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LITTLE SYMPHONY ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED



VISITORS—The North Carolina Little Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin, appeared in concert at Southport high school auditorium last night and made a tremendous hit with members of the audience, many of whom were from Shallotte and other places in the county. Below are shown Dr. Swalin and Mrs. Swalin, who is making the tour with the organization.



Little Symphony Appears In Delightful Concert

Comprised of Personnel From Full Symphony Pleas'd Audience Of Brunswick County Music Lovers

MORE CONCERTS FOR THIS COUNTY

Arrangements Will Be Announced For Substitute Dates For Concerts For School Children

Music lovers of Brunswick County had the privilege of hearing the Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra in concert at the Southport school auditorium last night and were delighted with the performance which they had helped sponsor.

The majority of the members of the audience, this was the first time they had attended a symphony concert, and notable reactions were expressed in surprise that music of this kind is not nearly so difficult to appreciate as had been

thought. The orchestra was under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Swalin, whose friendly, forward manner immediately won his audience, and at the moment when they were with the orchestra in the playing of "Crusader's Hymn" there was no lingering doubt that there was in for a pleasant

concert. The first part of the program comprised of "Allegro" from Concerto in D major for orchestra, by Beethoven, and the "Symphony in G major" by Mendelssohn. Each of these numbers given in appropriate introduction by Dr. Swalin.

During the intermission, the popular classics and the audience was most enthusiastic in its response and made encore after encore.

Neither Shallotte nor Bolivia schools were in session yesterday, it was necessary to post-

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Waccamaw River At High State Saturday

Residents of Waccamaw township said Saturday that melting snow in Columbus county and upper reaches of the Green Swamp had created a high water level at the New Britain Bridge than they had ever known previously.

The water was described as being level with the paving over the long causeway on the north side of the river. Much lowlands in Waccamaw township were badly flooded as a result of the unusual river stage.

Upper reaches of the Brunswick River, near Wilmington, also saw a badly flooded stage during the later part of the week and first of this week.

The most serious results were apparently at the new Brunswick River bridge leading into Wilmington. There a tremendous log jam, mostly of fine hardwoods, backed up against the bridge, threatening it.

Employees of the State Highway Commission worked all day Saturday, Sunday and part of Monday breaking up the jam. The logs released from the jam floated down into the ship lagoon in basin, many of them coming on down the Cape Fear River. Shipping officials say that they are a menace to navigation.

Many Entries In Name Contest

Russ Food Market At Shallotte Had Many Persons Here And Elsewhere Trying To Supply Name For Business

Following an advertisement inserted in this paper week before last offering \$5.00 in trade for the best name submitted for the new store, Chas. Russ of Shallotte found himself up against it in the matter of what was the most suitable name sent in from points as far distant as Charlotte.

In the end the judges decided to call the store the Russ Food Center. This full name was not submitted by anyone. However, the words "Food Center" appeared in seven of the names submitted. Accordingly the following seven persons will get \$3.00 each in trade at the store: DeWayne Tripp, Mrs. Roney White Cheers, W. H. Hewett, Bill Tripp, Elliott Tripp and Cecilia Tripp, all of Shallotte; J. E. Dodson, Ash.

Fifty-three other persons, each of whom submitted names, are to receive \$1.00 each in trade at the store. These are, Hilda Mintz, W. C. Mintz, J. L. Mintz, Mrs. Alton Russ, Mrs. J. L. Mintz, Ash.

R. W. Cheers, Mrs. Cecil Hewett, Frank Holden, Mrs. M. H. Rourke, Marie Rourke, Harry L. Mintz, Malton Tripp, R. S. White, Nellie Alma Tripp, Mrs. Bert Russ, A. B. Hale, Miss Laura Mae Leonard, Mrs. Magnus Hewett, M. L. Galloway, Mrs. Ruth W. Russ, Mrs. L. W. Anthony, O. W. Gore, Audrey Cheers, Ray Lewis.

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Complaints Heard About Unattended Nets In Waterway

District Army Engineer Calls Attention To Law Giving Prior Right To Unobstructed Navigation

Colonel H. R. Cole, U. S. Army Engineer of the Wilmington District, in a communication to this paper advises that he has received complaints that fishermen using drift nets in the intra-coastal waterway are not properly attending their nets, or properly marking them.

Colonel Cole calls attention to the fact that the rights of navigation come first. The Federal law requires that a clear passage be open at all times. To permit the free and unobstructed passage of vessels using the waterway, it is unlawful to place nets made fast to stakes or any other type of fixed fishing structure in the intra-coastal waterway.

"However," says the Engineer, "the subordinate rights to fish in navigable waters is recognized. This office will interpose no objection to the use of floating gill nets or drift nets in the intra-coastal waterway, within the limits of this district, provided the following rules are observed by the fishermen:

"The paramount right to free and unobstructed navigation shall be recognized. All drift nets shall be marked with large corks along the run of the net, with a buoy or float at the outer end large enough to be seen from an approaching vessel. Upon the approach of a vessel the net shall either be removed entirely from the waterway or drawn in sufficiently to permit the free and unobstructed passage of the vessel. The net shall be attended at

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Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

We have not been keeping up with things at Southport. In Shallotte Saturday clerks in the Russ Food Center were opening several cases of frozen seafood. They called our attention to the attractively printed five pound carton, reading: "Frozen seafood from Southport, N. C. Packed by Wells Brothers."

A letter from Carl Goerch, publisher of The State Magazine, received this week, said he hoped to be down to see us soon. A few years ago a frequently repeated claim emanating from Carl was that he wants to live at Southport when he retired. That if it happens will suit us fine. If we could take him freshwater fishing a few times we might make something out of him, even in his old age.

And from Fair Bluff this week came a very solicitous letter,

making further inquiries about the "game leg" that we mentioned last week. We appreciated that inquiry, although the game leg is nothing for us or anyone to worry about. If we were not so young and active we would have imagined it just a temporary touch of rheumatism, induced by the damp weather.

We have recently received a number of inquiries from various parties, asking about Dr. Thor Johnson and his plans to build a summer home at Caswell Beach. Dr. Johnson, a product of the University of North Carolina, is perched safely on the topmost pinnacle that can be reached by American musical conductors. Here last summer, we were unable to take him fishing because it was a busy week. So, he is preparing to build a home at Caswell Beach in order that he can

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Planning Meet For Red Cross Drive Sunday

Annual Red Cross Roll Call Will Begin In Brunswick On March 1 And Attempt Being Made To Get Organization Set

MRS. J. P. CRAMER HEADING CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Helen Bragaw Urges Representation From All Communities Of County At Meeting Here Sunday

With the Red Cross Roll Call Drive for Brunswick county to start on March 1st, workers from various sections of the county are being asked to meet here at the Red Cross office Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of laying plans for the drive.

Quite a number of representative citizens from various parts of the county have already been contacted and have signified their intention to attend the meeting and do everything possible to put the drive over.

If possible, others will be contacted this week and urged to attend both the Sunday afternoon meeting and to see that their community is adequately looked after during the drive.

Owing to an illness several days ago, Mrs. Helen G. Bragaw, chairman of The Brunswick County Chapter of the American Red Cross, has not been able to do much of the organization work this week. Her doctor instructed that she remain at home. Most of her duties are being handled by Mrs. Grace Ruark and Mrs. Pearce Cramer. Both of these ladies and Mrs. Bragaw will be deeply grateful if parties who are genuinely interested in putting the roll call across will attend the Sunday meeting or see that their community is represented.

No Inquest For Williamson Case

Report From Analysis Of Vital Organs Indicate Death Was Not Caused By Any Act Of Violence

There will be no inquest held into the death of Hollis Williamson, 32-year-old New Hanover and Brunswick county white man who was found in a dying condition in his car near the intersection of Routes 17 and 74 two weeks ago. The suspicion of foul play in connection with Williamson's death has apparently all been ruled out, according to Coroner John G. Caison of Brunswick county.

Coroner Caison points out that without marks or bruises on the body of Williamson, all evidence indicating murder had to center around an examination of the vital organs to ascertain if poison or poisons had been responsible for the death. These vital organs were sent to Duke University for a thorough examination. A report on the examination has just been received by the coroner.

There is still suspicion that Williamson may have been robbed while he was unconscious prior to his death. This suspicion centers

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New Developments Taking Place In Winter Fishing

Southport Fishermen Taking Advantage Of Powerful Shrimp Boats To Try Off-Shore Fishing

Something entirely new in fishing is now going on off Southport as two sturdy trawlers are making it far out in the gulf stream in search of edible fish just as often as the weather will permit. Several other equally sturdy boats have turned their shrimp nets over to the taking of menhaden, a non-edible fish that is in good demand for fertilizers, fish meal and fish oil, whenever fish are found fat enough to produce the oil.

The Seafighter, Captain Walker Lancaster, and the bigger Penny, Captain Merritt Moore, left port early yesterday morning for their third trip to the gulf in search of grounds suitable for trawling for food fish. On two previous trips each of the boats brought in about 4,000 pounds each trip. Going out late Thursday their trip was cut for port Friday afternoon, owing to rising winds. On this last trip they made their biggest catches, despite the fact that they only had a short time for fishing.

Captain Moore of the Penny, a 65 footer, says he intends to keep on looking around for good fishing grounds out there. By good grounds he means both areas in which fish are found and in which the trawls can operate without too much damage from wreckage on the bottom to the nets. His boat is capable of bringing in several tons of fish.

The Seafighter is slightly smaller than the Penny, being 54-feet in length. She is one of the boats built here the past year by Louis Spaulding, for Lewis J. Hardee. Experts in boats say that she and other boats built here by Spaulding are about the strongest in shrimp trawling on the coast.

The several big boats owned by Lewis Hardee and three by Dallas Pigott, now working on menhaden, have been having fine results, results they believe will continue until warm weather causes the menhaden to rise nearer the surface than they now are. When that happens, some or all of these boats may be outfitted to go offshore with the Penny and Seafighter, especially if those two boats do succeed in locating good grounds for food fish.

Welfare Supt. Wants County Home To Stay

Chicken Hawk Is Stopped By Hen

Recently a big chicken hawk suffered a complete knockout at the hands, or rather the beak of a red Hampshire hen, owned by Mrs. W. A. Benton, on Route 1, Shallotte.

The hen was industriously scratching for worms for her children when the hawk pounced down on one of the biddies. Before the bird could rise and take wind with his victim a feathered ball of fury launched itself upon him. When Mrs. Benton arrived a minute later the hawk was out cold and the hen was dancing around it, waiting to renew the attack. Mrs. Benton finished killing the hawk with a stick.

Health Nurse Submits Report

Mrs. Lou H. Smith Has Submitted Her Resignation, Effective June 30, To County Commissioners

The annual report of health work done in Brunswick county was submitted to members of the board of county commissioners at their regular meeting here Monday.

This will be the last annual report made by Mrs. Lou H. Smith, who has resigned her position effective June 30 of this year. When she agreed to assume these duties for another year last July she did so with the understanding that relief would be provided for her at the end of the fiscal year.

Mrs. Smith has served in this capacity for almost twenty years, and when asked last week what are her plans following retirement, she declared that it is her intention to move back to her old home at Sumter, S. C.

Highlights of her report include 759 people visited Health

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Elect Officers Of Woman's Club

New Officials Will Assume Duties With Beginning Of Club Schedule Next Fall

Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., has been elected president of the Southport Woman's Club for the coming year, succeeding Mrs. H. T. St. George, who is retiring after serving for two years.

Mrs. St. George was elected vice-president of the organization, succeeding Mrs. Landis G. Brown. The new secretary is Mrs. A. E. Downing, who succeeds Mrs. Harper. Mrs. R. C. Daniel continues as treasurer of the organization.

The newly elected officers do not take office until club meetings are resumed next fall following the summer lay-off.

Project Leaders For Year Named At Supply Meet

Bad Weather And Rough Roads Held Down Attendance, But Important Business Was Transacted By Women

FLOWER SHOW IS BEING PLANNED

Mrs. W. A. Kopp, Of Bolivia, Placed In Charge Of Arrangements For This Event; Next Council Meeting In March

With the weather still bad and rough roads making it impossible for many of the most enthusiastic club members to be present, the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs met at Supply Friday for one of its most interesting council meetings.

Miss Corrine Greene, the home demonstration agent, reports that the Shallotte Village Club led in attendance. Runners up in order were Bolivia, Town Creek, Winnabow and Grisetown.

Mrs. Robert McDougall, president of the County Council, called the meeting to order. Featuring the opening was the song, "It's a Good Time to Get Together." This was followed by the reading of the Collect of the Club Women of America and the reading of the Minutes and Roll Call.

The first business to come up was the election of county project leaders, for which the following appointments were made:

Mrs. Wilbur Register of the Shallotte Village Club—Foods and Nutrition.

Mrs. Frank Mintz of the Bolivia Club—The Home Garden.

Mrs. Earl Thompson of the Supply Club—Poultry.

Mrs. Thompson McCrackan of the Cape Fear Club—Home, Dairy.

Mrs. G. L. Skipper of the Town Creek Club—Food Preservatives.

Mrs. W. H. Seagraves of the Mill Creek Club—House Furnishings.

Mrs. Mary Long of the Ash Brunswick County Club—Home Management.

Mrs. J. M. Waggett of Winnabow Club—Family Life.

Mrs. J. W. Danford of the Bolivia Club—Community Service.

Mrs. W. Bruce Moody of Grisetown Club—Home Beautification.

Mrs. Boyd Robinson of Shallotte Village Club—Health.

Mrs. Joe Ramsauer of Cape Fear Club—Citizenship.

Mrs. Foster Mintz of Bolivia Club—Recreation.

Mrs. Nelson Bennett of Friendship Club—Loan Fund.

Mrs. G. R. Gore of Grisetown Club—Markets.

Mrs. Gilbert Reid of Winnabow Club and Mrs. Robert McDougall of Town Creek Clubs—4-H Club Leaders.

Mrs. Earl Hewett of Shallotte Village Club—Membership.

An interesting letter was read from the State President of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, thanking the Brunswick county club members for helping to make possible her trip to Holland.

Plans were made to hold a flower show in June. In furtherance of these plans Mrs. W. A. Kopp of Bolivia was appointed chairman of a committee. Assisting her will be Mrs. Gilbert Reid of Winnabow, Mrs. Alex Williams of Shallotte and Mrs. Joe Ramsauer of Winnabow.

The next County Council meeting has been set for March 31st, at Supply. The Winnabow and Bolivia Clubs will serve as hostesses.

Brief News Flashes

SATURDAY CLASSES

All Brunswick county schools were back on a regular schedule today following a two-weeks lay-off resulting from weather and road conditions. County Superintendent of Schools J. T. Denning said yesterday that Saturday classes will be taught at least through February in an effort to make up some of the lost time.

BASKETBALL FRIDAY

Leland and Southport schools resume their basketball schedules here Friday night with a double header between the boys and girls. In the first meeting of these teams three weeks ago, Leland took both by a narrow margin. Since schools were remaining closed until this week, it is not known when the other schools will play.