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Reeve Wins Acclaim At Opera

EveLynn Joan Reeve and her harpsichord spent last week in Winston-Salem where she played in the production of Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro". In a review in a Winston-Salem paper of the opera by a local music critic, EveLynn was dubbed as the "dauntless harpsichordist" and also referred to as the "angel of the keyboard" by another. During the Saturday night performance she came to the rescue of Dodi Protero portraying the roll of "Susanna", Figaro's fiancee, when a stagehand failed to have the required bonnet for Miss Protero to pick up. EveLynn kept music flowing to fill the gap which the orchestra could not do, so that only those extremely familiar with the production noticed any irregularity in the scene. With EveLynn's music and "Susan-na's" impromptu, "I need a bonnet, I must have a bonnet,"

these two professionals showed what excellent musicians and fine show women they are. Music in the Mountains, EveLynn's "brainchild", is moving ahead rapidly finalizing its summer program arrangements much of which will be at Warren Wilson College this summer. The grand project of a concert grand piano to be kept here in Burnsville permanently for use in local concerts and recitals, is now in full swing and all donations toward this undertaking may be sent to Music in the Mountains, Burnsville, North Carolina. Remember, too, our Music in the Mountains workshops open to all free of charge providing us with a vast range of musical experiences, much of which is by local artists. While in Winston-Salem, EveLynn was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Lee Beall. Dr. Beall, director of The Mayland Com-

munity Chorus, is sorting through music in preparation for the May performance of the chorus in Spruce Pine. This group is also open to any local singers wishing to participate.

Member of College Choir

Anita Kay Fox, daughter of Mrs. Marjorie Fox of Route 2, Burnsville is a member of the Warren Wilson College Choir which recently went on a ten-day tour of Tennessee and Alabama. Anita is a 1970 graduate of East Yancey High School. Warren Wilson, founded in 1894, is a co-educational, liberal arts college in Swannanoa, N.C. Every student works 15 hours a week in the Cooperative Work Program which pays for all room and board expenses.



HERE AND THERE.... In Burnsville

BY MRS. BRUCE WESTALL
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Mrs. W. L. Bennett has returned to her home after several weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. Bill Price and family in Greenville, S.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Allen spent the weekend in Hickory visiting Mr. and Mrs. Aston Ramsey.

Mrs. Zeke Banks has been a patient in Yancey Hospital.

Mrs. Charlie Green and two children of Greensboro, N.C. spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Bodford of Winston Salem spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bodford.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Angel of Bennettsville, S.C. visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Towe over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Denney of Pickens, S.C. spent the weekend with Mrs. Denney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Deyton.

Mervin Jelley of Charlotte visited his mother, Mrs. Lillian Jelley during the week.

Miss Julie Fouts of Cos Cob, Connecticut who attends ASU at Boone, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Dover Fouts, her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Silvers entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wayne King, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Johnson and Frank Brody at a dinner party at her home in Jacks Creek on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Anglin attended their granddaughter's

wedding, Janice Anglin to Wayne Boyer, in First Baptist Church, Hazelwood, N.C. on March 29th at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Styles have recently returned home from Winchester, Virginia where they attended the funeral of Mr. C. E. George. Mrs. George and Mrs. Styles are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hensley spent the weekend in Atlan-

ta, visiting their granddaughter, Miss Janet Cox, for her graduation March 23, 1974, from Georgia State University (with a Master's Degree).

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Randolph Thompson of Cowen, W. Va. were home last week. Larry spent the week with his mother, Mrs. Edalynne Thompson. Lake Thompson has finished his schooling in Haywood County and is now in Cowen, W. Va. with his father.

Wildlife Afield
 BY JIM DEAN

SLAKEBITE: WHAT ARE THE ODDS?

Every outdoorsman sooner or later finds himself nervously sharing some real estate with a snake, though usually not for very long. Apparently, man's apprehension about snakes goes back a long way--at least to Genesis.

Nor does it help to know that North Carolina has a higher incidence of snakebite than most states. It is not known what percentage of these bites might be from poisonous rather than non-poisonous snakes, but the ratio of poisonous bites is relatively small.

According to Bill Palmer, who is curator of vertebrate zoology for the N.C. Museum of Natural History, there are six main species of poisonous snakes in the state-- three rattlesnakes, the cottonmouth moccasin, the copperhead, and the rare coral snake. How often you encounter one of these depends in part on where you are.

If you fish blackwater streams down east, it isn't uncommon to see cottonmouths. If you hike through upland woods, you'll occasionally see a copperhead, but you are probably as likely to see this snake in your backyard as anywhere.

Rod Amundson, who is a co-worker of mine at the Wildlife Commission, was bitten by a copperhead several years ago while getting wood from a backyard woodpile. He spent three days in a hospital, but came through it fine.

I've hunted, fished, hiked, camped and boated across North Carolina for many years and I've never knowingly had a close call with a poisonous snake. In fact, though I've encountered a number of copperheads and cottonmouths, I've never even seen a coral snake and only seen a few rattlesnakes--all in the middle of the highway (squashed).

Only once--to my knowledge--have I even been within striking distance of a poisonous snake, and that was last summer on the rocky banks of a trout stream. As I came down the bank, I saw a copperhead sunning himself in the path. I couldn't get by on either side, so I poked him with my rod tip (it's a long rod) and he moved out of the way.

Of course, I've seen countless non-poisonous snakes. I'm convinced that the average person cannot identify most poisonous varieties from those that are nonpoisonous. Many times, I've had people show me harmless snakes, claiming they were copperheads or cottonmouths. Maybe it's a good thing they don't know the difference since that makes them careful of all snakes.

On the other hand, I've heard of people interrupting fishing and camping trips to rush some fellow to the hospital because he was gummied by a garter snake. My fishing time is too valuable for such interruptions, so I've learned to identify the poisonous species. Also, if I'm bitten by a nonpoisonous snake, at least I won't have heart failure worrying.

Actually, your chances of getting bitten by a poisonous snake, even in North Carolina, are pretty slim--not much greater than getting struck by lightning. Still, you wouldn't stand on a golf course holding a metal umbrella in an electrical storm, so it is wise to watch your step when you're in recognizable snake habitat.

When I'm down east, I stay out of lowlands as much as possible when walking, and when I'm in a boat on a coastal stream, I watch logs and overhanging limbs (incidentally, most snakes in trees are nonpoisonous water snakes rather than cottonmouths). Inland, I'm careful when I'm around old, fallen-in house places, rock piles, or rocky stream banks, and also when I'm near piles of trash or dead timber.

But what if you're careful and still get bitten? The first order of business is to identify the snake positively, or kill it and take it to the hospital with you if you aren't sure what kind it is.

Unless you're a long way from help and the snake is large and recognizably dangerous, many authorities discourage the old practice of cutting flesh around the bite and sucking out the venom.

If you can get to a hospital, you will probably be given anti-venom. It is considered the most effective treatment. Some authorities have experimented with chilling the affected part of the body, but this can cause problems.

It may sound ridiculous, but you should try not to get excited. You should also avoid any unnecessary exercise. Above all, avoid taking any "snakebite medicine" known hereabouts as booze.

At the very least, you should learn to make positive identification of poisonous snakes. It could save you some unnecessary grief. In any case, keep in mind that even if you're bitten by a poisonous snake, you have an excellent chance of recovering without lasting effects.

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Garden Club Program Held

The first meeting of the Burnsville Garden Club for the year 1974 was held in the home of Mrs. Charles Proffitt Thursday afternoon, March 28. After the reading of minutes of the last meeting the treasurer's report was given. Added to the \$89.53 all ready on hand was the sum of \$36.00 collected in dues. This amounted to \$125.53 in the treasury.

An invitation given to the club by the Chamber of Commerce to provide an exhibit for the annual dinner meeting to be held April 19th was read to the club. As a result of discussion, the invitation was declined.

A letter from Mrs. Jim Bingham was read by the president to the effect that the club should be involved in beautifying the public square. A check for \$50.00 was enclosed to start the project.

Mrs. James Anglin was welcomed into the club as a new member.

The program provided by Mrs. Fall consisted of a most helpful and informative talk by Mrs. Mary Wallace. Her subject was "The Making of a Pot-Pour-re of Garden Flowers." Many helpful ideas were given as to how to keep various flowers colorful and beautiful for months at a time by the use of various preservatives. Silica gel, Benzoin, sand, alcohol and Elmer's glue are some of the substances needed. Some of the flowers which dry nicely when treated are Marigolds, Larkspur, Baby's Breath, Ferns, Straw Flowers, Statice and even Roses and Lilies as well as many others. Mrs. Wallace showed, with the help of her sister, Mrs. Sargent, a number of slides of several gardens situated in various places over the country. Many of these gardens are noted for their beauty as well as their formality.