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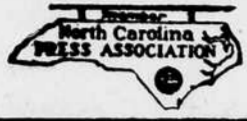
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WHAT THE NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MEANS TO CHILDREN

In spite of all the symphony programs on the radio and the increasing interest in symphonic recordings; in spite of Hollywood and Disney's symphonic fantasies, children love to see the real thing—a symphony orchestra "in person."

The educational value of seeing as well as hearing the performance of great music cannot be over-estimated. A child learns best through his eyes and this is one reason why the North Carolina Symphony has been so successful in its children's concerts.

"I want to learn to play all the instruments," wrote one child to Dr. Swalin following a concert. "I didn't know the harp had colored strings," wrote another. These comments bear out the statement that child learns more readily through his visual sense, and that attending a concert means more than just listening to fine music—it's understanding its source.

When the North Carolina Symphony bus rolls up to a school auditorium and unloads its instruments, the children start pouring in to watch. The players begin tuning up, and the medley of sound engages the children's rapt attention.

When Dr. Swalin appears on the stage, the children become quiet. The Director explains the music they will hear, and perhaps tells a story about the composer. Once the music starts, the children recognize the melody from the preparatory records they have heard in their classrooms.

"What happens during the next forty-five minutes," members of the Orchestra will tell you, "depends on what the teachers have done in their advance concert work in the classroom."

"Children are splendid listeners," says Mrs. Fred McCall, head of the Symphony Children's Division, "especially if teachers behind the scenes have given time and thought to the important job of familiarizing children with the instruments, the composers and the music on the program."

Before each concert the Symphony Children's Division sends out program notes and other materials to teachers of the elementary grades. The programs for children's concerts require careful planning. The members must be contrasting and the performance dispatched with smoothness. Serious music which calls for most careful listening is placed early on the program.

Having children sing in the middle of the program gives relief from quiet listening and introduces active participation in the concerts. The presence of a child soloist also appeals to the children and spurs them on in their own musical study.

As the program proceeds, individual instruments and groups of instruments are demonstrated. The children enjoy seeing and hearing certain instruments featured, and sometimes the Orchestra gives them a "surprise number" at the end of the program.

What the North Carolina Symphony has meant to the children of North Carolina was proved last season when 150,000 boys and girls from every section of the state flocked to the concerts. Today, Bach, Beethoven and Brahms are as familiar names to them as their favorite movie and radio heroes, and they will certainly have a more lasting influence on their future cultural life.

There is practically no limit to the progress possible in Marion if the so-called leaders will get together and give themselves to the common welfare without expecting any unearned rewards.

In every section of the world there are good men and women, anxious to live at peace and to help their neighbors. Why doesn't somebody organize them and put the bee on the evildoers?

THE GOOD BOOK

(By George Peck)

During the past year there has been published a large number of books the themes of which have been to point out how one can achieve peace of mind and get the most out of life. These books have been written by clerics and laymen of all our great religious faiths, and all have proclaimed the BIBLE as the Guide-Book to the Better Life.

That these books have had a wide sale and reading, most of them having gained the ranks of the best seller class, is a healthy indication that many Americans are reawakening to the great values to be found in the world's long-time best seller—the HOLY BIBLE.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it..." Thus in the first verse of Psalm 127, is described the virtue of God's blessing.

America was built on that precept. Washington and his men were not too proud to kneel and pray to Almighty God—and God heeded their pleas. The United Nations has just gone into session again, and that brings to mind that when this organization was launched at San Francisco, our present-day leaders were ashamed or afraid to invoke the Divine blessing. They did not take into account that, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it..." "Tis said they failed to do so because they feared offending the delegates from the godless communistic nations. This delinquency had all the earmarks of an admission by supposedly Christian America that athletic communism is more powerful than God.

The one hope of United Nations achieving its main objective of establishing permanent world peace lies in having the spirit of Christ come to dwell in the hearts of men the world over. Mankind has tried just about everything else to bring about peace, ranging from armament to disarmament. All have failed and we still have wars and threats of war.

It is to the shame of America that when the first really concerted effort to stop war was initiated and on our very soil, that the blessing of God was not invoked to guide the deliberations of the delegates as they set about to establish a formula for permanent world peace.

It is about time that we Americans resume our study of the wisdom that lies between the covers of the world's greatest book—the HOLY BIBLE. From it our forefathers drew the strength and wisdom to establish here in America the finest civilization the world has ever known.

NINTH NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK is to be observed from October 17th to 23rd inclusive. NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK is sponsored each year by the Laymen's National Committee, an organization embracing adherents of America's three great faiths—the Jewish, Catholic and Protestant—composed of men and women who have become gravely concerned about the indifference of all too many Americans to God and to His Holy Book, the BIBLE. The Laymen's National Committee asks every patriotic American to join with it in helping to make NINTH NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK an even greater success than those held in previous years. Put the GOOD BOOK to work, inspire others to do likewise! Back the Laymen's National Committee in its crusade FOR GOD AND AMERICA!

YOUTH AT THE WHEEL

Technology and irresponsibility are poor partners. But studies of highway accidents in the United States show an undue and increasing proportion by irresponsible teen agers playing fast and loose with the power put into their hands by the machine age.

The need, it is claimed, is for more driver-training courses at high schools throughout the country. Certainly this would help. But the fundamental problem, which the school must share with the home, is the development of a basic sense of social responsibility. The individualism which is America's heritage from the frontier runs wild when it becomes a competitive, show-off spirit on today's superhighways.

A deep sense for the rights—including the lives—of other individuals should be a goal of all education. At the same time, teachers, parents law-enforcement officers, and others need to show the same spirit of fair play in their dealings with teen agers if they expect to enlist youthful energies behind the drive for a better and safer world. Youth at the wheel needs not a carping back-seat driver but an understanding that the rules of the road, like the rules of football, are the essence of the game.—Christian Science Monitor.

The Progress may not be the biggest in the world but is the one you have to read if you want to know what is happening in McDowell county.

It won't be long now before Good Old Santa Claus will arrive by plane in 4,598 towns and cities at the same time.

Looking Backward

From The Progress Files

OCTOBER 19, 1916

LOCAL AND PERSONAL
J. E. Wilson, of Ashford was a visitor here Tuesday.

Jas. G. Hollifield of Little Switzerland was in town Monday.

Don't forget the meeting at the court house next Saturday night.

Mrs. R. H. Bennett is visiting relatives and friends in Statesville.

Mrs. J. J. Fritz and little son are visiting friends in Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. M. F. Morphew is reported seriously ill at a sanatorium in Asheville.

R. L. McCurry and family have moved to the J. A. Perry property near Elhanan.

Supt. S. L. Sheep and family now occupy rooms at Mrs. W. M. Blanton's.

The new plate glass front for the City Barber Shop is a decided improvement.

Governor Craig's to speak at Old Fort on the night of the 28th has been cancelled.

Mrs. D. S. Masters and little son, of Black Mountain, are visiting relatives and friends here.

Mrs. R. B. Clark has gone to Texas where she will spend some time with relatives and friends.

There will be a special communion of Mystic Tie Lodge No. 237, A. F. & A. M., next Friday night.

Can you vote? Not unless you register. The books are now open but will close October 28. Register

today.

Mrs. L. E. Wooten, and daughter, Margaret, of Knoxville, Tenn., are visiting the former's father, A. B. Gilkey.

Mayor J. W. Streetman has just finished remodeling his home on Garden street and it is now considered one of the handsomest residences in Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. TeTamble and mother, of Charlotte, were visiting here Friday. Mr. DeTamble is the head of the Ford automobile company for the Carolinas.

Hon. R. N. Page, Representative of the 7th District, will speak at the court house next Monday night at 8 o'clock. Everybody is invited to come out and hear this distinguished speaker.

There will be a box supper at Stroudtown school house, Saturday night, October 28. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited to attend.

David Bowman has returned from the Rutherford hospital where he underwent an operation two weeks ago. He is improving rapidly.

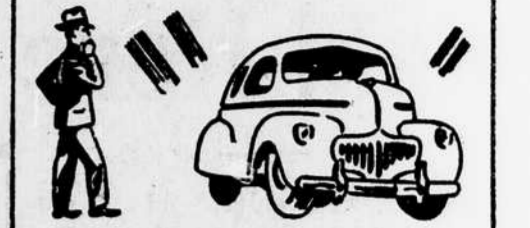
In the issue of the 10th The Gastonia Gazette presented some interesting facts about some of the officers of the State Division U. D. C., together with their pictures. In the group was Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey of this place with the following clipping: "Third vice president of the North Carolina Division of the U. D. C., resides at Marion. Mrs. Gilkey organized the McDowell Chapter U. D. C., in her home town and served as its president for four years. She is very much devoted to the work of the organization."

WORK STOPPAGES

There were 375 new shutdowns in August, compared 300,000 July, involving approximately 150,000 workers about one-third more than in the preceding month. However, the time lost declined from 2,100,000 man-days in July to 2,000,000 in August.

Read The Progress for local and current events.

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