

CONDUCTOR THINKS — Music Is Man's Most Precious Heritage

To North Carolina Symphony conductor Benjamin Swalin, music is one of man's most precious heritages.

"Some people may regard symphonic music as a kind of entertainment or amusement," according to Dr. Swalin, "but great symphonic music, well performed, represents some of the greatest achievements of the human mind."

Making music has always been one of man's basic drives. From the early cave man throughout history, has felt a deep desire to express his emotions through music. The symphony orchestra and the great musical literature that it plays are the result of this basic impulse to create.

The belief that man's best musical heritage must be preserved and used has been the inspiration behind the North Carolina Symphony's program during the past 14 years. During that time, symphony has played over 100 concerts annually in every part of the state, and Dr. Swalin's effort to bring good music to people in areas normally isolated from such cultural attractions

has made the North Carolina Symphony unique in its field.

Dr. Swalin believes that the capacity to love good music is in us all. But music, like travel, must be experienced to be fully appreciated. "How can people learn to comprehend good music and the good things of life if they are unable to experience them?" he asks. Dr. Swalin points out that a person may be told about a picturesque area in another part of the world, but unless he sees it himself, he is unable to comprehend fully the emotional impact it can make on a person. Similarly, a person is unable to know the beauty of great music unless he has experienced it himself.

"One is not with a knowledge of good music," Dr. Swalin continues. "And let us bear in mind that the so-called interests of the public are not always identical with the public interest. It is therefore important to make fine music available to our people."

Dr. Swalin challenges those who say that the public should get only what it "wants." Except for a few basic physical drives, man's "wants" are essentially condition-

ed by external influences such as advertising. Dr. Swalin points out that people are protected against narcotics, the "want" for which is quickly established; and they are protected by means of pure food and drug laws, sanitation laws, and traffic laws. And the development of our minds is made mandatory through our system of compulsory education.

The "need" for the kind of emotional experience which fine music provides can also be developed through education; and anyone, once he has made the effort to understand music, finds that rewards greatly overbalance the difficulties. The opportunity to develop his musical taste is made available to each person in our state through the work of the North Carolina Symphony.

Dr. Swalin also believes that the concepts of "high-brow" and "low-brow" are false barriers to the enjoyment of good music. One does not condemn a first-grader as "low-brow" because he has not yet learned to multiply and divide. Neither should a distinction be made between people who have developed their musical tastes and those who have not. To reject symphony music as "high-brow" because one's friends do not attend concerts is like refusing to learn to add because one's friends do not know how. If everyone developed his potential to the fullest, such terms

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE — Teacher Examinations Set April 8, Official Notes

Macon teachers planning to take the National Teacher Examinations on April 9 should immediately obtain application forms H. Bueck, superintendent of schools, advised this week.

Application to take the tests and bulletins describing them can be obtained from the Macon County superintendent's office or from Dr. M. B. Morrill, of Cullowhee, N. C.

Thousands of North Carolina teachers and college seniors preparing to teach will be taking the examinations at 20 examination centers throughout the state as part of a study of teacher preparation being made by a Committee of the State Board of Education. Mr. Bueck emphasized that while the examinations may be taken at state expense by any Macon County teacher certified before June 20, 1959, the examinations must be taken by all teachers who: (1) apply for a higher class of certificate during the period beginning June 20, 1959, and ending February 19, 1961, or (2) apply for certification in a new field or capacity during this period. These requirements are based on a resolution passed by the 1959 General Assembly.

The National Teacher Examinations are prepared and administered by Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey, the non-profit agency which is conducting the testing phase of state-wide research into teacher preparation for the State Board of Education. The tests yield scores on professional knowledge, various aspects of general education, and subject-matter preparation.

as "high-brow" and "low-brow" would never enter our minds.

"But," says Dr. Swalin, "even if 'high-brow' is a concept that were pertinent, we must not forget that America is a 'high-brow' nation. We as a people demand nothing less than 'high-brow' airplanes, automobiles, schools, computers, radios, television, and missiles." If we emphasize the best in material products and the lowest in cultures, we shall produce a nation of warped personalities during a time when our people need to be developed to their fullest capacity in order to face the difficult challenges of modern times.

The State Department realizes the importance of culture in the "Cold War". Under State Department auspices, the National Symphony recently toured nineteen countries of South America. And the New York Philharmonic toured the Near East, Europe, and especially countries behind the Iron Curtain. Other orchestras have carried the message of American culture to people overseas. American pianist Van Cliburn's success in Russia graphically illustrates music's power to transcend national and political barriers.

But, before we can convince others of our cultural advantages, we ourselves should dedicate ourselves to them. Just as we have attained a position of leadership in science, industry, and business, we should pursue our cultural values; and we must make our cultural advantages available to our people on a broad national and community basis.

The State of North Carolina has pointed the way to the realization of a solid cultural life by its grants to the State Art Museum and to the North Carolina Symphony. This visionary leadership, along with the dedicated work of such men as Benjamin Swalin, has raised immeasurably by the cultural level of our state.

A program of cultural improvement must have the support of each individual. One way each person can help is by joining the North Carolina Symphony Society in its drive to make great music available to the people of our state. North Carolina can be proud that Benjamin Swalin and the North Carolina Symphony are prophets of a new cultural era. Their success can be measured by the hundreds of thousands of children throughout our state to whom great music is a living reality. Dr. Swalin believes, with Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, that democracy is the conviction that extraordinary things come from ordinary people. By their continued support of the North Carolina Symphony, the people of our state can join in making this idea a reality.

At the one-day testing session all candidates will take the common examinations, which include tests in professional information, general culture, English expression, and non-verbal reasoning. In addition, candidates will take one or two of the 12 optional examinations offered, if there are optional tests available in their teaching fields. Each optional examination is designed to measure mastery of subject matter taught in certain elementary school grades or high school subjects.

The State Board of Education's committee investigating the quality of teacher preparation in the State is headed by R. R. Morgan, superintendent of the Mooresville City Schools, and its study director is Dr. W. J. Scott, a high school principal until he took over his new duties last December.

Larry Jones Is Submariner In Atlantic

NORFOLK, Va. — Larry C. Jones, machinist's mate third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Jones, of Route 2, Franklin, N. C., received Silver Dolphins, the emblem of a qualified submariner, January 30 while serving aboard the Atlanta Fleet Submarine USS Cubera in Norfolk, Va.

Silver Dolphins are the insignia worn only by those enlisted personnel qualified in submarines. In order to qualify each man must served at least six months on board a submarine and have completed an extensive training program involving submarine systems and operating procedures.

He then is examined by the leading petty officers and commissioned officers on board before receiving his Dolphins.

Before entering the service in July 1958, Jones graduated from Franklin High School.

The COOKING CORNER Favorite Recipes Of MACON WOMEN

SUGAR COOKIES

3 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons cream of tartar
1 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup shortening
2 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
Sift flour, cream of tartar, soda, and salt into mixing bowl. Cut in shortening until it is a fine crumb. Beat eggs with sugar and vanilla. Add to flour mixture. Mix well. Shape into balls size of walnut. Place on cookie sheet 2 inches apart. Flatten each with bottom of a small glass. Bake in 375 degrees F. oven 8 or 10 minutes. Yields 6 dozen.

Mrs. Bill Barnard
(Olive Hill—Oak Dale Club)

Tar Heel farmers averaged about 400 pounds of lint cotton per acre in 1959. This is 76 pounds more than the 1949-57 average.

Need Help on that Tax Return? When you file your tax return, you are taking care of a legal and financial responsibility. So to be sure, don't trust your return to the so-called "experts". North Carolina Society of Accountants, 710 Woughtown St., Winston-Salem, N. C., an organization pledged to "Elevate and maintain among its members of the public accounting profession a high standard of proficiency and integrity."

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WEEK DAYS

- 7:15 SIGN ON
- 7:16 Mountain Martin's Jamboree
- 7:30 Burrell Motor Company's Morning News Summary
- 7:45 Nantahala Lumber Company Swap Shop
- 8:00 Ezzo News
- 8:05 Coffee With Clold
- 8:30 Shell Instant News
- 8:55 Nantahala Creamery N. C. News
- 9:00 Morning Devotions
- 9:15 Here's To You
- 9:20 Potts Funeral Home Program (Saturday Only)
- 9:29 Pepsi Instant News
- 9:30 Faith of Millions
- 9:45 Baldwin & Big Dollar Party Line
- 10:00 Morning Show (WFSC Top Ten, Saturdays Only)
- 10:30 Pepsi Instant News
- 11:00 Birthday Club
- 11:15 Hymns of the Hills
- 11:29 Pepsi Instant News
- 11:30 Hymns of the Hills
- 12:00 Conley Motor Company High Noon News
- 12:05 Noon Day State News

- 12:10 High Noon Weather
- 12:15 Moments of Remembrance (Bryant Funeral Home)
- 12:20 Country Music Matinee
- 1:00 Nantahala Oil Local News
- 1:05 Country Music Matinee
- 1:30 Pepsi Instant News
- 2:00 Band Stand
- 2:30 Pepsi Instant News
- 2:55 Early Afternoon News
- 3:00 Army Show
- 3:15 1050 Club
- 3:30 Pepsi Instant News
- 3:31 1050 Club (to 4:30)
- 4:30 Music to Relax By
- 4:31 Pepsi Instant News
- 5:00 Dateline
- 5:15 The Quiet Time
- 5:29 Pepsi Instant News
- 5:30 Supper Time (Saturday 5:15)
- 6:00 Music to Relax By—Part 2
- 6:15 SIGN OFF

SUNDAYS

- 7:15 SIGN ON
- 7:16 Hymns at Sunrise
- 7:30 Burrell Motor Company Morning News Summary
- 7:45 Bob Jones Speaks
- 8:00 Studio Church (Rev. G. A. Cloer)
- 8:30 Studio Church (Rev. Fred Sorrells)
- 8:55 Nantahala Creamery WFSC N. C. News
- 9:00 Sunday School of the Air (Rev. Robt. Burnett)
- 9:30 Old Country Church—Macon County Supply
- 9:31 Pepsi Instant News
- 9:45 Old Country Church—Macon Furniture Mart
- 10:00 Hymns—Womack's & Hyatt's Gas For Less
- 10:29 Pepsi Instant News
- 10:30 Baptist Hour
- 11:00 Hour of Worship
- 12:00 Conley Motor Company WFSC High Noon News
- 12:05 Noon Day State News
- 12:10 High Noon Weather
- 12:15 Moments of Remembrance (Bryant Funeral Home)
- 12:20 Musical Miniature

- 12:29 Pepsi Instant News
- 12:30 Ave Maria Hour
- 1:00 Nantahala Oil Company Local News
- 1:05 Little Country Church (Rev. Kash D. Amburgy)
- 1:35 Studio Church (Rev. Allen Poss)
- 2:05 Sunday Caravan
- 2:29 Pepsi Instant News
- 2:30 Sunday Caravan (Part 2)
- 2:59 Pepsi Instant News
- 3:00 Sunday Caravan (Part 3)
- 3:15 Guy Lombardo—Western Carolina Telephone Co.
- 3:29 Shell Instant News
- 3:30 Sunday Caravan (Part 4)
- 3:59 Pepsi Instant News
- 4:00 Old Fashioned Revival Hour
- 4:30 Protestant Hour
- 4:59 Pepsi Instant News
- 5:00 Waltz Time
- 5:30 Black Rock Quartet
- 5:59 Pepsi Instant News
- 6:00 SIGN OFF

All programs will be interrupted for important news bulletin.

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