

CHILDREN LEARN APPRECIATION OF MUSIC



Great preparation goes on in class rooms throughout the state in anticipation of the Little Symphony Children's concerts. Above Mrs. Fred McCall, Director of the Children's Division of the North Carolina Symphony, explains the background material for a symphonic number on this year's children's program. Music teachers in every town the Little Symphony will appear are giving their students similar orientation. The Little Symphony directed by Dr. Benjamin Swalin will appear in Rose Hill on February 13th to present a children's concert and an evening performance in the Rose Hill Theatre at 8:30 o'clock.

**FHA Farmers Have Remarkable Record Of Finances**

Farmers who cooperated with Farmers Home Administration in 1949 have a remarkable repayment record. FHA in Duplin made 241 loans to farmers in 1949 to assist in adjusting operations to current needs. These loans were made for various purposes. Farmers had debts maturing in the amount of \$138,075 and to date they have repaid \$136,060 which represents 99% of the amount they were due to

pay in 1949. The local office considers this an excellent record in view of the fact that due to abnormal weather conditions, their cotton only had an average yield of 53 pounds per acre and tobacco only averaged 960 pounds per acre. The average corn yield from old field corn was 27 bushels, whereas borrowers who used recommended hybrids obtained a yield of 52 bushels per acre. Veterans are given preference in the all types of assistance.

**Duplin Native Dies In Virginia**

Mrs. George Edgerton, 78, died Sunday afternoon at her home in Portsmouth, Va. after several weeks illness. Surviving are two sons, Roland Edgerton of Portsmouth, with whom she lived, and Ira L. Edgerton of Providence, R. I.; one brother, Y. F. Jones and one sister, Mrs. C. A. Summerlin, both of Mt. Olive. Mrs. Edgerton was the daughter of the late Marshall Jones and Lucy Lee Jones of this county.

**Obituary**

**Sallie E. Pearsall Middleton (Col.)**  
Sallie E. Pearsall Middleton was born Dec. 16, 1880 in Wayne County, and departed this life Tuesday evening, Jan. 24, 1950. She was married at an early age to Richard Edd Middleton who preceded her in death by four months and ten days. Out of this union were born eleven children of which seven still live. At an early age she professed Christianity in the Baptist faith and during her years was a faithful and ardent Christian. Her Christianity was not limited to just her

faith or her fellow members, but reached out to any place or person whom she was able to help in any way.

She was ill only a few weeks and bore her illness with patience even to the end.

She leaves to mourn her loss 3 daughters, 4 sons, 10 grandchildren, 5 nieces, 2 nephews, and a host of relatives and friends. All of us loved and appreciated her deeply, but God loved her best.

We cannot say, and do not say that she is dead; she is just away! With a cheerful smile, and a wave of the hand, she has wandered into an unknown land; and left us dreaming how very fair.

It needs must be, since she lingers there to think of her faring on as dear in the love of there as the love of here; think of her still as the same, we say, she is not dead, she is just away.

The Family.

**State College Hints To Home Makers**

All good cooks know that delicious soup may be brewed at home from inexpensive materials. There are three types of soup which are very nourishing: cream soups, reinforced with milk or grated cheese; thick meat soup, with vegetables and rice or other cereal products; thick bacon or pea soup, which is especially tasty if made with ham bone or salt pork and flavorful vegetables like tomato, onion and celery. Cooked sausage or small hamburger meat balls or slivered cooked meat may be added to soup.

**Pleasant View**

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith and daughter Charlotte and Mrs. Edith Grady recently returned home after spending some time in Fla. They were accompanied by Mr. Joe Mewborn and daughter Jean of Savannah, Ga.

Regular Church services were held Sunday morning here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grady and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Kelly Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Oates and Joyce visited Mrs. Edith Grady on Sunday afternoon.

**Do You Want To Cut Your Federal Taxes?**

**Your Wasted Taxes**

No reasonable man questions the need for taxes to pay the cost of governmental services. Everyone should be willing to pay a fair share of his income for that purpose. But nobody wants to underwrite extravagance—in the home, in business or in government.

The bi-partisan Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, created by Congress with the approval of President Truman and headed by former President Hoover, has provided a chart for the elimination of governmental extravagance and waste.

This past year, because of duplication and overlapping in the Armed Services we wasted about one billion dollars out of the fifteen billion spent for National Security.

In 1948 two agencies planned to build the same dam in nearly the same place at Hell's Canyon, Idaho. Each set of plans cost about \$250,000. The plans differed by approximately 75 million dollars in estimated cost of erection.

It now costs the Post Office Department two and a half cents to print and deliver a penny post card.

The Veterans Administration, at the time of the Commission's survey, had 6,800 empty beds in its hospitals, yet VA and other government agencies have planned or are building additional hospitals at a cost of over a billion dollars, when 54% of the available beds are not now occupied. This is Allee in Wonderland.

It takes more than \$10 worth of paper work to complete a governmental purchase order. For example, by the time the necessary paper work is completed, a 50¢ typewriter ribbon costs the taxpayer about \$10.

Turnover of labor is recognized by all industry as expensive. Yet in the Federal Government labor turnover runs about 25 per cent, a rate much higher than any private business could stand. This means that every year approximately 500,000 either leave or enter a government job. The personnel system is clogged with red tape. The best men leave because of the low pay scale, and the inefficient cannot easily be discharged.

If enacted into law, the Commission recommendation to remedy these and other defects in conducting our Federal business would save the taxpayer three to four billion dollars a year.

To play your part in putting a stop to this wasteful extravagance, join the non-partisan Citizens Committee, which is working for the enactment of the Commission's suggestions. Write to the Citizens Committee for Reorganization of the Executive Branch of the Government, 1421 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania. Write your Congressman. Inform yourself about the Commission Report. Tell your neighbors!



**It's a FAMILY AFFAIR**



Mother doesn't distinguish between her children because one has red hair or another, blue eyes. She cherishes them all -- and knows that what they are is determined, not by what they look like, but by what is in their hearts.

So it is with all men. As children of God, all mankind is equal, one to another. As we attend church each Sabbath, let us heed the words of the minister of our faith . . . and let us pray for guidance, that we might learn to understand and love all our neighbors and fellow citizens . . . and teach our children the ways of truth and understanding. And let us resolve now, at the start of this New Year, to support our churches liberally, and attend them regularly. For it is through them -- and them alone, that we can find true peace.

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