

COMMUNITY CHORUS PRESENTS FINE PROGRAM

Local Musicians Under Direction of Mr. Roy Hoffmeister Give Splendid Concert—Program Embraced Unusually Heavy Numbers—Under Direction of Community Service.

An audience that packed the Central school auditorium Monday evening heard the concert given by the Gastonia Community chorus under the direction of Mr. Roy L. Hoffmeister, of Community Service.

The concert was given under the direction of Community Service, Inc., represented in Gastonia by Miss Blanche Heiserman, recreational director.

Proceeding the concert, Mrs. H. B. Moore gave a short recital of what Community Service is endeavoring to do in a musical way for Gastonia and the community.

Gallia, the wonderful mezzo by Gounod, was the first number offered by the community chorus.

The Chamber of Commerce Glee Club, Mr. Z. Wagner directing, acquitted itself very favorably as was evidenced by the enthusiastic applause of the audience.

"The Heavens are Telling," the great chorus from Haydn's "Creation," was most inspiringly done, the work of the tenors and basses—being particularly commendable.

The Bridal Chorus from Wagner's "Lohengrin," sung by the Women's Chorus, was excellently done.

The accompanying of the two pianists, Mrs. A. C. Jones and Zimmerman Wagner, was excellent, and their ensemble work played a great part in the creditable rendition of the entire program.

The Chorus under the direction of Mr. Roy L. Hoffmeister, of the National Community Service, is a definite, clear and convincing evidence of the cultural as well as actual benefits and ends to which it is possible for a group of untrained voices to aspire.

After the concert the chorus organized themselves into the Gastonia Choral Society, the object being to "carry on" the fine beginning of the best music and to stand for the best in the musical world.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM OF PITTSBURGH RADIO STATION

8:00 p. m. "Personality," by Herbert Lytle, President, Pittsburgh Academy.

MOTHER AND THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Mrs. E. F. Monts and Children, of Aiken, Perish—Fire Believed to Be of Incendiary Origin.

AIKEN, S. C., Feb. 21.—Mrs. E. F. Monts and her three children were burned to death early this morning when their home here was destroyed by fire.

Bodies of the mother and two of the children have been recovered.

A negro named Sumpter is being held by authorities for investigation, officers believing that the fire might have been of incendiary origin.

Besides the mother the victims are: Lamar Monts, 17; Clarence Monts, 13, and Eugene Dubois Monts, three.

PRICES FOR JANUARY LOWER THAN AT AN TIME SINCE YEAR 1913

Agricultural Products Show Slight Increase—Food Shows 3 1-2 Per Cent Decrease.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Wholesale prices on the average approached slightly nearer the 1913 level in January according to information made public today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor.

Of all commodity groups, agricultural products alone showed an advance in prices during the month, gaining approximately 2.34 per cent.

CONCLUDE INVESTIGATION OF HENRY FORD'S OFFER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Investigation of the offer from Henry Ford for purchase and lease of the government's power and nitrate projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., will be concluded this week by the House Military Committee.

TREASURY LACY RECOVERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—R. R. Lacy, state treasurer of North Carolina, was reported slowly recovering at the hotel Pennsylvania today from a breakdown suffered a week ago.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY PELLETIER IS REMOVED FROM OFFICE

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier, of Suffolk county, was removed by the Supreme Court today.

GENERAL COXEY WANTS JOBS FOR UNEMPLOYED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Congress was asked today to give General Jacob S. Coxey, who once led his army of the unemployed to Washington, another chance to help the jobless.

ROTARY CLUB TO OBSERVE SEVENTEENTH BIRTHDAY

Organization Which Started Out With Four Members Now Has 76,000.

The Gastonia Rotary club will celebrate the seventeenth birthday of Rotary at the weekly meeting Thursday which will be held in the evening at the Country Club.

A committee has been placed in charge of the program, which will be devoted especially to the celebration of the birthday.

The Rotary Club was organized on February 23, seventeen years ago, and the clubs all over the world, for the organization has spread to every part of the globe.

That the Rotary idea is something more than a proposition of getting together for dinner is shown in the wonderful growth of the organization during the seventeen years it has been in existence.

At the present time there are nearly 1,100 affiliated clubs, several which have been organized but are not yet affiliated, with a membership that approximates 76,000.

GETTING READY FOR PRINCESS MARY'S WEDDING

Big Event Takes Place February 28—Rehearsing Procession From Palace to Westminster Abbey.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Plans for the wedding of Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles are nearing completion, and early frequenters of London's streets will see some morning this week empty carriages drawn along the route, escorted by cavalry, in rehearsal of the procession from the palace to Westminster Abbey.

In reality there will be two processions on February 28, the day of the wedding. Queen Mary and Queen Mother Alexandra with escort and attendants will form the first King following shortly afterward with the bride and an escort.

The route through The Mall, White Hall and Parliament street will not be decorated throughout, but there will be two triumphal arches near the Abbey the roadway will be adorned with festoons of flowers supported by pillars with intermediate ornamental devices bearing portraits of the bride and bridegroom.

The marriage knot will be tied by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of London, the Bishop of Oxford, the Dean of Westminster, and Canon Lascelles, the bridegroom's uncle.

Preparations also are under way for popular celebrations of the wedding activities. The "Brighter London Society," and organization comprised mainly of business and theatrical men, aims at making the week of the wedding "Brighter London Week" in honor of the Princess.

Hotels and restaurants are arranging gala dinners and dances. Clubs and various societies will have house-warmings and house-coming. The railroads are running special excursions from all parts of the kingdom and giving special service from the channel ports for the benefit of continental visitors.

The breakfast, suffered two days after his arrival here, was attributed to overwork.

WOMAN HARDING MAY NAME NEXT SECRETARY OF EMBASSY IN PARIS

The Gastonia Theater presents today and Wednesday, Anita Stewart in "The Invisible Girl." Also a grand comedy and Pathé News. This is first National Week at the Gastonia.

CORSET STAY CAUSED DEATH OF YOUNG WOMAN

GENEVA, Feb. 21.—A whole-bone corset stay caused the death recently of a Zurich young woman while skiing. She was making a steep descent with a party of friends when she fell over a ledge landing twenty feet below in deep snow.

KU KLUX KLAN IS ACTIVE IN OKLAHOMA

County Commissioners Get Threatening Letters From Klan—Three Deputy Sheriffs and Former Jailer Are Wounded in Shooting Affair.

ARDMORE, Okla., Feb. 21.—While county officials gathered up details of a shooting in the county attorney's office here yesterday, in which three deputy sheriffs and a former jailer were slightly wounded, citizens of Ardmore today were discussing the possible effects of letters received by the county commissioners stating that the Ku Klux Klan was watching conditions in the county and that the people's wishes were going to be respected and obeyed henceforth.

The letters, purporting to come from the Invisible Empire of the Ku Klux Klan of Carter county were sent the commissioners by special delivery yesterday afternoon as the committee met to consider the appointment of a permanent successor to Buck Garrett, sheriff recently ousted after conviction on charges of misconduct in office.

The eighth company, coast artillery corps, spent the night in the State armories at Pawtucket.

The troops dispatched to Pontiac were billeted in the Knight mills, the offices of which was wrecked by a mob late yesterday.

Major Hall ordered every man to return to their homes, close Main street to traffic and sent a detail to see that the streets were kept cleared.

Governor San Soule, in a proclamation to the residents of Providence and Kent counties, directed all persons to desist from riots and tumultuous assemblies.

Major Robert A. Kenyon, of Pawtucket, warned labor leaders not to parade without permission of the police.

Strikers Jam Street. NATICK, R. I., Feb. 21.—Striking textile workers and sympathizers jammed the streets of this village today waving small American flags, but preserving silence. Meanwhile mounted cavalry troops and police kept strict patrol forcing the throngs to keep moving.

In the village of Pontiac, eight miles away, people remained in their houses with the blinds drawn down, and the streets were virtually deserted except for the cavalry patrol which arrived at Natick early today from Providence, mounted guns at the mills involved in the strike. Field artillerymen formed the patrol.

HOW TO HELP YOUR COUNTRY PAPER. (From The Brockville American.) First of all, give the editor the news—he wants it. Give it to him, even though sometimes it does not get into the paper.

Second, don't give him a piece of news and tell him you want it printed just as it is written. There's a right and a wrong way to do even such a simple thing as writing an article for a country paper.

Third, don't try to play a joke through the paper unless you explain it to the editor. A thing in cold type looks a lot different and sounds a lot different from a thing repeated by word or when the voice, a facial expression and a gesture perhaps, help to show its meaning.

Fourth, don't worry for fear the editor is making too much money. You should want him to be prosperous. He can and will give you a better paper. He will be less likely to have compromises with his conscience over certain kinds of advertising. And, anyhow, he can't make a big fortune out of the paper—he will be lucky if he keeps going.

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Sixth, get your copy to him early. Take it to him for the next week the day after the previous publication, if you can. It takes time to set type and make a paper. Did you ever wonder what the editor did all the time between publications? You would know if you were publishing a newspaper yourself.

Lastly, go in some day when the paper is being printed. Go in several times during the day, and you will have more of a realization of what a job it is to make a weekly paper.

STRIKE SYMPATHIZER KILLED IN TROUBLE NEAR JENCKES SPINNING COMPANY PLANT

STATE CAVALRY PATROLS THE VILLAGE OF PONTIAC; ARTILLERY HELD FOR DUTY

Village Is Cut Off From Telephone Communication When Strike Sympathizers Cut Wires—Machine Gun and Coast Artillery Companies Are Held in Readiness—Offices of B. B. and R. Knight Company Are Besieged.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 21.—Two troops of State cavalry today patrolled the mill village of Pontiac, ten miles south of here, where striking cotton operatives yesterday besieged the mill and office of the B. B. and R. Knight Company.

The cavalry, dispatched last night at the order of Governor San Soule, was to be augmented today by a detachment with machine guns and possibly by one of four coast artillery companies that spent last night in the armories here.

Pontiac, cut off from telephone communication when strike sympathizers severed the wires, was quiet all night, according to reports from the neighboring town of Arctic, today Major Samuel A. Hall, commanding the cavalry, was prepared to send a detachment to Natick, a village about eight miles from here, in anticipation of a recurrence of disturbances there.

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GIRLS ARE SENT HOME BECAUSE THEY WORE KNICKERBOCKERS TO SCHOOL

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 21.—War further to safeguard advancing prerogatives of the female—specifically, the right to wear knickerbockers where and when they please—loomed in Paterson today.

The girl, Dora Lyle, and a friend, Iona Carola, were sent home by Principal Francis R. North when they appeared in class attired in knickerbockers.

"Don't return," Professor North told them, the girls say, "until you have appeared yourself in sensible garments."

He indicated that he meant skirts, whereupon Miss Lyle went out the expulsion to her father, who immediately issued notice of impending war.

Mr. Lyle said to day he was preparing to take the issue before the city educational board.

HAD CONSENT OF JOHN D. TO MARRY MAX OSER

Age of Switzerland Riding School Master Is Still Question of Dispute Among Relatives.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—That 16-year-old Mathilde McCormick has obtained approval of her proposed marriage to Max Oser, Zurich, Switzerland, riding academy head, from her grandfather, John D. Rockefeller, Sr., was stated today by family friends.

It was reported that his one condition was that Oser should become an American citizen, but there was no confirmation of this from the McCormick family.

Mr. Oser's age still was a subject for debate, numerous persons here and at Milwaukee who professed to be consultants of the Swiss equestrian is 57 years old, while Howard A. Colby, friend of the McCormick family, maintained that he is only 40, as against reports of an age of 48, three the age that of Miss Mathilde.

Enil Burgy, Chicago interior decorator, the first cousin to make himself known, visited at the McCormick home yesterday, but was informed at the front door that "Mr. McCormick and Miss Mathilde were not receiving."

"It is the old custom in the old country," he told newspaper men camped about the McCormick home, "when a couple become engaged for all her relatives to call upon him, and at his request call upon her right away."

Mrs. McCormick, who recently obtained a divorce, maintained yesterday her previous statements that she had nothing to say regarding her daughter's engagement.

DEATHS.

ROBERT WADE JORDAN. Following an illness of two weeks Robert Wade, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Jordan died Monday afternoon at 2:39 o'clock, aged 15 months.

Funeral services were held at the home on East Third Avenue at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon, being conducted by Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of Main Street Methodist church. The bereaved parents have the deep sympathy of a large circle of friends in the sorrow which has come into their home.

D. J. WILLIAMS. News was received in Gastonia last night of the death at his home in Statesville at 7 o'clock yesterday evening of Mr. D. J. Williams, brother-in-law of Mrs. George A. Jenkins, of Gastonia.

MRS. NANCY RAMSEY. Mrs. Nancy Ramsey, aged 74 years, was found dead in the bed Sunday morning at her home in Stanley, where she lived with her niece, Mrs. T. F. Cannon. Although she had been slightly unwell for a few days, her death was unexpected. Funeral services were conducted Monday at 11 o'clock at the Stanley Lutheran church by Rev. Albert Sherrill, pastor of the Stanley Methodist church, of which Mrs. Ramsey was a member, assisted by Rev. W. W. Rimmer, the Baptist pastor.

Mrs. Ramsey was survived by three brothers, Mr. Jacob Jenkins, of Stanley, Mr. Rufus Jenkins, of Mount Holly, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Compton, of Mobile, Ala. Her husband died a number of years ago.

Attending the funeral from Gastonia were Mrs. George Smith, Mr. Laban Smith, Mrs. A. R. Rankin, Mr. J. L. Suggs and Mr. H. R. Thompson.

COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET. NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Cotton futures closed steady as follows: March 18.25; May 17.91; July 17.41; October 16.89; December 16.65; Spots 15.55.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Strict to Good Middling 17 1/2 Cotton seed 31c

JOSEPH ASSUNCAN KILLED WHEN POLICE DISCHARGED RIOT GUNS IN CROWD

Two Others Are Wounded in Disturbances Around Mills When Mob Refuses to Disperse—Mayor Had Riot Act to Crowd—Hundreds Gather Around Mill.

(By The Associated Press.) PAWTUCKET, R. I., Feb. 21.—Joseph Assuncan, of Valley Falls, one of a group of strike sympathizers, was killed today when police discharged riot guns after a mob refused to disperse.

Two others were seriously wounded, Mayor Kenyon, in command of the police, had read the riot act to the crowd. The shooting occurred near the Jenckes spinning company's plant, where there is a strike.

The Jenckes company has been operating its mills with partial forces. A disturbance there yesterday was marked by a police attack on a crowd which had assembled four young women operatives.

The crowd that gathered at the opening hour today numbered hundreds. Although national guardsmen had been held at their armory here overnight they were not called and the police were in charge of the patrol duty.

Mayor Kenyon took command of the situation himself. The crowd was ordered to break up and move on. When they failed to do so, the mayor read the riot act. The mob held its ground and the order was given for the police to fire.

The riot guns were discharged and in the spray of shots Assuncan and four others were struck. Two of those wounded were said to be seriously hurt and they were taken to a hospital. The wounds of the other two were considered slight.

RIOT IN PROGRESS. (By The Associated Press.) PAWTUCKET, R. I., Feb. 21.—One man was killed, two were seriously wounded and six persons were hurt when the police used riot guns on a crowd of 1,000 persons who gathered at the plant of the Jenckes Spinning Company, where a strike is in progress.

The guns were brought into play when several patrolmen had been knocked down after the arrest of three strike sympathizers.

The dead man is Juan D'Assuncan, of Valley Falls. Joseph Diaz and Tony Regoss, of this city, were taken to a hospital in critical condition.

Mayor Robert A. Kenyon witnessed the shooting. It had arrived at the gates of the plant early in the morning to observe the crowd that has customarily gathered to watch working operatives enter the mill.

The mayor, believing that there was danger in the crowd, read the riot act. He then told the patrolmen to be careful and calm, but to do their duty, and to "shoot if necessary."

Meanwhile women were pulling and mauling at the girls who were attempting to enter the mill and several of the workers were knocked to the pavement. The police put their shoulders to the crowd and were countered with fist and club blows.

Three patrolmen were knocked down and the arrests followed. A passing furniture van was commandeered by the police to serve as a patrol wagon, but when the patrolmen attempted to hustle their prisoners aboard it they were met with a bombardment of stones.

Then riot guns swept the crowd. Eight persons fell, all but two of whom got up and ran away. The crowd dispersed.

The Eighth Coast Artillery Company, which was mobilized in the State armory last night for possible duty in connection with the strike riots, left the armory at 6 a. m. today. Its destination was not made public.

The disturbance at the Jenckes plant occurred after the departure of the troops.

TAYLOR MURDER MYSTERY FAR FROM A SOLUTION.

(By The Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21.—The mystery surrounding the slaying of William Desmond Taylor still remains as far from solution as when the body of the actor was found by his apartments here almost three weeks ago, investigators working on the case said today.

With the elimination of Daniel McShen, a taxi cab driver, who had been reported as missing since the night of February 1, the night on which Taylor was murdered, from any possible connection with the case, the investigators said they again were "facing a stone wall" in their efforts to solve the crime.

McShen yesterday surrendered to the authorities, who released him after a two-hour examination.



Miss Lucille Atherston, of Columbus, O., is being considered by President Harding as the next secretary of the American Embassy in Paris.