

Talent Available To Local Groups

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Meet Loren C. Tice. . . musician, artist, student of life.

Western Piedmont Community College and Isothermal Community College both designate him musician-in-residence. The North Carolina Arts Council calls him music consultant and performer.

Last year he was at the University of Kentucky working on his doctor of musical arts degree. This he didn't finish. Still there remains work on his dissertation which may later appear as a book on music appreciation. This will be designed as a text for both students and laymen and the plan is for musical cassettes to accompany printed material.

However, completion of this is probably a couple of years away. He is serving as a musical resource person in both Burke and Rutherford Counties. His services are expected to add something to public school and general community programs.

Tice, a native of Abilene, Kans., received his early education in Abilene City Schools. From there he went to the College of Emporia, a small Presbyterian School near the Missouri-Kansas line, which conferred a bachelor of music degree on him in 1961.

He received his master of music degree in 1964 from the University of Illinois with a major in piano. There followed a year at Washington University in St. Louis where he was a graduate assistant. After that

came teaching in Birmingham, Ala. and Bowling Green, Ky. He combined college teaching and church music in both places.

Tice plays piano, harpsichord, organ, recorder, and tuba. Also he sings — baritone. And if this is not enough, he is skilled as a choral conductor.

His first appearance as far as Burke County is concerned came last Sunday at the WPCC dedication program as he played prelude, processional, and recessional.

Making people music conscious is very much on his mind right now.

He will be available to work with community, civic, church groups — maybe extend a helping hand if anyone has dreams of a lyric theater or community musical. Already he has been talking with Fred Cranford, the man responsible for the writing of the Waldensian drama and with Mrs. Jayne Wilkins, head of the music department at WPCC. Mrs. Wilkins is thinking of a musical that would utilize to the fullest local singing talent.

Tice is living in Rutherfordton and currently plans to spend Wednesdays and Thursdays in Morganton. He has an office in the main building at WPCC. His telephone number there is 437-8688 and extension 53.

At other times — including Sundays, — he is on call by arrangement. Incidentally he is available for talks, recitals, and various other types of programs.



Loren C. Tice Divides Time With Western Piedmont



Conferring With Western Piedmont's Mrs. Jayne Wilkins