

Savoyards Gather In Tryon

On May 15 and 16, Discovery House of the Arts will present *Trial By Jury* in the courthouse in Columbus. A new group of Savoyards will perform their first Gilbert and Sullivan production! Just what is a Savoyard?

As Gilbert & Sullivan grew more and more popular in Victorian London, D'Oyly Carte's plans for a larger theater were realized when in 1881 he built the Savoy Theater close to the Savoy Chapel on the Thames Embankment.

It was the most innovative theater in its day, seating 1,292 people, with a stage large enough to accommodate the large choruses Gilbert and Sullivan wanted. For the first time a public building was lighted by electric lights, programs were given free of charge, and the interior decoration was elaborate. All classes of Londoners flocked to the Savoy and left singing the songs!

D'Oyly Carte was more than a theatrical innovator. He invented the after-theater supper. In 1889 he built the luxurious Savoy Hotel, next to the theater, offering gourmet fare to theater goers! The actors performing in Gilbert & Sullivan operas soon became known as the Savoyards.

Today Gilbert & Sullivan buffs, as well as operetta companies performing their works, are known as Savoyards.

When Nancy and Charles Dunn moved to Tryon, it soon became apparent that these two Savoyards needed to continue their promotion of the witty, enjoyable musicals. They have formed Gilbert & Sullivan groups in several cities throughout the U.S. with Nancy directing the music and Charles singing a leading role. Their friend, Brian Daubney from Leicester, England has been the director. So it will be in May when Discovery House of the Arts presents *Trial By Jury*.

-Community Reporter

Meeting Place Bridge

The results of the Wednesday Meeting Place Bridge Club are: 1st Jewell Williams; 2nd Ann Jones; 3rd Sally Conrey; 4th Charlie Perrenod.

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congregation invite everyone to come.

Randolph Street Annexation Plans Still In Question

Though the Landrum Town Council Tuesday gave first reading approval to annexing the N. Randolph St. area, second reading approval is not guaranteed.

"I'm not sure on the 75%," Mayor Robert Cogdell said. In order for the town to annex, it must have the signatures of 75% of the property owners.

Mayor Cogdell suggested the council approve the first reading of the annexation ordinance while the city determines if the signatures represent 75% of the residents. If they do not, he suggested the council could fail the measure on its second reading. All signatures on the petition have been checked, he added.

The annexation request does not take in any property along Howard St., councilman Doug Brannon pointed out.

In other Landrum Town business Tuesday:

* No action was taken on a request by the Spader's Garden Club for \$200 to maintain the grassy area between the railroad tracks and Trade St.

The \$200 would match money give by the Landrum Chamber of Commerce to the Spader's Garden Club to keep the members from having such large dues in order to afford the lawn maintenance.

* Brannon read a letter of reply to the Dept. of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) defending himself from allegations that he tampered with the water business of the city.

"I declare my innocence on these charges. I want this included in the minutes," Brannon said.

* Landrum is looking to remove all but four of the unsightly light poles in downtown Landrum at little cost to the city.

Duke Power has agreed to remove the poles, and charge no installation for the new lights. The cost to Landrum will be \$2.50 more per light per month, reported Mayor Cogdell.

Jim Ashmore, president of the Landrum Chamber of Commerce, urged the council to approve the new lights. He said the Chamber is looking at new Christmas decorations to go with the lights.

* The Chamber of Commerce

will sponsor Spring Cleanup next week. Ashmore asked the town to request dumpsters from the county to be placed outside of his store.

People can call and volunteers will pick up brush, Ashmore said.

C. Wharton

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Correction

Columbus Presbyterian Church will offer an outdoor Easter sunrise service at 6:45 a.m. Sunday on the grounds at Tryon Estates followed by breakfast at the church fellowship hall.

An earlier notice, given without due attention to *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, mistakenly had the sun rising at 6 a.m. The community is cordially invited. -Community Reporter



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