

Thursday, March 13

# CMS To Celebrate National Music In Our School Day



SHAW DAY STEERING COMMITTEE  
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## New General Mail

### Facility To Open Here

Postmaster O. B. Sloan announces the opening of the new General Mail Facility at 2901 Interstate 85 on March 10, 1975.

The move from the present uptown facility at 401 West Trade Street will begin on March 8. The complete move of all postal operations is contemplated by March 30.

All staff personnel and the Mail Processing Division will move and be in operation on March 10.

"We wish to advise all of our customers and the citizens of the community that complete mail service will be maintained at the post office building at 401 West Trade Street," Sloan said Tuesday.

#### Indian Luncheon

Planned For Park Road YWCA

Mrs. Meera Madan, a native of India, and Mrs. Jean Macon are cochairmen of the Indian luncheon planned for Thursday, March 13, at 12:30 p.m. at the Park Road YWCA, 3420 Park Road.

The menu will feature Tandoori Chicken, chicken marinated in ginger, yogurt and spices, then baked; a vegetable pilaf, curry, tomato-cucumber salad and for dessert, Bulab Jamun, a fried delicacy served in syrup.

Reservations may be made by calling the Park Road YWCA at 525-5770 by Tuesday. Tickets are \$3 for members, \$3.25 for nonmembers, with proceeds going to the Y's international program.

There will be no disruptions in the kind or type of service that the customers now using this facility will receive.

The Box Service, Window Service, Passport Application Office, Postal Permits, and the service at the rear platform of the building will remain.

The collection service at the West Trade Street Branch will be on a 24-hour basis, seven days a week as is the case now.

The new facility with 350,000 square feet of space will provide for more mechanization and a more efficient and economical system to receive, process and dispatch mail and at the same time provide a better working environment for our employees.

"This new facility is another step in improvement to provide the citizens of this community with better mail service," concluded Sloan.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools will join with school systems throughout the country in celebrating the first national Music in Our Schools Day on Thursday, March 13.

"A wide variety of school and community events is being scheduled that day to dramatize the total scope of the music program from kindergarten through the 12th grade," said Miss Barbara Koesjan, CMS director of performing arts.

"We urge parents and other citizens in the community to visit our schools on March 13 to see first hand the scope and the quality of our public school music programs," Miss Koesjan said.

"Our community has an important cultural resource in its school music activities which represent a learning opportunity available to all youngsters," said CMS Superintendent Rolland W. Jones. "We hope as many citizens as possible will become involved in Music in Our Schools Day so that music-making experiences can be shared by all."

Music in Our Schools Day, sponsored nationally by the

62,000-member Music Educators National Conference, aims to focus public attention on the goals and processes of present-day music education, which reaches more than 55,000 young people in Charlotte-Mecklenburg public schools and some 46 million young people nationwide.

"We believe there is a need for greater understanding of the processes and philosophies of music education as practiced in our schools," Miss Koesjan said.

"Through Music in Our Schools Day we hope to mobilize music educators of all types and specializations in a cooperative effort to communicate and interpret to the public the educational aspects of music education," he said. "Too often in the past the educational side has been much less visible to the public than the finished performance aspect."

Music in Our Schools Day activities will include hundreds of classroom and school programs to be announced later.

A quintet from the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, which is

helping to sponsor the local day's celebration, will perform briefly at the March 11 Board of Education meeting to call attention to the March 13 activities. The symphony will also present a children's concert on March 13 at 12:30 p.m. in Ovens Auditorium.

According to Miss Koesjan, all of Charlotte-Mecklenburg's more than 37,000 elementary students, some 10,000 junior high school students and more than 5,000 senior high students are involved in local public school music programs.

The CMS performing arts program, which was born in the early 1900's with the employment of one "singing teacher," now boasts more than 120 certified vocal and instrumental music teachers, she said.

In the elementary schools, all students have one 30-minute music lesson per week with a music teacher, Miss Koesjan said. On other days, classroom teachers carry on some music lessons appropriate to their own skill and training. In addition, many teachers use music learning

centers where students can search, discover and make generalizations about music on their own.

An instrumental music program, open to any youngster

who chooses it, begins in the fifth grade and continues into the sixth grade, said Miss Koesjan. Forty-five minute instrumental classes are conducted twice weekly. Students learn the basic skills of playing instruments, reading music and playing in a simple band or orchestra.

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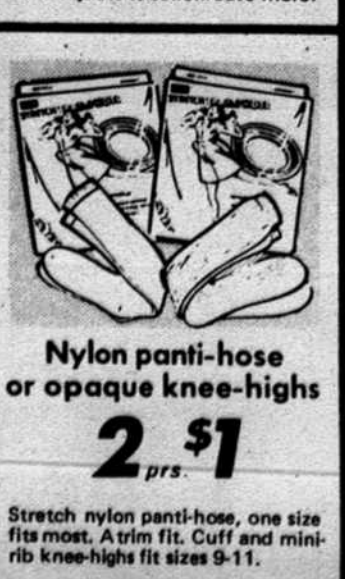
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