical-Control milling machines, (CNC), the latest development in space age technology.



Wright attributes the rapidly increasing success of Wright's Machine and Tool Company, Inc. to the purchase and use of top quality

machinery and the hiring of highly skilled toolmakers. These present expansions are necessary because of the large increase in both domestic and

international sales. This new plant will create a number of jobs for both machinists and production workers in the Western North Carolina area, Wright said.

## Owen Band earns superior rating

by Judy Sturgill

The Warhorse Marching Band, under the direction of Judy Henson Sturgill, was rated superior in marching and music at the fourth annual Land of the Sky Marching Band Festival on Saturday, September 24.

Thirty-two bands from four states competed at the Enka Stadium before a capacity

crowd. The bands were judged according to marching and playing ability as well as the general effect of the show.

Owen received high ratings in showmanship and originality. Besides walking away with the superior rating, the Warhorse Band made a perfect score on military inspection. This is the second year in succession that Owen has won the inspection trophy.

Also winning first place for the second time at this competition was the Owen majorette corps led by Head Majorette Beverly Coston. The Field Conductor, Joe Ballard, also received a superior rating. He came in a close second behind Pisgah's drum major.

Many of the observers at the festival were parents and friends of the Warhorse Band.

The band members and, Ms. Sturgill wish to thank all the fine folk of Swannanoa Valley who continue to offer support and encouragement for the band program.

This weekend the Owen Band and many of the parents will travel to Bristol, Tenn.-Va. for the Southeastern Band Festival. Approximately 80 bands from nine states have entered the competition.

## New professor at Montreat

Dr. Ruth Douglas See, a noted historian and Presbyterian administration and instructor, has joined the faculty of Montreat-Anderson College, Acting Dean B. Hoyt Evans has announced.

Dr. See, who is teaching United States history at Montreat-Anderson College, holds a B.A. degree from Mary Baldwin College, a M.R.E. degree from New York Theological Seminary, and a Ph. D. from New York University. She has completed additional study at the University of North Carolina, Union Theological Seminary, The College of William and

Mary and Mansfield College in England.

Dr. See is a former Assistant Professor of History at Virginia Commonwealth University, a former instructor at National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, a former instructor at Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and a former Youth Publications Editor with the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education. She is the author of several historical and Christian publications and is currently Research Associate with the Presbyterian Historical Foundation in Montreat.

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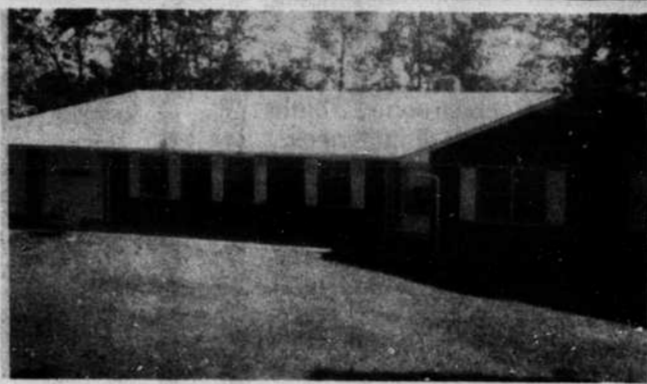
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