

**BETHWARE
OAK GROVE NEWS**
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Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Poag visited relatives in Virginia last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Nance and Randy and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Randall visited Tweedie Fall road and other places of interest in the mountains recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vess Jr. and Joel visited Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hoyle and family of Cherryville, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wilson, Kay and Warren of Poplar Springs visited Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Wilson last week.

Mrs. Lester Harmon and Billy visited Mr. and Mrs. Evans Cooper of Lattimore recently.

Susan Babb visited recently in the home of Mrs. Dale Harmon and children.

Rev. and Mrs. James Holder visited Wanda Carol Hamrick at the N. C. Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem Wednesday.

Mrs. Sam Dudley is a patient in Cleveland Memorial hospital. She underwent surgery Friday morning.

Mrs. T. A. Champion is spending a couple of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Champion Miles and Randy of Florence, S. C.

Miss Jan Fisher of Charlotte, spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. David Fisher.

Wanda Carol Hamrick came home from the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem Friday after a two-week stay for tests and treatment.

Jean Ledford is a patient at the Kings Mountain hospital. She underwent surgery there last week.

Mrs. Betty Thornburg, Ann Hoyle and Mrs. Joan Lovelace honored Mrs. Dwain Thornburg with a baby shower at Betty Thornburg's home Saturday night. Approximately 25 guests were present.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Champion Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. James Champion and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Champion and Timmy of Shelby, and Mrs. Elva McSwain.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Lovelace of Atlanta, Ga. visited Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Lovelace Saturday night.

Mrs. Kenneth Mayes came home from the Kings Mountain hospital Saturday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Champion and family recently were: Mr. Tom Ledford of Shelby; and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Foster and son of Upper Cleveland.

Mr. Walter Vess, Sr. visited his mother Mrs. Roy Vess of Grover Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Marvin Wright grandnephew of Jerry Suggs of Kings Mountain, spent the weekend with her.

Martha Ann Stone spent Sunday with Miss Beth Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bell and children and Mrs. Frank Ledford and children visited Mrs. Ethel McMillan of Bessemer City Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bell Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Senter of Gastonia and Mrs. Paul Bell Sherry and Douglas.

Mr. Paul Bell and Mrs. William Bell visited Mrs. Pearl Harmon Oates at the Memorial hospital in Chapel Hill Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sheppard and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hudson of Spindale, N. C.

Rev. N. S. Hardin, pastor of David Baptist church is a patient at Cleveland Memorial hospital. He underwent surgery there last Tuesday.

The P.T.A. at Central school will meet Tuesday night, Oct. 26 at 7:30.

Mr. Sam Lovelace and Jerry, Mr. Glenn Spearman; Mr. James Maphey and Mr. Fred Saunders spent the weekend fishing at Little River, S. C.

Mrs. Dale Harmon and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Green and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Green and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Adam Morgan at Union Mills Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Green and daughter spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Green.

Mr. Henry White and Mr. Emmett Green went deer hunting Monday at Hickory Nut Gorge, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. McSwain visited in Charlotte Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jones and son of Sandy Mush, N. C., spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Rush White.

Mrs. Charlie McSwain and Wayne spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Bridges and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bost have moved recently to Greenville, S. C. Mrs. Bost is the for-

children;

In North Carolina, the legislature grants almost \$200,000 annually to the State Museum of Art, \$60,000 to the North Symphony, \$20,000 to the Institute of Outdoor Drama, and has recently sponsored a traveling theater group to give performances in schools.

"There is a tremendous appetite for the arts at the community level where good art, professionally performed and presented, is available," says John B. Hightower, executive director of the New York State Council on the arts. His agency, established in 1961 with an annual budget of \$450,000, sent professional companies to give 92 performances in 46 towns and cities in upstate New York in its first year.

At least 27 states now have arts councils or commissions of one kind or another. When Arts Councils of America convened for the first time at Washington in June, 40 states were represented, in addition to regional and city councils.

In 1964 Congress established an advisory National Council on the arts. Last month saw the establishment of the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities with most of the money made available as matching grants to cities, states and non-profit institutions with some funds reserved for direct grants.

In dealing with the topic in "This Culture Boom: How Real Is It?," Changing Times points

Culture Boom Is Changing America's Taste

Culture in this country has boomed into something bigger than bowling, boating or even baseball. Fans of culture have more than doubled their ranks in the past two decades and may double again in the next, according to a Changing Times magazine report.

Already "the arts," not counting books and education, is a 25-billion-dollar industry. Between now and 1970, over four billion dollars will be spent building new arts centers in the U. S. and Canada.

Cities of all sizes and some states are assuming greater financial responsibility for the arts, partly because they recognize that they can attract new business. Cited as examples by the Kiplinger magazine are:

Los Angeles where over a third of the cost of the new \$13,500,000 Music Center came from county-backed revenue bonds, the balance from private contributions;

San Francisco, a portion of the 3% room tax in hotels goes to support the arts;

Mobile, Ala., the city government provides the Allied Arts Council with \$10,000, a seventh of its budget;

In Cincinnati, industry underwrites a unique series of concerts by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra in public and private schools. Financial aid brings the cost to only \$125 a school, making concerts free for

mer Paula Lail.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hoyle and sons visited at Grandfather Mountain Sunday.

Mrs. L. V. Hoyle visited Mrs. J. P. Hoyle of Fallston Sunday.

Agriculture In Action

LABOR MOVE BOOTED

There is a bit of evidence now that reason still reigns in the U. S. Senate.

In a vote with some interest out that some already wonder whether there is not too much stress on quantity and not enough on quality. Among areas of immediate concern are these:

There are now 1401 symphony orchestras, but only 54 are composed of professional musicians, most of whom would earn only \$2,000 a year if they depended on orchestral work alone;

There are no professional year-round choral groups anywhere in the U.S.; and with the exception of New York, San Francisco and Chicago, this country has virtually no professional opera companies on a year-round basis.

There's no doubt, however, that an epidemic of interest in things cultural is breaking out all over the country. Americans are flocking to art galleries, museums, concerts and plays as never before; and, concludes Changing Times, "Just as the building boom is changing the face of America, the culture boom is changing its taste."

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majority.

The results, however, do not draw an entirely accurate line between the two camps, for some congressmen said that they were merely expressing their objection to the principle of cloture, rather than indicating that they were against the repeal of right-to-work laws.

At any rate, this favorite issue of union whip-crackers was one which wasn't ramrodded through a docile Congress. It will now be shelved until next year. We should hope that the tide has turned.

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