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MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

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ORIGIN OF MUSIC

Music is a document of human experience recorded in sound and movement. It ha straveled along two main roads: the sacred give vent to feelings of joy, fear and grief in bodily motions accompanied by rhythmic noises. His grunts, shouts, hand clapping, stamping, gradually became developed a spoken language, he also invented a crude chant with which he related his adventure in the hunt or in his gods, for health, fair weather, fertility or production.

The first instruments were of the drum type, next came the pipe type and then the lyre (or string) which marks the higher stage of development. The drums were the instruments of religious ritual among both primitive and early civilizations. In the savage wherever he is found; there is shown the stages through which pre-historic man must have passed. In him we find an attempt at self expression or unconscious art instinct or impulse. The Indian music is a specific example of primitive music. His song is a record of his life experience. He has ceremonial songs, dream songs, weather and medicine in cantations, war, hunt, children, legends and grains songs. If we are to be exact about the origin of music, we know that God is the Creator of all things. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made (John 1:3). He gave us music for a divine purpose and ordained that it should have a great place.

In his worship service Martin Luther said, "Music is one of the most magnified and delightful presents God has given us. Let us accept music as a gift. A most precious gift of God. Let us study it with reverence. Let us practice it with humility and diligence, so that we may catch and drink of the spirit of love which it breathes, which is of God and which leads to God.

Rocky Mount Personals

Will Horne recently left the city to A. and M. College in Orangeburg, S. C.

Gladys and Mable Horne went back to A and T College in Greensboro, recently.

Miss Maggie Brown of Lake City, S. C. has returned home after visiting her sister, Mrs. Laura Brown.

The Rev. C. E. Askew, one of the former pastors of Mount Zion Baptist Church, preached a very interesting sermon recently while visiting Mount Zion.

His text was taken from the Lord's Prayer; subject, "Our Father." He is now pastoring in Detroit, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs Jay Hines are on their vacation visiting in Baltimore, New York and Massachusetts.

Frank Humphrey has returned from New York City to his home in Rocky Mount visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Lillian Hill has entered State College at Winston Salem which is the Winston Salem Teachers College. She is a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church and was the assistant secretary of the Sunday School.

Miss Ophelia Dedman has also entered Winston Salem Teachers College where she will begn her college work.

Mrs. Nelson Johnson is quite ill at her home on Lindsey Street.

Dr. F. H. Avent is being treated at the St Agnes Hospital in Raleigh, for injuries sustained when his car crashed into a swamp off highway 301 between Rocky Mount and Wilson. His home is on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Virginia Street in Rocky Mount. He is being treated for broken bones, bone fractures, bruises and lacerations.

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ST. JAMES CHOIR HEARD ON WCEC RADIO PROGRAMS

The Gospel and Junior Choirs of St James combined, were heard in a one hour program over WCEC-FM network Wednesday night, September 29, and will be heard each Wednesday night over the same network from 9:00 to 10:00 o'clock Eastern Standard Time. W. Howard Manley is at the console of the giant pipe organ; Miss Alice B. Davis at the piano; and William T. Grimes, conductor.

COAST ARMY MEN RAP ACCIDENTAL TROOP BOMBING

LOS ANGELES (ANP) — The "accidental" bombing of 34 Negro members of an airborne and tank detachment at Eglin field, Fla., on September 17, was looked upon as evidence of "rank carelessness" on the part of white officers of the detachment in regarding too lightly the protection and comfort of enlisted men in their command while based in southern communities by local army men and veterans here last week. The incident, in which a basket of live bombs was dropped from a plane, brought death to five and serious injury to 29.

Radio and wire news received here immediately after the bombing did not give any names of the wounded and dead until their families had been notified officially. Later, it developed that one of the dead men, Cpl. Essex Graham, was a local resident. His body is expected to be shipped to the west coast within a week for a military burial at Sawtelle.

Local army men discount the rumored theory that the bombing was "deliberate" or the result of a "scaring" prank. Army investigation into the tragedy disclosed that the ground troops were in no way to blame, being at location at the exact time they were supposed to be. The bomber was "out of place," for which a reason has yet to be uncovered.

CHURCH NEWS

The Forty-Fifth annual session of the Original Free Will Baptist Middle District Sunday School Convention convened at the Emanuel Chapel Free Will Baptist Church September 17, 18, 19. The Rev. J. F. Elliott is pastor.

The topic: "Giving our best in Worship," was discussed. The discussion was opened by Miss Hildagard King. Following was Mrs. Annie Mae Bunch. Another interesting feature was a Bible Quiz conducted by Mrs. Berdie Miles and O. S. Elliott.

Officer of the convention were: E. B. Cornegia, president, Mount Olive; Miss Floretta Williams of Mount Olive, secretary.

The 1948 cotton loan program has been amended by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to provide for loans on farm-stored cotton.

BTW GRIDDERS TRIP RICHMOND HIGH PLAYERS

Booker T. Washington Hi School of Rocky Mount defeated the Maggie Walker High School gridders of Richmond, Va., by a score of 2-0 in a game played at Rocky Mount on Friday night.

The score was made as the result of a safety scored when Henry Battle and Clarence Newal dumped a Walker player behind his own goal line. Earl Burnett is coach for BTW. J. R. Lenheart is assistant coach.

KLAN ACTIVITY HURTING SOUTH SAYS GA. PAPER

BARTOW, Ga. (ANP) — The burning of crosses by the Ku Klux Klan or any other group was denounced in an editorial last week by the Bartow Herald. The Herald called the Klan "Georgia's worst enemy" and called the cross burning "silly and futile."

The paper defended its argument on the basis of keeping civil rights proposals from being passed. It said in part:

"We have said here before and we repeat — thing like this burning of crosses in front of the homes of college presidents, such as happened in Milledgeville the other day, is the most certain way to hasten the passage of the hated civil rights proposals and to return the people of the south to another reconstruction worse than the last.

"We have said before and we repeat — occurrences like this are crystallizing sentiment in all other sections of the nation against the south. We cannot exist as a section alone — we are part of the United States and haven't finished paying for the last time we forgot that.

"It is silly and futile and is giving Georgia a big black eye in the rest of the nation. It will result in no good for anybody, but it most certainly will result in terrible harm for all southern people."

PERSONALITY — Above is a photo of Miss Dollie Mae Batts of 917 Peters Street, daughter of Mrs. Charity Batts.

Miss Batts is a very active member of the Booker T. Washington High School, member of the High School Glee Club and Library Club, was a speaker on the Panel discussion on World Peace sponsored by the Civic Forum last year and is a member of St. James Baptist Church and Junior Choir.

ST. LOUIS WOMEN JOIN MEAT STRIKE FOR LOWER PRICES

ST. LOUIS (ANP) — The St. Louis Housewives league, with a membership of 500 Negro housewives joined in the citywide meat buying strike last week. St. Louis women have answered the call of the St. Louis Consumer federation to try to bring meat prices down.

Members of the group are refusing to buy meat at inflated prices, and are telephoning their friends not to buy either. Mrs. Katty Hall, president of the league, said:

"We are putting every effort into this fight to bring prices down so that every family can get its just share of the necessities of life. It is especially important to us because so many of our people are in the lower income bracket."

Some of the prices being fought by the women are such costs as 95 cents to $1.10 a pound for round steak, 77 to 95 cents a pound for standing rib roasts, 76-80 cents for veal loin chops.

72-95 cents a pound for medium weight smoked hams, 76-95 cents for loin pork chops, 69-79 cents a pound for roast leg of lamb, 90-98 cents a pound for lamb chops (rib) and $1.05 to $1.15 a pound for sirloin steak.

After the first day of the strike, J. W. Stevens, executive secretary of the Individual Retail Grocers and Meat Dealers association, said:

"Our members reported normal business yesterday and told me they had not even heard shoppers discussing the proposed strike. We will know more about the situation by the end of the week."

ST. JOHNS ADMITS NEGRO STUDENT

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (ANP) — One of the nation's oldest colleges, St. John's, admitted its first Negro student in its 252 year history, last week.

The new student is Martin Appell Dyer, Jr., who was graduated from a Baltimore high school last spring. The student body of St. John's voted that they favored admission of Negroes recently. Dyer applied after the student body decision.

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