



OFFICERS OF THE BOARD of the local Girl Scouts are shown here at the first board meeting of 1956. They are (left to right) Mrs. S. L. Orlean, president, Mrs. J. B. LaPointe, first vice president, and Mrs. H. C. Wolfe Jr., third vice president. Mrs. W. Evan Wheeler, corresponding secretary, was absent when the picture was taken.

New Girl Scout Camp Schedules Open House

The new Girl Scout Camp Occaneechee at Lake Lure will receive its first public inspection May 12 at an open house for all interested persons.

The date was announced yesterday at the first board meeting of 1956 of Mecklenburg County Girl Scout Council at the Little House. June 9 will be Parents Day at the camp.

Camp sessions announced by Miss Thelma Caruso, director, are: June 11-23, June 25-July 9, July 9-23, and July 23-Aug. 6. Minimum age for registration for any of the two-week sessions will be nine years of age.

PROGRESS REPORT

In a progress report yesterday it was stated that when the Girl Scout program was chartered in 1935 there were 11 adults taking training courses as compared with 433 who completed courses in 1955.

The scouts facilities were acquired as follows:

The Little House in 1942, the troop cabin on Catawba River in 1950, and the new Camp Occaneechee in 1955.

The organization committee's report said that in 1955 there were 180 girls in seven troops as compared to 2,360 girls in 145 troops in 1955.

An operating income of \$1,369.12 in 1955 as compared to the \$30,972.75 in 1953 was reported by the finance committee.

COURSE SCHEDULED

The training committee reported that a basic training course is scheduled for Feb. 7-March 1, a game workshop on March 8 and a song workshop on March 6.

The new board will be trained Feb. 14-17 by Miss Polly Clay, state auxiliary president. Mrs. Virginia Lowery of Pembroke, and senior vice president, Mrs. Harold Proffitt of North Wilkesboro. Mrs. Olson was guest of honor at a banquet and dinner in Gastonia last night and will be feted at a round of other activities during her stay here.

The 12th VFW district, of which Charlotte and Mecklenburg are a part, was host for her visit here.



ALONZO T. DILL of New Bern, author of "Governor Tryon and His Palace" will speak on his book at Chapel Hill Wednesday. The work has been selected as one of the outstanding books in the 1955 Southern Books Competition.

Waring Presents Warm Show Despite Cold Rain

By EMERY WISTER, Charlotte News Staff Writer

A cold winter rain put a chill on the Charlotte Coliseum last night and froze out the possibility of a new four-day attendance record under the big dome.

A crowd of slightly less than 5,000 persons streamed through the doors to hear a two-and-one-half-hour concert by Fred Waring's Pennsylvaniaans. With the Weather Bureau predicting more rain through tonight, a crowd considerably smaller than Monday's whooping 10,000 is expected for tonight's ice hockey game.

But while the rain cut down the attendance last night it did not dampen the enthusiasm of those present, who loudly cheered, whistled and applauded the show.

GOOD SHOW

And it was a good show, one of variety and mass appeal. If the audience was "cold" as one member of the Waring organization said, it had every right to be.

Waring himself asked that the lower bringing warm air into the building be shut off as the noise interfered with the music. In addition, pipes which carry the brine solution under the concrete floor were already at the freezing point as coliseum crews prepared to make ice for tonight's hockey game.

With Waring the master of ceremonies, the show was divided into several parts. First came patriotic songs, then love songs, then religious songs. A Negro singer in the troupe quickly became a minister, leading "his people" in the singing of spirituals.

FAST CHANGE

Quick as a flash, the preacher became the interlocutor of an old-fashioned minstrel show, with several minstrel favorites sung by the soloists and chorus.

And then came more songs.

Farm Pay Up

SEATTLE, WASH. — Farm wage rates in Washington averaged 2 1/2 per cent higher than a year ago. The Washington Crop and Livestock Reporting Service said the average farm worker earned \$32 on a monthly basis, or \$184 with board. Its survey showed the average on an hourly pay basis is \$1.10 with housing or \$1.17 without it.

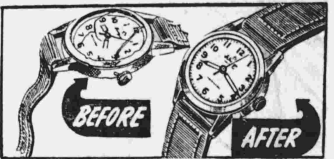
The agency said the hourly rate is the nation's highest, while the monthly average is exceeded by California and Utah.

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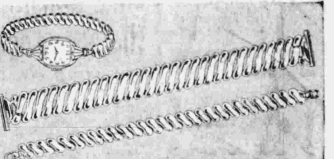
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Says National President: VFW Auxiliary Stresses Service

"Once we were called selfish," said Mrs. Sherman Olson, national president of the auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She had just arrived at the Charlotte airport for a two-day visit to VFW and auxiliary units in Gastonia.

"We are trying to make the community a better place to live in," said Mrs. Olson whose organization now numbers 335,000 persons. Mrs. Olson, who was elected Foreign Wars. She had just arrived at her office Sept. 2, 1955, came to Gastonia from Columbia and will leave Friday morning for Nashville, North Carolina is the 16th state she has visited and next July she will go to the Canal Zone.

Mrs. Olson, a Denison, Iowa, woman whose husband fought in World War I and son in Korea, was met at the airport by an enthusiastic group of VFW members and members of the auxiliary.

GUEST OF HONOR

Included in those who met her here were State Commander W. Rufus Joyner of Rocky Mount and senior vice commander R. A. Miskelly of North Wilkesboro.

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