

CLINTON BEGINS GRADUATION WEEK

Program Of Songs By Pupils Of Schools Features First Days Program

CLINTON, May 16. — Commencement week in Clinton got off to an auspicious start on Friday night when pupils of the Clinton school system presented a delightful program of vocal and instrumental music which was heard by the large crowd of parents, faculty members and friends who attended.

Directed by Miss Louise McMillan and Mrs. D. B. Carter, the musical program was exceptionally well balanced and reflected much credit on both teachers and pupils. Mrs. Carter acted as accompanist for most of the chorus offerings.

Annual music night in Clinton is always an interesting event and the high school gymnasium, decorated in a patriotic motif for the occasion was well filled when pupils of both elementary and high schools, with the exception of the seventh grade, opened the program with a invocational chorus, "Our Thanks For Music."

This was followed by a medley of juvenile favorites, "Springtime," "My Little Yellow Duck," and "Fiddles And Horns," by children of the First and Second grades.

Pupils of the Third and Fourth grades from the elementary school offered a medley of well known numbers including "Tis Springtime," "All Things Bright And Beautiful," and "Camptown Races," followed by a clarinet trio from Mr. Harrison's music class.

Pupils of the Fifth and Sixth grades offered two medleys of two numbers each; the first comprising, "The Bluebell" and "Bird Calls" and the second "Largo" and the "Anvil Chorus."

Between the two groups Miss Martha Lohr, talented daughter of Professor and Mrs. E. E. Lohr, entertained most graciously with a violin solo, "Marguerite Waltz."

For their contribution to the program of the evening, pupils of the Seventh grades rendered two delightful numbers, "Passing By" and Victor Herbert's "My Little Gypsy Sweetheart." The latter was well handled by the group of mixed voices and the large crowd generously applauded the fine effort.

Highlights of the evening were solos by Martha Joyce Ross and Shirley Hurwitz. A fine number by the Clinton high school mixed quartette and a medley of three numbers, "My Little Banjo," "Lullaby" and "Brother James Air," by the well trained high school Glee club which has won many honors during the school year.

The singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," by the entire assembly brought to a close, one of the most successful music nights ever staged by pupils of the Clinton schools.

On Sunday night, members of the senior class, their parents and friends will gather in the high school auditorium to hear the annual baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. M. C. MacQueen, pastor of Graves Memorial Presbyterian church.

Services in all churches of Clinton will be dispensed with on this occasion in order that every citizen may worship with the 1942 graduating class.

Class night is scheduled for Monday night and on Tuesday night graduation week exercises will come to a close with the presentation of diplomas to members of the class.

Labor Parley Slated At Carolina May 23-24

CHAPEL HILL, May 16. — (AP) — Labor leaders of the Carolinas and Virginia will discuss labor's role in the current war effort at a two-day conference to be held here next Saturday and Sunday, May 23 and 24.

Speakers will include representatives of the Army, the War Production board, the Manpower commission, the Office of Price administration, the Office of Civilian defense, and southern leaders of the American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Industrial Organization, and the Railway Brotherhoods.

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Mrs. Vera Webb (right) of Stillwater, Okla., puts her arm around her daughter, Madeline Webb, and pats her on the shoulder in court at New York during a recess in the trial of the former model and showgirl for the strangulation slaying of Mrs. Susan Flora Reich. On trial with Miss Webb are two co-defendants, Eli Shonbrun, her lover, and John Cullen.

MEXICO AROUSED BY SHIP SINKING

Public And Official Opinion United In Demanding Satisfaction

MEXICO CITY, May 16. — (AP) — Public and official opinion appeared to be aligned on a solid front today in demanding drastic measures, even a declaration of war, to obtain satisfaction for the Axis torpedoing of the Mexican tanker Potrero Del Llano off Miami Beach, Fla., Wednesday night.

Former President Emilio Portes Gil declared the government's "energetic and patriotic attitude" in demanding "complete satisfaction" from the totalitarian nations for loss of the 7,500-ton vessel deserved "the most ample support of the Mexican people in the difficult days just ahead."

Practically every important labor organization, led by the powerful CIO, has demanded war on the Axis or other firm steps to uphold national honor and avenge the deaths of 14 seamen. There also were suggestions for confiscation of Axis property in Mexico, which the afternoon paper, *Ultimas Noticias*, estimated was worth \$982,000,000.

The government paper *El Nacional* in a front-page editorial described the sinking as a crime which "has shaken the nation to its deepest fibers" and said that whatever the cost in more ships sunk and lives lost, "the rights and honor of Mexico must be respected before anything else."

The pro-Allied paper *Novedades* urged the public to remain calm while awaiting a decision by President Manuel Avila Camacho. Senators and deputies who have been talking of a special session of Congress to declare war, also took the attitude that it was better to await a reply to Mexico's protest before embarking on a course of definite action.

DANIELS SPEAKS TO WAKE DEMOS

Former Ambassador Says 'Put Country First But Don't Be Caught Napping'

RALEIGH, May 16. — (AP) — "Put country first but don't be caught napping," Josephus Daniels, former ambassador to Mexico declared here today in a speech before the Wake County Democratic convention.

Accusing republican members of congress of attempting to embarrass the administration, Daniels said, "the republican national committee recently passed resolutions with three patriotic resolutions for publicity and eight partisan declarations."

Daniels, who was secretary of the navy in the Wilson cabinet, said republican politicians of 1942 are pursuing the same course followed by GOP leaders of 1918.

"Then," Daniels said, "Wilson declared politics adjourned only to find that the republican politicians, taking advantage of his high devotion to winning the war, conspired to gain control of Congress and deny the fruits of the victory won I World War."

"The great tragedy," Daniels asserted, "was that the republicans, under cover, worked petty politics while proclaiming that politics was adjourned."

"It placed the fate of the world in the hands of partisan isolationists who jettisoned the League of Nations. The responsibility for the present hell of war that now afflicts mankind is largely due to the senators who would not permit the United States to take its seat in the League of Nations."

MISSOURI TEMPERATURE Missouri's mean annual temperature is 55 degrees, its average precipitation is 39.47 inches

Whiteville Democrats Select Major Lamb

WHITEVILLE, May 16. — Democrats of Columbus county in their convention here today for the fourth consecutive term chose Major R. J. Lamb of Whiteville, as chairman of the democratic executive committee and re-elected all other officers.

Mrs. Margaret B. Moyers was named again as vice chairman. Major Lamb presided over the meeting, held in the courthouse at noon. All democrats in good standing who found it possible to attend the state convention in Raleigh next Friday were, by a resolution adopted by the convention automatically elected as delegates.

The convention gave Major Lamb a rising vote of thanks for his efforts in behalf of the democratic party during his six years in office.

SUB MACHINEGUNS TORPEDOED VESSEL

Eight Survivors Of Small Norwegian Merchant Ship Tell Of Attack

NEW YORK, May 16. — (AP) — Eight survivors of a small Norwegian merchant ship said in an interview released today by the Third Naval district that an enemy submarine machine-gunned their vessel after torpedoing it April 10 off the east coast of South America.

Seven crew members, including the captain, Jens Tender, and a steward, Margit Halten, were killed either by the explosion or by the bullets, said Ange Andersen, third engineer and one of the 24 who were rescued.

The seaman at the wheel, Knud Kristoffersen, escaped from the wheel house and threw himself into the sea although his thigh bone was fractured by a machine gun bullet. He was picked up by others in a life boat and is still in a hospital in Brazil.

Andersen said two boats were launched, a life boat and a motorboat. The former capsized in launching but was bailed out by a seaman and was taken in tow by the motorboat.

After six hours the motor failed and the lifeboat hoisted sail and took the sea although after 36 hours by a Swedish merchant ship which landed them at Fortaleza, Brazil.

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Peace Study Centers Proposed For South

CHAPEL HILL, May 16. — (AP) — Establishment of six study centers in the South for the organization of peace, recommendations for a definite research program in the South looking toward the conversion of war plants into peacetime industries, the suggestion that

peace treaties be approved by a simple majority of the United States Senate instead of the present two-thirds majority, and endorsement of the principles of the Atlantic charter and a full program of cooperation with Latin America, were the highlights of the final meeting at the University of North Carolina today of the Southern Council on International Relations.

President Frank P. Graham presided at this fourth annual conference, which had as its general topic "The South in the War and the Peace," and drew about 75 delegates from 10 southeastern states.

During the two-day conference delegates met in three different discussion groups and today presented their findings to the general session, which also re-elected as officers for the coming year: President Frank P. Graham,

chairman, and Dr. Keener C. Frazer, secretary, both of the University of North Carolina; Frank Ahlgren of Memphis and Mrs. J. Ralston Wells of the Florida Federation of Woman's clubs, as vice-chairmen.

MARINE CORPS CHEVRONS U. S. marine corps regulations of 1825 directed that sergeants wear chevrons above the elbow and corporals below the elbow.

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