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MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

BY WILLIAM T. GRIMES

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The study of voice in connection with the development of better music in the church is a valuable part. In this article some of the important questions that the student of voice would like to have answered will be brought to your attention.

Can throatiness in a voice be corrected?

Yes. The first step is to release all tension and tightness in the throat, then, speaking softly in the middle or speaking range of the voice, one should strive for correct forward vowel formation, high forward tone placement, and breath support from below the waste line.

Can a thin shrill voice be improved?

By practicing on the guttural vowel, Ave, on and so with a humming sensation when practicing will give the voice added resonance and brilliancy.

Can a guttural voice be improved?

Change of voice can be improved by practicing the formation of vowels forward in the mouth and by maintaining a high yawing sensation.

Can a nasal, twangy voice be corrected?

The fault is due to some abnormal obstruction in the nasal cavity, the practice of vowel formation with the tongue well forward and down in the back. All vowels should be permitted to pass out freely through the nostrils.

What is the cause of a tremor in the voice, a check or a wobble?

This is caused by either a sudden rhythmic lowering and raising of the larynx or by improper and unsteady breath control. Steady support from the abdominal muscles and diaphragm and keeping the voice steady as steady as possible will help to correct this disagreeable fault.

Should be noted however that in a well placed and properly supported tone there is a slight vibration in the voice.

When should one take breath in a song?

At the end of a phrase; a complete sentence, after a word ending.

CHURCH NEWS

The Lucy F. Saunders Missionary Circle of the Mount Zion Baptist Church presented Norville R. Price, organist, assisted by Marshall Harris, baritone, in a recital Sunday, January 23 at 7:30 p. m.

The recital marked one of the fine musical events that has taken place at the church since the installation of the pipe organ. The program consisted of hymn tunes, spirituals and many fine classics.

Those who were present heard much as Bach, Brahms, Debussy, Schumann, Puccini and others.

At the Daisy Sessions is president of the circle, Mrs. Mamie Clanton is secretary, and Mrs. Blanche Boswell is treasurer.

MARGARINE TAX IS ASSAILED BY TUSKEGEE GROUP

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE (ANI) - In a letter that farmers who grew cotton, peanuts and soybeans are being hit by continuation of federal estate taxes on margarine, the annual Tuskegee Farmers conference urged removal of these taxes.

The statement for repeal of discriminatory taxes and other restrictions on margarine was contained in a resolution passed last week by farmers here in attendance at the conference from throughout the south.

In the resolution, the farmers pleaded for the repeal of the federal estate tax on margarine, and pointed out that both farmers and consumers would benefit by the action.

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ing with t or d, when the following word begins with t or d, and whenever the sense meaning in a sentence permit it.

How can fear and nervousness be overcome?

To overcome fear and nervousness one should be perfectly familiar with his part whether in speech or song, should thoroughly understand and know the text by heart, and should be otherwise adequately prepared. With ability comes confidence and with confidence comes the power to overcome fear and nervousness.

What benefits are derived from the practice of the fundamental principles of voice production? A properly trained voice is without doubt one of our greatest assets in social and business life. I therefore wish to urge the practice of principles of voice production faithfully.

How can we interest young people and keep them interested in the program of music in the church?

This is a question that has been widely discussed. There have been many varied opinions given on the subject to which I wish to add a few practical suggestions. First, an invitation should be extended to young prospects to enter the church music program for training. Tact and diplomacy should be used in getting them started in the work. After which a careful study should be made of each individual, checking upon his background, likes and dislikes, aptitudes, abilities, interests and endurance. A well rounded, interesting and varied program should be kept before the young people at all times and their work should be judged by honest, sincere, competent christian leadership.

METHODISTS MAY LOSE ACADEMY

BY JAMES E. LEFOURCHE NEW ORLEANS, La. (ANI) - Gilbert Academy, whose present buildings occupy the site which for more than 44 years housed New Orleans University, has been sold.

When asked for a confirmation of the facts relative to the authenticity of the sale, Resident Bishop Robert N. Brooks remarked: "I had no knowledge what had taken place until I read it in the paper."

Bishop Brooks stated further that until the proposed meeting with G. W. Loughlin, treasurer of the board of education of the Methodist church in Nashville, Tenn., he had plans for the continuing of Gilbert but remain unknown.

Following the merger of New Orleans and Straight Universities, Gilbert came into being. At the time of the consolidation, however, it was disclosed that a \$50,000 endowment, the gift of Levi Gilbert, was non-transferable. With the aid of the Louisiana Annual Conference the sale was delayed and Gilbert held on until the recently announced sale.

An unimpeachable source disclosed that unless Gilbert continues to function as an arm of the Methodist Church, the endowment will revert to the estate of the donor.

When former N. O. University



SPONSOR - The Rev. T. V. Foster, pastor of the Little Hope Baptist Church at Rocky Mount and moderator of the News River Association, who is one of the sponsors in the cooperative movement of the local branch of the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Co. The movement was organized and is under the direction of Joseph C. Conley, local agent for the company.

The Rev. Mr. Foster will sponsor the goodwill building program in the South Rocky Mount section.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Pearlie Cotton, her son and daughter were week end guests of Mrs. Nannie Parker recently.

Miss Modestine Gaynor, a student of Shaw University, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gaynor of Grace Street. Miss Gaynor is maintaining a high scholastic record. She is a member of the Beta Kappa Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi and is living up to her previous record. She is also a talented young organist and is continuing her practice at Shaw University.

Mrs. Nannie Parker of Raleigh Road was in a collision between her car and a milk truck but was not injured.

Dr. P. H. Avans is still improving in his health. It has been reported that his condition is improving beyond his expectation.

Edward Littlejohn spent a short part of the winter at his and Mrs. W. T. Gilmore's, while he waits to go to the University of North Carolina to attend a meeting of the I. P. O. of W. M. F. M. Mrs. John Manley is home on completing her work at Shaw University.

Miss Mary L. Lindsey is spending some time with her people at home. Miss Lindsey is a senior at Shaw University.

Guest-Star

NEW YORK (ANI) - Harrison Dillard, Baldwin-Wallace College hurdler and sprinter, had nothing but praise for Bob McElroy when asked what he thought of the prep who beat him out of the Sullivan Award.

Dillard was here last week for the sports dinner sponsored by Sports Magazine as the track pinhead of the year. He was voted this honor by the nation's sportswriters who tallied. Mathis into second place and Mel Patton third.

graduates were quizzed on the reported sale of the institution all expressed regrets. Some thought that every possible thing should be done to prevent the school from losing its former identity with the Methodist church.

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2 NEW CHAPTERS ARE ADDED TO NC ALUMNI ASSN.

DURHAM - Two new North Carolina College Alumni Chapters have been added to the long list of organizations making up the National Association according to an announcement by M. S. Johnson, executive field secretary.

The first to be organized in 1949 was that covering the area of Lenoir, Lenoir County, Bladenboro, St. Paul, and Whiteville, North Carolina. Another was formed last Saturday in Asheville. Officers in the Lenoir County chapter are: president, C. M. McCall, principal of the Bladen County Training School; vice president, John Campbell, principal of the Whiteville high school; secretary, Miss Carlotta E. Thompson; program committee chairman, Miss W. McKoy; social committee chairman, Mrs. B. Powell; treasurer, J. Powell.

The Asheville chapter elected Preston Mitchell, coach at Stephens Lee High School, president; secretary is Mrs. Carlotta E. Atkinson; program committee chairman, Mrs. Carey Patterson; treasurer, Miss Glad Edwards.

Secretary Johnson stated here this week that these chapters have already announced programs of activities for the year and they intend to give local scholarships to high school graduates, will present some cultural features to their respective communities and will generally support the program of the North Carolina College Alumni Association.

GATES CO. CREDIT UNION HOLDS 3RD ANNUAL MEETING

GATEVILLE - The Third Annual meeting of the Gates County Credit Union was held at Reids Grove School, Gateville, North Carolina, Monday night, January 24, with more than 300 persons in attendance.

N. L. Nowell in making the report for the loan committee stated that loans totaling \$24,000 had been made to all members and that no bad loans were experienced. The report of the supervisory committee was made by J. N. Baker, the treasurer. E. T. Piland, stated that he had proved and studied hard how to make a good treasurer. His report showed intelligence and accuracy.

Mrs. H. L. Mitchell who keeps the financial records, was praised by Superintendent Graham of the Credit Union Division as an accurate and efficient record keeper.

The Rev. G. E. Check, director of public relations, Shaw University, and president of the North Carolina Council of Credit Unions, stirred the minds of the audience in the hope awakening of the Negro in the value of cooperative enterprise. The Rev. J. E. Tillet of Chowan Credit Union, installed the newly elected officers. The Rev. Davis of Edenton, North Carolina, gave helpful remarks.

The Rev. E. H. Griffin, president of the organization, closed the meeting then turned the gavel over to Rev. H. L. Mitchell, county agent, who presided with perfect dignity. Although the Gates County Credit Union is only three years old, it has over \$13,000 in assets and has done a loan business of more than \$24,000.

Directors of the Union are: E. H. Griffin, V. H. Riddick, H. L. Mitchell, E. T. Piland, J. P. Twine, W. C. Goodman, Walter Nowell, J. W. Nowell, John Knight, Credit Committee: N. L. Nowell, Chester Goodman, J. J. Matthews, Supervisory Committee: J. N. Baker, A. T. Dildy, R. A. Purnell, Educational Committee: V. H. Riddick, Mrs. H. L. Mitchell and P. L. Seymore.

D. C. Catholics Open Friendship House

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ANI) - Bishop Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle, announced last week the establishment of an interracial settlement house at 1513 You St. N.W. to be known as the Saint Peter Claver center.

The settlement house will be staffed by Catholic men and women affiliated with the Friendship House movement. Father George V. Joyce, assistant pastor at St. Augustine's Church, has been named general director.

Staff workers are Miss Mary Houston and Miss Anne Foley, both of whom have served previously on the staffs of Friendship houses in New York and Chicago.

Nomination for as grand a vet as you will find anywhere: Mose Davis, of Nashville, Tenn., high in the echelons of the AM VETS. One of the best moves ever made by the NAACP: erecting the office of church secretary.



President Is Urged To Appoint Negro To Fill ICC Vacancy

WASHINGTON (ANI) - President Truman was asked here last week to name a Negro to fill the vacancy existing on the Interstate Commerce Commission as a step toward eliminating segregation on railroads and buses.

The request came from Edgar G. Brown, director of the National Negro Council, who said in a telegram that "such an appointment would be a long step toward eliminating by example your shameful enmeshment of civil rights."

"The presence of a Negro on the Interstate Commerce Commission would go far to expedite the elimination of discrimination and segregation of the common carrier, railroads and buses of the country on account of race or color," Brown stated.

He suggested the name of Kenneth Campbell, Chicago, for the post. Campbell is a veteran of the World War II and a member of the Cook County Board and executive board. However, the existing vacancy was created by a Republican leader of the commission.

Church Council Holds Mid-Winter Meet

WASHINGTON, D. C. - The Executive Committee of the National Fraternal Council of Negro Churches held its mid-winter Board meeting here at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, Rev. C. T. Murray, pastor, on January 19, 1949.

It was well attended. Peace and harmony prevailed. Some important matters were approved. Richmond, Virginia invited the annual meeting and the Council voted unanimously to hold its meeting there May 24, 25 and 26, 1949, at the Fifth Street Baptist Church, Dr. C. C. Scott, minister.

Dr. W. H. Jernagin, chairman of committee in arranging the Board made his report of the finances he had received from the different states for the cost of the float used in the inaugural parade. The float cost \$2,000 and was one of the most beautiful in the parade.

It carried tributes on both sides symbolizing Religion, Education, Science, Music, Art, Business, Labor and Athletics. It carried fourteen beautiful young women with the Rev. Mr. Jernagin in the seat above the group representing religion. President J. M. Tracy led the float in an Arrivee.

The Executive Committee had a report on the property near the Capitol that was offered to them for a permanent home for the Council where the Washington Educational would be housed and the office of the Executive Secretary of the Fraternal Council. After the committee had visited the property the Board unanimously agreed to purchase it at a cost of \$16,000.00 cash and will undertake to raise the money in the next sixty days. They appointed a committee with members of every denomination participating. Dr. W. H. Jernagin, chairman, to work out ways and means of raising that amount.

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PRE-DRIVE MEMBERSHIP - George W. Mercer, Rocky Mount railroad fireman, anticipated the annual NAACP membership drive which is scheduled to get underway the middle of this month by the taking out of a \$25 membership.

Mr. Mercer, shown at the right, is shown paying his membership to J. B. Harren, second vice president of the N. C. Conference of NAACP Branches as Mrs. Harren looks on.

A staunch NAACP supporter, Mr. Mercer started his membership years ago with \$2.50 and moved up to \$5 and then \$10 annually. He is the first in the Rocky Mount area to pay \$25 and says "Stop talking civil rights and start paying for it."

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Dr. Max Lurie of the Institute and Dr. Samuel Abramson of the Tuberculosis Control Division, U. S. Public Health Service, report on experiments carried out with rabbits wearing masks, specially prepared by Miss Esth H. McNett of the Veterans Administration. Miss McNett made the masks in an effort to find a means of protecting nurses caring for tuberculosis patients and exposed to infection.

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Bricklayers' Union Admits Four Negroes

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