



Jon Crain To Star In Opera Tonight

Tonight at eight o'clock in Memorial Auditorium, Puccini's forty-three-year-old music drama, "Madame Butterfly," will be presented under the sponsorship of the Raleigh Civic Music Association. The production will be the ninth annual itinerant opera production of the veteran impresario, Charles L. Wagner.

Directing the score will be Edwin McArthur, distinguished young American conductor, who has been guest conductor for such well-known institutions as the Metropolitan and San Francisco operas, the New York Philharmonic Symphony and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Mr. McArthur will preside over a complete orchestra of New York's best musicians, a hand-picked chorus, and a set of America's finest young singing actors.

In the title-role, Mr. Wagner has cast Mary Henderson, soprano, who has been praised for her portrayals of such roles as Violetta in "La Traviata" and Marguerite in "Faust." The leading male protagonist will be Jon Crain, tenor, who sings the role of Lt. B. F. Pikerton, U. S. Navy. Mr. Crain received his first offers for opera and concert work when he was soloist with Xavier Sugat's troupe. His present engagement with Mr. Wagner's touring opera company is the first major assignment in the field of endeavor that is his choice.

LITTLE BROWN LADY

(Continued from page five) someone who loved to dance and have fun as much as she did. This person wanted to take her to a real dance. Her family was shocked, for as long as the daughter had danced by herself it was quite all right—but to go to a real dance was unheard of and absolutely forbidden. But the young girl slipped out and went to the dance anyway. When she returned that night, her angry brother was waiting for her in her room which she was never again to leave. There can be seen today the blood on the wall where he strangled her.

No one knows why the ghost returns to Meredith. Some say that the pain of her own heart is stilled by the happiness and laughter she finds on the campus. Others say that she comes to encourage girls to have fun and enjoy the good times of youth. But whatever the purpose, the appearance of the "Little Brown Lady" has become a part of Meredith tradition.

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MARSH ELECTED PRESIDENT NCACR

Mrs. Vera Tart Marsh, Meredith College Registrar, was recently elected president of the North Carolina Association of Collegiate Registrars at the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the organization in Greensboro. The meeting was held in connection with the assembly of the North Carolina College Conference, November 19. Mrs. Marsh is the twenty-fifth president and the third woman to hold this high office in the Association. Other officers to serve with her are Roy Armstrong of the University of North Carolina and Hubert C. Dixon of Gardner-Webb College. In recognizing Mrs. Marsh's recent honor, it is also noted that in addition to her duties as registrar, she is secretary to the Meredith faculty, and a member of the resolution committee of the North Carolina Conference.

Meredith Freshman Attends Convention

Frances Lancaster, a Meredith freshman, is very much in the news these days. Frances was one of the North Carolina young 4-H'ers chosen to represent her state at the annual 4-H Club Congress held in Chicago last week. Last year Frances won a great deal of recognition in her home county, Edgecombe, and took first place honors such as State Dairy Foods Demonstration Champion.

Faculty Members Sing Oratorio

The Raleigh Oratorio Society, of which several of the Meredith faculty are members, has recorded Bach's "Christmas Oratorio." This program will be heard on Station WPTF on Saturday, December 20, from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Dr. Harry E. Cooper is conductor; Mrs. Lillian Parker Wallace, pianist; Miss Beatrice Donley, contralto; Mr. William Kirkpatrick of Chapel Hill, tenor; Mr. Clarence Smith of Duke University, bass. The small orchestra consists of the following players: Rachel Rosenberger, Dorothy Alden, Margaret Norwood, Charlotte Atkinson, violin; C. D. Kutschinski, viola; Emily Porter, cello; and Ruth Woodman, organ.

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Social Studies Conference Held

The third Social Studies Conference, sponsored by the North Carolina Council for Social Studies, held its two-day session in Raleigh last Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6. The Saturday session of the conference was held at Meredith College, with a luncheon at noon in the Hut.

On Friday night the Conference met in a joint meeting in the Sir Walter Hotel with the State Literary and Historical Association, of which Dr. Carlyle Campbell, of Meredith, is president this year. Dr. Julian Boyd, of Princeton, delivered the evening address on "Thomas Jefferson and the Police State."

Speakers heard during the conference sessions included Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, of the State Department of Public Instruction; Dr. William Plemmons, the Executive Secretary of the State Education Commission; and Dr. Helen K. Mackintosh, Specialist of the U. S. Office of Education.

Copies of various social studies texts which have been submitted for adoption and other social studies materials were on exhibit all day last Saturday in the Meredith College Rotunda.

Those attending the conference also visited the Department of Archives and History to see a display of documents illustrating North Carolina's part in gaining and maintaining American Freedom. The Freedom Train, which stopped in Raleigh last Saturday, was also visited.

Conference meetings were open not only to members of the Council of Social Studies, elementary, secondary, and college teachers and administrators, but also to all those interested in improving social studies programs. Plans were made and suggestions offered about the Social Studies Curriculum Bulletin to be published by the Department of Public Instruction.

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Groups To Sponsor Christmas Banquet

On December 17 the three major campus organizations, the Student Government Council, the Athletic Association, and the Baptist Student Union, will sponsor the annual formal Christmas banquet in the college dining hall. New faculty members will be guests of honor at dinner and at an after dinner coffee given for them by the Student Government Council. All non-resident students also will be guests for this occasion.

Dining hall decorations will carry out the theme of the festive yuletide, and the Student Government Council will play Santa Claus to the whole school in giving out address books.

Dr. Lillian Parker Wallace, of the Meredith History Department, was in charge of arrangements for the luncheon given in the Hut on Saturday. Meredith students majoring in history and sociology and members of the International Relations Club assisted in serving the luncheon. Dr. Alice B. Keith, also of Meredith, was in charge of reservations for the conference, and Miss Anna G. Smith was in charge of room reservations.

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