

Amateur Musical Contest On Friday

A program by the Southern Harmonisers and an amateur musical contest will take place Friday night, April 5, at the courthouse in Wilkesboro.

In the contest ten dollars in prizes will be distributed to the best band, best fiddler, best banjo picker, best guitar player and best tap dancer.

The occasion is sponsored by the North Wilkesboro baseball team and admission charges will be 10 and 25 cents.

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332 More Deaths Occur In State; Fewer Births

Raleigh.—There were 332 more deaths and 194 fewer births in North Carolina last month than in February, 1939, according to a report issued Friday by the State Board of Health's Division of Vital Statistics, of which Dr. R. T. Stimpson is the director. Deaths from all causes reported for February, 1939, totaled 2,877, as compared with 2,515 the preceding February, while births last month totaled 5,639, against 5,833 a year ago.

Influenza continued to take heavy toll, claiming 188 victims last month, as compared with 73 in February, 1939, making the total so far this year 112, against only 126 the first two months of 1939.

With a total of 406 deaths among children under a year old, the infant mortality rate last month was 72.0, as compared with 65.8 a year ago, when the total number of deaths was 334. There was a slight decline, however, in the maternal death rate, which dropped from 6.5 to 6.4.

Pneumonia last month claimed 290 lives, compared with 277 in February, 1939, but there were only 119 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis, against 128 a year ago.

Deaths from preventable accidents continued to climb, with 96 last month, against 93 a year ago. Three deaths were reported from air transportation accidents. None was reported in North Carolina in February, 1939.

8 Centenarians Die In February

Raleigh.—Death certificates for eight persons 100 years old and over were received among the February reports made to the State Board of Health's Division of Vital Statistics, of which Dr. R. T. Stimpson is the Director.

This was the largest number of such certificates received during any single month within the memory of veteran employees in the Division, they declared.

Of the eight centenarians whose deaths were reported, six were colored and two white. The oldest was Mary Parks, colored, of Wilkes county, listed as having been 112, whose death was recently reported in the press. She froze to death, her certificate said.

The others, together with race, age, location and cause of death, were:

Margaret Williams, colored, 108, Salisbury; lobar pneumonia, fractured hip.

Chaney Spell, colored, 106, Black Creek; old age, heart trouble.

Flora Blanchard, colored, 103, Hertford; definite cause unknown—probably chronic glomerular nephritis ending in uremia.

Squire James Odell, white, 102, Mount Airy; influenza.

Edmund Short, colored, 102, Wilmington; old age, heart trouble.

William McCrary, white, 101, Brevard; old age.

Henry Wilson Cabarrus, colored, 100, Washington county; old age.

The informant in each case was the attending physician, except in the case of the last named, Cabarrus, who had no doctor.

It will be many years, however, until there will be indisputable proof of the age of a centenarian, as North Carolina began registering births in October, 1913. However, death certificates of persons born prior to that time are based on the best available information, this information in numerous cases coming from the record in the family Bible, which is taken as authentic.

"Prompt registration of births is becoming increasingly important," it was pointed out by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health Officer. "While the law requires registration, the individual is the real beneficiary," he went on, "as proof of the date of one's birth is necessary for entrance to school, for a child's first permit to work for a driver's license, the right to vote in insurance, the right to marry, the right to enter the civil service, the right to enter the military service, for settlement of pensions, for social security benefits to the blind, retirement for the aged and benefits for dependent children. There are numerous other reasons.

"The birth certificate is the one indisputable proof. Hence, every child is entitled to one. Don't put your child on the spot by neglect."

The Vital Statistics Division has adopted a method whereby persons born prior to 1913 may have their births legally recorded. Dr. Reynolds pointed out. Details of this method may be received by addressing the Division of Vital Statistics, care of the State Board of Health, at Raleigh. Already, many have taken advantage of this, it was pointed out.

Little Progress In Teaching Children Safety Principles

North Carolina apparently is making little or no progress in the matter of educating school-age children to walk, play, skate, and ride, bicycles safely, judging from a survey just completed by the Highway Safety Division.

A study of pedestrian fatalities in the State from 1935 through 1939 shows that the percentage of school-age children killed on the streets and highways showed no decline during the five-year period.

The total number of pedestrians killed from 1935 through 1939 was 1,780, of which 381, or 27 per cent, were under 15 years of age. Of the 331 pedestrian fatalities in North Carolina last year, 93, or 28 per cent, were under 15 years of age.

"This clearly points to the need for the teaching of safety in the schools," says Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division. "The schools play a very large part in the forming of children's habits, and the schools are the proper place to teach safe habits of walking and playing. And this—the teaching of safety in the schools—ultimately will be the most effective means of reducing accidents, injuries, and fatalities on our streets and highways. A few schools in the state are teaching safety, but what is needed is the inclusion of safety education in the curriculum of all State-supported schools."

6th Month Honor Roll At Traphill

First Grade: Beatrice Holslow, Vera Mae Prevette, Paul Triplett, Jo Anne Holbrook, Don Billings, Myrtle Caudill.

Second Grade: James Billings, J. W. Bryan, Hadley Cothren, Billie Absher, Lugina Ray, Mattie Jane Wood.

Third Grade: Clyde Brown, Rose Mary Adams, Wilhelmina Billings.

Fourth Grade: Peggy Lou Brown, Mary Lee Castevens.

Fifth Grade: Boyd Blackburn, Reta Prevette, Elaine Speaks.

Sixth Grade: John A. Absher, Glenn Brown, Thomas Sherman Bryan, Maynard Yale, Nancy Caudill, Nell Holbrook, Greta Swarlingen.

Seventh Grade: Ruth Bauguess, Ruth Joines, Mary Livingston, James Livingston, G. C. Richardson.

Eighth Grade: Claude Sidden, Eldon Spicer, Kathleen Adams, Evelyn Brewer, Beesie Lee Hanks, Rosa Lee Triplett, Faye Warren.

Ninth Grade: Violet Carter, Beatrice Castevens, Lizzie Couch, Janie Hayes, Olene Holcomb, Mabel Sidden, Bernice Smith, Myrtle Spicer, Reba Wiles, Hazel Billings, Helen Billings, Doris Pruitt.

Tenth Grade: Mae Alexander, Melba Billings, Okie Lee Billings, Lois Carter, Rosa Cleary, Maude Johnson, Metta Joines, Roxie Mayberry, Melba Waddell, Oravelia Sparks, Mattie Jane Warren.

Eleventh Grade: Nina Yale, Maxine Sparks, Sallie Bauguess, Sallie Gilliam, Olene Cooper, Stella Casey, Anna Lou Collins, Mary Belle McGrady, Kermit Spicer.

Bride, 70, Obtains the License To Wed Man 93 Who Feels Young

Baltimore.—Frederick Charles Jennings, 93, a retired clergyman and author of Plainfield, N. J., planned his third marriage when a license was issued for him to wed Mrs. George Tyler, 70, of Seven-Mile-Ford, Va.

"There is a difference between me and the usual doddering old man of 90," Jennings had said in announcing plans to be married here today. "I'm only as old as I feel and I feel about 20."

He was not present when Mrs. Tyler obtained the license.

The couple met 40 years ago at the Brethren meeting house at Seven-Mile-Ford, where Jennings was preaching, but had not seen each other for seven years. He said they had been corresponding.

Explosion Breaks Italian Ship In Two

London, March 18.—The 4,853-ton Italian collier Tyna Priamo broke in two today after an explosion off the southeast coast of England. All but one member of the crew were rescued.

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People 6000 Years From Now Will See Beer Brewed In '39

St. Louis, March 20.—Sixty centuries from now, a stainless steel door will swing open and the people of 8112 A. D. will see people of 1939 A. D. making, aging and drinking Budweiser beer. Besides, the futurites may even taste the King of Bottled Beer—although there will be only half a pint of it to go 'round.

Preparations for the event 6,000 years from now are being completed by Oglethorpe University of Georgia with what it calls the Crypt of Civilization. Many motion picture films and products emblematic of present day civilization will be sealed in the vault. As the Anheuser-Busch brewery here is the largest in the world, it was invited to provide the Crypt with a sound-motion picture depicting the manufacture of its product and with a sample of the product itself.

Elaborate precautions to protect the sample of Budweiser were taken. The beer was poured into a tube of lead glass and the open end sealed by a glass blower. The tube then was placed in a stainless steel jacket.

The sound-motion picture depicts every phase of Budweiser's brewing process—how samples of barley are examined by the laboratory for quality before any grain is bought, how hops blossoms are stored in linen bales in air-conditioned vaults to safeguard their aroma, how every step in the great plant covering 70 city blocks is controlled from the laboratory in the interest of purity and uniformity. Even the creation of artificial spring weather with heat and moisture to make the barley sprout is faithfully shown. Finally, the serving of Budweiser to today's consumers is recorded.

When the Crypt is opened, 10,000 years of Beer's history will have been written. The earliest records of brewing were written in stone 2300 B. C. They are now in the British Museum.

The low-rent Federal housing program will be expanded to farming sections on an experimental basis, President Roosevelt has announced.

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