

# THIS AND THAT IN DANVILLE

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Benjamin Dillard and Laurence Fry left for Hot Springs, Virginia, last week.

Vaden (Melody) Hairston of New York City is spending a few days with relatives and old friends here. He has just returned from Florida and California where he cancelled a Caribbean Cruise.

Leon Moore has opened an up-to-date shoe shine parlor at 925 South Main Street.

## RITZ AMATEUR HOUR

The Ritz Rhythm Boys furnished music for the Ritz Amateur Hour last Wednesday night. The combination is composed of Charles Nelson, trumpet; Arthur Watkins, sax; and Laurence (Loe) Russell, piano. Major prize winners for the last two weeks were, Robert Russell, and Ulysses Thomas, Juanita Cunningham, George Hairston, Jean Pinchback, and Bobby Keene.

The grand opening of Club Sepia on High Street is scheduled for April 15.

Among the groups to appear in a mammoth gospel feast at the Union Street Baptist Church on Sunday, April 4, are: The Washington Street Chorus, Guildfield Chorus, Jones Trio, Silver Creek Chorus, Shady Grove, Chorus, Spiritual Singers, Triumph Gospel Chorus, St. Paul Trio, High Street Chorus, White Rock Chorus, Tanner Sisters, Loyal Baptist Chorus, and the Community Singers. Mrs. Ada Graves is the sponsor and is cordially inviting the public to be in attendance.

The Drama Club of Southside High School proudly presents "One Foot in Heaven" a laugh packed three act comedy on Wednesday, April 7, at 8:00 p.m.

The Modernettes gave a Big Barn dance at the Elks on last Friday night. The hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion and the guests who braved the torrential rain had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Among those seen were: Mr. and Mrs. DePriest Bailey, Miss Cordelia Bruton, Paul Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Murdock Jr., Frizzelle Wimbush, Miss Nannie Mae Johnson, Arthur Watson, Stewart Banks, Joe Lewis, Manuel Farmer, Clifton Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. James Lyerly, Miss Juliette Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jacobs, Miss Norma James, Miss Dorothy Harper, Miss Sara Young, Blue Dillard, and Miss Mary Withers.

First prize was awarded to Miss Mary Withers and second to Blue Dillard. The Club is composed of fourteen members and the officers are: Mrs. Nancy Chaney, president; Mrs. Evelyn Broadnax, vice-president; Mrs. Ruby Murdock, secretary; Mrs. Evelyn James, assistant secretary; Mrs. Clara Thornton, treasurer;

Mrs. Mary Jacobs, business manager; and Mrs. Clarice Hundley, chaplain. Other members are Bertha Bruce, Rebecca Bailey, Willie Ed McGhee, Iantha Colton, Juliette Wilson, and Louise Pinchback. The club will meet on March 31, at the home of Mrs. Eviline Broadnax of Holbrook Street.

The Star Light Gospel Singers of Chatham and the Spiritual Octette of Keeling will render a program at the Washington Street Baptist Church in Brucetown on Sunday, April 4, at 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Willie Mae Gillespie is the sponsor. Mrs. Josephine Jones is the mistress of ceremonies.

Charles Harris, an employee of the First State Bank, was the lone colored member of the special grand jury investigating crime and juvenile delinquency here. One of the recommendations just released was the appointment of two Negro policemen to the Danville Police force.

The Northside Panthers are sponsoring a dance every Friday night at Club Sepia on High Street. Motley is Club president.

Herman G. Koplen, a local attorney, spoke to a group of veterans at the home of William Mason on West Thomas Street last week. Mr. Koplen spoke on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

William Tate and son, Robert, of Yanceyville, N. C., were the Saturday guests of friends here.

The forty member chorus of Langston High School was the featured entertainment of the Danville Kiwanis Club last week.

Miss Margaret Moore, of the Holbrook Street Grocery staff, is slowly improving after an illness of several weeks.

John Lenwood Pinchback and Miss Caroline Price were the weekend guests of Dr. James Jordan of Norfolk.

Funeral rites for Alfred Lucas were held last Thursday from Cunningham Hughes Funeral Home on Holbrook, with the Rev. E. H. Stewart in charge. The deceased served in the First World War and was well known to the elder residents here. He died in the Fort Ward Veterans

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Charles Jacob Harris, retired musician and college teacher begins elsewhere in this issue of articles on "The Confessions of A Ham Singer." Mr. Harris is a graduate of Paine College, Augusta, Georgia and the Chicago College of Music. He studied at Boston University and the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Massachusetts, and was regular accompanist to Roland Hayes in his preface days. He accompanied on occasions, such concert artists as Kemper Harold, Wesley I. Howard, Louis Jones, Charlotte Wallace Murray, Andrew Rosemond, Cleota Collins, Ruth Morrison, the late Sidney Woodard, Patti Brown, Rachel Walker and other stars. In the confessions Mr. Harris has written humorously of his own concertizing as pianist and singer. The brochure will come out in serial form.

Hospital in Maryland. The deceased is survived by a mother, Mrs. Georgia Bennett, and two brothers, Charles Lucas, and James Lucas of New York City.

The three winners of free groceries given out at the Ritz theatre through the courtesy of the Bibees Super Market were Walter Davis of Gay Street; Ethel Stamps of Walton Ave., and Doctor Womack Coleman of Ringgold. Food certificates were awarded to Miss Ruth Wilson

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from Daniel's cafe; Miss Ida Harrison from Berk's cafe; Reginald Graves from Oliver's cafe; and Miss Frances Jones from the Palace Snack Shop.

Pfc. James Harper is back home from Korea and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harper of Linden Street.

Sherman Williams and his Rhapsodians of North Carolina played a dance engagement at Langston School last week. They were afterwards guests of the management of Club Sepia.

Miss Jackie Barnes, a senior at North Carolina College, spent the weekend here with her grandmother, Mrs. Clara McColl. Miss Barnes is taking her practice teaching in Trenton, N. C.

O. G. Garland, Mrs. Ethel Kent, Mrs. Kate Coleman and Mrs. G. L. Harper, attended the annual concert of the North Carolina College Choir at the B. N. Duke auditorium in Durham on Tuesday, March 18. Miss Jackie Barnes of Danville is one of the leading sopranos of the choir.

Ulysses Thomas, a major prize winner at the Ritz Amateur Hour, appeared for the second time on TV last week. The young tenor sang, "Funny."

Friends of Blue Dillard are happy to know that he is back home again from McGuire's Hospital in Richmond.

Juke Scales and his orchestra, "The Heavenly Choir," a

are back at the Band Box in Martinsville after playing dance engagements at the Franklin County Training School, Carver High School in Fieldale, and Rocky Mount, Virginia. The group is composed of musicians from Danville and Martinsville.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hutchins of Prospect Street, a daughter, on March 17, St. Patrick's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Willard of Cleveland Street celebrated their twenty-seventh wedding anniversary on March 7, with an elaborate dinner party. Guests were Mrs. Mattie Martin, Mrs. Betty Willard, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Oliver, Mrs. Pearl Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Logan, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Traynham.

Mrs. Robert Logan of Union Street honored her daughter, Sheila, with a birthday party recently. Present were Diane, Sylvia and Gail Breakley, Penny, Lauretta and Bernard Coleman, Ida and Tyrene General, Willie, Ronald, and Danny Oliver, Gloria and Joyce Willard, Robert Thomas, Oscar and Dwyne Logan, Mary Alice Frazier, Bernice Pritchett, Louise and Joan Brakeley, Betty Mae and Photelia Carter, Robert and Edward Logan, Wilbert, Thomas and Phyllis Logan. The little guests had had a jolly-good time and each carried a souvenir home to their parents. The Times congratulates Sheila on her fifth birthday and wishes her many, many more.

Dr. G. W. C. Brown of Norfolk, State Director, Elks Dept. of Education and Assistant to Grand Commission of Elks, National Department of Education, made remarks.

The Fifth District Teachers Association held their annual meeting at the E. A. Gibson, School in Danville on March 19. The theme was: "Facing up To The Big Issues". Dr. Vernon Johns, orator and philosopher, delivered the keynote address. The speaker said that the three big issues facing us are Human Subsistence, Human Relationships, and Human Destiny. We should have a principle that is worth losing our life for, or job for, or getting hurt for. In discussing human relationships as far as peace is concerned the noted speaker said that we should not lose our fighting impulses before we get rid of the impulses which make fighting necessary. Dr. Johns deprecated the neutral individual. The speaker said we must always, "Stand Up For Something". We are in danger of conceiving of education almost entirely in terms of ornamentation and finess. There are two monstrosities in society noted the speaker—the one who broadcasts his superiority and the one who acknowledges his inferiority. When integration comes, said the speaker, and we have our inter-racial feast, he hopes that the white man won't come in bringing the turkey and the colored man his appetite.

Mrs. Dorothy Harris, well known principal of the new West End School in Clarksville, Va., was elected president of the Association. Gift souvenirs were given to the groups by Cole Furniture Co., Boggs Building Materials, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., Sears, Cox and Goodridge, J. T. Towns Printing Co., Danville Printing Co., and Southern Aid Insurance Co.



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