

Highway To Tin Pan Alley Full Of Ruts, Writer Says

The song-writing business, it turns out, is not all it seems to be. There may even be some shenanigans inter-twined amongst the clefts and trebles.

Following publication of a story in Monday's Star about "acceptance" in Hollywood of a lyric written by Mrs. Vera Mae Dale, Wilmington, Mrs. C. L. Beane, also of Wilmington, wrote an "expose" letter to the Star warning "a most glib public that they 'no can do'".

The letter follows: "In answer to Mr. Sykes' article Mrs. Dale's song poem being published by Nordyke Music company, let me take it upon myself to warn a most glib public (as witness the hundreds of publishing houses in the country who manage to feed on the efforts of amateurs and yet manage to stay within the letter of the law) that they 'no can do'.

"It is possible that some persons will not recognize the satirical tone of this article as I have done through thorough acquaintance with the ins and outs of music publishers. If you're in, you're in; if you're out there's no hope for you. There's no short cut to musical fame in Tin Pan Alley. It is with a sense of exasperation that I write this letter, because I have

had letters from such notables as Don McNeill, Larry Crosby, and Sigmund Romberg, who conscientiously try to prevent the 'milking' of amateurs by unscrupulous houses by such means. The Song Writers' Protective association also is doing a good job for the writers.

"They all agree that if a publishing house charges you even one cent, leave them alone. They, too, 'no can do'.

"It is the bitterness of my own experience as a writer of songs, complete with words and music, which gives me authority to make with these facts. Incidentally, my songs are very good indeed, and, fortunately, I never paid out anything on this account. But I have been advised, as I mentioned before, that the only way to recognition is to make song-writing one's life work and go live in Tin Pan Alley and become associated with a publishing house, if only as an errand boy. Or with a name band, and there stick it out until you make a name for yourself.

"For years I have sent my songs to various people and publishers only to have them returned unopened. I have been, and still am, convinced that if one ever had been looked over by one person with influence—I would be made. But there's the rub. And it's no dice. No siree!"

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ROTARIANS HOLD FIRST 1946 MEET

Members of the Wilmington Rotary club held their first meeting of 1946 yesterday afternoon.

A sound picture depicting how the country has progressed during the past 100 years by salesmanship was shown to the group.

Jimmie McCall and Lonnie Williams, Junior Rotarians from New Hanover High school, expressed their appreciation at being chosen to attend the meetings of the Senior group during December.

A committee, composed of Adam Smith, Walter Cartier and H. A. Marks, was appointed to draw up a resolution in memory of Blake Applewhite who died recently. Guests of the club were J. Francis Griffith, Asheville; Howard Campbell, Holly Ridge and Walter J. Hodder, all Rotarians.

NEGRO WOMAN ADDED TO CITY'S GROWING ROLLS OF MISSING

Another missing person was added to the growing list of persons who have mysteriously disappeared from their homes here within the past few days.

Moses Jones, Negro, 1005 Fanning street, reported to city police last night that his wife, Mabelle, 26, left home yesterday morning and had not returned.

She was described as being 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighing 140 pounds, and when last seen was wearing a brown coat.

MORRIS NAMED JUDGE

MOREHEAD CITY, Jan. 8—(AP)—Lambert R. Morris of Atlantic was elected judge of the Carteret County Recorders Court at the monthly meeting of the County Board of Commissioners yesterday in Beaufort. Morris succeeds Judge Paul Webb who died in December.

Obituaries

ALEXANDER S. HALE

BOWDEN—Funeral services for Alexander Sprunt Hall, 68, brother of the late W. D. Hall of Wilmington, N. C., and prominent farmer of Duplin County, who died unexpectedly Saturday evening, Dec. 29, 1945, at his home, following a stroke of paralysis, were conducted from the home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and later from the Oak View cemetery, Mt. Olive, N. C., by the Rev. E. H. Clark, pastor of the Warsaw and Bowden Presbyterian Churches, and the Rev. Dodson, pastor of the Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Hall was born at Hallsville, Duplin County, N. C., son of the late George W. and Julia Davis Hall. He spent most of his life in the Hallsville community, until several years ago when he moved to his present home at Bowden. He was a member of the Bowden Presbyterian Church and a very highly respected and prominent citizen of his community, and all who knew him voiced only the highest of esteem.

Surviving are his wife, the former Iola Houston; three daughters, Mrs. Virginia H. Proctor Bryan of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Judy Ann Miller of Paris, Texas, and Katie Elizabeth Hall of the home, and one son, Gaston Sprunt Hall, also of the home; and by one brother, J. E. Hall of Mount Olive, N. C.

WORTH C. VICK

Funeral services for Worth C. Vick, 41, who died Monday in Sanitarium, after a long illness, were conducted yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Old Bluff Presbyterian church in Wade, by the Rev. David Blue, pastor, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Vick was formerly employed by the Wilmington Star. News having served several years ago as classified advertising manager. Since then he has made his home in California. While here he was a member of the First Presbyterian church.

Surviving are his father, Walter C. Vick; one brother, L. Steadman Vick; one sister, Mrs. Mary Bridges, and grandmother, Mrs. Mary H. Vick, all of Wilmington.

WILLIAM COMPTON JOHNSON

WHITEVILLE, Jan. 8—Funeral services for William Compton Johnson, 95, who died Sunday night were held from the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Moore, of Delco, yesterday afternoon with Z. V. Cowan, of Council, in charge assisted by the Rev. E. E. Ulrich. Interment was in the family cemetery at Rowan near Kelly.

Surviving are three sons, Marion, Percy, and Clyde, all of Delco; three daughters, Mrs. Mattie Moore, Ivanhoe; Mrs. Mona Moore, Delco, and Mrs. Carrie Johnson, Elizabethtown, and 27 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

GEORGE W. SMITH

SOUTHPORT, Jan. 8—Funeral services for George W. Smith, who died Monday morning were conducted with graveside rites today at 3:30 o'clock at Northwood cemetery.

Mr. Smith, who for the past 15 years resided with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fullwood, was a veteran of 45 years regular Army service. His career included service in the Indian campaigns of the West, and the Spanish-American war.

Military rites were conducted by the Southport American Legion Post. Active pallbearers were Charles Trott, Crawford Rouark, Robert St. George, S. B. Frink, Wayne Leinart and John Erickson.

The Kilpatrick funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

STEVENS MADISON CARR

BURGAW, Jan. 8—Funeral services for Stevens Madison Carr, 76, who died Monday afternoon at his home near Burgaw, will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Hopewell Presbyterian church with the Rev. P. L. Clark, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Martha Lewis Carr; three sons, Thomas A. Carr, Norfolk; Steven A. Carr, Burgaw, and A. Graham Carr, Watha; one daughter, Mrs. Torian Maeafair, New Bern; one sister, Mrs. Jeanie Ward, Wallace, and one brother, T. J. Carr, Newton Cross Roads.

MRS. DESSIE C. MERRITT

DURHAM, Jan. 8—Funeral services for Mrs. Dessie Cline Merritt, 73, widow of Houston Merritt, will be held at Duke Memorial Methodist church in Durham Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. John C. Glenn, pastor, will conduct the services. Interment will be in Maplewood cemetery.

Mrs. Merritt died in Brattleboro, Vermont, Monday after an illness of several years. She was born in Newton, the daughter of the late Linda Barrister Cline and Manuel Cline. She received her education at Catawba college.

Mrs. Merritt and her husband lived in Wilmington for many years.

Surviving are two sons, Major Harry C. Merritt and Dr. H. H. Merritt of New York; one daughter, Mrs. Irving Allen, Durham; and three sisters, Mrs. A. G. Warren, Wilmington, Mrs. J. D. Albright, Charlotte, and Mrs. R. H. Cline, Roanoke, Va., and four grandchildren.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MURRAY

BURGAW, Jan. 8—Benjamin Franklin Murray, 56, died tonight after a short illness at his home near Burgaw.

Surviving are his wife, the former Thelma Rivenbark of Wrights-

NAVY V-5 PLAN NOW AVAILABLE

The Office of Naval Procurement in Washington, D. C., has advised CPO C. M. Rivenbark, Wilmington recruiting officer, that candidates who will have successfully completed two full years at an accredited college by March 1, and are between the ages of 18 and 23, may now enter the Navy's V-5 flight training program directly.

Heretofore, all successful applicants were required to pursue a course of college curriculum under Navy jurisdiction in the Naval Aviation preparatory program, Chief Rivenbark said.

Applicants who meet the revised educational requirements will be enlisted immediately as aviation cadets and ordered to active duty at a Navy pre-flight school on or about March 1, he added.

Chief Rivenbark said that Lt. (jg) E. W. Mahoney would be in room 208 of the Postoffice building to interview prospective cadets from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Under a second plan, the Naval Aviation preparatory program, Chief Rivenbark said, cadets may now enlist if they meet the following requirements:

1. 17 and 18-year-old candidates—must be graduated from high school not later than 25 February 1946.

2. 19-year-old applicants (except Army Air Corps discharges)—must have completed one or more terms of college by 1 March 1946.

3. 20-year-old candidates—must have completed two or more terms of college by 1 March 1946.

4. 21-year-old applicants—must have completed three or more terms of college by 1 March 1946.

Successful candidates for the naval aviation preparatory program will receive four terms of college at government expense prior to commencing flight training as aviation cadets.

Qualified applicants who are interested in applying for immediate aviation cadet or naval aviation preparatory training may contact the Office of Naval Officer Procurement (Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board) 1320 G Street, N. W., Washington, 25, D. C.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED AT PARTY

The Wilmington unit of the American Legion auxiliary observed the 25th anniversary of the organization with a party and dance at the Legion Home last night.

Mrs. J. V. Grainger, organizer of the Wilmington unit, cut the birthday cake.

In honor of the occasion, the club rooms were decorated in a theme of silver, white and green with Mrs. D. S. Carr and Mrs. Rodger Russell in charge of the coffee table.

Mrs. J. B. Edwards, president, acted as mistress-of-ceremonies, and introduced three charter members present. They were Mrs. Grainger, Mrs. L. W. Davis, Mrs. Thomas J. Gause.

After enjoying a buffet-style dinner, in which each member brought a covered dish, the members and their guests joined in singing old familiar songs. Dancing followed.

The committee in charge of the party arrangements included Mrs. D. S. Carr, Mrs. C. C. Pinckney, Mrs. H. M. Symmes, Mrs. Roger Russell, and Mrs. John L. Davis. Approximately 150 members and guests attended.

GROUP TO ATTEND CAPITOL MEETING

A delegation composed of officials of the Veterans' administration and members of state and local American Legion groups is scheduled to meet in Washington, D. C., Thursday morning at 9 o'clock with Major Gen. Paul R. Hawley, acting surgeon-general of the VA.

Ray Galloway, executive director of the local Legion post, is expected to be with the group in which they will discuss with Hawley a proposal whereby the state and its communities, through a Blue Cross hospitalization and medical aid plan administered locally and paid by the VA, would be instituted in North Carolina. The proposal originated with the Wilmington American Legion.

Wiley Pickens state director of the State Veterans' commission, and E. B. Crawford and Dr. I. H. Manning, both of the Hospital Savings association of North Carolina, are expected to attend the meeting with Galloway and Dr. Moore.

BUILDING UPTREND SHOWN IN ISSUANCE OF PERMITS HERE

Planning for construction to gain momentum in the city yesterday, fifteen building permits were granted by the office of Gilbert F. Morton, city building inspector.

Morton predicted last week that the trend locally would be upward. None of the permits yesterday were for construction on a large scale, however.

A permit to Roudabush's store, 31 South Front street was included in yesterday's issues. The store will be remodeled at an estimated cost of \$3,000.

Permits also were issued for a boro; and one brother, Colon B. Murray of Watha.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Harrell Funeral home

City Briefs

BOYS' CLUB HELP

The Brigade Boys' Club will join the March of Dimes campaign to raise funds with which to combat polio. The collection of funds will be carried out by placing an empty milk bottle in the clubhouse into which the members will deposit their contributions.

DON'T WAIT

Miss Minnie Payne, secretary of Carolina Motor club, yesterday urged motorists to avoid that last minute rush and confusion by buying their 1946 automobile license now.

ABOUT TWO WEEKS

Within two weeks, L. Patisson Fretlow, WOJG will be home, according to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fretlow, 305 North 15th street, who were advised by telegram yesterday of his arrival in California from overseas service. Skipper of an Army Air Forces emergency crash rescue boat, young Fretlow has been stationed in the Philippines for a year.

O. G. BAIN

O. G. Bain, local manager of Southern Telephone company, who was taken to James Walker Memorial hospital Monday night during a heart attack, was reported by hospital attendants last night in a "satisfactory" condition.

MISSING RETURN

City police officers reported last night that four missing persons had been returned home. The four persons included two adults and two children.

TRANSFERS BRISK

The offices of A. B. Rhodes, register of deeds for New Hanover county, reported 15 realty transfers recorded yesterday bringing the total for the year to 58. This is an unusually large number, averaging more than nine a day so far this year, the register said.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Four marriage licenses were issued yesterday by the offices of A. B. Rhodes. Couples receiving the license were: William J. Joyner, Zebulon to Miss Mary Bell Price, Wilmington; Elbert T. Irvine, New Rochelle, N. Y. to Miss Ida Robeson, Raleigh; Robert Tompkins, Rocky Point to Miss Berta Harrell, Ivanhoe; Joseph Wendge to Miss Louise Jones, Wilmington.

BACK TO WORK

George D. Conant, public relations officer for Tide Water Power Company, is expected to return to work this morning after having been ill for several days.

HEALTH MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the city-county board of health will be held tomorrow afternoon in the offices of the health department. Routine matters will be discussed.

LEGION ON AIR

The Wilmington Post No. 10 will be on the air over WMFD tonight at 8:45 with Ben McDonald as master of ceremonies. The Legion program will be broadcast each Wednesday night at the same time.

KNIVES STILL CUT WHEN YOU HANDLE THEM 'PLAYFULLY'

When you play with knives, you may get cut.

City police officers were called to Community hospital yesterday to investigate a report that James Formy, Negro, 816 South Ninth street, had been cut while he and a girl played with a knife.

Formy told officers he grabbed for the knife and the girl pulled it through his hand, inflicting injury to his thumb. He was treated and released.

Police officers investigated another report of injury. A call from James Walker Memorial hospital disclosed that Mildred McKnight, Negro, 207 South 10th street, was suffering from injuries received when her husband attacked her.

She told officers her husband, Robert McKnight, beat her following an argument which occurred earlier.

She was treated for bruises about her face and hands and released, officers said.

OIL LESSORS SKIP COUNTY IN BUYING PROPERTY RIGHTS

Land owners of Dare county and other coastal counties have been leasing oil rights to oil companies and private prospectors for some months, but to date there have been none recorded in New Hanover county.

A. B. Rhodes, register of deeds, said yesterday that a check of his records reveals no oil leases of recent date.

Reports are circulating that Dare county's supervisor of taxes, A. W. Drinkwater, is doing a booming business since he became supervisor, five weeks ago.

The report is to the effect that acreage in the county has "grown" by upwards of 40,000 acres with the total now just under 300,000 of dry land. Geographical surveys of Dare county have disclosed that there are only 240,000 acres of this type land in the county.

CENTER CHANGES OPERATION HOURS

The Princess Street Recreation Center has set up new closing hours in accordance with the recent curtailment of its program, Jesse Reynolds, superintendent of City Recreation, announced yesterday.

Reynolds said the new hours would be as follows: Mondays 9 a. m. to 11 p. m. and Saturdays 9 a. m. to 11 p. m. and m. to 5:45 p. m.; Tuesdays through Sundays and holidays, 3 to 11 p. m.

Special activities will be planned for every night in the week except on week-ends when "open-house" will be held, pointed out Reynolds, and the Teen-agers will use the center every afternoon from 3:30 to 6 p. m. and also on Friday nights from 8 to 11 p. m.

The New Hanover checker-club will meet on Tuesday nights at 7:30 o'clock, with handicraft classes to meet the same night.

Special classes to be organized in the future will include bridge groups for beginners and advance, and also singing. Vespers services will be presented on Sunday evenings.

Anyone interested in joining the new classes may contact the recreation center.



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