

To Present Handel's "Messiah" Sunday

By REV. J. H. SMITH At the age of fifty-four, George Friedrich Handel, born in Saxony, February 23, 1685, turned from opera to oratorio composing. "The Messiah," which he called his "Sacred Oratorio," is thought of as one of the mightiest compositions of the world.

In 24 days the "Messiah" was completed, and first performed in Dublin, on April 13, 1742. The music so touched the hearts of the Irish people that when the performance was over Handel was crowned with shamrock (a plant used as a national emblem for the Irish) and his carriage was drawn through the street by 200 students.

Upon the occasion of the first performance of the "Messiah" in London, the whole audience with George II at its head rose with one consent at the "Hallelujah Chorus" and the custom has survived to the present day.

The first time I had the inspiration of this great composition of music it was given by the Indiana University Chorus. No wonder I was speechless for a while. Handel said as he was writing it, "I think I did see all Heaven before me, and the Great God Himself."

The North Carolina Choral Symphony will present the "Messiah" in the high school auditorium here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The 234 singers are under the direction of Lewis Bullock.

No services will be held in several of the churches that night, it has been announced.

Farm Life Organizes Red Cross Relief Drive

Meeting in the school auditorium last Tuesday night, Griffins Township citizens perfected an organization for raising their Red Cross relief quota. Mr. P. E. Getsinger heads the organization and Mrs. Eason Lilly is secretary-treasurer.

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Negroes Organize Red Cross Canvass

Organization for effective canvassing among colored people in Jamesville, Griffins, Williams, Bear Grass and Williamston Townships was perfected yesterday. At the call of the sub-committee, representatives met at the colored high school where general instructions were given for work.

There it was decided that each canvasser would bring at least \$5.00 for the Red Cross cause on Sunday, December 28, 1941. A booster meeting at the Williams Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church at 3 p. m. will end this effort.

The canvassers follow: George W. Hyman, E. L. Brown, W. S. Faulk, Jesse Rodgers, P. W. Rodgers, S. M. Williams, Feck, Speller, Rebecca Hyman, Sallie Jordan, Birdie M. Brown, Mary D. Smith, Harvey Carrow, Matie Ormond, Rev. J. H. Hopkins, Robert Ormand, William Rodgers, F. L. Allan, E. J. Hayes, Mary S. Gray, W. V. Ormond, Cleopatra Tyner and Maude Alexander.

Officers Wreck Two More Liquor Stills

Maintaining an alert attack against the illicit liquor business, officers in this county are now of the opinion that the bootleg trade will have to seek sources of supply in other regions for the holiday trade.

With one or two exceptions the illicit manufacturing business is believed virtually at a standstill in the county. There are one or two plants now under watch, according to ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and they are expected to fall in raids to be conducted at any time.

Picking up a lead from an airman Tuesday, the officers found and wrecked a large plant in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township Wednesday morning. The sixty gallon capacity copper kettle was wrecked and approximately 700 gallons of beer and a gallon of liquor were poured out.

The Poplar Point section of Hamilton Township yesterday, the ABC officer, assisted by Deputy Roy Peel, wrecked a 50-gallon copper still and poured out 200 gallons of beer and several gallons of liquor. Richard Bennett was seen coming from the plant and he was arrested and later released under bond in the sum of \$100.

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This Week In Defense

(Continued from page one) is and will continue in full operation. The statement said, "It was the German hope that if the U. S. and Japan could be pushed into war, that such a conflict would put an end to the Lend-Lease program."

Band Registers In Saving Stamp Sale

The National Defense Band Concert staged in the high school auditorium last evening by the Williamston High School Band was well attended. Although the auditorium was not filled to capacity, the program was considered quite satisfactory by its sponsors.

L. T. Fowden, local postmaster, discussed the interest in the purchase of National Defense Stamps, and pointed out the importance of systematic purchases by young and old alike.

Taking as his theme Bill of Rights Day and the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights, John L. Hassell made a brief but stirring address on the freedoms basic to the American way of life. Pointing out that the people of the entire world were at the cross roads where the choice between the democratic life and life as defined and controlled by dictators, Mayor Hassell called upon every man, woman and child to render every possible measure of support to our great nation which is now involved in a struggle to preserve freedom on this earth.

Mrs. W. O. Griffin, president of the Williamston Band Parents Association, announced this morning that total receipts from ticket sales were \$112.50. Defense stamps used at the door and cash receipts were converted into Defense Bonds this morning by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, treasurer, and the local band is now the proud possessor of six National Defense Bonds of the \$25.00 denomination, bonds which cost \$18.75 each.

Promotes The Sale Of Savings Stamps

Falling directly into line for the defense of the nation, the Martin Supply Company today announced a novel plan to promote the distribution of war savings stamps in this section. Beginning tomorrow, the local store will give absolutely free a ten-cent savings stamp for every dollar purchase. If you make a two-dollar purchase, the buyer gets two savings stamps and so on.

Approximately \$400 Contributed To Red Cross Special Fund

(Continued from page one) Mrs. John A. Ward and Mrs. W. O. Griffin, solicitors: Mrs. Albert Coltrain, \$1; Mrs. Theo Roberson, \$1; Mrs. C. O. Moore, \$1; Mrs. Julian Harrell, \$1; Mrs. W. T. Ross, \$1; Mrs. Claude Griffin, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Courtney, \$1.50; Mrs. D. V. Clayton, \$1; Rev. and Mrs. Z. T. Piephoff, \$2; Mrs. Jack Booker, \$1; Mrs. James Bailey Peele, \$1; Mrs. Elbert Manning, \$1; Mrs. Jack Hardison, \$1; Miss Frances Coltrain, \$1; Mrs. Sam Woolford, \$1; Mrs. Clyde Griffin, \$1; Mrs. G. H. Crofton, \$1; Miss Kate Philpott, \$2; Mrs. Perle Manning, \$1; James Willis Ward, \$1; Mrs. John A. Ward, \$1; Mrs. Garland Coltrain, \$1; Mrs. Walter T. Martin, \$1; Mrs. John Henry Edwards, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Wilson, \$4; Mrs. Jimmy Harrison, 50 cents; Mrs. Mabel Peed, 20 cents; Mrs. Emmett Whitley, 25 cents; Mrs. W. E. Dunn, 50 cents; Miss Lois Taylor, 50 cents; Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, 50 cents; Clyde Revels, 50 cents; Miss Pattie Battle, 30 cents; Mrs. W. H. (Billy) Griffin, \$1; Mrs. W. O. Griffin, \$1.

Miss Katherine Manning is home from Salem College for the holidays.

APPLICATION FOR PAROLE OF BOOKER T. WILLIAMS Application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the parole of Booker T. Williams, convicted at the June Term, 1939 Superior Court of Martin County for manslaughter, and sentenced to the State's Prison for not less than fifteen nor more than eighteen years.

All persons who oppose the granting of the said parole are invited to forward their protest to the Governor without delay.

Numbers Attending Eye Clinic Today

Sixty-seven little school tots and a few adults are attending an eye clinic in the courthouse here today. The clinic was arranged by the county welfare department in cooperation with the State Blind Commission. Dr. James S. Dryden, of Raleigh, is conducting the examinations, and plans have already been made to have the glasses ready for distribution some time next week.

That the clinic was badly needed was well demonstrated in the initial examinations. Some of the little tots were found to be almost blind. Others were badly handicapped in school and life by poor eyesight.

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Judge R. L. Coburn Clears Sixty Cases From Court Docket

(Continued from page one) the court suspending judgment upon payment of the cost and "guaranteed" good behavior for two years. Bond in the sum of \$100 was required to support the guarantee.

Charged with disorderly conduct and assault, Jeff Slade was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. Adjudged guilty over her own plea of innocence, Maggie Wilson, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was directed to pay the court cost and \$9 to Dr. E. T. Walker, the assault victim's attending physician.

The case charging Council Smith with drunken driving was continued until next Monday. Haywood Spruill, charged with failing to pay dog tax, pleaded guilty after the case had been the rounds in several courts, and a continuance was allowed under prayer for judgment until February 5, 1942.

Charged with larceny, Ruffin, Tim and Anna Council were adjudged not guilty. Lester Williams, commonly known and more correctly called "Barrel O' Trouble" was sentenced to the roads for 30 days, the court suspending judgment upon payment of cost.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon, Joe Carr Eborn was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. Justice Andrews was found guilty in the case charging him with an assault, the court suspending judgment upon payment of cost.

Edgar Taylor, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, failed to answer when called. Papers were issued for his arrest or bond. Willie Taylor was charged with aiding and abetting in carrying a concealed weapon. He pleaded not guilty but was adjudged guilty, the court continuing the action under prayer for judgment.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with assault with a deadly weapon, Lester J. Martin was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. The court suspended the road sentence upon condition that the defendant pay the cost and take care of the hospital expense incurred by the prosecuting witness, his brother.

William H. Saunders pleaded guilty in the case charging him with destroying personal property. The case was continued under prayer for judgment.

Charged with non-support, Ben Ashley Jones pleaded not guilty of abandoning his wife but did plead guilty of not supporting his child. He was directed to pay \$5 a month for 12 months and reappear for further judgment at the end of that time.

The names of the 41 defendants in the cases charging them with failing to pay dog taxes are: Jerry Williams, Joe Henry Purvis, W. H. Perry, John Sam Moore, Johnny Hollis, John H. Manning, Joe E. Bullock, William Everett, Roy G. Coburn, J. H. Melton, Vernon Evans, William Stokes, W. L. Tyner, Walter Smith, L. W. Williams, James Glover, Jr., A. W. Boyd, James Glover, Robert L. Cochran, Jeffrey Spruill, John Whitfield, Hellyary Matthews, Fred Taylor (colored), Ed Moore, Fernando Briley, Jesse J. Bullock, Walter Wynne, D. F. Griffin, Ernest Leggett, Will Fagan, Ernie Lawrence, L. D. Roebuck, R. E. Rackley, Baker Council, Reuben Barnes, Lloyd McLawhorn, Zebede Everett and A. E. Lilly. These defendants, pleading guilty by agreement with the special tax collector, did not appear in court, but they were directed to pay the costs amounting to \$4.40 and pay all taxes due the county, the amounts ranging from \$2 in some cases to as high as \$20 in others.

Similar charges were brought against 14 other alleged violators of the dog tax law, but they failed to answer, and papers were issued for their arrests or satisfactory bonds for their appearance at subsequent terms of the court. The names of the fourteen are: Paul Wynn, C. H. Branton, Paul C. Wildman, Will Parker (colored), John L. Stokes, William Taylor, Tom and William Brown, John Jones, John Roberson (colored), Jas. A. Brwn, Ottis Hardison, J. S. Cullipher and George L. Hardison.

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The next regular pay day will fall on February 9th.

Austin R. Jackson Dies In Hawaii In Defense of Country

(Continued from page one) The son of the late Austin Jackson and Mrs. Ora Jackson Burnett, he was born in Jamesville on December 15, 1923. He grew up in the community, making friends readily and being recognized as a true American boy. Mr. Jackson died when the little fellow was hardly five years old. He sent his last message to his mother from Pearl Harbor.

Besides his mother he is survived by two sisters, Miss Jeraline Jackson, of Jamesville, and Mrs. W. J. Childress, of Prospect Park, Pa. His grandmother, Mrs. J. B. Allen, of Plymouth, also survives him.

News of the youth's supreme sacrifice was heard here with deep regret. Even before nightfall the news of the Pearl Harbor tragedy was brought closer home to large numbers of our people in the death of Austin Randolph Jackson. The grief-stricken mother is now at home with relatives in Plymouth.

World Marks Time As New Move on War Front Is Anticipated

(Continued from page one) de France by Rear Admiral Frederick J. Horne of the United States Navy, and Admiral Georges Robert, the French high commissioner of Martinique. The nature of the accords, which possibly may provide for joint American-French defense of Martinique and the adjacent French island of Guadeloupe, was not disclosed. Late reports state that the Japs are bringing added pressure on three fronts, including attacks on the Philippines, the near capture of Hong Kong and advances in the Malaya Peninsula. It was virtually admitted that the Japs have a superior fleet in the Pacific, and that important air bases had been lost by the British. Spain, petted and appeased in the past, is now leaning decidedly toward Japan and against the United States.

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