

"The Immortal Show Boat"

WILMINGTON, N.C. -- Once again this summer the decommissioned Battleship North Carolina will unmask her guns to flash and thunder through an outdoor drama depicting her colorful career.

The production, entitled "The Immortal Showboat" after the ship's World War II nickname, is the nation's largest sound-and-light drama. It will be presented at the ship at 9 o'clock every night from June 1 through Sept. 2. Admissions are \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children (under six, free).

Thousands have attended "The Immortal Showboat" since the show was established at the battleship in 1965. The production has won wide acclaim for its successful recreation of the famous vessel's war years.

The show, presented entirely on the ship with the audience watching from a 1,200-seat grandstand, offers a vivid and often surprising account of life aboard one of America's greatest superdreadnoughts. A highlight comes with the firing of the ship's guns through a process of simulated gunfire developed especially for the show.

The hour-long production begins with the laying of the keel of the USS North Carolina at the New York Naval Shipyard in 1937. It continues through her launching and "shakedown" cruise, her heroic Pacific battles, the ripping of her side by a Japanese torpedo, her victories and citations, and her triumphant return to the United States in 1945.

Throughout the performance, parts of the ship are illuminated sharply or softly, abruptly or slowly, as the script requires. A taped dialogue supplies the narrative thread and story line. Music and elaborate sound effects complete the package.

The script was written by

Earle Luby, author of the "20th Century" series for television. Narration is by Alexander Scourby. The music played by 40 members of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, was composed by Bernard Green. The production was directed by Alan Anderson and produced by Gerard Simon, both of New York.

Lighting effects were created by Pierre Arnaud of France, renowned master of this specialty who has designed lighting patterns for every major sound-and-light drama in the world.

In addition to the shows, daily tours of the ship are offered from 8 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. daily. Visitors may enter the engine room up to the pilot house. There are many displays and a large museum on the main deck level contains combat photography and other items from the ship's career. Admissions to the ship's tour are 75 cents for adults and 25 cents for children (under six, free).

Two new features will greet visitors to the ship's tour this summer. A system of automatic message units along the tour route will explain various compartments to visitors. In addition, an art gallery has been installed on the main deck level, featuring prints of scenes from naval life.

The USS North Carolina, first of the modern battleships and the only American dreadnought to see action in all 12 major Pacific offensives, has been berthed at Wilmington since 1961. The ship is operated by the State of North Carolina as a non-profit memorial.

Entrance to the ship's parking lot is off U.S. 17 on the western edge of Wilmington.

Growth Metal

The free world's consumption of nickel has doubled during the last 10 years. In 1967, an estimated 825,000,000 pounds of the hard white metal were consumed.

Speakers At Rotary

Two topics of major interest were presented at the Warsaw Rotary Club meeting on Thursday, June 6. Mr. Hardy Henry, Personnel Director of National Spinning Company, presented a very interesting program on organized labor, union bosses, and what business and industry should do to keep and maintain a free enterprise system. Mr. Henry discussed the role that organized labor is playing in our business economy. Including what union bosses are doing to influence political leaders and through legislative action to exert influence over the daily lives of all Americans. He said that if the free enterprise system is to survive, business and civic leaders throughout the country should become more active in politics and register their feelings about legislation that is under consideration on the state as well as the federal levels. Mr. Henry called attention to the fact that Michigan is one of the most highly organized states in the U. S. and that at one time had a monopoly on automobile production. He said, however, due to excessive unionization in that state, that today 7 out of 10 automobiles are assembled outside the state of Michigan.

Bill Faust, a Boy Scout troop leader of Warsaw, presented a most interesting program on scouting. Mr. Faust stated that the Warsaw troop was tops in the Tuscarora Council in more participation and advancement achieved. He said that during the past year only three red ribbons were received by troop members and that the boys had received more blue ribbons than any other troop in the Council. Mr. Faust said that 75 percent of the boys had advanced at least two ranks and that 46 Merit Badges of Rank had been won by members of the troop. He is expecting to have at least five to eight boys achieve Eagle Scout rank this year. He continued by saying that the pilgrimage march to Bath would begin in Goldsboro on Monday morning, June 10, and that the boys would assemble at Seymour Johnson Air Base on Sunday afternoon, June 9, to make preparations for the hike. He said that each boy participating in this hike would require about \$15 for food and at least \$20 for equipment. He called attention to the special trailer that was donated to the Warsaw Troop and was on display for Club Members to see. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Belton Minshew, Mr. Walter West and a number of other citizens of Warsaw who made the trailer possible. Mr. Faust said the trailer was valued at between \$750 to \$1,000 and that \$245 was needed in order to properly equip the trailer. The Rotary Club voted to donate \$100 to the Troop for this purpose.

Visitors included Dr. Fred Sloan and Dr. Charles Law, of N. C. State University at Raleigh.

Platinum in Industry

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Rural Health Conf. Held In Wilson

On Thursday, June 6, Wilson Memorial Hospital, Wilson, was the scene of the 1968 Regional Rural Health Conference, sponsored by the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, committee on Community Health, Rural and Urban. There were about 75 persons present.

Attending from Duplin and Pender Counties were School Nurses, Mrs. Maxine Kelly, Mrs. Mary Pierce, Mrs. Rebecca H. Judge, Mrs. Tillie Cullipher, and Mrs. Martha Williams; Head Start Nurse, Mrs. Mary Bowden, and Pender County Health Department Nurses, Mrs. Mae Griffin and Mrs. Alma Lewis, and two local physicians, Dr. Edward L. Boyette, of Chinquapin, and Dr. Robert H. Shackelford, of Mt. Olive.

Attention To Details Saves Poultry Profits

Like saving pennies, devoting attention to the smallest details of a poultry operation can add up to big savings.

"This is true whether the operation is a contract or independent unit," according to Charles E. Brewer, area poultry agent with the Agricultural Extension Service, North Carolina State University.

The most important "little detail" is feed waste, Brewer says. "This is probably the most costly of all management errors."

If a hen "bills out" five grams of feed a day -- a common occurrence on many farms -- this waste amounts to four pounds a year. If feed cost \$75 a ton, this would amount to an annual loss of \$1,500 in a 10,000-bird unit.

Says Brewer, feed waste can be eliminated by filling feeders no more than one-third full. At that level feed waste is 1.3 per cent. When the feed trough is two-thirds full the feed wasted is about 7.5 per cent.

Rate of lay is another big factor influencing profits. "A good goal to shoot for," Brewer suggests, "is a peak production level of 80 to 89 per cent with a moderate decline of 2 per cent per month thereafter."

If a flock produces 5 per

cent below normal, a producer will lose 12 eggs per hen. With egg prices at 30 cents, gross income would be reduced \$3,000 on a 10,000-bird unit.

Some of the causes of reduced egg production are temperature extremes, lack of water, diseases, parasites and improper lighting. "A good manager will watch for these things and note day-to-day changes in bird appearance, feed consumption, condition of droppings and other indicators of a production slump," Brewer said.

Parasites can take a big chunk out of the egg check. Lice and mite infestations reduce production by as much as 15 per cent. This represents a daily loss of \$25 where 10,000 hens are involved.

Too many cracked eggs -- anything over about 2.5 to 3 per cent -- should be avoided. With only a 10 cent per dozen difference in the price of Grade A and cracked eggs, reducing cracks from 6-8 per cent to 2.5-3 per cent would mean a savings of roughly \$1,000 on 10,000 birds.

Carelessness, over-handling of eggs and improperly adjusted equipment cause such breakage.

Carolina Tel. & Tel. Plans Merger

Tarboro -- Agreement in principle on the terms of a merger of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company with United Utilities, Inc., has been announced jointly by Paul H. Henson, President of United Utilities, Inc., and H. Dall Holderness, President of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Under the terms of the agreement, which is subject to approval of regulatory agencies and of the shareholders of both companies, holders of the 7,920,349 shares of outstanding Carolina Telephone common stock will receive an equal number of shares of a new series of United Utilities convertible preferred stock. The United preferred, convertible into one and one quarter shares of United common, will pay an annual dividend of \$1.25 per share through 1970 after which the dividend will increase to \$1.37 1/2 per share during 1971 and 1972. After 1972, the preferred dividend will be increased to \$1.50 per share.

Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company has converted

subordinated debentures which are convertible into 838,123 shares of its common stock. The merger agreement provides that United Utilities will assume directly the obligations under the indenture relating to the debentures. When Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company shareholders present the debentures for conversion, they will receive shares of United's new preferred stock equal in number to the shares of Carolina common stock to which they otherwise would have been entitled.

According to United's president, no changes in management or operating procedures in the Carolina Company are contemplated, if and when the merger is consummated, and existing policies in respect to wage and salary levels and fringe benefits will be maintained.

Carolina Telephone, with assets of over \$170,000,000, serves more than 340,000 telephones in eastern North Carolina. Operating revenues for 1967, about 95 per cent derived from telephone operations, were \$54,180,000, a 12 per cent in-

crease over the \$48,572,000 generated in the preceding year. Carolina Telephone is an equal partner with Jefferson Standard Broadcasting Company in the ownership of Jefferson-Carolina Corporation and has the entire or controlling interest in non exclusive rights to operate CATV subscribers, both inside and outside Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company's service area.

United Utilities is a holding company of telephone properties serving some 1,650,000 telephones in 21 states. United also has CATV and Time Sharing Computer interest and owns North Electric Company, manufacturer of power, electronic and telephonic equipment. Revenues received from telephone operations in 1967 were \$163,461,000, while net sales from manufacturer and supplier operations totaled \$96,946,000.

United's total assets at the end of 1967 were \$752,521,000. Since then United has consummated mergers with Capital City Telephone Company, Pioneer Telephone Company, and several smaller properties.

Securities of both United and Carolina Telephone currently are traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

Kings and Queens and their families, and leaders.

Dr. Welton then made a brief summary of the excellent Conference on Rural Health.

Garden Insects Will Multiply

Predictions for the nursery industry indicates 1968 will be a banner year, for increased activity in home gardens is expected to place heavy demands on plants, seeds and transplants.

Even though a cool spring has caused some gardens to get

off to a slow start, backyard gardeners should expect increased insect activity -- along with disease problems -- when warming trends come, entomologists say.

Dr. Gerald Weekman, extension entomologist, reports inquiries to extension entomologists have begun to soar, with requests for information concerning the usual insect pests. He hopes gardeners will not become over zealous in their control with pesticide-chemicals, however.

"Good control of insect pests requires following directions on pesticide-chemical containers exactly," he said. "Using the right amount for the right insects, applying properly, and observing last application dates -- in the case of vegetables to be eaten -- is very important."

"Identification of the insect is most important. Garden centers where pesticide-chemicals are bought usually can supply insect identification folders or circulars. Most gardeners have a good insect identification book on their bookshelves," he said.

"But county extension offices can be consulted along with other resources for identification information. And a new publication, produced primarily for commercial producers of food crops, has just been published as "Vegetable Insects of North Carolina," Extension Circular 313.

Authors of the publication are H. E. Scott and C. H. Brett.

A charge of 15 cents is made for single copies. Requests are directed to the Department of Agricultural Information, Box 5037, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, 27607.



"Home for the holidays" takes on added meaning this year with the news that special rates on handy rental cars are being offered.

Hertz Rent A Car suggests you check your local auto rental location to find out what bargains are available, both in your home area and at your holiday destination.

Rental cars are playing a growing part in making holidays more enjoyable. Hertz reports, thanks to the mobility and convenience they provide. For example, many families are using rental cars in these ways:

- If they own a compact, they rent a full-size car to take the whole family wherever they're going in comfort.
- If they have a large family, they choose a station wagon to accommodate everybody -- plus packages.
- If they're visiting down south, they fly in and reserve an air conditioned car waiting at the destination airport.

man's profits. "Use of medicine and additives should be restricted to specific needs," Brewer commented.



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