

Work in Concert Field Calls for Hard Work, Says Margaret Truman

By JOHN UTLEY

"It's a lot of hard work," was the answer Margaret Truman gave to your Roving Reporter's question, "What advice could you give to Greensboro teen-agers who might like to enter the concert field?" Many interesting things about Miss Truman were discovered by this, and other reporters at a recent press conference held at Sedgfield Inn.

Her recent North Carolina appearance marked the beginning of her first concert tour in the south. Her N. C. concert was given at the Western State Teachers College, in the mountains that Miss Truman loves so well. Miss Truman is not at all unfamiliar with the south, having been here before. This has been Miss Truman's longest stay away from home. She finds it very hard, being an only child.

Miss Truman, who states that she is just a soprano, is not interested in opera, only concert. She made it very clear, however, that her favorite operatic role is "Rigoletto." Miss Truman's interest in television is purely from the viewers stand point. She has no desire to be behind the camera. Her views on radio are quite contrary. Results—she is appearing on ABC's "Carnegie Hall" in December.

Miss Helen Traubel, who Miss Truman likes very much, is only Miss Truman's good friend and advisor—not her coach, as has been rumored. Miss Truman thinks that Miss Traubel is a very fine person, a great artist, and one from whom you can learn much. Miss Truman has studied voice in New York for the past year. She has studied very hard since she was 16 or 17.

Miss Truman's parents will be present at only one of her concerts. That will be her performance with the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, in November. She will feature an aria from the "Marriage of Figaro."

Memorizing takes the spot light of Miss Truman's spare time. She is not a slave to the kitchen. As Miss Truman says, "The further I can stay away from the kitchen, the better I like it."

Most of us would rather appear in a small auditorium (if we have to appear at all) but not Miss Truman. The size of the auditorium is no bother to her, neither are the secret service men, nor the press conferences.

Critics, the country over, have heavily criticized Miss Truman, but she considers them very helpful and fair to her.

For the interest of the girls, Miss Truman is wearing on her tour a very simple dress with a white and silver bouquet. Her dress was designed by Madame Paula.

Miss Truman's interest are not entirely set on singing. She is an avid fan of baseball. During the course of the interview, she inquired about the series. Having heard only part of a game that day, she was wondering how it came out. The members of her party were for the Yankees. Thus Miss Margaret roots for the Dodgers.



Shown above is Charles E. Herbert who is assistant principal and Dean of boys.

Mr. Herbert Compares Senior To Pike's Peak

"We are just now completing the first six-weeks of the 1949-50 school year," stated Mr. Charles E. Herbert, assistant principal and Dean of Boys at GHS.

Mr. Herbert said that this school has the best facilities and opportunities that boys and girls in America could ask for. "But to make it a completely happy school, it requires the efforts of all of us," Herbert said.

Herbert compared the school with Pike's Peak. The top is broken and barren; the storms break around, tearing with all their fury; the thunder breaks all around; the lightning sizzles as it breaks through rain and hail. A person could not help but think of a task done by those who built the road to Pike's Peak. Pike said that the

peak could never be climbed, but men with vision and desire to overcome its difficulties built the road so that we who climb could go with ease—that others might have the pleasure and inspiration that this road could give.

In our school those who have gone before have made it possible for us to accomplish much ease, but there is much unconquered space ahead—a real challenge.

Herbert said "There is room for everyone's ideas and suggestions." Let us have them—tenderfoot or old timer.

Henry Fitzgerald, Janitor At Senior High School, Has Long Service Record

Among the institutions, which have been of long standing at Senior High is Henry Fitzgerald. Serving as janitor, Henry has been in the city school system for twenty-seven years.

He is recognized around school by the cheerful smile on his face and the friendly hello he has for both students and teachers. Henry says that in his many years at Senior, he has been able to get along with everyone and at no time has had any unpleasant dealings with either the student body or faculty.

Henry observes the present student body to be an improvement over those of previous years. As he would state it—"It's better than it has been!" The washrooms seem to be kept in better shape, the smoking conditions are better, and students refrain from scattering as much paper in the front of the school. These are a few of the improvements which make Henry feel that he has the cooperation of the students. In connection with this he stated: "I hope they continue to cooperate with us."

When asked to list a few rooms which seem to always out rank the others in neatness and cleanliness, Henry showed a true trait of his sweet disposition. "I don't want to make anyone mad," he said. After being reminded that Senior High has thirty-eight homerooms and that naming a few surely couldn't make anyone feel bad, he grinned and gave his answer. Incidentally, among those mentioned were Miss Alton's, Miss Moore's, Miss Avery's, and Mrs. Gorrell's. Henry has been happily married for twenty years. He has two daughters who have graduated from Bennett. He is a person well liked at Senior and the person to whom the students are indebted for the warmth they enjoy during cold months and for the many little things kept in tip-top shape throughout the whole school year.

Ann Kersey Struck By Speeding Car

Ann Kersey, junior GHS'er, was injured when struck by a speeding car at the intersection of Westover Terrace and Madison Avenue, Tuesday.

Ambulance sped her to Wesley Long Hospital where she received treatment for shock and slight injuries. Nurses in attendance stated, "She seems to be slightly injured . . . will be discharged soon."

The accident occurred during the regular lunch period. Principal Routh stated that Kersey was AWOL at the time of the accident.

No charges have been filed against the driver since the investigation is not complete.

Miss Causey Goes

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Playmakers Make Plans

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Five Pesos," also a comedy, and the Seniors, "Fixins," a tragedy.

The plays will be presented on November 18 in the school auditorium. The group giving the best performance will be awarded a loving cup, and they will take the production to the state dramatics festival in Chapel Hill this spring.

Miss Mozelle Causey is faculty advisor for the group.

Last Drill Improves Over Former Ones

G. H. S. received a low score on the fire drill on Monday, October 11. The school was graded down because of talking in the lines and because of failure to shut some of the windows.

Mr. Routh asked that the firemen return on Wednesday for another drill in order that the low score might be rectified. The second drill was nearly perfect, and the buildings were cleared in one minute and thirty seconds.

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