

8 Singers Going To Music Clinic

Seven members of the Franklin High School Choral Club and its director, Bill F. Harris, will be at Mars Hill Friday and Saturday for the college's ninth annual choral clinic.

Octettes from 26 Western North Carolina high schools will participate in two days of rehearsals and directors' conferences. High-

light of the week end will be a Saturday evening concert given by the entire group.

According to an announcement from Mars Hill, each school is limited to an octette of its best singers, and music for the clinic has been furnished by the college and mailed to attending groups.

Attending from Franklin with Mr. Harris will be Miss Vianne Keener, Miss Helen Cochran, Miss Dwain Horsley, Miss Nancy Siler, Darwin Hussey, Dale Myers, and Jim Tysinger.

WAITING OUT THE RAIN You Can Find Lots Of Things In Post Office . . . About Taxes

By ROLFE NEILL

Trapped in the post office by a rain squall, I fell to reading the literature which abounds on the bulletin boards, walls, and any other available spaces about the lobby.

"Join the Navy and See the World," a sign said. Still the same old pitch, only this time it was dressed up with electronics and leadership and all that. (Proves how we've changed: 10 years ago, it was enough for a man just to be a member of the U. S. Navy; today, they actually had to show you the benefits.)

On the way to the second floor—recruiters would get a 50 per cent increase in business if they could ever get a cubbyhole on the P. O.'s first deck—well, anyway, on the way up to the recruiting office, I saw another sign. Get some income tax help here, it said, or something like that.

Mondays and Fridays only, it specified. This being a Friday, I decided to see what it was all about, so I scuttled my Navy plans and walked in.

It was quiet. (I had pictured lines of people waiting, work tables with clerks thumbing through manuals, cold coffee sitting around in half-empty paper cups, etc.)

"Is this the income tax place?" I inquired, rather timidly.

"Friend, it is," replied a man seated backward in a chair and with his rain hat on his head. "What can we do for you?"

"Well, I don't know," I said. "I want to talk to you." Well we fell to talking. Turned out that this man who was seated in the chair backwards—not his usual pose, he assured me—was named Gordon L. Forrester. His pal seated across the room—normal style—turned out to be Jack H. Powell.

Both appeared to me to be fine, upstanding, tax-paying gentlemen. "Have you been busy?" I asked Mr. Forrester.

"Let's see," he said, heading for his brief case. He took out some work sheets, turned on the adding machine, and started totaling.

"Jack and I have handled 320 people as of January 25," he reported.

Noting that revenue signs advocated using the telephone for tax help, I queried Mr. Powell.

"That's where we hope people will save themselves trouble. Just call us at 114 and we'll try to answer whatever questions the person has.

"Of course, we're here to help folks who come up, too. However, we would like to point out that we're not here to fill out the forms, just to answer questions."

I got interested in why these two were in Macon County in the first place. "You mean the government sent you here just to answer tax questions?" I asked.

"We live here," said Mr. Forrester, snapping his brief case shut.

"Oh, I figured maybe you're just part-time help."

"No," said Mr. Powell, striding over to a great green bin of tax forms, "we were pulled off our regular job to assist in this work. We're tax investigators."

This struck an ominous note with me. I stared at the floor for a minute.

Mr. Forrester, well grounded apparently in what to do in embarrassing situations, gently brought up a fresh topic. "Have you seen any of these publicity releases?" he asked me.

Told that I hadn't, he reopened that briefcase.

While he was about it, I asked his partner, Powell, when the peak load came.

"This is it, January's our big month and by Feb. 15 most everybody's through coming to us. The big fellows, of course, have attorneys and accountants to make their returns. The questions we get are mainly routine ones, though with this new farmer Social Security we get a lot along that line."

"Here," Agent Forrester handed me a government news release. I read over the curious document; nobody can write a letter or release like the government.

One phrase stood out in my mind. It should take its place in "Bartlett's Familiar Quotations"

Social Security Cards Needed, Farmers Advised

Farmers subject to self-employment tax must have a social security number in order to receive social security credit.

Without social security credit no old age and survivors insurance (social security) payments can be made.

Glenn H. Pittenger, manager of the Asheville social security office, said this week that if a farmer does not have a social security card he should apply for one at the Ag Building on the days the representative is in Franklin, during February, this will be on the 12 and 26th days of the month.

If it is inconvenient to obtain a card in this manner, Mr. Pittenger suggests the farmer obtain a blank application at the post office. He cautioned those who already have a social security number not to apply for another. Use the same number to report all earnings.

Necessary forms for reporting farm self-employment are available on Monday and Friday at the U. S. Internal Revenue office, on the second floor of the post office. Any farmer whose net earnings on farm income were more than \$400 in 1956 must pay the self-employment tax. The tax is three per cent of the earnings.

Miss Dean New Head Of Iotla P.-T. A. Unit

Miss Lolita Dean, vice-president of the Iotla Parent-Teacher Association, has become president of the organization.

She succeeds Mrs. William J. Bryan, who moved from Franklin when her husband was transferred to Pisgah National Forest by the U. S. Forest Service.

along with the other famous lines on taxes.

"The end objective of the taxpayer assistance program is the creating of self-dependency and cultivating a better-educated tax-paying public."

Why it almost made it sound like fun to pay our taxes.

"By the way," I said sharply to Messrs. Powell and Forrester as I headed for the door (the rain had stopped), "have you gents filed your returns?"

"I have," said Mr. Forrester. "I'm expecting a refund."

"I haven't," answered Mr. Powell. "I owe 'em."

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NOTICE OF SALE NORTH CAROLINA MACON COUNTY

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Macon County Board of Education the following described real estate is no longer necessary for school purposes:

NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of G. S. 115-86, the Macon County Board of Education will at the County Court House door in Franklin, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, February 11, 1957, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described tract of land, to-wit:

BEGINNING on a maple, the 5th corner of No. 7998, runs North 21 East 12 poles to a white oak, the 4th corner of No. 7998; thence Southeast in line with J. B. Mason's fence to the public road; thence South with meanders of the public road to the line of No. 7998; thence with said line to the BEGINNING, containing 1½ acres, more or less, and being the land described in a deed from J. B. Mason and wife Mary L. Mason to The County Board of Education, dated October 31, 1918, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, North Carolina, in Deed Book C-4, page 104.

The successful bidder will be required to deposit at the time of sale the sum equal to 10% of his bid, and if he should fail to do so said property will be immediately resold.

This the 9th day of January, 1957.

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION By Erwin Patton, Chairman

J17-4tc-F7

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of James M. Willis, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of December, 1957, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 27th day of December, 1956.

J. H. STOCKTON Administrator Franklin, N. C.

J4-6tc-F7

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Emma Belle Shook, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 2 day of January, 1958 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will

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please make immediate settlement: This 2 day of January, 1957.

MINNIE PEEK Administratrix

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Administrator's Notice Having qualified as administrator of the Estate of Bessie Potts, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 21 day of January, 1958, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 21 day of January, 1957.

C. W. POTTS Administrator

J24-6tp-F28

Administratrix Notice Having qualified as administrator of the Estate of Florence L. Tallent, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 23 day of January, 1958 or this notice will be plead

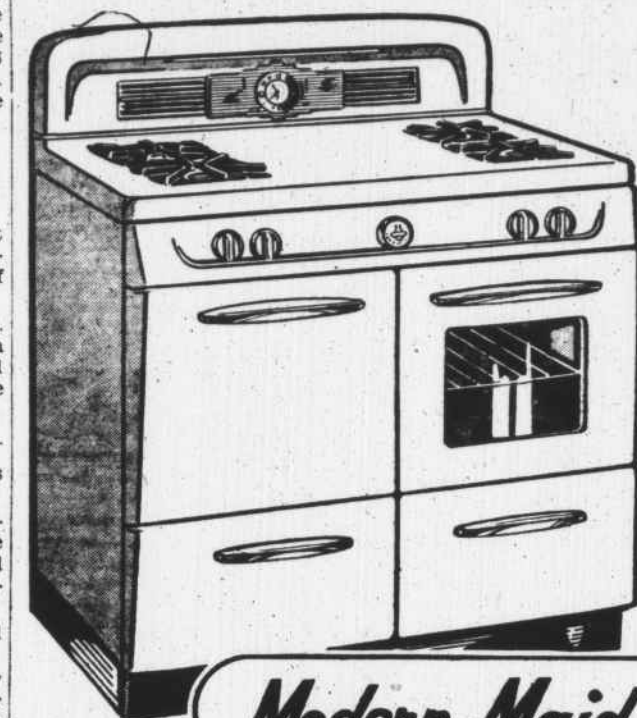
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