

# BOY SCOUT CIRCUS SCHEDULED IN MAY

The first Scout Circus to be staged by Wilmington Boy Scouts will be held in May, according to a decision announced last night by the District committee.

A report given at a meeting recently by C. F. Jones, camping and activities chairman, recommended that all Scout troops and Cub packs in the Wilmington district cooperate in staging a demerit cooperative Scout activities and concert for the public during the early part of May. Although this will be Wilmington's first such event, Scout circuses are held annually in other cities.

W. J. Riley, district chairman, presided at the meeting. He called for minutes of the annual meeting in January, which were read by Carroll Tinsley, assistant Scout executive.

Elliott O'Neal, district commissioner, reported that neighborhood commissioners had visited all except one of the troops, finding considerable activity during Boy Scout Week, and that troops were getting started on the Standard Troop rating plan for 1945. Dr. Edward Cutter, organization chairman, has held a meeting of his committee and arranged for the organization of new troops and packs. With 825 boys becoming nine years old each year, Wilmington is in need of several more units for these boys, it was learned.

Fanald Stewart, member of the leadership training committee, reported that aims of that committee included a pack organization course for all new Cub packs, a "Fundamentals" session for all new troops, the teaching of "Fundamentals of the Boy Scout Movement" to members of civic clubs, and a training course for Scoutmasters and troop committeemen. Bob Howard, health and safety chairman, has inspected meeting places of Troops 36 and 37 and found them in good condition, it was stated. He plans to have an inspection made of each troop meeting place.

Reports of individual troops were made by Dr. S. C. Marks of Troop 14, Kelly W. Price of Troop 23, R. L. Jones of Troop 34, and Harry Symmes of Ship 5024. Harry Solomon and P. J. Baschon, members at large on the committee, stated their interest in Scouting and desire to help in any way possible, an opinion also expressed by W. E. Edwards, vice chairman.

Courtland W. Baker, Scout Executive, told of the efforts being made by the Cape Fear Area Council committee on camping and activities to obtain a permanent camp site for the council. He invited members of the Wilmington district to attend the executive board meeting of the council in Lumberton on March 20.

# CHANDLER FLAYS MANPOWER BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Senator Chandler (D-KY) today assailed the manpower bill approved by the Military Affairs committee as "a monstrosity" which ought to be recommitted by the Senate.

Before the measure is called up in the Senate Monday, the Kentuckian plans to check other members to see if he can obtain sufficient strength to send it back to the committee. The legislation gives statutory backing, with penalties, to present voluntary manpower rules governing employers, in contrast to a work-or-jail bill for employees passed by the House. Meanwhile the committee issued its formal report on the bill, declaring officially for the first time that the jail-and-fine penalties provided for willful violation of employment ceilings and hiring restrictions issued by the War Manpower commission apply to employers only.

Several members of the committee previously had contended that employees too could be caught in the pinch of a one year jail term or the maximum \$10,000 fine provided.

There has been no disagreement over another penalty section of the bill, which could mean five years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine for a deferred farm worker, found unacceptable for military service, who left his farm work.

The House committee meanwhile approved a resolution intended to slacken the pace of drafting farmers after Chairman May (D-KY) of the Military committee testified.

"They (Selective Service) have just about depleted the farms of their workers."

The Rules committee ordered the resolution brought to the House floor for debate, probably next week. It freezes in agricultural jobs young farmers physically unfit for military duty and makes draft-age farm workers defensible if they are needed on the farm.

# Murder May Touch Off Gang War In Cleveland

CLEVELAND, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Shotgun blasts killed Nathan Weisenberg, 60, on a quiet suburban road early today and a police lieutenant immediately expressed belief the slaying would touch off Cleveland's "most serious gang war in many years."

Nine hours after his slayers apparently forced Weisenberg's car to the curb and fired both barrels, Coroner S. R. Gerber announced confiscation of 67 slot machines at the victim's place of business. "The killing undoubtedly involves the slots racket or someone connected with that type of activity," Gerber said.

# Says Japs Await Yanks In China



Japan has 50 divisions—two-fifths of her army—on the China mainland to try and stop American landings on the coast, according to a recent estimate by Gen. Ho Ying-chin, left, commander-in-chief of the Chinese army. Gen. Ho said this figure did not include the enemy's Kwantung army of 22 divisions, stationed in Manchuria.

# City Briefs

## PRISON

Tech. Sgt. Franklin E. Sullivan, Army infantry, who has been reported missing in action in Germany since last October 22, is being held a prisoner of war by the Germans, according to a postcard received from him yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Sullivan of 215 Meares street.

## ARRIVES

Mrs. Esther Benton, of Portsmouth, Va., has arrived here to be with her mother, Mrs. Sally Teachey of Wallace, who is ill at James Walker Memorial hospital.

## TRIO TO SING

The "Wings Over Jordan" All-Star trio will sing at the Shiloh Baptist church at 11 a.m. today.

## PRAYER SERVICE

A prayer service will be held at the Mt. Vernon Free Will Baptist church at Myrtle Grove Sound at 7:30 p.m. today. Elder G. W. Gregg will preach at 8 p.m.

## REVIVAL SERVICES

Revival services are in progress at the Church of God, Fourth and Marsteller streets. Broadcasts on the "Holy Ghost" will be preached by Evangelist R. H. Hughes over WMFD at 4:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The Rev. V. D. Combs is pastor.

## CHURCH MEETING

A study of home mission problems will be the theme of a two-day meeting of ministers and leaders of the Churches of Christ in North and South Carolina in Charlotte on March 13 and 14. Thirty-six congregations of the Churches of Christ will be represented at the session.

## FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE

Alpha Phi Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will hold its Founders' Day service at St. Stephen A. M. E. church at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. The seaker will be Mrs. Thomasina W. Johnson of Washington, D. C., lobbyist for the Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs for Alpha Kappa sorority.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Furlong, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, Frances Evelyn, January 25, at Marion Sprunt Annex.

## ILL

Mrs. Ralph W. Hodges, of Highwood Park, who has been ill for several weeks, is still unable to receive company at her home, her sister, Mrs. D. R. Walker, said yesterday.

# SINGAPORE IS HIT FROM INDIA BASES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(UP)—The largest task force of Superfortresses ever to take off from India bases blasted the dock area of Singapore today with "good results" and left black columns of smoke billowing 20,000 feet over the port, a 20th Air Force communique announced.

Only weak fighter opposition was encountered during the raid. One of the huge bombers was lost, the communique said. Three enemy aircraft were damaged.

Singapore is the "main clearing center for enemy war supplies and equipment between the Japanese homeland and its troops in occupied territories," the communique said. Extensive railroad facilities funnel into the dock area.

It was the fourth time that B-29s have hit the city. Japanese broadcasts had admitted earlier that 130 superfortresses had caused "some damage" to harbor facilities and part of Singapore proper in a raid lasting more than an hour.

# WATKINS TO END STAY HERE TODAY

William F. Watkins, organist of the First Presbyterian church, will play here for the last time today before leaving for Washington, it was announced last night by Dr. William Crowe, Jr., pastor.

For the service at 11:15 a. m., Watkins will play on the church's Sprunt Memorial organ, beginning at 11 a. m. with "A Gothic Prelude," by Eric De Lamarter. During the service he will accompany Contralto Lynn DuRant, who will sing "O Rest in the Lord," from "Elijah," by Mendelssohn. He will also accompany the choir in presenting the anthem, "In Heaven Above," by Christiansen. The Minister will speak on "The Good Fight," basing his sermon on the sixth chapter of First Timothy, it was learned.

The evening service will be held in the Kenan Memorial Chapel at 8 p. m. The theme of the brief sermon will be "Christ Is The Answer."

Watkins has served the church as organist for the past 18 months, it was said, and has been active in the musical life of the city.

A pupil of Virgil Fox at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, Md., he holds the professional degree of "Associate in the American Guild of Organists." During the period of Watkins' service here, the organ music has been one of the outstanding features of the church's ministry, according to Dr. Crowe. The two recitals Watkins has given, embracing many of the most difficult compositions of organ music, have been brilliantly executed and a source of pride to the church, Dr. Crowe said.

# Polio Funds Campaign Goal May Be Exceeded

CHAPEL HILL, Feb. 24.—(AP)—North Carolina's \$392,000 infantile paralysis campaign goal for this year will be exceeded if reports from 48 counties can be accepted as a criterion, Mrs. Phillis Russell, announced today. Mrs. Russell, executive secretary at campaign headquarters, said the 48 counties have tentatively reported contributions totaling \$235,000.



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