

U.S. Navy Band Performs Here Tuesday



THE U.S. NAVY BAND

The U.S. Navy Band will be presented in concert Tuesday, March 30, in Bost. Gym. Two shows will be performed one at 1:30 p.m. for public school students and Senior Citizens, and another at 8 p.m. for the public and Gardner-Webb students.

The U.S. Navy Band became the Navy's official band on March 4, 1925, the day Calvin Coolidge was inaugurated President. On that date President Coolidge signed a special act of the 68th Congress recognizing this band as the permanent representative band of the U.S. Navy.

However, the history of this acclaimed band goes beyond 1925, for its roots are actually those of music in the U.S. Navy itself.

The first recognized Navy musician was James F. Draper who, in 1925, signed aboard the American Frigate, "Brandywine." Little is known about Navy musicians prior to that date, but soon after Draper's arrival on the scene, other ships carried three or four instrumentalists who were called out on special occasions.

Soon, there was a band maintained by the Navy in the Nation's Capital at the Washington Navy Yard. Im-

mediately following World War I, however, the band had dwindled to four musicians. The Navy Department, fully aware of the value of truly outstanding

Ron and Patricia Owens, professional singers, will perform here on April 20 for non-required chapel in Bost Gym at 9:30 a.m.

Ron and Patricia and their son, Jeff, live in Fort Worth, Texas. Patricia was born in Jackson, Mississippi; Ron, in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, Canada. Some years later Ron moved with his family to Switzerland, where he spent his teenage years.

After graduation from high school in Jackson, Patricia attended the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., where she earned both undergraduate and graduate degrees. It was while here that she met Ron, who was a special student at Eastman studying with the same voice teacher.

While living in Europe, Ron attended the Ecole Le-

band music to a military establishment, decided to create a musical unit that would properly represent the United States Navy in Washington and throughout the nation.

Presently, the U.S. Navy Band is composed of 175 enlisted men and four officers. The full band has a familiar sight at public concerts and parades, as well as official government and military functions, in Washington.

For its concert tours, however, the conductor of the Navy Band selects the most outstanding 47 instrumentalists in the organization to create a symphonic band.

Lieutenant Commander Ned Muffley became the or-

ganization's fifth leader on June 29, 1963. Although he was never an instrumentalist with the Navy Band, he served as the group's assistant leader. Additionally, he has been both assistant Head and Head of the Navy's Music Branch with the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Commander Muffley has an excellent ability to memorize, and always memorizes the scores of the pieces he conducts with the Navy Band. He has not carried a score of music to the podium since 1966.

The Chicago Daily News said, "Our Navy's band is magnificent. Its repertoire is varied and its style in all it plays is direct and just."

Owens Duo To Perform



RON AND PATRICIA OWENS

mania in Lausanne, L'Ecole de Commerce, Lausanne, and studied voice with Mlle.

Ysabelle Bard, Montreux. After coming to the States, he attended Elm Bible Institute, Eastman School of Music, and the University of Southwestern Louisiana, where he received the Bachelor of Music degree, and the University of Texas for graduate work. They both then completed their formal study by spending three years in post-graduate work with voice coach Neuman Leighton.

Though they have sung classical, Broadway, and pop repertoire, they are now known for their "Sermons in Song" in which they share their pilgrimage through word and music. Concert tours have taken them coast to coast in the United States and Canada, to Europe, Asia, and Africa.

A portion of each year is spent working on foreign mission fields, particularly in Europe where they have a part of directing the ministry of a Christian resort hotel in Chateau d'Oex, Switzerland. This work includes evangelism and literature to Communist countries, retreat and conference ministries, youth outreach to western Europe through youth choirs, mission tours, witnessing campaigns, etc., and adult tours combining sightseeing, Bible study, and sharing times.

GWC To Sponsor Bicentennial Trip

Gardner-Webb College is sponsoring a trip to several places of historic interest in honor of the nation's Bicentennial. The two week trip by motor coach will leave the Gardner-Webb campus Saturday, May 22 and will return Saturday, June 5.

The itinerary includes stays in the following cities: Williamsburg and Charlottesville, Va.; Washington, D.C.; Annapolis, Md., Philadelphia and Lancaster, Penn.; Boston, Mass.

Among the highlights of the trip are visits to Mt. Vernon, George Washington's plantation home; Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's unique rural retreat; Valley Forge, The Continental Army's famous quarters during the winter of 1777-78; The Nation's Capitol and the National Archives, the depository of original documents such as the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights; Independence Hall and its famous Liberty Bell; The Statue of Liberty, and the battlefields at Lexington and Concord.

The trip is open to Gardner-Webb students, faculty, staff, and alumni and to the community in general. Each person's transportation and lodging expense based on double occupancy is \$390. Rates for people sharing rooms with two or three others are somewhat less.

To insure a reservation, send a \$185 deposit per person by April 6. Send deposits and requests for additional information to: Donald E. Reed, Bicentennial Trip Director, Box 321, Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N.C. 28017.

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Introducing . . . Tilmon Bailey

Gardner-Webb is a place where people come to learn and to somehow acquire enough motivation to make a living in the world. Very few, however, come to Gardner-Webb with aspirations as high as Tilmon Bailey.

Tilmon Emmanuel Bailey, 21, a business major from Liberia seems to have a very busy future ahead of him.

When asked his plans after graduation, Tilmon replies, "I plan to return home immediately and start my business. Later, I would like to enter politics after I have acquired my first two million dollars."

Tilmon comes from a family of seven. In the early 1960's he went to live with his uncle, Dr. William Tolbert, upon the death of his father. Tilmon was brought up in a Christian atmosphere as Dr. Tolbert is a Baptist minister and former president of the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. Tolbert is presently serving as President of Liberia.

In Liberia, Tilmon took an active part in church activities. Before leaving Liberia for Gardner-Webb, Tilmon was assistant corresponding secretary of the Liberia Baptist Sunday School Convention. He has also served as a Sunday School teacher and R.A. counselor.

The decision to attend Gardner-Webb was made when Tilmon heard about the school through Dr. Owen Cooper, a close friend of the family and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Of course, there are certain things in Liberia that Tilmon misses. Among these are his hobby of playing soccer, the great food, and his parents.

In his own words, Tilmon says that he is very impressed with the atmosphere that prevails here on the Gardner-Webb campus. "Since my arrival everyone has been so nice to me. I would like to express my sincere thanks to my many friends who, each day, are making my stay here in the United States both rewarding and fruitful."