

COUNTY CROP YIELD OUTLOOK BEST IN YEARS

Smoky Mountain Music Center To Present Scenes From Opera "Martha"

FESTIVAL AUDITION WINNERS TO APPEAR IN PROGRAM JULY 11

Will Be Completely Staged In Costume With Full Orchestra

The Smoky Mountain Music Center of Western Carolina Teachers College will present scenes from the opera Martha, comic opera by F. Von Flotow, and Elijah, dramatic oratorio by F. Mendelssohn, in Hoey auditorium on Friday, July 11, at 8:30 p. m. The cast for the operas is made up of winners chosen from the Eastern Opera Festival, which will be staged in Raleigh July 14-18. This talented cast was chosen by auditions held in Pennsylvania, New York, and Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. Vernon Hammond, director of the American Opera Company and the Academy of Vocal Arts of Philadelphia, will conduct the cast of the orchestra which has been brought together under the direction of Mr. Guy Hutchins, director of the Charlotte Symphony. The singers are at W.C.T.C. now and the orchestra players are expected to arrive on the campus July 6 to rehearse with the cast.

There will be presentations of scenes from the festival operas of Martha and Elijah featuring the winners of the festival auditions. These scenes will be completely staged in costume with full orchestra. The production program of the whole project is under the direction of Clifford Bair, regional director of the National Association Opera, and Errol Peters, director of the Municipal Opera of Allentown, Pa., and president of National Association Opera. Mr. Peters will be a special guest at the college for several days.

TRASH CANS PLACED ON MAIN STREET

The 12 new sanitary trash cans ordered by the town board have arrived and have been placed at convenient places along main street. These cans were bought for the purpose of helping to keep the streets and sidewalks clean and sanitary. All trash, banana peel, fruit peel, ice cream cups and other scrap paper should be placed in the cans, rather than thrown on the street. Use the cans—help keep the town looking neat and clean.

Friends of Kermit Harris, who was badly injured in an automobile accident a few weeks ago, will be glad to know that he is making satisfactory improvement. He is at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. W. T. Harris.

O'Dear and Messer Executions By Gas Delayed With Appeal

The execution of Earl O'Dear and Robert Messer, sentenced May 23, to die in the State's Gas Chamber on Friday, July 11, will not take place on that date due to the filing of an appeal of the sentence for review by the State Supreme court. The appeal automatically postpones the date for execution since the court, now in recess, will not hear the case before late summer or early fall. If the court should give the men a new trial, which is very doubtful, the case would be brought back to Jackson county for trial. If the sentence passed by Judge Bobbit is upheld then a new date for execution will have to be set.

O'Dear and Messer were taken to Raleigh Saturday, May 24th following their conviction and sentence the night before in Jackson superior court. They are now on death row of the state penitentiary awaiting their fate.

They were convicted by a Macon county jury at a sensational week of court here of first degree murder for the slaying of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hall, who were found beaten to death on a lone stretch

Plans Completed For July 4th Celebration; Street Parade, Air Show, Fireworks Planned

Dorothy Thompson To Be Farm-Home Week Speaker



Miss Dorothy Thompson, noted journalist and world traveler, has accepted an invitation to speak at Farm and Home Week, to be held on the State College campus, August 25-29, as a function of the Extension Service and cooperating farm organizations.

Present plans call for the nationally known writer to speak before a special meeting of the women at the Raleigh City Auditorium the morning of August 28 at 11 o'clock.

WCTC MOVING DIRT FOR NEW BUILDINGS

Lloyd and Caldwell, contractors in charge, began moving dirt this week at the back of Hunter Athletic Field to make room for the erection of two new buildings. The proposed buildings will house the science-class room building and the library building. The dirt moved is being used to make fills and widen the road leading to faculty hill and to fill in and level up a section of the baseball field. All new ground will be seeded to grass.

Ralph Sutton, business manager of Western Carolina Teachers College, stated Tuesday that work will probably start on the science-class room building soon after January 1, and that it is hoped that work on the new memorial stadium will get underway this fall or early next spring.

Local Men To Attend WNCAC Meeting July 8

The quarterly meeting of the Western North Carolina Associated Communities will be held Tuesday, July 8, at 12:30 with a luncheon meeting at Battery Park Hotel Roof with the business meeting at 1:30.

The official by-laws of the organization are to be presented at the meeting, and matter of finances; plus proposed official booklet for the eleven-county organization to be considered.

Jackson county men planning to attend the meeting are: Mayor Jack C. Allison, Boyd Sossamon, president of Merchants Association; Felix Picklesimer, president Chamber of Commerce, and Hugh Monteith, local attorney.

Pat Montague spent several days in Franklin last week visiting his father, Kay Montague.

Lions Will Give Away New Ford Car, Street Dance In Evening

Ten civic organizations of the Town of Sylva met at the city hall Tuesday night and completed plans for holding the county-wide July 4th celebration in Sylva. The plans as completed at this meeting are just about the same as was published in The Herald last week. The day's events will start at 11 o'clock with a street parade which will be opened with an air show. The other events following in order as previously announced.

The organizations sponsoring the celebration planned it to be absolutely free to every one and had made their plans to that effect. After these plans were completed the Sylva baseball club announced that there will be a charge of 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children entering the school house grounds before the game. It has been impossible for the sponsoring organizations to make any change in this matter. However, the drawing for the new 1947 model Ford car which the Lions Club is giving away will not take place until several hours after the ball game and no one will have to pay an admission to this drawing, the Lions club announced.

Added Attraction
Charlie Campbell will exhibit about fifty animals of various kinds which he purchased this week. This group will include an ocelot leopard from South America, a 100-pound canary, a honey bear from Brazil, an Australian fitch, golden and silver pheasants, two varieties of badgers, raccoons, a Mexican donkey (which will be in the parade), domestic animals of this section, and others. These will be at the school ground all day. There will be a small charge to see them.

The women's clubs of the city will operate lunch counters on the grounds, selling sandwiches, cold drinks, ice cream and other refreshments. The clubs will also operate bingo tables with nice prizes to be given the winners.
Johnny Watson and the Sylva Flying Service will put on a big air show in the afternoon from 2 to 4:30, including acrobatics, snap rolls, slow rolls, precision flying. The Service will give special rates for air trips over Fontana, Glenville and The Great Smokies.

Bingo At Night
During the square dance held in the evening, the Bingo stands will be moved to a location near the dancing for those who wish to play.

LEGION AUXILIARY WILL SELL FOOD TO JULY FOURTH CROWD

Twelve members were present at the June meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary held at Cullowhee in the home of Mrs. Edd Bryson last Friday afternoon. There was a short business session during which plans were made for selling food to the 4th of July crowds which will be in Sylva on Friday. Members of the Auxiliary will have charge of selling sandwiches and drinks at the school house.

After the business session there was a social meeting and picnic which all of those present enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Turpin returned last week from ten days vacation trip spent in Connecticut, New York, and Washington, D. C. with relatives. Mrs. J. E. Greene, Jr. of Amenia, New York sister of Mr. Turpin, accompanied them home for a visit with her mother, Mrs. John Turpin, and other relatives.

U.N. PALESTINE COMMITTEE MEETS IN JERUSALEM



AT THE FIRST OPEN MEETING of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine in the Y.M.C.A. Building in Jerusalem, Moshe Shertok (extreme left), head of the Jewish Agency, is shown presenting an introduction to the Palestine problem from the Jewish standpoint. At extreme right is Justice Alfred Emil Sandstrom of Sweden, chairman of the probe committee. Seated beside Sandstrom is Dr. Hoo of China. (International)

AMERICAN LEGION HAS INSTALLATION FOR NEW OFFICERS

Officers for the coming year were installed at the regular meeting of the William E. Dillard post of the American Legion last Friday night in the community building. In addition, plans were made for participation in the 4th of July parade, and all Legionnaires were asked to be at the school house at 10 a. m. on Friday, the 4th, to take part in the parade.

Reports on the recent American Legion convention at Carolina Beach were made by Dan Tompkins, D. M. Tallent, Edd Bryson, and W. Q. Grigg, delegates to the convention.

Officers installed at the meeting were W. Q. Grigg, commander; Fred M. Williams, 1st vice-commander; Richard O. Wilson, 2nd vice-commander; George B. Sloan, adjutant; Marvin L. Snipes, chaplain; Robert V. Reed, finance officer; T. Walter Ashe, service officer; Dan Tompkins, historian; Edd Bryson, sergeant at arms, and L. H. Higdon, retiring commander, membership.

S. W. Enloe Honored On 73rd Anniversary

Rotarian S. W. Enloe was given a surprise birthday party at the regular meeting of the Sylva Rotary club Tuesday evening on the occasion of his 73 birthday anniversary. The program committee invited a number of young ladies from Webster to sing on the program and they joined with the club members in singing "Happy Birthday" to Mr. Enloe. At the conclusion of the regular dinner course four beautifully iced cakes were carried out, bearing 73 burning candles, and were placed before Mr. Enloe. After he had blown out the candles, the ladies cut the cakes and served it with ice cream to the club members and guests. The delicious cakes were prepared and served by members of Mr. Enloe's family.

With the birthday party and the singing by the young ladies from Webster a most enjoyable Rotary meeting was held, with the new president, Dr. D. C. Hooper, presiding.

Department Of Public Instruction To Have Conference At W.C.T.C.

A state conference meeting, sponsored by the department of Public Instruction, for all city and county superintendents will be held August 6, 7, and 8, at Western Carolina Teachers College, Dr. H. T. Hunter, president, has announced.

Dr. Hunter stated that around 250, or more, superintendents, their wives, representatives of book publishing houses, and others are expected to attend.

The program for the conference, Dr. Hunter said, will be in charge of the State department.

Veteran Farm Trainees Tour Nicholson Farm

Extension Beekeeper To Be Here July 8

W. A. Stephen, Extension Beekeeper, will be in Jackson county Tuesday, July 8th, for the purpose of helping anyone desiring help in practical beekeeping. Therefore, anyone interested in bees should contact the County Agent or come to the County Agent's office in the courthouse at 9:00 a. m. Tuesday, July 8th.

M. L. Snipes
County Agent

Patrol Now Cracking Down On Drunken And Reckless Drivers

At midnight Monday the new automobile driver license law went into effect, together with stringent penalties for drunken driving, reckless driving and driving without proper licenses. Commander W. B. Lentz, of Troop D, State Highway patrol announced.

Beginning on July 1st and continuing through December 31, persons whose surnames begin with A and B can get their new driver licenses. All must be issued before Jan. 1, 1948. During the first six months of 1948, persons whose names begin with C and D have six months in which to stand their tests and secure new driver licenses. All other persons will be notified as to when to report for examinations for licenses.

Highway troopers have been instructed to observe the new and strict regulations on drunken and reckless driving. The troopers have been stepping up this work in recent weeks and many more drunken drivers than usual have been brought into court all over the state.

Troopers are also checking on old driver licenses. The old licenses are good if they have not been voided by court order. Persons having surnames beginning with A and B will be violating the new law if they drive without their new licenses after midnight December 31, 1947.

SEPTEMBER 1ST DEADLINE FOR FILING FOR TERMINAL LEAVE PAY

T. Walter Ashe, Service Officer for Jackson county Veterans, stated Monday that September 1st is the last date on which veterans may file for their terminal leave pay. Mr. Ashe said that there is a large number of veterans who have not filed for this money and that if they plan to file it must be done by September 1. Terminal leave pay has been made to the veterans in the form of U. S. Savings Bonds but congress is considering converting them into cash and has asked for this in the revenue bill.

MORE PEOPLE ARE FARMING THIS YEAR FARM AGENT SAYS

Old Men, Women, Young Children Do Big Job During War Years

Despite unfavorable weather during the planting season Jackson county crops, as a whole, now show promising prospects for one of the largest in recent years.

County Agent M. L. Snipes says that there is a greater number of people farming and that there is a larger acreage in crops this year than in several years. The reason for this, he stated, due to several causes. The young men who were in service have returned and many of them are farming, some under the G. I. training program, others who were in war industries during the war years have also returned, and then too, he stated, people are working more than they did last year.

Mr. Snipes remarked how well the older men and women and very young children did most of the farm work during the war. He related an instance of talking with an 84 year old farmer while plowing in the field helping to make a crop during the war. This old gentleman, who had a lame leg said, "I know I am not able to be doing this but as long as I can help out in producing food I am going to do all I can, then when it's over I hope I won't have it to do." This same spirit permeated all of the older men and women and drove them on to tasks almost beyond their strength. But they died on in a marvelous way.

Many of our farmers are practicing better methods of agriculture and this is another reason for larger yield prospects, Mr. Snipes said. Corn, potatoes, gardens, pastures, hay, and fruits are all showing up fine at this time, Mr. Snipes also said. So far the Irish potato and tomato crops have not been hit by blight as was the case last year.

Chamber Of Commerce Will Meet Tonight

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight, July 3 for their regular meeting. The meeting date was moved up one day due to Friday night coming on the July 4th holiday. Several important matters will be discussed, President Felix Picklesimer, announced.

First Performance of Theater in The Sky Will Be July 18

Plans have been completed for the presentation of the "Theatre In The Sky" company of Waynesville in a series of late Broadway stage plays at the High School Auditorium in Sylva starting Friday, July 18, Mr. Felix Picklesimer, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, announced yesterday.

The plays will be produced and directed by Maurice Geoffrey, well known stage director, who is presenting his company for the second season in Waynesville.

The plays here will be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and a new production will be presented every Friday evening. Special scenery and lighting effects will be brought to the auditorium for each production.

"Stepping Sisters", the New York comedy success by Howard Warren Comstock, will be the opening play featuring Grace Shiner and Electra Ballou, prominent Chicago actresses and Ella Beth Hurst, noted actress and dancer formerly with the "Ballets Castle."

Others in the professional acting company include Jean Argyle, ingenue from the movies, having recently appeared in several Republic Pictures productions; David Cromwell, prominent New

York leading man; Patti Rose, former Broadway actress who will return to the stage this summer after several years retirement; George Kenyon and Donald Vogt, both of New York, and Fredric Gadette, from the famous Geller Theatre of Hollywood. Elma Heene Geoffrey will be art director of the company, designing the costumes and stage settings for each production. Bill Morrow will be Stage Manager and W. Lawrence Benson of New York is Business Manager of the company.

Four other famous plays will be presented during the summer including "Lombardi, Ltd.," "Post Road", "Huckleberry Finn" and the world professional stage premiere of James Hilton's famous novel, "Lost Horizon."

Mr. Geoffrey, producer and managing director of the "Theatre In The Sky" has spent twenty years in the theatre, having worked in grand opera, ballet and musical comedy as well as the dramatic stage. He is director of the well known Tampa Little Theatre, of Tampa, Florida, one of the largest organizations of its kind in the country. In bringing his company to Sylva Mr. Geoffrey has selected only actors and plays of the highest calibre possible in order to give this city the best in stage entertainment.