

FAMED TRUMPETER COMES TO LUMINA

Heads First Of Name Bands To Play At Wrightsville Pavilion

Generally acknowledged as one of the foremost "hot trumpet" soloists in the American dance orchestra scene, "Cottie" Williams will make his first appearance in the Wilmington area tomorrow night in Lumina pavilion, Wrightsville Beach.

"Cottie's" appearance marks the first showing on a regular schedule for the balance of the summer of big name dance bands to be featured weekly at the beach resort pavilion.

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Land school, includes Louis Armstrong, Bunk Williams, Bix Beiderbecke and Roy Eldridge. Williams played No. 1 horn for Duke Ellington for years. He organized his own orchestra in 1942 and the same outfit has played together since that time, recently completing a record engagement in the Zanzibar Club in New York City. In addition to his fame as a trumpet player, "Cottie" is known throughout the jazz musical world as one of the top arrangers. His band has recorded more than 100 discs for Decca and Capitol, and last year did a series of shorts for MGM in Hollywood.

Advance sale tickets, at a substantial saving, will be available in two downtown stores until noon tomorrow.

Robeson Democrats Nominate M. Biggs

LUMBERTON, July 25. — I. Murchison Biggs, 21-year-old Lumberton attorney, was nominated as Solicitor of Lumberton District Recorders court by Robeson County Democratic executive committee. Meeting here, Thursday.

The special meeting was called following the resignation of Archie C. Walker, who won the nomination

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS DECLINE HERE BUT ADVANCE FOR N. C.

Although \$9,394,596.72 was collected by the North Carolina District Bureau of Customs here at Wilmington during the 1945-46 fiscal year, the Port of Wilmington accounted for only \$108,826.94 of the amount, customs officials disclosed yesterday.

The bulk of the total was collected in branch offices in other parts of the State, such as Winston-Salem and Elkin, the officials said.

The reason for the Port City's poor showing, it was explained, is the small amount of river traffic using the local port. Almost all the goods on which customs duty is collected is shipped in bond into the State from ports such as Norfolk, Va., and Baltimore, Md., it was said.

Despite the fact that the total State collection for 1945-46 was about a million and a half dollars more than the \$7,736,941.65 figure for 1944-45, Wilmington 1945-46 figure was far under its \$472,870.15 mark for 1944-45.

Walker was opposed in the primary by Robert Weinstein, who did not file with the executive committee as a candidate for nomination.

Biggs is believed to be one of the youngest men ever nominated for any county or state political post. He received 23 of the 28 votes cast by representatives of Robeson's 34 precincts. Chairman E. M. Johnson presided.

The nominee was graduated from the law school of Wake Forest and took one semester of graduate work at Harvard University before opening a law office here last March. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Biggs.

NEW PEACE HOPES REVIVE IN CHINA

Communist Leader Rushes Back To Nanking For Meetings

NANKING, Friday, July 26. — Possibility of a resumption of negotiations to terminate China's expanding civil strife brightened Thursday as Gen. Chou En-Lai, chief Communist negotiator, speeded back to the capital from Shanghai at the request of General Marshall, special American envoy.

Before leaving Shanghai, Chou told foreign correspondents in an interview that the Communists wanted an unconditional truce with no time limit. Once this is achieved, he added, the way would be paved for a reorganization of the government, long sought by the Communists.

Chou said he had heard indirectly that the Central government would insist on taking over the South Lunghai railroad from the Communists as a condition for a new truce.

"If this is so, civil war will continue and expand," the Communist general said.

Ridiculing reports that the Communists intended to attack in the direction of Nanking and Shanghai, Chou said his party's attitude

TRUMAN WILL NOT SPEAK WHILE AWAY ON MISSOURI TRIP

WASHINGTON, July 25. — President Truman declared Thursday he had no intention of taking the stump in Missouri against Rep. Roger C. Slaughter.

Asked at his news conference whether he will make any speech against the Democratic representative whose renomination he opposes, the President replied in the negative.

He has no intention Mr. Truman said, of making any speeches in Missouri when he goes there next month.

Mr. Truman will fly to his home at Independence, Aug. 3 and will vote in the Democratic primary there the following Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Slaughter is running for renomination in a district which adjoints that in which the President maintains his residence.

The President told his last news conference that he was against Slaughter in the Fifth district because of the latter's opposition to his legislative program in the House Rules committee.

He also said he would take the stump this fall if necessary to aid the Democratic congressional campaign.

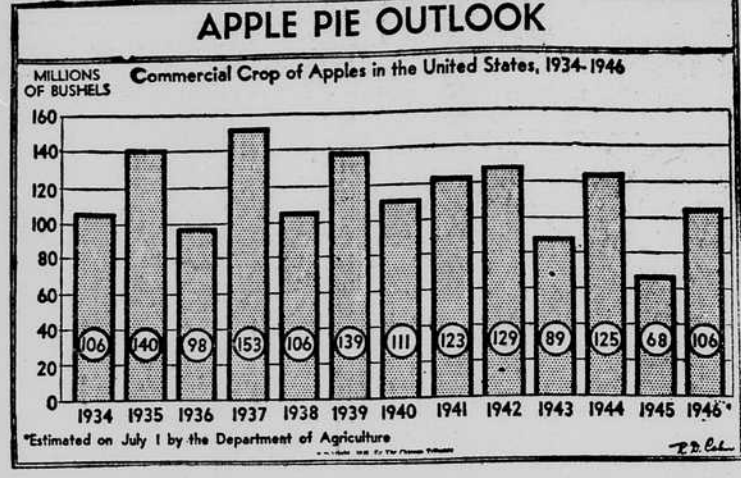
Movement Halted

Movement of dismantled barracks from Camp Davis to the Cullowhee-Brevard section in the western part of the State was halted yesterday by the State Highway and Public Works commission, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Raleigh.

Although some of the barracks have already been moved, the commission officials said that the permit for the work, which is considered dangerous on the highways, has not yet been granted.

No complaints have been received regarding use of the highways in moving surplus buildings from Camp Davis to Washington, D. C.

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