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Membership Drive Is Launched Today By Theatre Group

Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, Milburn Zeff, chairman of the Community Theatre 1950-51 membership drive, called together his committee to launch the annual campaign for new members.

Under the direction of city chairman, Miss Beth Melford for Florence, Nathan Gilbert for Sheffield and Mrs. Frank Rabber for Tusculum, the committee members will conduct a thorough canvass for members.

Every worker has been assigned a territory with names of prospective members. These names have been compiled from past membership cards and also from the list of subscribers to the Community Concerts and Lecture series. Watch this newspaper for a list of these names. Anyone not listed is urged to call the membership worker in his or her area.

Season memberships are being offered for \$3 per person for a regular member, \$10 for two for patrons, entitling purchaser to reserved seats and \$1.50 for students.

With two successful seasons behind them the supporters of the Community Theatre are looking forward to an event better season this year. For the first time the executive board has been able to select all its plays and direct them.

The first play, "Born Yesterday," under the direction of S. Paul Lewis will be presented Nov. 8 and 9 in Sheffield auditorium. The other two plays with tentative dates in February and April will be "Death Takes a Holiday" and, if possible, "Harvey" under the direction of Ray Black and Frank Mosler.

Accused Negro Is Transferred To The Kilby Prison

BIRMINGHAM, (AP)—Cooper Drake, 28 year old Calera Negro accused of the slaying of a white farm woman and the slaying of her son, today was transferred in an ambulance to Kilby State prison at Montgomery.

Highway patrolman escorted the ambulance to the spot Drake was taken to a Birmingham hospital shortly after he was wounded after being shot by members of a huge posse in a field near Calera, about 34 miles south of Birmingham.

He is reported improving from stomach and leg wounds.

Drake was accused of raping and shooting Mrs. Kathleen Holley, 37, and shooting to death her four year old son Dale, at their isolated farm home, Oct. 18 Officers said Mrs. Holley identified Drake from a picture.

County Solicitor Frank Head said the jury would be called back into session to consider the case as soon as Drake's condition permits. The Negro was released from a federal prison three months ago after serving a term under an Army contract for involvement of assault with intent to rape at Fort Myers, Fla., in 1944.

Mrs. Holley yesterday received a dozen red roses from pupils and teachers of the Calera Negro junior high school. A card accompanying the flowers said:

"We are in deepest sympathy with you and wish you a speedy recovery and an early return to your loved ones."

The flowers were presented on behalf of the Negro group by F. H. Littlejohn, principal of the Calera white high school.

Mrs. Holley has four other children ranging in age from 8 to 14.

Steel-Nerved War Veteran Chases Off Three Gunmen

SALIDA, Colo. (AP)—Like stage robbers of the old West, three gun men in an expensive sedan tried last night to loot \$18,000 from a night truck coasting down a high mountain.

But a steel-nerved young war veteran matched them shot-for-shot and drove off the robbers in the dramatic gun battle waged at the truck and car rolled down the Monarch Pass highway 23 miles west of Salida.

Bandit Houdup In \$40 Holdup Of Movie Cashier

BIRMINGHAM, (AP)—Police today sought a police, young bandit for a \$40 holdup of a neighborhood movie cashier.

The robbery at the Central Park theater on Birmingham's Westside, was the second in five days. The cashier at a Southside movie was robbed of \$74 last Saturday.

In both holdups, the would-be hold-uppers were waiting for a small boy at the movie.

Miss Clara Murphy, 28, Central Park cashier, said the young gunman approached her cage after waiting for a short time, and ordered her to hand over "all the bills."

She fled on foot after catching some bills from her hand.

"He was a real nice man with a smile," Miss Murphy told police.

MCCORVEY ASKS

(Continued From Page 1) crats can show to the nation and to the world that we are a strong, militant race, fighting for those things which are dear to us."

MCCorvey, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee for the past 12 years, made references to opposition to Democratic candidates in the general election.

Later in his senior Alabama senator who was renominated in May, is opposed by Rear Adm. John C. Crommelin and as an independent candidate, Crommelin was retired by the Navy after speaking out strongly against unification of the armed forces.

Gordon Persons, Democratic nominee for governor, is opposed by Republican John S. Crowder, a Tuscaloosa dentist. Republicans also are offering candidates for several other State offices.

NO EVIDENCE

(Continued From Page 1) prisoner asserted three Red Chinese battalions were attacking Republic of Korea Sixth Division elements East of Onjong.

The other captured Chinese said 20,000 Chinese Reds had crossed into North Korea.

U. S. Eighth Army Headquarters sources said both prisoners were being investigated.

Eighth Army officers admitted only that many thousands of Koreans have lived for generations in Manchuria.

One officer said the investigation established that Red China sent a new volunteer force of Koreans from the Chinese Army raised in North Korea. Army remnants in a stand before Manchuria.

RETAIL FOOD

(Continued From Page One) per acre and other relatives. Grapefruit prices were only slightly affected by word that last year's Florida harvest had damaged citrus areas. The Agriculture Department estimated that 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 boxes of grapefruit were lost out of a crop of around 32,000,000 boxes.

Other crops, including oranges from a crop of 62,900,000 boxes, also were damaged. The American Institute of Food Distributors said prices of dried beans would be higher for the next four to six weeks because the storming out about one-eighth of Florida's late fall acreage. Areas growing cucumbers, tomatoes, squash and eggplant also were damaged.

But Agriculture Department market reports said the storm's effects were recovering faster than had been expected and losses probably would have slight effect on prices.

MRS. WESTMORELAND

(Continued From Page One) moreland of Boston, Mass.; four sisters, Mrs. Leona Hill, Mrs. Virgil Daugherty, and Mrs. Will Stults, all of Florence, and Mrs. L. B. Drake of Decatur and other relatives.

AMERICAN MAY

(Continued From Page 1) ting up a chief of staff to organize and train collective forces. He asked that he not be identified by name. Immediate appointment of a full-time commander would achieve a "called command—one of the goals of the North Atlantic Council of Foreign Ministers in September—without an interim period."

General Eisenhower has been mentioned often as a likely choice for the North Atlantic Command.

Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and present chairman of the North Atlantic military committee, said President Truman has given no public indication of the job he called upon to do so. Presumably, the other Atlantic Pact governments will be consulted in advance as to whether the man he wants is agreeable to them.

Another issue on which the committee had yet to agree finally involved the size and the timing of contributions to be made by Atlantic Pact nations. The 20 to 40 divisions, the increased air power and the naval forces officially considered necessary to defend Western Europe.

PRE-ELECTION

(Continued From Page 1) that the party's platform is so good that many Democrats will become complacent and overconfident. Harding would not make a flat prediction, however, of what will happen Nov. 7.

CREDIT-TIGHTENING

(Continued From Page 1) sales losses have been in the extreme. Little note was taken of these reports in the past 20 to 30 days. The Commerce Department estimates. These usually is not until during the change-over to new models, and sales had been running at record levels for some time with a fall expected for months.

So far automobile manufacturers haven't commented on the credit terms and are producing cars as fast as they can.

The Commerce Department shows a similar pattern in durable goods like refrigerators and other household appliances.

So far there are only scattered reports of loss of furniture sales because of curtailment of new housing starts.

MANY AMERICANS

(Continued From Page 1) The Weston invasion at a Tokyo conference. They realized it was a calculated risk.

But American officers now concede the landing place was selected on the basis of inadequate and incorrect intelligence. The task force was at sea before the first news of the death rattle came.

And why did an estimated 50,000 amphibious troops accompany the invasion already in South Korea when an embarkation dock was available?

"History got ahead of me," said Marine Maj. Gen. O. Smith.

Maj. Gen. Edward M. Almond, commander of the 10th Army, gave a fuller explanation.

He said it was too late to choose a landing place. The U. N. needed military might in Northeast Korea for strategic reasons.

General Smith agreed, saying "our amphibious equipment was not made for long beach landings but that it was never tactically if not cheaper in dollars."

The First Marine Division made the Sept. 15 landing at Incheon which led to the liberation of Seoul, and crushing defeat of the North Korean Communists.

FLORENCE SOCIETY NEWS

MRS. HENRY CHENEY, Social Editor
All society news will be published the day following its receipt. Phone 459 between 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Items will NOT be taken after 2 p. m. Engagement, wedding and birth announcements must be verified.

Late October Marks Seasons First Meet 20th Century Club

At Thimbleton, the home of Mrs. Edward A. O'Neal, members of Florence Twentieth Century Club gathered for the first meeting of the new season Tuesday afternoon at 8:30 o'clock. Several guests were invited for the program and tea.

The program was presented by Mrs. Orpha Ann Culmer, a review of Alexandria Orme's new book "Comes The Comrade."

Among the charter members are Mrs. Lloyd Maffett, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. B. C. Luna, Mrs. Earl Knight, Mrs. J. T. Killian, Mrs. Huffman, Mrs. J. H. Mays, Mrs. Jagers, Mrs. W. B. Hamilton, Mrs. J. M. Massey, Mrs. G. C. Cash, Mrs. T. L. Harless, Mrs. Donald White and Mrs. Petty.

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GALA DAYS

(Continued From Page 1) coming year. Following the parade, a barbecue will be served at O'Neal Hall under the direction of Mrs. Tom Ingram. The supper will feature a "picnic style" on the O'Neal lawn and in the amphitheater. Seating will be from 8:30 to 10:30 p. m. and guest tickets for the barbecue may be purchased at Westmoreland, Raleigh Westmoreland, and Raymond Westmoreland, and two nephews, Howard Hill and Edward Thompson.

Honorary members will be J. B. Bailey, Howard Hill, David A. Crain, Miles Darby, Clifford Daugherty, Herman K. Longshore, Clarence Porey, H. R. Reeder, Ralph Clancy, and members of the board of stewards of the First Methodist church.

Arrangements are by Brown-Servino of Florence.

LIE QUARREL

(Continued From Page 1) said, but issued the official invitation to the journey.

He also declared that the plan for Moscow was merely a draft version and subject to change.

The disclosure of Stalin's differences with the Security Council was declassified over voting him another term.

Stalin said the Moscow incident was just one reason for opposing the American-backed Lie. He said the others were Lie's support of U. N. action in Korea and endorsement of the North Atlantic Pact.

S. KOREAN

(Continued From Page One) South Koreans to drive North.

On the West Coast an American infantry regiment plunged rapidly North. It seemed unlikely the doughboys would stop at any line short of the Yalu River.

A remark by a spokesman at General MacArthur's Tokyo headquarters shed a doubt as to whether the end of the four month United Nations campaign was in sight.

BUILDING OF

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