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TO SING IN RALEIGH OPERA



Mrs. Nellie Kemp of Zebulon, who will sing the role of Mercedes in the opera, "Carmen," which will be presented in Hugh Morson Auditorium, Raleigh, Wednesday and Thursday, February 16 and 17, at 8 p.m. by the Raleigh Opera and Concert Group.

Joe Tippet Takes Office As Conservation Director

By G. L. Winchester and J. Boyd Baucom

The Wake County Soil Conservation Committee, composed of L. O. Page, Chairman, Joe Tippet, and H. M. Olive, at a recent meeting elected M. G. Brooks, retiring committeeman, honorary member. This honor was shown him as a result of his fine work while on the committee in sponsoring soil conservation in the county.

The Committee is making plans to conduct a campaign for the construction and seeding of meadow strips on sod waterways in the county in 1949. Mr. Page, Chairman of the Committee, states, "If mechanized farming is to be successful, then meadows must be established. These meadows may be used as spaces to be turned on or to be crossed with the equipment." Mr. Olive started with three meadows on his farm in

1938, and today he has a total of thirteen. They afford better drainage, conserve soil, and make it easier to cultivate on the contour. Mr. Tippet has just recently constructed a meadow and states, "We have to use meadows if we are to save our soil."

The Veterans Farmer Training Class of the Fuquay Springs High School, under the direction of Mr. Brooks and Mr. Harper, recently held a thinning demonstration at the farm of Roy Keith, one of their members. Roy's father has been doing a splendid job of woodland management for many years.

Mr. Henry Callis, GI Instructor of Fuquay Springs, with the assistance of Soil Conservation Service personnel, has conducted two terracing schools for his students. This instruction consisted of first staking the terrace lines and then the construction with farm tractors.

CHARLES HORTON

Plays Own Composition

The meditation at the beginning of worship service in the local Baptist church last Sunday morning was a chorale composed by Organist Charles Horton as a part of his work in Wake Forest College's department of music.

Mission Study Course

Though weather was inclement Monday a good percentage of the WMS membership were present at the Baptist church to take part in the study of *Guide to Community Missions*, led by Mrs. Theo. B. Davis.

During an intermission for refreshments Mesdames Exum Chamblee, R. H. Herring, W. B. Hopkins and Jerry Buffaloe served hot coffee, sandwiches and cookies. A long table had been covered with white cloths and had as a centerpiece a large bowl filled with magnolia soulangeana blossoms. On each side of this were tall pink tapers. This service was a courtesy to Mrs. Carlton Mitchell whose birthday was Monday.

Mrs. R. H. Herring, chairman of community missions, presided and presented a gift to the teacher.

Local Delegates, State Crop Leaders Listed For Farm Bureau Meet

Chairmen of the commodity conferences to be held during the 13th annual state convention of the North Carolina Farm Bureau in Asheville have been announced by state headquarters of the organization at Greensboro. Local delegates to these conferences were elected at the January meeting of the Zebulon Farm Bureau.

Committee leaders and local delegates are Carl T. Hicks, Walstonburg, tobacco chairman, and Wayne Bobbitt, local delegate; George T. Ashford, Red Springs, cotton chairman, and John Broughton, local delegate; George Watson, Rocky Mount, field crops chairman, and Jim Croom, local delegate; H. B. Holcomb, Fayetteville, dairy and livestock chairman, and Joe Tippet, local delegate.

No delegates were named by the Zebulon Farm Bureau to the poultry, peanuts, and fruits and vegetables meetings. All crop conferences will be held Monday morning, February 14. The local Bureau meeting for February, scheduled for the night of February 14, has been cancelled because of the conflict with the state meeting, President Garland Richardson announced last week.

Zebulon's delegates to the state convention are J. H. Ihrie, Jr., and Robert Ed Horton, and Garland Richardson and Rodney McNabb, alternates. Resolutions committee members are Dr. L. M. Massey, McNabb, and Ihrie. Huber Creech and Horton are delegates from the Wake County Farm Bureau to the state meeting.

Local Sidewalks Being Straightened, Paved

Sidewalks on Arendell Avenue and Sycamore Streets are being improved in places where improvements have long been needed. On Sycamore Street paving work is going on from the corner at J. M. Chevrolet Company past Mrs. Ida Hall's home. The work is being paid for by property owners.

On Arendell Avenue at the section known as "the long bridge" which has been classed as dangerous to school children by the town board, concrete culverts have been laid in the deep ditch and the ditch filled and the sidewalk widened.

Mrs. Debnam Suffers Bad Hip Injury in Fall

Mrs. M. A. Debnam of Route 2 fell from a low porch at a neighbor's house last Saturday and broke her hip. She is now in Woodard-Herring Hospital, Wilson, and the doctors say there seems to be no reason why she should not fully recover; though, of course, the period of healing will be tedious.

Mrs. Debnam is the mother of J. C. Debnam and Mrs. Loomis Strickland of Zebulon.

Child Improves

Wilbur Thurston, nineteen months-old son of the Wilbur Debnams of Raleigh, is recovering from a serious injury. He fell, striking a stick which went into his throat, tearing it badly.

The child is a grandson of the M. T. Debnams here.

Zebulon Exceeds Quota In 1949 March of Dimes With Schools' Collection

The 1949 March of Dimes campaign in Zebulon was successfully completed this week with \$867.00 raised for the fight against infantile paralysis, Rev. R. H. Herring, local chairman, said yesterday. The drive this year was sponsored by the Zebulon Rotary Club.

Although no definite quota was set for this community, Wake County was asked by state March of Dimes headquarters for \$20,000 and Zebulon's proportionate part amounted to approximately \$700. Thus far the local contributions have exceeded those reported by any Wake County community outside the city of Raleigh.

Wakelon School children under the direction of Principal Fred Smith, raised \$172, and Shepard School under Principal Garland Crews raised \$40. Contributions by patrons of Wakelon Theatre amounted to \$84.55, Manager Jimmie Wiggs reported. Local Girl Scouts under the leadership of Mrs. Eugene Privette made substantial collections for the polio fund.

"I have never seen such a spontaneous response to a call for funds for any charity," Mr. Herring stated. "People have been generous, and on behalf of myself and the national organization I want to express my gratitude to all who contributed, as well as to all who solicited contributions."

Mr. Herring praised especially Mrs. Willard Gill, who for a number of years has assisted in the campaign, both as community chairman and as a co-worker.

Wake County leaders in the 1949 March of Dimes campaign said yesterday that a final county report would not be available until next week, but predicted that the \$20,000 goal would be reached.

Joint Mission Study Course Taught Here

The Mission Study Classes of the W. S. C. S. of the Wendell and Zebulon Methodist Churches met January 31st in the home of Mrs. W. D. Finch. Mrs. Joe Tippet had charge of the devotional. Mrs. H. A. Davis, promotional secretary of the Raleigh District and Mrs. E. G. Cothran, secretary status of Women's N. C. Conference, taught the first half of the study, "On Our Own Doorsteps." Mrs. J. F. Coltrane was pianist. Mrs. J. J. Whitlock, study leader of Wendell, closed the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Finch, assisted by Mrs. M. J. Sexton, served delicious refreshments. Those present were Mesdames E. G. Cothran and H. A. Davis, Raleigh; Mesdames R. R. Thompson, M. T. Roberts, W. A. Price, Bill Roberts, Walter Wootton, Jr., Miley Johnson, M. M. Veasey, J. J. Whitlock, Marvin

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SCHOOL SHOP



You are never too young to get an education. . . . This high school boy is learning "farm shop" mechanics as part of his vocational agriculture work. With the rural electrification program, such shop training is essential.

Principal Fred Smith Is Speaker at Zebulon Rotary Meeting Friday

Fred Smith, principal of Wakelon School, addressed the Zebulon Rotary Club at its regular meeting last Friday night on the subject of proposed educational reforms in North Carolina. Mr. Smith served as a sub-committee member of the educational survey group authorized by the 1947 General Assembly.

Mr. Smith used a series of illustrated slides to bring out major findings of the educational group. He pointed out the high loss rate of students in public schools, especially after they enter high school; the diminishing supply of teachers for an increasing number of positions, apparently caused by low teacher salaries; and the lack of vocational training programs in our school systems.

Following a short discussion by Dr. L. M. Massey of certain points in Principal Smith's address, the club asked that Mr. Smith return in February to discuss school needs at greater length.

During the business portion of the Rotary meeting, the local club voted overwhelmingly to continue its meetings on Friday night.

COUNTY AGENT

Urges Clear Approach

The farmer who condemns cities because of narrow streets and blind alleys may have a similar traffic hazard right in his own front yard, says John Reitzel, County Agent for the State College Extension Service.

Mr. Reitzel refers to the farm driveway, which he says, is a blind alley of weeds on many farms. "More than one third of our farm accident victims are from motor vehicle mishaps," he adds.

The National Safety Council

recommends the following procedure in building a safe driveway:

1. Park the car in the driveway with the front bumper ten feet from the nearest edge of the pavement or traveled portion of the highway.

2. Measure a distance of about 700 feet or 290 paces along the highway to the left and place a marker at the edge of the pavement on the side nearest the driveway entrance.

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