

Oratorio Singers To Give Concert Saturday Night

On Saturday evening, January 18, 1964, at 8:15 p.m. in Owens Auditorium in Charlotte, the Oratorio Singers of Charlotte will present the famed Verdi REQUIEM. This performance will mark the first time that this work has been performed in its entirety and with full orchestration in this area. Donald Platt, Music Director of the Singers, and Chairman of the Music Department at Davidson College, will conduct the performance. The chorus number 140 this season and will be accompanied by a 60-piece orchestra.

operas but still retaining the mark of great church music. Verdi's talent for melody is seen throughout the REQUIEM and the lush orchestration is again reminiscent of his operas. The use of a quartet of bassoons throughout the composition and eight trumpets for one section is typical of his unusual technique.

Soloists for the REQUIEM are nationally known oratorio and opera stars. Jeannine Crader, soprano, is an exciting young artist who is making her first appearance in the Southeast. She is leading soprano with the Metropolitan Opera Studio and sang for three seasons with the San Francisco Opera Association. She recently made a sensational debut as "Tosca" in Italy.

Beverly Wolf, mezzo-soprano, needs no introduction to concertgoers in this area. She has sung with the Charlotte Symphony, appeared with the Oratorio Singers in MESSIAH and is well-known

at the Brevard Music Festival. Her career has risen by leaps and bounds in recent years and her sumptuous, rich voice is much in demand all over the United States. She recently made a triumphant appearance with the New York City Opera Company. Critics predict an exciting future for this fine young singer.

Richard Miller's appearance in the Verdi REQUIEM will be his third season in succession with the Cleveland Symphony and George Szell. He is equally at home in operatic roles and oratorio arias and his brilliant voice has been heard throughout the country.

Bass David Laurent sang season before last with the Oratorio Singers and his warm, resonant voice was acclaimed by all. He has sung on numerous occasions with the Peaton Symphony, where he was a particular favorite of former conductor Pierre Monteux. A superior musician, he is often chosen to introduce new works by composers themselves.

Tickets for this performance may be purchased at the Oratorio Office, 519 Fenton Place, Charlotte, N. C. (Telephone 375-7512) or at the National Hat Shop in Charlotte. Reserved seats are \$2.50; general admission, \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for students. Fifteen or more students from any one school purchasing tickets will be entitled to a reserved section for the concert.

Chapman Finishes Combat Training

FORT HOOD, TEX. (AHTNC)—Army Pvt. Johnny E. Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah E. Chapman, Route 3, Kings Mountain, N. C., completed four weeks of advanced combat training at Fort Hood, Tex., early in December.

During the training, Chapman received training with such infantry weapons as the M-14 rifle, the M-60 machinegun and the 3.5 inch rocket launcher.

The 23-year-old soldier, assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 52d Infantry of the 1st Armored Division at the fort, entered the Army in September 1963 and completed basic training at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Chapman is a graduate of Bethware high school.

The Panama Canal is the only canal in the world with the distinction of connecting two oceans, according to the Book of Knowledge. It is used by an average of nine or ten thousand ships every year.

New Economic Picture Of State To Be Reflected In '64 Census

The most complete roundup of economic statistics for North Carolina since 1958 will be provided by the 1963 Censuses of Business, Manufactures, and Mineral Industries being conducted by the U. S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census. The new figures will continue series that go back many years. Census Bureau officials point out. Statistics on manufacturing in North Carolina are found in U. S. Census reports as early as 1810, on Mineral Industries since 1840, and on retail and wholesale trade since 1929.

In the latest industrial census, in 1958, textile mill products accounted for one-third of the \$3 billion in value added by manufacture in North Carolina. Other leading industry groups, in terms of value added by manufacture, included tobacco products, food and kindred products, furniture and fixtures, and chemicals and allied products. A Census Bureau sample survey for 1962 indicated that the total value added by manufacture in North Carolina had risen to \$1.3 billion, comprising 2.1 percent of the U. S. total of \$179.3 billion in 1962. Early census items: Textiles were important in the first manufactures census in North Carolina in 1810, when 7,376,154 yards of "blended and unnamed cloths and stuffs" were valued at \$2,989,140. Promi-

nent also in the 1810 report were 5,126 distilleries; with annual production of 1,382,691 gallons worth \$758,005; and 3,000 blacksmith shops with products valued at \$310,000.

In the latest business census there were 41,296 retail establishments in North Carolina with sales of \$48 billion for the year 1958; 5,711 wholesale establishments with sales of \$5 billion, and 18,470 selected services establishments with receipts of \$413.5 million.

In addition to detailed statistics for each State and for the Nation, the economic censuses taken by the U. S. Census Bureau at 5-year intervals provide industry and kind-of-business details for the larger metropolitan places and counties, and overall information for the smaller cities and counties.

The Census Bureau has mailed 1963 census reporting forms to some 7,500 manufacturers, 26,000 retailers, 6,000 wholesalers, 9,700 service businesses and 250 mineral operations in North Carolina. Bureau officials urge early filling out and return of the questionnaires as a big boost toward early publication of census results. The Bureau's electronic computers can do an extremely fast job of preparing the data for publication, but work cannot begin until the forms are received.

Agriculture in Action

By Vern Strickland
America's lush green countryside offers a story you won't get merely by looking from a car window. It's the story of poverty festering at the core of the world's most amazing system of agriculture.

Under Secretary of Agriculture Charles S. Murphy peered past the countryside's serene surface during a recent address in Memphis, Tennessee. He is part of what he saw.

"The mortality rate of children five to fourteen is 50 per cent higher in rural than urban areas and 100 per cent higher for ages 14 to 21."

"Rural America has almost three times the proportion of dilapidated and substandard houses as urban America."

"Only thirty per cent of rural young people go to college, compared to 30 per cent of urban youth. In many rural communities, the high school graduate is the exception rather than the rule."

"Three-quarters of the families and individuals employed as farm laborers have total annual income below nationally-accepted standards of adequacy."

The farmer, in other words, isn't basking in the luxury of the

Davis Reassigned To Florida Base

TYNDALL AFB, Fla.—Second Lieutenant Larry L. Davis of Bessemer City, N. C., is being reassigned to Jacksonville (Fla.) Naval Air Station following his graduation from the United States Air Course course for weapons controllers here.

Lieutenant Davis, son of Mrs. Pauline S. Harwell of Rt. 1, Bessemer City, was given training in the duties of a weapons con-

troller, with emphasis on radar-scope and manual air defense system operation.

The lieutenant, a graduate of Bessemer City high school, received his B.A. degree from Belmont (N. C.) Abby College. He entered the service in June 1961 and was commissioned later that year upon completion of Officer Training School at Lackland AF B, Tex.



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Conrad Hughes, Tax Lister

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