

Music Notes And Half Notes

BY MRS. E. M. M. KELLY

The comic opera, "Don Pasquale," by G. Donizetti, performed by the School of Music at the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem on Monday and Tuesday, November 17 and 18 was alive, funny, exciting, and well done. Everything and everyone involved worked and blended for an excellent and well-pleasing production. The set was beautiful and appropriate; the orchestra was fine; costumes were just right; the chorus showed good training, had well blended voices, good ensemble, good acting, dancing and togetherness. The principle characters thrilled the audience. Special orchids go to John Prince Williams, baritone, who played the character, Dr. Malatesta, excellently. He truly communicated with and moved his audience. His voice as well as his acting made one realize that John really is on his way to the top. Stage director was William Beck of the New York City Opera Company, Norman Johnson, of the Denver Lyric Opera at Denver, Colorado, was musical director, conducting the opera and the 24-piece orchestra. The "Don Pasquale" performance was a real treat.



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First Baptist (playing the trumpet) and at St. Paul, Orchids to you, Mr. Allen.

"Bless This House" - Brahe was beautifully and meaningfully done by Mrs. Ann Hooker, contralto, at the Thanksgiving Service, at First Baptist Church. She has a rich voice and uses it well. Mrs. Battle played the accompaniment.

The J. W. Ligon Singers have done it again. They gave a lovely performance of choral music at the school's annual Thanksgiving program on November 26. Their program was as follows: Create In Me A Clean Heart - Mueller; Thanksgiving Proclamation - Arr. Ringwald; I'm Gonna Sing - Fox; I' May Never Pass This Way Again - Arr. Ringwald.

Fran Bates was featured in a solo. Mrs. Ann Hunt Jones is the able and talented director of the Ligon Singers. Mr. H. E. Brown is the principal, efficient and honored, as well as beloved.

More orchids to John Prince Williams for his beautiful performance in Beethoven's 9th Symphony (Choral) with the Winston-Salem Symphony Orchestra and the Singers' Guild in Reynolds Coliseum on November 18. Here is a quote from an article by Beverly Welter, staff arts reporter for another newspaper: "John Williams, a student at the North Carolina School of the Arts, opened the section with a baritone solo that unfolded a more-than-promising young voice. He sang with an aplomb beyond his years. If more is not heard from him, it will only be because he has lost his voice or won't work further with it."

Knowing Johnny as I do, I feel that he will go on to the top. Keep your dedication and discipline, Johnny. You will succeed.

In 1968, union membership in the United States totaled 18.8 million, an increase of 5 percent over the 1966 membership.



POP SINGER STEVIE WONDER CITED AT A&T - A&T State University student Miss Dolores Young, Washington, D. C., presents plaque to pop singer Stevie Wonder during his appearance at the University last week. Wonder was made first honorary member of campus chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Pete's Pickin's

BY W. A. "PETE" WILDER

"Tis nice to return to the news after a "fort-nite" of loafing and to greet my friends again. Let me begin by saying that I met my old friend, Joe Henry, at his familiar old stomping ground, Moncrief's Barber Shop.

We talked of the old Washington High School Basketball

Champs of 1935 - 1936 Joe was a member of that team and what a bullwark of strength! He was a strong towering center and a controller of the back boards. They won the championship from Henderson Institute and Jake Gaether at Durham. The local club had that brilliant back court star Will Cooper, senior at guard, along with the cool, calculating Bryant Bethea. Bryant went on to Hampton Institute and fame as a member of the famed Navy team on the West Coast. Haggie Smith was a colorful and high-scoring forward. Bro. Crump, though hampered by poor vision, gunned many opponents into defeat. It was hard to call the names of the other members of the club. We'll try!

Dr. Grauger Browning, now head of Hampton's Department of Social Services, was also a forward, Jimmy "The Goon" Richardson was the clown prince of the club, but he was a brilliant playmaker. Paul Miller "Spit" Joe Henry for brief rest periods. Many local residents will not forget this team!

Friends of Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson and Mrs. Blanche Dover enjoyed the hospitality at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elwar Wilder, 1111 Mark Street. I need not tell you all the people, but I'll name a few - members of the immediate families and a few friends. The menu was most taxing. To go around was sure to add a few pounds to any frame.

At the Debutante Ball, I saw any number of old friends. They had come to add their vote of confidence and wish for a most successful future to the ninety-two young ladies honored by the Ball. Congratulations are in order for all concerned.

Mrs. Addie Wilder, formerly of this city, but now of New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilder, Richmond, Va.; were guests of the Wilder families, E-14 Washington Terrace and 510 Montague Place.

I had a chance to get out to the residence of Miss Susie Smith and her sister, Mrs. Pearl Smith, on S. Tarboro St., for a nice evening. Among those present were: Mrs. Gwendolyn Burnette, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, Mrs. Viola Pearson, Mr. Mack Smith and yours truly.

Mrs. Caille Berry, 105 Bart Street was called to Wilmington recently on account of the passing of her brother.

Miss Mary Gale, a student of N. C. Central University, visited her aunt, Miss "Dot" Gale, 21 Mecklenberg Terrace, during the Thanksgiving holidays. Miss Mary Gale is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gale, Jr., Williamatic, Conn.

Dr. and Mrs. Lynous Hall of Rochester, N. Y., accompanied by their two children, Melodie and Raphael, were Thanksgiving guests of Dr. Hall's mother, Mrs. Mary Hall, on the Louisburg Road. Dr. Hall was a former Little Blues football and baseball star. He carried his athletic ability on to Shaw University. He is a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina "Med" School.

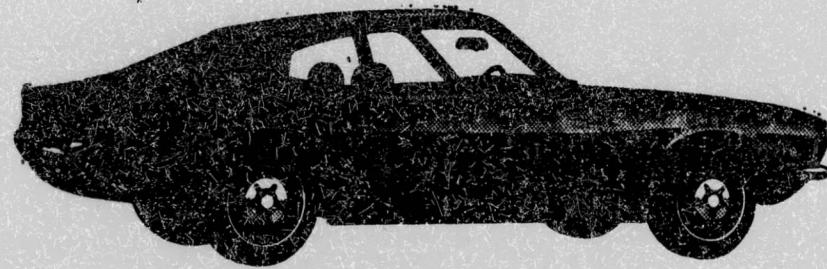
Miss Genese Wilder, 510 Montague Place, left the city Tuesday night for Miami, Fla. She is to be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ruby Wilder Swift.

Mrs. Evelyn Spears, more affectionately known to her friends as "Eva Lou" Birdsong, returned to Washington, D. C. Sunday after a most enjoyable stay in the city as guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Birdsong, 764 Bunche Drive.

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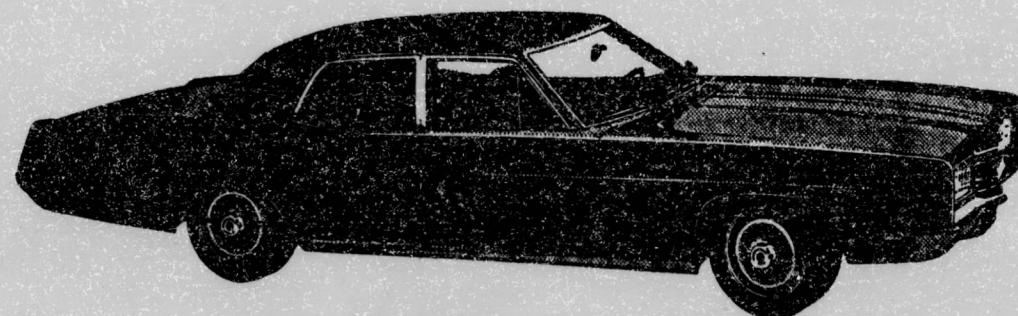
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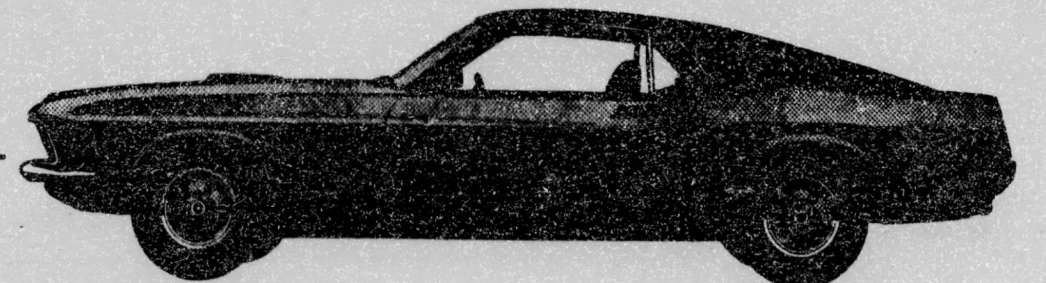
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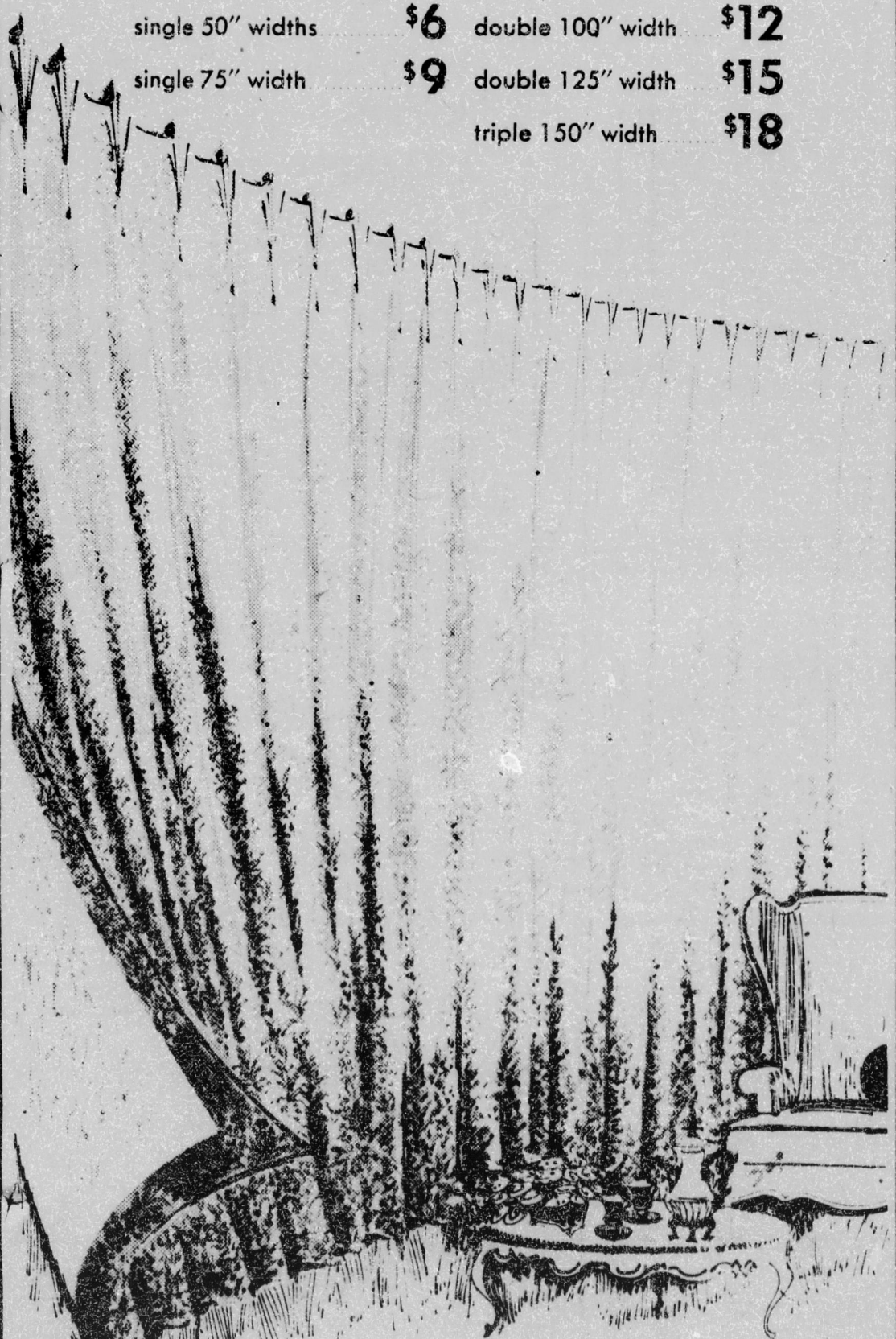
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