



The Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Benjamin Swalin, which will appear here on March 4 at Marion High School at eight o'clock. This Orchestra is composed of 22 musicians. Last season the Little and Full Symphonies played 117 concerts.

HEART ILLS TOP N. C. DEATH LIST

Raleigh—North Carolina's worst killer last year was diseases of the heart—which took 8,202 lives.

The State Board of Health, in a provisional release of vital statistics for 1948, said that there were 111,903 live births and 30,506 deaths from all causes.

Of this total, 17,052—or considerably more than half—resulted from four causes:

Diseases of the heart, 8,202; intracranial vascular lesions, strokes, 3,449; cancer, 2,898; and nephritis, or Bright's disease, 2,503.

Infantile paralysis, which threw a scare into the state during the latter part of the summer, was responsible for 139 deaths in 1948, compared with 21 in 1947.

Death from all forms of tuberculosis totaled 952, under 1947's total of 1,065. Typhoid fever claimed six lives.

According to the State Board of Health's method of compilation, automobile accidents were responsible for 625 deaths last year, while other accidents resulted in 1,455 deaths, making a total of 2,280. A majority of these fatalities, the board said, could have been prevented.

Diabetes took a toll of 556 lives, a slight decrease from the 571 reported the preceding year.

The board pointed out that in the last 25 years 136,131 persons in North Carolina have died of heart diseases. In the last 10 years, 64,781 of the deaths have occurred.

There was not a single death from malaria, according to the board's vital statistics. Diphtheria was responsible for 26 deaths, as compared with 33 in 1947.

Measles claimed five lives, one-fifth the number reported in 1947.

SHE HAD HIS NUMBER

Lady: "So your married life was very unhappy? What was the trouble? December wedded to May?"

Liza Johnson; "Land sakes no, ma'am, it was Labor Day wedded to de day of rest."

Library Notes



BY ALICE BRYAN
County Librarian

"A Book"

He ate and drank the precious words

His spirit grew robust;
He knew no more that he was poor,
Nor that his frame was dust.

He danced along the dingy days,
And this bequest of wings

Was but a book. What liberty
A loosened spirit brings!

—by Emily Dickenson from
"Poems"

Both young people and adults will enjoy our new collection of poems by Emily Dickinson. The book, "Poems", contains 281 poems, printed exactly as they originally appeared in 1890 and 1891.

Kathleen Norris' new novel "High Holiday" is the story of one generation of an American family in the San Francisco of the nineties; and particularly the story of Bram and Lizzie Throckton—of their children and their life together in the big rambling house on a wooded hillside twenty miles from the city.

"The Adventures of Johnny Applesseed" by Henry Chapin will also be enjoyed by young people and adults. It is the story of John Chapman of the Connecticut Valley who cleared and planted apple orchard patches, in the service of a dream, as far west as Indiana.

Readers who appreciated Helen Wilson's "Perennials Preferred" will be interested in her new book, "The African Violet", which gives complete information with many illustrations.

"Death Be Not Proud" by John Gunther is a moving memoir of a

boy, John Gunther and his wife wrote this memoir of their son. "It is a skillful evocation of a boy's mind and behavior, in which maturity and unusual intellect were mixed with the humor, excitement and moods of youth. In addition, the book is a remarkable account of the limitations of medical science in the treatment of a brain tumor."

"Beginner's Guide to Wild Flowers" by Ethel Nausman is a complete field guide to wild flowers, covering a thousand species, with an individual illustration and description for each flower.

"Our Plundered Planet" by Fairfield Osborn—"With disturbing clarity the book points out that we are more likely to destroy ourselves in our persistent and world-wide conflict with nature than in any war of weapons yet devised. The author believes that the way to forestall oncoming crises is to arouse public opinion to what is going on, to the end that native and voluntary cooperation between people and government may save the situation before it is too late."

"The Boston Braves" by Harold Kaese—Story of the oldest big league baseball club in the world.

"Tales of Horror and the Supernatural" by Arthur Machen—Collection of the best of the author's weird tales.

"Now to Buy or Build a Home of Your Own" audited by Julian Ruth—Includes chapters on construction methods and materials, maintenance and upkeep, landscaping property, financing and insurance.

CHEAPER CIGARS

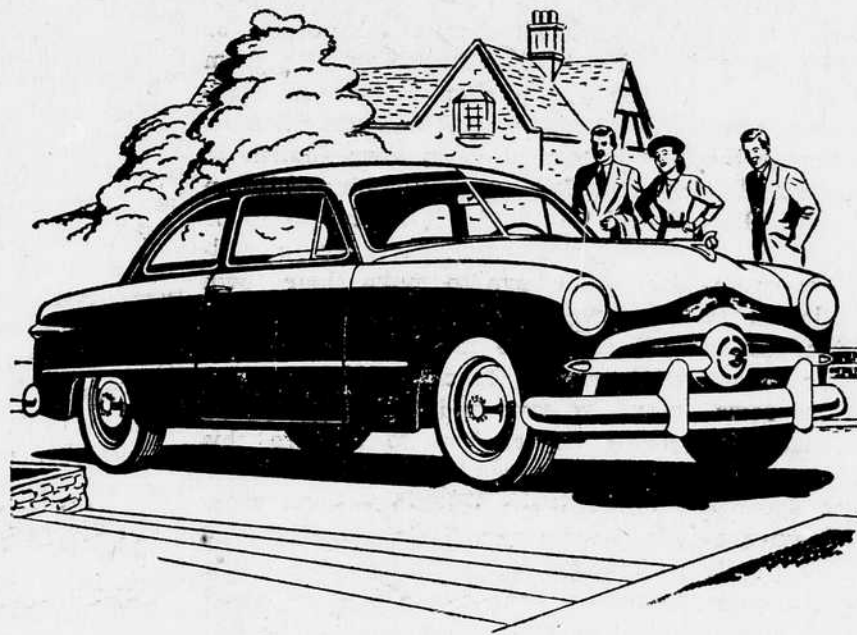
The Agriculture Department reports that cheaper cigars are making a comeback. It estimates that Americans will smoke about the same number of cigars this year but will cut down on the higher-priced brands in favor of the more economical variety. In 1948 it said, the proportion of cigars selling in the "8-cent-or-less retail price bracket" increased 40.8 to 45.4 per cent of all cigars sold.

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