

## MUSICAL NOTES

By CELIA DAVIDSON

Last week, the Hillside High School Band, directed by Joseph Mitchell, opened its spring season with a concert in the high school auditorium. Ambitious and delightful numbers were programmed including several favorite marches and overtures. The season was represented by Howard arrangement of the spiritual, "Were You There." In honor of the three hundredth anniversary of Purcell's birth, his tuneful "Trumpet Voluntary" was performed by the brass sextet. This admirable ensemble included Withro Wiggins and Marion Wiggins (cornets), Major Geer (horn), Eldce Brown (trombone), Charles Mitchell (baritone), and Joan Rogers (bass). Small ensemble performances require superior musicianship of each player. These young men were equal to the task.

"The Impresario Overture" by Mozart, closing the first half of the program was quite delightful. Special praise must be given to the solo work by Leroy Walker and Charles Stanback, playing the oboe and bassoon respectively. This writer has great respect for anyone who even attempts to play either of these difficult instruments.

### TO PRESENT COMMUNITY CHORALE—Officers and members of the Merrick-Moore Memorial Park Association are pic-

tured here following a recent meeting in which they laid plans to present the College Community Choral in a concert this spring. The Choral, directed by Howard Roberts, will be heard in B. N. Duke auditorium on May 8 in a benefit performance for the Association's Youth Wants to Know Forum.

The band's performance of "Carnival Variations" featured the Cornet Trio composed of Withro Wiggins, Ronald Stewart, and Marion Wiggins. Earlier in the month this trio, playing the same number, won third place in the Omega Talent Hunt Program. On that occasion, the accompaniment was arranged by the director for two clarinets and piano. (Mr. Mitchell played the piano.)

"Pavanne" arranged by Gould and "Finlandia" by Sibelius closed the program. The latter, a difficult tone poem, was performed well and interpreted with insight by so young a group of musicians.

The band provided an enjoyable evening of music. Each member is to be commended. If Tuesday night's performance was any indication, the band will bring home one home from the Central District Band Festival. This event will be held at A & T College on April 7th. With a good rating in the first competition, they will be at Winston-Salem Teachers College for the State Band Festival in May.

The band has the best wishes of us all.

All of the church choirs are preparing special music for the Easter services. When you congratulate the minister for his inspiring message, do not forget the choir members and director. They, too, have given much time and energy

## DEATHS AND FUNERALS

### MRS. MATTIE PONDER

Funeral services for Mrs. Mattie Ponder, 85, of 1404 Halley Street, were held Saturday at 11:00 a. m. at St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church. Mrs. Ponder died on March 19.

She is survived by two daughters, nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Reverend R. L. Speaks officiated. Interment followed in Beechwood Cemetery. Amey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### MRS. LOUVENIA C. CROSS

Mrs. Louvenia Chavis Cross, age 94, of 1117 N. Roxboro Street died March 23 in a local hospital.

Funeral service will be held Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 p. m. at the Rogers Grove Church. Survivors include two nieces, four nephews and one cousin.

Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

### MR. CLYDE BARBEE

Mr. Clyde Barbee, 30, of 309 Gray Street, died in a local hospital Friday, March 20.

Funeral services were held in Durham at a local funeral chapel, on Monday, March 23. The Rev. Harold Roland officiated.

Survivors are his mother, Mrs. Zola Allen Barbee, one brother, three sisters, two uncles, and two aunts, and a grandfather.

Burial followed in Beechwood Cemetery.

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### MRS. CARRIE DUKE

Funeral services for Mrs. Carrie Duke, of 913 Scout Drive was held Saturday, March 21 at 1:00 P. M. at St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church. Rev. R. L. Speaks officiated. Burial followed in the Beechwood Cemetery. She is survived by a cousin, W. B. Meadows, of Durham.

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## Clyde McPhatter To Headline Big Show At State Fair Arena April 3

Clyde McPhatter, the one-time Durham shoe shine boy who decided to stop singing for pennies and soon thereafter hit the big time, will be one of the featured



CLYDE MCPHATTER

performers in the "Biggest Show of Stars for '59" which will be at the State Fair Arena in Raleigh on Friday, April 3.

At the age of five, Clyde was already lead tenor in his father's church choir in Durham. At the age of 13 he had already organized his own gospel singing quartet, which was much in demand for after school appearances in New York City. Clyde continued with his career as a gospel singer after graduation from high school, and before long Billy Ward discovered Clyde.

Billy was at that time just or

Ferrell Street, died at his home, March 22.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 25, in Scarborough and Hargett Funeral Chapel. The Rev. T. C. Graham officiated.

Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Emma Gibson, of the home.

Burial followed in Beechwood Cemetery.

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## A. & T. Debating Team Wins Third Place Honors In Field Of Forty-Six

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Teams representing the North Carolina A&T College at Greensboro, took fifth place, a field of 43 colleges and universities at the 12th annual Brooklyn College Invitational Debate Tournament held here on Friday and Saturday (March 13-14). The negative team, composed of Walter T. Johnson, Jr., Greensboro and Wallace Wortham, Pittsburgh, Pa., won all five of its matches and the affirmative team of Pearl Cunningham, Greensboro and Raymond Crump, Danville, won three and lost two matches for an overall record of 8-2. They amassed a total of 363 points.

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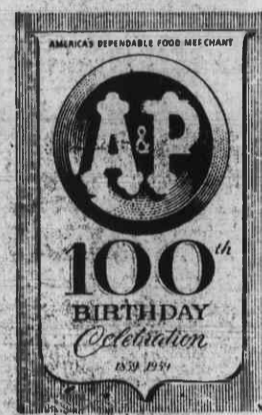
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