cated in Robersonville Township,

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of Hugh Roberson, and on the West by said Flat Swamp, con-

taining 95 acres, more or less, and

being commonly known as the Al-

chase price will be required of the successful bidder at the close

of the sale pending confirmation of the sale by the Court.

This the 2nd day of October,

A deposit of 10% of the pur-

len R. Ausborne Homeplace.

Community Project

The annual drive of the Martin County Community Concert Association is now in progress, and the object of the drive is to secure 350 memberships. The value of these concerts to the community is so apparent and the bargain value of the membership dues is made so obviously great by a full membership that one wonders why such an effort to subscribe 350 members is necessary.

One must understand a few facts of the concert business to see this necessity. First of all, the term "box-office' must be understood. A box-office attraction is one that sells its own tickets with merely an announcement in the paper. Names like Nelson Eddy, Lily Pons, Benny Goodman, South Pacific, are "box-office." People will come and buy tickets, in spite of the fact that these tickets are often costly and, in a small auditorium, would impossibly prohibitive.

There are dozens, perhaps hundreds, of artists who have not yet developed "boxoffice" names but who are equally capable of giving first-grade concerts. The public will just not turn out at the box-office for these names until they become famous. Thus, in a community like Williamston, whoever would underwrite the expense of presenting either great names or just excellent artists would be liable to lose the money he guarantees. This is the situation that, back in the 1920's made concerts almost a thing of the past except in the large cities.

The Community Concert Association was the answer. Under this plan, a hundred or more citizens who sense the value of the concerts to the community have formed an association in which each contributes his time. thought and influence rather than having a few contribute large sums for deficits. In the campaign, every effort is made to interest thoughtful people in the project. The result is a solid series of concerts, with no profit and no loss to anyone.

The concerts themselves are then chosen by the Executive Board, which democratically represents the tastes of the majority in the community and which has the best interests of the musical community at heart. The result is the best possible choice of conrerts (dependent upon the success of the campaign) and may include some of the very great names that would otherwise be a financial impossibility singly.

But more important are the concerts that are given by artists who are presently going up the ladder of fame. Many of these names, such as Nelson Eddy, Marian Anderson, Jose Iturbi, Arthur Rubinstein, Robert Casadesus, James Melton, were once unknown names who appeared regularly in Community Concert series. These concerts are now memorable in the minds of Community Concert members across the country.

It is highly commendable that the emphasis of the Community Concert Association is on the music itself and not the box-office. The greatest value accrues to the listeners, and especially the students, when the music is the thing rather than movie or radio fame, the song rather than the glamor of the performer. All these plus a sufficient amount of the glamor are consistently available in our Community Concert Association. It is an institution that deserves the support of more and more listeners as our own tastes become more and more metropolitan.

Guidance

The military is mentioning a three billiondollar outlay for the development of guided missiles and push-button arms.

It is really encouraging to be promised that guidance will be provided for something, even if to accomplish it three billion dollars will be required.

It would be interesting indeed to learn just how much guidance three billion dollars will provide.

Currituck's Opulent Dog Track

At the end of the first season of dog racing in Currituck County last Fall, the Ledger-Dispatch took note of the cheerful report of the operators. The total receipts for 68 days of racing were \$4,821,494, and the county's take was \$90,000. The daily betting average was \$70,000. The operators have made a glowing report on the results of the 1950 season at Currituck. It ran for 116 days, and the total of wagers was \$6,300,000. The county's share this year was \$115,000 from all operations. The operators' gross profit ran to more than \$1,000,000.

On the strength of its share of the profits last year Currituck County cut its tax rate from \$1.50 to 90 cents. This year's receipts may make possible a further tax reduction. Currituck is not a rich county. It is largely agricultural, and it has a small population. Its share of the dog track receipts-while only a small fraction of the total amount which changed hands during the season in wagers and in the concessions-looms large in relationship to its budget. The dog track is a major source of revenue. On a money basis, the enterprise has lived up to the predictions of E. R. Johnson, Currituck's representative in the North Carolina General Assembly, who sponsored the legislation to legalize pari mutuel betting in the county. There is something alluring to some pub-

lic officials in this sort of easy revenue. The legalization of betting has been proposed from time to time in the Virginia General Assembly. Opinion, in the General Assembly as well as in the State as a whole, has been against legalizing this form of gambling. And a realistic view of the Currituck operations does not provide any sound reason for a change of this opinion. For the financial aspect of this enterprise is not the most important factor from the point of view of the public interest, which goes far deeper than a cut in the county's tax rate.

Of the total \$6,300,000 which was taken in through the pari mutuel windows the operators have announced that \$5,355,000 went back to the winners. But there were many of course, who did not win. To know the full effect of the operations of the dog track it would be necessary to know how many persons became addicted to a form of gambling which they could not afford. It would be necessary to know the other social effects of a gambling enterprise which ran more than \$6,000,000 in 116 days. It would be necessary to know to what extent the operation of this type of business created an atmosphere which in the long run does not promote the best interests of a community.

It may be an easy expedient for the Currituck officials to shift to the dog track a heavy share of the burden of financing schools and other functions of the county government. But they doubtless realize that this is a shaky foundation upon which to rest the county's public services. A fuller accounting of the dog track season which would take into consideration not merely its financial operations but its financial operations but its human influences and its implications for the future, might convince the people of Currituck-and those of Virginia who may be toying with the dog track ideas-that the legalized gambling business may not offer such a cheerful prospect after all.

Norfolk-Ledger Dispatch

Invitation To Communism

Having been extended an invitation, the communists are busy in Indo-China, but the picture in that country is declared different from the one in Korea, meaning that this country need not get involved in the shoot-

The trouble in Indo-China is rooted in France's colonial power. The native people of Indo-China do not run their government. and have little or no voice in it. For nearly a century, the French have told them when to jump, how to jump and the distance to jump. The natural desire for self-rule has gained momentum since World War II, and possibly our own revolution back in 1776 was cited as an example to support the claim and fight for a government with a homey

touch. France, instead of working to provide home rule fought and continues to fight in an effort to dominate the people there. There were few or no communists in the fight at first, but the commies saw a chance to advance their cause and joined up with the non-communists. It is reported that the fighting forces opposing the French include not more than one communists out of five troops.

If France and other dominating powers had recognized the soverignty of those they dominated, possibly there would have been internal strife, but communism would never have flourished and the peace of the world would not have been threatened. Possibly if the Old Czars had recognized their subjects as human beings, communism never would have reared its ugly head in Russia.

Undoubtedly

The Dove of Peace undoubtedly is piling up an all-time record for being out on a limb. -Olin Miller in Atlanta Journal.

* BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET

How to Meet Problems of Met Has Bing Bewitched, Bothered

A New York paper recently carried the following dispatch from Paris: Rudolf Bing, new general manager of the Metropolitan Opera House,

said today that he had come to Europe on the biggest talent search in op

Asked about the offer last year of Billy Rose, Broadway producer and columnist, to take over the Met and make it pay, Mr. Bing asked "Who's he?"

When reminded of Rose's identity, the impresario laughed and added:

never be solved by Broadway meth-

Judging from the above, it's evident that Mr. Bing has a sense of humor and, as Groucho Marx once said, if there's anything like in a man or an opera director it's a sense of humor.

Billy Rose

But on the offchance that some folks may have missed the hilarious overtones of Rudy's remarks, perhaps I ought fact is that he's made two tries in to translate them and let every- recent years to strike up a nodbody in on the joke.

FIRST OFF, our Viennese friend wants us to know that he's in Europe on what he modestly calls "the biggest talent search in operatic history." An admirable undertaking, but seeing as how the Herr Direktor recently put Kirsten Flagstadt on the Met payroll, the natural question is whether the talent he's looking for is in the tonsil or treason department.

A second question, equally natural, is why Mr. Birg deesn't case this country for talent before taking his eyes and eardrums to the Continent. After all, when a gent with threadbare spats is imported to boss our No. 1 opera house and handed plenty of steak and salary for so doing, it would seem the part good public relations for him is first give the home talent a careful look-listen.

It may very well be that the larynxes in Filadelfia, Germany, are superior to those in Philadelphia: Pennsylvania, but you can't prove it by Marian Anderson.

Next we come to Rudy's sidesplitting "Who dat?" when asked about me. When you come right down to it, there's no reason why Mr. B. should ever have heard hiss or hosannah of an American producer who has spent the last quar- opera impresario.

Bear Grass School

FHA Elects Staff

The recently organized Future

Homemakers of Amercia in the

Bear Grass school chose the fol-

Ruth Hazel Bailey, president;

Janie Regerson, vice president;

Evelyn Cowan, secretary and trea-

surer; Zylphia Mizelle, reporter

Janie Cherry, song leader, and

Mattie L. Leggett, historian and

At their meeting last week, the

homemakers prepared a sumpu-

tous supper at the lunchroom and

laid plans for raising money. The

group will work for funds on No-

vember 8 when the Bailey Broth-

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of John G. Long, deceased of Martin Coun-

ty this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate

to present them for payment on or before the 26th day of October,

1951, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All

persons indebted to said estate are

asked to make immediate settle-

ment. This the 26th day of Octob-er, 1950. Dolores L. Beaird, Ad-

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ers are to appear.

ter of a century in the entertainment business.

After all, it wasn't until recently "The problems of the Met will that this Dapper Danubian had either time or incentive to keep up with theatrical news. According to the record, he has spent a good deal of his adult life as amanuensis and assistant to various assistants, but nowhere do I find any mention of his having produced so much as a necktie-although, come to think of it, he did sell a few of them when he clerked in a London haberdashery during the war.

> ACTUALLY, UNLESS he suffers om a slapsy - lapsey memory. Brother Bing was only kidding "Who dat?" when he said, ding acquaintance with me-both of which left me nodding. Once in London and once in New York, he did his darnedest to fast-talk me into backing some party venture he was fronting for, and each time I shooed him off with the polite explanation that my policy was, Neither a borrower nor a sucker

There is, of course, an outside chance that this joker no longer remembers trying to put the bite on me - in which event we're even because I didn't know who he was when the Met announced bis appointment.

For a long time. I thought the Bing in question was Herman Bing, the baggy-pantsed Dutch comedian -who else would hire Flagstadt and fire Melchior? Who else would substitute the grunt-and-groan German operas for the melodic Italian The final jest is rollicking Ru-

dy's statement that "the problems of the Met will never be solved by Broadway methods." Mebbe so. but it seems to me that this carpy contention doesn't quite jibe with his much publicized efforts to sign Garson Kanin, Margaret Webster, Danny Kaye and Oscar Hammerstein II. If any of these Times Square tots ever set foot or adennoids in La Scala, then I'm a monkey's uncle and Mr. Bing is an

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

orth Carolina, Martin County. Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of Willie Purvis, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to exhibit them to

within one year from this date or the last and highest bidder will Martin County, N. C., To Witter this paties will be required to deposit 10% of the this notice will be pleaded in bar price bid of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 26th day of October,

Laura Mae Purvis, Administratrix of the estate of Willie

Robert H. Cowen, Attorney at Law, Williamston, N. C. oc 31 no 7-14-21-28 de 5

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Lizzie Hyman, deceased, late of Martin County, this is to notify of their recovery. All persons inmake immediate payment.

This 22nd day of September, Mackie H. Hyman,

Administrator. se 26 oc 3-10-17-24-31

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE North Carolina, Martin County Having this day qualified as ex ecutor of the estate of the late J M. Bonds, this is to notify all persons having claims against the es tate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on, or before the 6th day of October, 1951

or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This the 6th day of October,

Eugene Bonds, Executor. oc 10-17-24-31 no 7-14

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Martin County made in the special pro-ceedings entitled "Iona James, Administratrix of the late John James v. William Little et al, heirs-at-law," the undersigned Commissioners will, on Saturday, November 4th, 1950, at 12 o'clock, Noon, in front of the Courthouse door in Williamston, N. C., offer for sale, to the highest bidder, for eash, the following described tract of land:

Same being located in Jamesville Township, Martin, County, djoining lands of A. L. Cordon, Minnie Cordon and others, and being the same land conveyed by W. J. Boston and wife to W. R. Boston on January 26, 1916. Con taining 21 acres, more or less. Re-ference to said Deed being made

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Deposit of 10% of purchase price is required pending confirmation of sale by the Court.

> Paul D. Roberson and C. W. Everett

> > Commissioners

the undersigned or her attorney for full description.

five miles South of the Town of Roberschville on Flat Swamp and This 4th day of October, 1950. being bounded on the North by the lands of Hugh Roberson, on the East by the lands of Hugh Ro-

R. A. Critcher, Clarence Griffin, Commissioners.

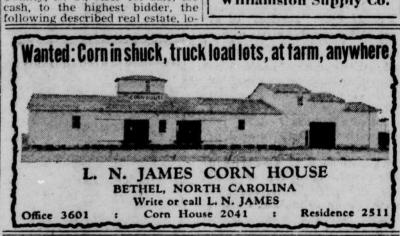
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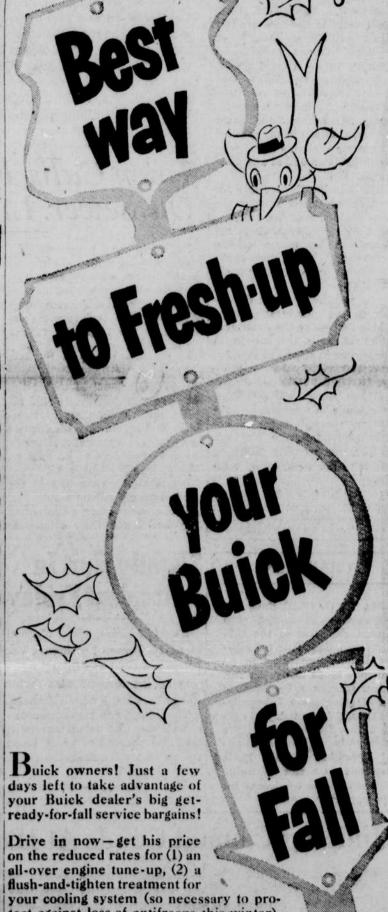
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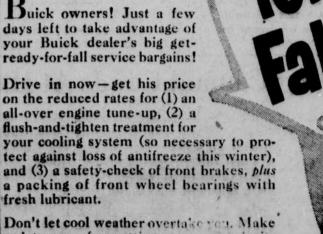
H. Ausborne, Deceased VS R. Ausborne and wife Magada Ausborne or A. R. Osborne and all persons having claims against wife Magada Osborne," signed by said estate to present them to the undersigned at Oak City, N. C., on the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County, N. C., on the 2nd or before September 22, 1951, or day of October, 1950, the undersigned at Oak City, N. C., on the 2nd or before September 22, 1951, or this notice will be pleaded in bar signed Commissioners will on Sat of their recovery. All persons in-debted to said estate will please P. M. in front of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company door in the Town of Robersonville, Martin County, N. C., offer for sale, for

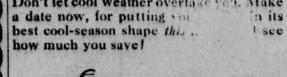
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