



From A Reporter's Notebook

By FRANCES WALKER

Spring is climbing up the mountain, now at a rapid rate of speed. Last week end, driving down and back from Winston-Salem I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the colorful flowering shrubs, all blooming so profusely below the mountains. In about two weeks we shall have the same beauty here in our forests and yards. While in Winston-Salem I had the pleasure of seeing their Little Theatre production of "The Women" and also of hearing a concert by Metropolitan Opera singer, Hilde Gueden. Clare Booth Luce's famed play about the lives of society women (40 of them in fact) was made into a popular movie some years back. I had forgotten how funny it really is and while laughing at the hilarious lines and situations I found myself amazed that their amateur group had come out with such a smooth production. It isn't easy to work with a cast so large in the first place. The play has 12 different scenes, each with a different setting. They were done simply but quite effectively. The stage was divided diagonally in half for each scene in order that the next one could be set up while the previous one was being played.

The civic music concert by Hilde Gueden was a delightful experience. She has one of the clearest, most melodious lyric soprano voices I have ever heard. Of interest to the men is the fact she is such a "looker." Miss Gueden has deep green eyes and light blonde hair. For her concert Saturday evening at Reynolds auditorium she selected a stunning gown of deep, avocado green taffeta, overlaid with silver lace. She also had a silver lace stole which she draped about her shoulders so gracefully. (Every time I've worn a stole I've felt like it looked awkward.) In the

event that Miss Gueden is ever available, I do hope that she can be secured as one of the Music Festival soloists. However, since she is Viennese and achieved her first success in native Europe, Miss Gueden returns each summer to the Salzburg Festival, the Rome Opera, the Glyndebourne and Edinburgh Festivals.

To me spring and daffodils are synonymous. But the daffodils and narcissi that Mrs. F. Brown Carr grows are so perfectly beautiful they don't look real. Mrs. Carr sent us a huge box of the flowers last week. The office was a mass of color from these gorgeous waxy blossoms which also gave forth with delightfully sweet odors. Each of them was a different variety, some the tiny white and yellow ones that have several blossoms on one stem, others the giant size trumpet type in yellow, white and pink. Mrs. S. R. Harrington described the beauties of the Carr garden in her column this week.

Family Bibles are cherished possessions that are handed down from generation to generation. Robert N. Hill III has the Hill family Bible which is probably one of the oldest in the country. His was printed by the Oxford press in 1790 and was brought to this country from Ireland by the first Hill immigrants. The Bible, although yellow with age, is still in good condition. Some of the engravings in the book are masterpieces of art. Inside the front is a prayer which was written in 1844 by the first Robert Noble Hill.

In the American tradition of red, white and blue, bearing a picture of the Statue of Liberty with the words, "In God We Trust," a new postage stamp is being introduced today. It isn't just an ordinary stamp. This eight-cent postage stamp is a symbol of great significance — of truths, beliefs, hopes and faiths of this country. It will be used chiefly for international mail. A special radio and television broadcast Thursday from 12:15 to 12:30 will feature the president, Postmaster General Summerfield, and other dignitaries including the national heads of churches. The stamp will go on sale at all post offices this Saturday.

Last week Edith (Mrs. A. E.) York went to the hair stylists convention in Atlanta and took along her 12-year-old daughter, Charlene. During one of the lectures Edith noticed that Charlene was quite bored, so she gave her some money to go downstairs in the hotel and buy some comic books. Charlene received specific instructions about how to get down from the mezzanine and back. But somehow she got off the elevator on the wrong floor. A kind man noticed her puzzled expression. He began asking her questions which she politely answered and the man was so impressed with the child's poise and intelligence he gave her a little gold locket. Naturally both Charlene and her mother were puzzled since the locket had inscribed on it, "This Is Your Life." That evening while they were watching television, Charlene let out a shriek, pointed to the TV screen and said, "Mama, that's the man." And so it was—Ralph Edwards, MC of the show, "This Is Your Life." I'll bet Charlene will treasure her locket for many a moon.

Speaking of TV celebrities, eleven-year-old Ruth Ellen Hunter, gave Arthur Godfrey quite a laugh the other day. She sent King Arthur a riddle which went thusly: "What has six legs and sings?" The answer is the McGuire Sisters. It so happened that Ruth Ellen was sick the day Godfrey used the riddle on his morning show, and she saw and heard it from her Grove Circle home. Quite a thrill for her it was, according to her mother, Mrs. Duncan Hunter.

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Little River Community News

"Back To Church" Movement Is Being Sponsored This Month

By MRS. JOHN T. NEAL

LITTLE RIVER — "Back to Church in April" is this month's project of the Little River Community club, according to Lewis McGee, chairman of the church committee. This promotion will last the entire month. Mr. McGee states it is the desire of his committee that every person in the valley attend the church of his choice during April.

In connection with the evangelistic services are being held at the Little River Baptist church April 11th through 18th. Rev. George Julian, formerly of South Carolina, now pastor of the Pisgah Forest Baptist church, is conducting the services each evening at 8 o'clock. Song service begins at 7:45.

Club Will Meet

Thursday night, April 8th, is Community club night at Little River. This will be a very important meeting and it is the request of the president, Otis Merrill, that every home in the valley be represented at this meeting. A program has been arranged and recreation will be conducted by Donald Merrill.

Cemetery Progress

Tons of dirt have been moved to the Little River church cemetery in the last few weeks, changing the contour of the hill. Every dirt moving machine and tractor in the valley has been present to work and many men and women in the valley, and Brevard, have helped level the dirt that the trucks hauled in. Otis Merrill and Martin Shipman, who have supervised the work, plan to have another Saturday's working so that the grass can be sowed soon. In the meantime the church grounds are being leveled in front where a wall and new steps will be built, providing more parking space and also adding to the beauty of the church grounds.

WMS Met April 1st

Miss Dorothy Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edwards, who is serving as a missionary in Jackson county, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the WMS of the Little River Baptist church. Her message concerned missions in South America. The program was arranged by the Stella Austin circle and the meeting was followed by April gifts to the other circle members, also refreshments.

Youth Forum

The Youth Forum met with Nan-

cy and Jean Pickelsimer Saturday night. A very interesting discussion was presented by the panel on "Dating." The meeting turned into a birthday party celebrating the birthday of the moderator, Rev. John Neal. The next meeting of the forum will be with Martha George Saturday night, April 10th. The subject will be "Good Manners." Participants on the next panel will be Miss Barbara and Dorothy Gotshaw, James Earl Frady and Buddy Hamilton.

Members Attend Meet

Mrs. E. H. Mackey, of Little River, was elected to the office of historian at the recent district meeting of the home demonstration clubs of Henderson, Haywood and Transylvania counties. Those attending from the Little River club were: Miss Sally Merrill, Mrs. Otis Merrill, Mrs. Claud MacMahon, and Terry, Mrs. Mackey, Mrs. R. A. Payne and Mrs. John Neal.

Sunday School Rally

District No. 1 of the Transylvania Baptist Sunday school association met at the Little River Baptist church Sunday afternoon. This district includes the following churches: Enon, Pisgah Forest, Boylston, Calvary, Turkey Creek, Blantyre and Little River. A very fine meet-

ing was held with the theme of "Visitation" as the subject.

Specialist Coming

John Harrison, of State college, will be at Little River Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, April 10th, to help plan the landscaping of the church grounds and parsonage.

Personal Items

Mrs. Elmer Kilstrom and Harry Kilstrom presented the song service in the Sunday morning radio program conducted by Rev. John Neal in the absence of Rev. Floyd T. Rose last Sunday over WPNF.

Pvt. Chris Connell Merrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gillard Merrill, spent some time with his parents recently. Pvt. Merrill is with the U. S. army and stationed at Sam Houston, Tex.

Jimmy Henderson was home for the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Henderson. Jimmy is now stationed in Norfolk, Va., but expects to be transferred to Arizona soon. We are happy that his mother, who has been on our sick list, is considerably better.

Claud W. Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edwards, who is stationed at Fort Meade, Md., is home for 10 days' visit with his parents. Claud is with the heavy

mortar battalion of the army and has had service in Korea.

The deacons and pastor of the Little River Baptist church met last Thursday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gosnell. After the meeting refreshments were served.

Mrs. Paul Baker is back home after spending some time visiting relatives in Dayton, Ohio.

Fred Wright, who has suffered severe burns, has been taken to the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem, where he will receive plastic surgery. Mr. Wright was accompanied by his brother, Emmitt Wright.

Welcome to Little River. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Owens and two-year-old son, Michael, who have moved into the house beside Mr. Talve Merrill. They have been residing in Newport News, Va.

Rev. and Mrs. Homer Couch, of Easley, S. C., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Talve Merrill last week. Due to the illness in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill many friends and relatives have visited lately, including: Mr. and Mrs. George Cox and son, Benny, and his family from Spartanburg; Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Davis and son, Larry, of Spartan-

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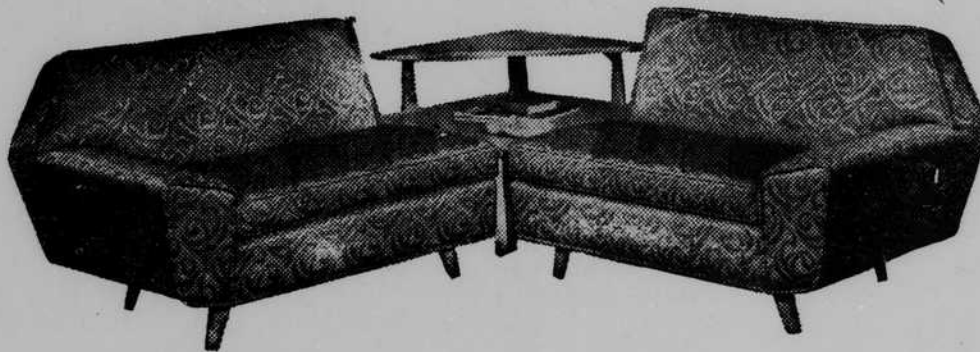
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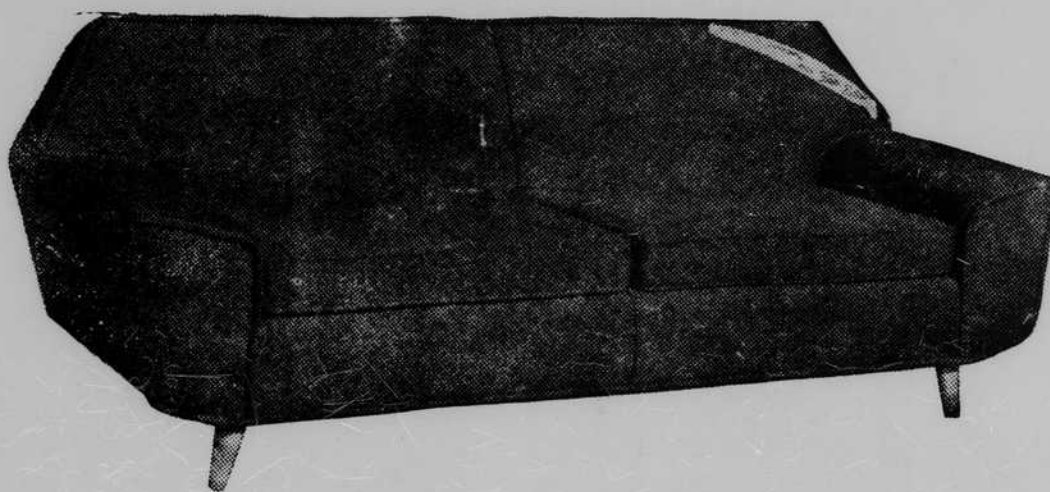
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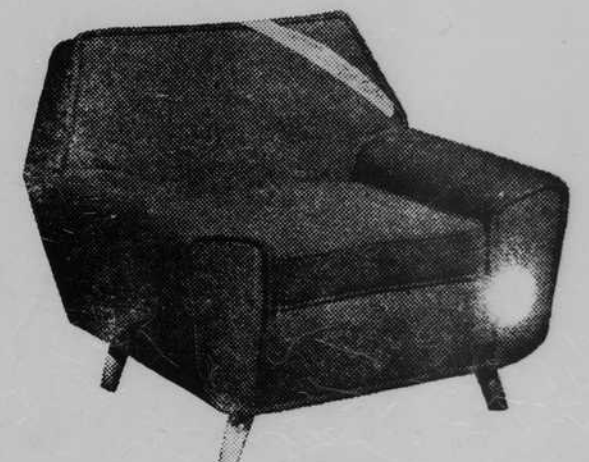
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● SATURDAY ONLY ●

'Hollywood Barn Dance'

With Ernest Tubbs, Lori Talbot and Helen Boyce

—Also—
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● SUNDAY & MON. ●

'So This Is Love'

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Starring Kathryn Grayson

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● TUESDAY & WED. ●

Dennis O'Keefe and June Haver in

'Diamonds And Crime'

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Jennifer Jones, Charlton Heston and Karl Malden in

'Ruby Gentry'