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Symphony Concerts

On Tuesday and Wednesday of next week the school children of Brunswick county will have an opportunity to hear the Little Symphony, and we predict that a lot of boys and girls are going to be surprised to discover that good music can be so nice to hear.

It is our understanding that arrangements will be made to allow all of the students of the consolidated schools to attend one of these concerts, which are given without charge to the youngsters. One of the principal purposes of the North Carolina Symphony is to raise the standard of musical appreciation among our people, and we rejoice that the boys and girls of Brunswick county schools will be able to hear this fine organization.

Leave This Alone

In our opinion the on-the-job training program for farmer veterans is one of the finest features of the G. I. Bill of Rights, and we hate to see something happen right here in our own county which may have the effect of reducing the effectiveness of this work.

We refer to the appointment last week of a young man as instructor in the Veterans Training Program who hardly appears to have the educational qualifications or the maturity necessary to hold down one of these jobs.

We know the young man and have talked to him personally about this situation, and we dislike our role of discouraging a nineteen year old youngster in his efforts to get ahead. But in this instance it is the good of a majority group, in this case the veteran trainees, with which we are principally concerned.

If this program is worth doing at all, then it is worth doing right, and it is hardly conceivable that a member of a last year's high school graduating class will be able to command the respect of an older and more experienced group of men sufficiently well to do effective work.

The situation is not helped by the fact that the father of this young man occupies a position which would make it possible for him to exert undue influence in favor of his son.

To permit this appointment to go unchallenged is to stand by and watch one of the better Veterans Training Programs become undermined through loss of public confidence and respect. We hope that a full and thorough investigation will be made by the proper authorities of the Veterans Administration, and if this young man is indeed the best qualified candidate for the job, we shall be the first to congratulate him and to wish him well. But in fairness to him and to the program we believe that all doubt should be removed that his selection was based upon anything other than merit.

Economically Sound

It was encouraging to hear Col. George W. Gillette, director of the State Ports Authority, declare that the Waccamaw River drainage plan "economically sound and feasible."

The former chief of U. S. Army Engineers in this district said some other things which made sense in speaking before the Rotary Club last Thursday evening. He made it emphatic that in his opinion, "Eastern North Carolina must have more industries."

There is no physical reason why 95 per cent of the State's industries should be located west of Raleigh. There have been other reasons, else the situation would not have developed. However, it is important that industrial expansion in this area be initiated, and at once.

Construction of terminal facilities at North Carolina ports is, of course, a necessity. Industrial progress will begin when it is cheaper by reason of power and transportation to locate factories in this section.

With industrial expansion, the need for the products which can be produced on land reclaimed by the Waccamaw plan will be all the more important. Of course, that day is not necessary to prove the need for the drainage project. Health factors, together with the increasing need for productive soil, make this a development that should not longer be delayed.

Col. Gillette, by promoting drainage, ports and conservation and development of the fishing industry, may render to his native State even greater service than he did in his 30 years in the Army. And it should be stated that his was a distinguished record there.

Your Highway Patrol

There are more cars and other motor vehicles on the highways of North Carolina now than there were two years ago. But during the first three months of 1948 there were fewer motor fatalities than there were in the corresponding period of 1946.

The difference is that there are more patrolmen now.

Last year the State Highway Patrol organization was doubled. And here are the results, a comparison of monthly fatalities:

	1946	1948
January	101	58
February	87	36
March	82	44

Total 270 138

Isn't the saving of 132 lives in three months worth the inconvenience of not having our own way on the streets and public highways? When we are called down and have to dig for fine and cost, we should remember that if it were not for strict law enforcement we might have been among the 132 persons who would have been victims had not the State stepped in with a vigorous program.

Tremendous Mistake

A stupendous mistake was made when the Eighteenth Amendment was repealed without legislative provision that the advertising of alcoholic beverages should forever be forbidden.

Repeal was brought about by the shameful results it produced, particularly in the North where gansterism grew up and where there was not the slightest sympathy with enforcement. The antipathy and apathy toward enforcement spread all over the nation. People who didn't hesitate to report a chicken thief to law enforcement officers, would say nothing when violations of the prohibition laws were observed.

That and not the liquor interests, as some would have you believe, caused the ill-fated Eighteenth Amendment to go by the board.

But the United States was under no compulsion to allow drink manufacturers to encourage and promote the sale of their products. In months past we have called attention to the damnable practice of colored, glossy pictures depicting sophisticates in the act of enjoying a "social". Likewise, we have no sympathy for the high pressure, fast or smooth talking radio appeals to whiskey consumers.

It is time to demand that the whiskey interest cease their efforts to develop new customers. Without having to be told, they should be smart enough to know the consequences. If prohibition is unenforceable, as its enemies claim, then manufacturers should be content with already developed appetites. If their greed continues, they should know the inevitable end.

Monday's Headlines

Monday morning headlines are beginning to read, "Two Drowned.....", a sure indication that the Spring and Summer season swimming, boating and fishing season is with us again.

People who wouldn't think of letting their children fly airplanes without proper instruction allow their youngsters to go out on water without a life-guard in the vicinity.

This carelessness is reflected in Monday morning headlines.

In one year, we civilized Americans spent six billion on race track gambling and two and one-half billion for education.

Little Symphony Will

(Continued from page one) might be possible for Brunswick county, so far away from the center of the state, to have the Symphony there. The fulfillment of her wishes presented itself in the form of a group of 23 musicians making up the Little Symphony which had already made appearance in remote communities of the state for two seasons.

It was then that Mrs. Arrington organized her symphony committee. Committee members, pessimistic at the prospect of raising the funds to meet the quota, said "It can't be done—there are too few people in this county. No orchestra is going to travel down this far." But what the committee lacked in optimism, Mrs. Arrington made up for in the energy and zeal she employed to raise the funds. She traveled throughout the entire county in her station wagon finding interest everywhere and excellent responses from the business firms and leading citizens.

The quota was met—and more. Enough more, in fact, to finance the free children's concert in Bolivia which had not been planned originally.

In exchange for the treat of several hours of good music, the town of Southport treated the Little Symphony to the hospitality of its homes, its Community

Building and an afternoon on the beach

The Shallotte program will be played at 2:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. The orchestra members will spend the night at the modern tourist court at Bolivia and at 9:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning will play their second concert in the Bolivia high school auditorium.

These concerts will be free to school children.

WACCAMAW PLANS

(Continued from page one) Significance of May Day—Marvin Ward; Welcome Sweet Springtime—7th grade; Virginia Reel—6th grade Tip-Toe Dance—1st grade; Indian War Dance—2nd grade; The Merry Waltzers—9th grade; Mexican Hat Dance—3rd grade; Rhythm Band—4th grade; Dutch Dance—5th grade; Dance of the Chinese—6th grade; Stunts—Mixed group; Gypsy Dance—8th Grade; Maypole Dancers—11th and 12th grades; and military drill—10th grade.

ARTESIAN WELL

(Continued From Page One) tesian flow through a ten inch pipe from a depth of 1600 feet. The force of the flow is equal to that found in the mains of the waterworks of a modern city. Part of this flow is diverted through two great concrete pools

on top of coastal gun mounts. Another outlet is into a pool in one of the buildings. A great force of the water has no outlet. It is throttled down and restrained by valves.

In the analysis given, several of the properties mentioned have accredited mercurial qualities. In fact, the water has been described by chemists as being comparable with those of Hot Springs, Ark.

Locally the water has been found to be remarkably effective in the treatment of bruises and skin diseases. During a limited period when it was available to the public great quantities of it was carried off in jugs, bottles and other receptacles.

MRS. JESSE LONG

(Continued on page five) husband and one daughter, Nina Pearl Smith; four brothers, M.

B. E. D. C. A., and J. A. Smith, all of Ash. Six sisters, Mrs. G. C. Long, Mrs. C. H. P. Hughes and Mrs. J. R. Simmons, of Ash; Mrs. H. B. Inman, Mrs. R. L. Duncan and Mrs. C. H. King, of Freeland.

ANNOUNCE PLANS

(Continued from page one) any improvement will be noticed. The cooperation of everybody is solicited and the decision of the judges will be final.

Any questions, suggestions, or donations will be greatly appreciated and received by Mrs. Josie Earley, chairman of the drive.

NEXT WEDNESDAY

(Continued from page one) raise money for a commercial type electric range for the kitchen. Mrs. H. B. Smith and Mrs. E. J. Prevatte are soliciting dona-

tions from friends throughout the county of money, chickens, eggs or anything that can be sold. They have been to Shallotte and Bolivia so far and say met with fine response from the citizens in both places.

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"But why water? Why holy?"

"The water is ordinary water with a bit of salt in it. Water is symbolic of cleansing. Salt is a symbol of preservation from corruption. This combination has no power of its own, but when blessed by a priest who represents Holy Mother Church, it becomes holy."

"To understand this you must recall that Christ while on earth gave to the Apostles and their successors many of His own divine powers to be used only through Him—that is, the washing away of original sin through Baptism, the forgiveness of actual sin through Confession, the changing of the substance of bread and wine to the substance of His own Divine Body and Blood—and four other sacraments."

"In a similar manner God gave to His Church the right and power to bless in His name inanimate objects which, although powerless in themselves, identify the individual's prayers (when said with faith and devotion) with the prayers of the entire Church."

"At the entrance of every Catholic church there is one or more Holy Water Fonts. Within the thresholds of countless Catholic bedrooms are also Holy Water Fonts. To the Catholic, one of the most common and most powerful forms of prayer is to dip his fingers into the Holy Water, make the Sign of the Cross and thus identify his individual prayers with those of the entire Church for the welfare of his own soul, his neighbor's soul, or the souls in Purgatory."

"A piece of white cloth has in itself no power; but when in the heat of battle it is raised on high it has the power, recognized by all nations, to silence the guns, while emissaries are sent to bargain for peace. If mere cloth has this mangiven power, is it not logical to believe that water can be given the power of especial prayer, when blessed by God through His Church?"

As darkness hates light, as error hates truth, as malignity hates sanctity—so the Devil hates Holy Water.

If it's anything Catholic, ask a Catholic! For further information on this subject write for a free pamphlet to P. O. Box 351, Whiteville, N. C.

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	9:30 A. M.	*9:30 A. M.	
	*1:30 P. M.	1:35 P. M.	
	4:00 P. M.	4:00 P. M.	
	6:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	
		10:20 P. M.	

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	7:30 A. M.	9:00 A. M.	
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	6:00 P. M.	10:20 P. M.	

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