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Dorothy Maynor's Concert Fulfills All Expectations

Music Critic Believes Her "One of the Greatest Singers of the Age"

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Ever since Dorothy Maynor was praised by Koussevitzky when she sang before him last summer at the Berkshire Symphonic festival the young Negro soprano has been enthusiastically acclaimed by critics and public alike. It occasions therefore little surprise that her concert last evening at B. N. Duke auditorium under the auspices of the Durham alumni chapter of Hampton Institute took place before a capacity audience. For once the advance publicity did not exaggerate. Here, indeed, is one of the greatest singers of the age. Seldom has a voice been heard with such a magnificent range, flexibility, power, mellowness, and expressiveness. Many a Metropolitan Opera star could be envious of the ease with which she projected even the most sustained high tones. These superb technical abilities are placed in the service of marvelous musicianship, excellent taste, and remarkable versatility.

Dorothy Maynor opened her recital with two compositions by Handel, the "Invocation" from *Radamisto* and "Care Selve" from *Atalanta*, which were both sung in an immediately appealing manner. The second group consisted of a selection of German Lieder by Schubert, Brahms, and Franz. The ever-popular "Gretchen am Spinnrad" was presented with a sincerity eminently in accord with Schubert's simplicity.

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Y. W. C. A. Doings

A slogan goes "A way to a person's heart is through his stomach." Since this is universally accepted, the Y.W.C.A. thought that more girls should learn to cook. The members of the "Y" planned many cooking projects that would extend throughout the school year. A group of girls has already planned and prepared one meal. This meal, a dinner, was served Wednesday evening, March 4, with Mrs. A. D. Shepard as guest of honor. A very delightful meal of Swiss steak, candied potatoes, greens, jelled carrot salad, hot rolls, butter, lemon pie, and coffee was served. The girls not only received practice in preparing the meal, but also received points on serving a meal, table etiquette, and the duties of a hostess. This was only the beginning of many projects of its kind.

The Y.W.C.A. is also sponsoring a bulletin board contest, which the participants are finding to be very interesting. This contest offers the members a chance to display their talent in artistic arranging. The contest is open to all members who wish to participate.

The social service committee plans to carry out its customary procedure at this time of the season in preparing baskets of colorful Easter for the little tots at the White Rock Nursery School.

Students Asked to Ponder World Peace

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American college students are being asked, at their April 19th mobilizations, to give some thought to the question of how future peace should be organized in order to prevent the recurrence of war. This was suggested today by the Youth Education Committee of the Commission to Study the Organization of Peace. Study groups have already been organized on twenty campuses during the last month to give consideration to this question, the Commission reports.

The Commission is not suggesting any settlement to the present belligerents, but it holds that future peace must be organized so that it will be more lasting than just an "armistice." At present more than seventy experts are drafting a report on what they believe would be the bases of a stable world order.

Because it is the contention of the Commission that in a democracy the people themselves should have a voice in determining such policies, special efforts are being made to stimulate public thinking. Study groups are being formed throughout the country and prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100 are being awarded to the groups (not individuals) which submit papers embodying the most original and practical recommendations on the topic. These papers are due May 15th, and should be of not less than 3,000 nor more than 5,000 words. Widespread interest in being shown by college international relations clubs, student union chapters and labor groups.

As part of its program the Commission is sponsoring a series of unrehearsed student "bull sessions" every Saturday at 4 P.M. (EST) over CBS stations. During April and May students from Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco will be heard. Talks by various experts are broadcast every Saturday at 6:30 P.M. (EST). Literature describing the work of the Commission is obtainable by writing to 8 West 40th St., New York City.

Easter Attitudes

Easter, we have learned, is a festival commemorating the resurrection of Christ. At this time we see flowers beginning to peep forth and the green grass beginning to beautify our campus by making its advent. The leaves are rising from the buds and the birds are catching the spirit by gathering bits of feathers here and there to make a nest in preparing for their young.

If the lower life of the world have caught the spirit of rising, are we as individuals who are the very image of Christ to remain stagnant and unmoved? Do you ask where or to what should we rise? We should rise above pessimism and antagonism to a better understanding of God and our relation to our fellow man. We should rise above that veil of ignorance and selfishness. Just as the flower pushes forth from its own little bud into a big strange world,

Who's Who At N. C. College

Seven outstanding students have been recently selected by the Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges from among the ranks of students on our campus; thus bringing the total N. C. College representation to nine, two being already listed.

The Who's Who is published annually. Its purpose is to give prominence to the deserving students as well as to form an index for the businesses and professions throughout the country. Its distinction is close to that of receiving a Phi Beta

award. Scholarship counts, extra-curricular activities are more important.

Charles Cobb, president of the Student Council, and John Summerette were listed last year. This year's selection includes James Brown, scholar; Josephine Pittman, business woman and Y worker; Naomi McLeon, of the Student Council and business woman; Earl T. Artis, president of Forum; Joseph A. Christmas, editor of the *ECHO* and the *Eagle* yearbook; Robert L. Duran, Miss N. C. C.; and Katherine Goins, scholar and Y worker.

Student Recital

Following is the program of the student monthly recital held in the B. N. Duke auditorium, March 31, 1940, at 6:00 P.M.

Passing By
Water Boy *Robinson*
Mother of Mine *Burleigh*
Male Glee Club

Gavotte *Gossee*
Harriet Amey, Clementine Amey
Prelude in C *Bach*
Maude Brandon

Allegro from Sonata No. 1 in F *Mozart*
Prelude in C-sharp minor
Rachmaninoff
Allen Brown

Jean *H. T. Burleigh*
Dh Didn't It Rain. *H. T. Burleigh*
James Samuel

Funeral March on the Death of a Hero—from Sonata Opus 26
Beethoven
Dorothy Judkins

Rustles of Spring *Sinding*
Amey Mills

Cavatina *Joachim Raff*
Violin Obligato—Marcus Christmas
Humming Chorus with Piano
Accompaniment—The College Octette

Scarf Dance *Chaminade*
Geneva Whitted Glover

Flower Song *Lange*
Clementine Amey

Italian Street Song—from "Naughty Marietta" *Victor Herbert*
The Mixed Glee Club

A Ballad *Cecil Burleigh*
Sarah Tuck

Prelude in G minor *Rachmaninoff*
Leona B. Wilkins

Nocturne in F minor *Chopin*
Polonaise in A major *Chopin*
Ida Smith

March—Warming Up *Ribble*
Neptune Overture *Eisenberg*
Village Chapel—Tone Peem *Ribble*
Playground Waltz *Chanette*
Honor Band March *Weber*
The College Band

"The stars swinging in the calm blue sea of Heaven singing their eternal song as they look tenderly down."

so should we come out of our own selfish little worlds and learn something about the world at large. Just as the bird gathers bits of feathers in the preparation for its young, so should we gather bits of knowledge that will help us in forming attitudes and ideas for the generations to come. Students, it is Easter, therefore, Let's Rise!!!

—George T. Boykin.

Dear Old N. C. C.

(Official School Song)

The sloping hills, the verdant green,
The lovely blossoms' beauteous sheen,

Surround our college proud and gay,
Where wave our colors maroon and gray,

What matters it how far we roam?
Our thro'ts will oft return to home,
And hearts will e'er be true to thee,
Our Alma Mater N. C. C.

We've gathered here to fit our lives,
As from the darkness, light revives,
So let us hail both night and day
Our glorious colors maroon and gray,
We'll ever love and honor thee,
For thou has taught us loyalty,
Then let our watchword service be
To Alma Mater N. C. C.

You send us forth, with hearts of love,
So like a blessing from above,
And from the path we'll never stray
Our dear Alma Mater maroon and gray,

We'll work and fight, we'll win our way,
When duty calls we shall obey,
And may we e'er return to thee,
Our Alma Mater N. C. C.

Chorus
Then Rah! Rah! Rah! For our colors so gay!
Dear old N. C. C.'s maroon and gray.
Thy sons and daughters will honor thee,
Dear old N. C. C.

Lyric by Mrs. A. D. Shepard.
Music by H. T. Burleigh.

Doings of Typing 213A

From time to time, there will be programs coming from a recently organized group on the campus. They are the advanced typing class. The officers were elected recently and through the leadership of Miss E. M. Van Dyke, we are looking forward to some interesting programs and activities coming from this group. As we recall there are some students in this organization that helped give the greatest banquet ever in the history of the school.

The officers elected were as follows: President, Thomas Keller; Vice-President, Edward High; Secretary, Aurelia Lucas; Assistant Secretary, Roselyn Whitehead; Treasurer, Alma Conley; Reporter, Paul Greene.

"Persons who always seek variety generally end up holding the bag."

N. C. College Receives Additional W.P.A. Funds

Parking Facilities and Bleachers Will Be Built—Landscaping Scheduled

Federal and state funds to the amount of \$51,142 have been approved for the North Carolina College for Negroes, it was announced by W.P.A. officials. The money will be used for improvements to the athletic plant.

Of the total amount appropriated the federal government has made \$38,000 available while the state government has approved \$13,142.

The project includes the construction of an adequate parking space adjacent to the old athletic field, which is being completed. It will also include the finishing of the bleachers which are to be used in the athletic park.

The present project will give employment to approximately 65 men for a period of 10 months, according to W. P. A. officials.

Much of this appropriation will be spent in landscaping the college campus and executing a general beautification program.

During the present federal administration the local college has been enlarged, renovated and beautified extensively. Besides the many new buildings erected on the campus, much has been accomplished for athletics and other extra-collegiate activities. The entire contour of the college campus has been changed into a place of beauty.

Care has been given to architecture and design. All buildings express a sense of harmony throughout the whole scheme of the college layout.

Leap Year Brings White Easter

Defiantly challenging the most elaborate spring ensemble, which according to tradition makes its formal appearance on Easter, a snowfall of four or five inches blanketed the campus, causing many holiday plans to be shattered. The snowfall was state-wide and many of those who went home for the week-end holiday returned with compliments on their new outfits still unsung.

Following a clear week and a peep of the sun on Sunday morning, March 24, the snow began falling about 10:30 here and fell rapidly until nightfall. Of a strange design in this locale, being of a pattern common to far northern regions, the snowflakes were light and piled up rapidly. Within an hour's time the landscape was transformed into a white wonderland. True, it was the first Easter snow here in twenty-four years.

This strange occurrence was apparently caused by snow forming at a high altitude, following the contact of the warm gulf stream air with a wave of cold air from the north, according to the N. C. state weatherman.

Confucius say: "Most school girls like Piggly Wiggly Store, any 'cos-tomer" any time much okay.