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Eastern Festival Chorus to Present The Messiah

Greenville, Dec. 4.—The Festival Symphonic Chorus of Eastern Carolina Symphonic Choral Association will present Handel's "Messiah" for the fourth consecutive year. Each year the chorus of 100 voices has given at least five performances of this great musical masterpiece, in many cities and towns in Eastern Carolina. These annual Messiah presentations are fast becoming an outstanding musical tradition in Eastern Carolina. This year's first performance will be held in the Goldsboro high school auditorium Sunday, December 8, at 3:30 p. m. The second presentation will be held in the Wright Memorial auditorium of East Carolina Teachers College, Sunday, December 8 at 8 p. m. Snow Hill will have the third performance in the Calvery Memorial Methodist Church Sunday, December 15, at 3:30 p. m. That evening the chorus will journey to Ayden for the fourth performance at the high school auditorium at 8 p. m. Arrangements are being made for a fifth performance in Wilson December 22.

John Hamiel, tenor soloist from New York City, who scored such a triumph last year, will again return for the Goldsboro and Greenville performances.

Miss Margaret Smoot of Goldsboro and a graduate of Westminister Choir College, will be guest soprano soloist, as will Miss Annie Lee Bynum of Goldsboro and New York. Miss Marguerite Moye of East Carolina Teachers College, will also be a soprano soloist. Margaret J. Bullock will be contralto soloist.

The Festival Symphonic Chorus is composed of the Symphonic Choruses in Greenville, Ayden, Snow Hill and Goldsboro. The accompanists are Mrs. C. W. Hearne of Greenville, Miss Virginia Belle Cooper of Ayden, Miss Jessie Bullock of Snow Hill, and Mrs. H. C. Selby of Goldsboro.

All of these performances are free to the public because of the generosity of the sponsors of the association.

Preparation For Christmas Mailing

Shop now and mail early for early delivery—only special deliveries on Wednesday, December 25, 1940.

Post Offices will make every effort to handle the Christmas mails without congestion and delay, but owing to the enormous volume this can be done with the cooperation of the public. Compliance with the following suggestions will greatly aid the Post Office and insure the prompt handling of your dail.

Mail early for delivery before Christmas Day. Register or insure your gifts.

Early Mailing

During the holiday time the volume of mail increases approximately 200 percent. It is a physical impossibility to handle this great mass of mail efficiently and promptly within a few days. Therefore to assure delivery of their Christmas presents, cards, and letters by Christmas Day the public should shop and mail early. Do your Christmas shopping so that you can mail your gifts, greetings, and letters a week or 10 days before Christmas, according to the distance. This will not only make it certain that they are received before Christmas Day but will be a great aid to your postal service and to postal employees and enable them to spend the Christmas holiday with their families.

Air-Mail Service

Use Air Mail for speed. First in arrival—first delivered—first opened—first answered.

The domestic air mail rate of postage is 6 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof on the mainland of the United States. The pound rate is 96 cents a pound.

Information

For further information inquire at the proper window—stamps, parcel post, money order, registry, etc.

B. O. Turnage, Postmaster.

WHO KNOWS?

1. Where is the Strait of Otrantoi
2. What is the significance of German aerial attacks upon "the Midlands?"
3. What is the enlisted strength of the U. S. Army?
4. How many American planes are being delivered to Great Britain?
5. How Congress that convenes in January will be the Seventy-sixth or Seventy-seventh?
6. Who John L. Lewis an official of the American Federation of Labor?
7. How long is an 8-inch shell?
8. Which is the "war" state?
9. When did the Government begin the Federal Reserve plan?

(See Answers on Page 4)

Santa Dials Farmville

SANTA: "Hello, little folks."

CHILDREN: "Hello, Santa Dear."

SANTA: "I expect you have heard of my visits to nearby towns and are wondering when I will get to Farmville."

CHILDREN: "We certainly are, in fact we have been talking about this for days."

SANTA: "Well, I'll be there tonight, (Friday) at 7:30, and I want to see every one of you then."

CHILDREN: "We'll be waiting, I betcha. How about presents?"

SANTA: "I am bringing a present from Toyland for each of you."

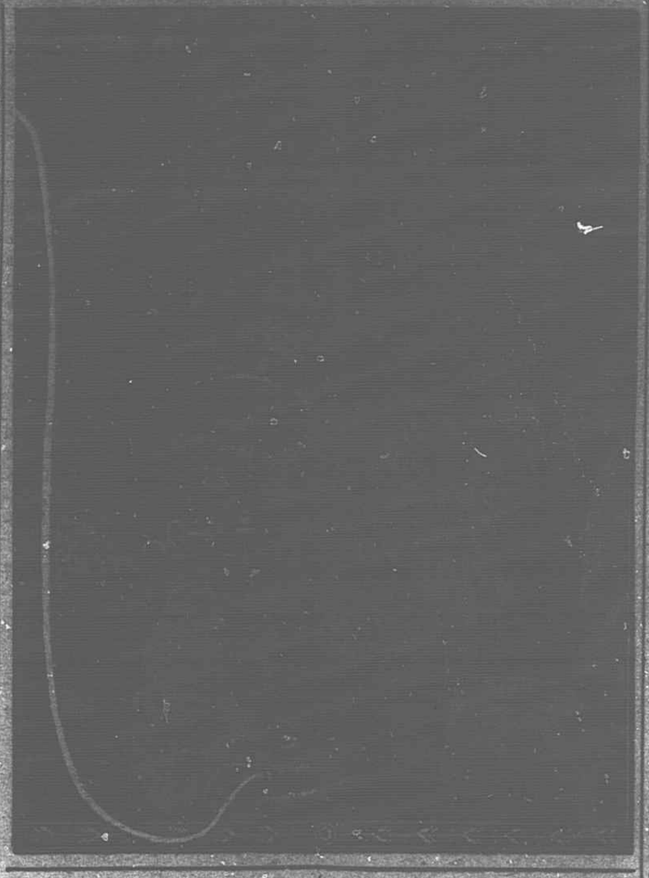
CHILDREN: "Oh, goody, goody! Say, Santa, the streets are decorated here but there are no Christmas lights yet."

SANTA: "I know that, and I am go- to turn on hundreds of red, blue, green, yellow and orange lights when I arrive."

CHILDREN: "May the grown ups go to our merry party too?"

SANTA: "Every blessed one of them. In fact the merchants will keep their stores open that night, so all may see the beautiful gifts I have sent for their shelves this Christmas."

CHILDREN: "O. K. Santa. We'll all be looking for you."



British Envoy Here To Visit U. S. Treasury

To Present Full Information on Britain's Finances; Felt U.S. Plans Give More Aid

Washington, Dec. 4. — Theasury Secretary Morgenthau announced today that Sir Frederick Philips, Undersecretary of the British Treasury, was scheduled to arrive in the United States today "to place the latest available information (on British finances) before the U. S. Treasury."

Morgenthau's statement followed by Secretary of Commerce Jones, speaking as federal loan administrator, who said that the British government was a "good risk" for loans.

It was learned that the mission of Sir Frederick was one of the chief causes of a meeting yesterday of nine important government officials.

At the State Department, meanwhile, Secretary Hull said that all phases of the shipping question in connection with aid to Britain were being considered by various officials, but that he was not aware that any decisions had been reached on any further specific measures.

He made the comment in response to press conference questions based on the meeting of high officials at the Treasury yesterday.

Jones said the British government was a "good risk" and that ordinarily he favors leanding money to "good risks when they need it for a proper purpose."

He declined at a press conference to amplify these two remarks further. He specifically refused to say that he favored loans to the British for war purposes now or in the future.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Imminence of an important new decision in the aid for Britain program—perhaps on a par with the dramatic destroyer trade or the release of giant bombers—was strongly indicated today.

Positive information was lacking as to the exact nature of the matter under consideration, but high significance was attached to the fact that it brought nine of the most important officials in the government together yesterday for a special conference.

Thrice in recent months similar extraordinary meetings have been held and each time, it was pointed out, a major step in aiding Britain followed quickly.

First surmises were that the meeting was concerned with the question of supplying Britain with enough tonnage to replace some of her recent heavy shipping losses.

One informed official said, however, that if merchant shipping was discussed "it wasn't the big thing."

Reveal Chain Of Conspiracy

Nitrates Used In Making Munitions Are Involved

New York, Dec. 4.—A world-wide chain of conspiracies to control and monopolize the price of nitrogen, nitrate of soda and other nitrates used in the production of munitions was charged by a federal grand jury today against 29 corporations, including the E. I. Du Pont de Nemours and company.

A series of six Sherman anti-trust act indictments handed up to Federal Judge William Bondy named, in addition to the corporations 66 individuals — officers, directors and employees of the corporations.

The nitrates which the defendants allegedly conspired to control are used in agriculture, the operation of steel mills, gas plants, water works and other indusries connected with national defense in addition to production of munitions.

Named with the Du Pont company among others were the Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation of New York, Chilean Nitrate Sales Corporation, Synthetic Nitrogen Products Corporation, the Barrett Company of New York and the Solvay Process Company of Syracuse, N. Y.

Red Cross Membership Passes 200 Mark Here

Mrs. R. S. Scott, chairman of the local Red Cross, and director of the annual roll call, conducted here just before the Thanksgiving holidays, reports total receipts of $227.54, with half of this amount to be retained, according to the prevailing custom, by the chapter for local work.

Among the recent interesting news items issued regarding the Red Cross in action were the following:

Your Red Cross Chapter is one of 3,716 Chapters and 7,133 branches which cover the entire United States and its insular possessions.

The American Red Cross is chartered by Congress and is a semi-governmental agency. Its president is the President of the United States. One-third of the members of its governing body, the Central Committee, are named by the President of the United States.

During the past year nearly a half million volunteers contributed millions of working hours to make the service which the Red Cross is carrying to the people of the United States. It is largely due to the unselfish devotion of these volunteers that Red Cross administrative expenses are so low.

Between July 1st, 1938 and June 30, 1939, the American Red Cross:

Rescued, clothed, housed, fed, and gave medical, nursing and rehabilitation aid to hundreds of thousands of persons affected by 217 floods, storms and other disasters in the United States and its insular possessions.

NEW WINE STORE TO OPEN IN FARMVILLE TODAY

Elsewhere in this issue will be seen an advertisement which announces the opening of an exclusive store at 118 North Main street.

This store will carry nothing but wines and champagne, and its management invites such patronage as may be extended, and promises courteous treatment and largest value to its patrons.

Asserts U. S. Is Now Awake

War Department Aide Says Nation Awakened From Dream

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 4.—Assistant Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson asserted today that the people of the United States had "at last awakened from our beautiful dream of universal disarmament" to face the "cold, hard reality that the neighborhood we are living in is a tough neighborhood . . . where military weakness is taken by the aggressors as nothing more than an invitation to invade, conquer and loot."

Speaking before the fall rally of the South Carolina Department of the American Legion, Patterson said that "scarcely a year ago some of our people told us that we did not need military strength, that it was enough if we gave no offense and they asked us to look at Norway, defenseless, inoffensive and safe."

"We have looked at Norway, to say nothing of Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and France, and the sight tells us that our freedom, our existence as a nation, depends on the strength of our right arm. And if the worst should come, let it not be our cities that are bombed, our country laid waste."

Cotton Prices Up But Tobacco Down

Washington, Dec. 4.—Gains in cotton returns over the 1939 level highlighted the southeastern farm index for mid-November, but this was offset by declines in tobacco and peanut prices.

This was pointed out by the Agriculture Department's mid-month local market price report. It said the average agricultural prices for the country were the same as a month earlier, but two points above those of November, 1939.

Prices received for cotton in mid-November averaged only slightly higher than a month earlier, despite upturns in prices of specific grades at spot markets, the report said. Local market prices of cotton, it said, averaged 9.38 cents a point November 15. They were 9.35 in mid-October and 8.80 a year ago.

It said prices of miscellaneous products were down eight points from November, 1939, reflecting lower prices for tobacco.

On November 15 average prices received by farmers included: North Carolina, cotton 9.5 cents per pound; tobacco 14.5 cents per pound.

OUR EXCITING TIMES

Alice Faye, Betty Grable Are Stirred In Film Set On Famed Street That Makes America Sing; Jack Oakie, John Payne Top Great Featured Cast.

Those great song hits that inspired you yesterday. Catchy tunes that set your feet tapping . . . your hands beating out rhythms. Melodies that will weave a world of dancy fancy tomorrow. Ragtime . . . jazz . . . jive . . . where does it all stem from? How are those melodic strains conceived? By whom are they composed?

20th Century-Fox takes you down the street that gives the world the dynamic songs in "In Old Chicago," which stars Alice Faye and Betty Grable and comes Sunday and Monday to the Paramount Theatre. Keyed to the mood of America, this musical of our exciting times depicts in human, dramatic terms the color, romance, heartbreak and glamour which are part of the place where songs are born.

With Jack Oakie and John Payne heading a brilliant Hollywood cast, "The Pan Alley" is cited from the unusual musical and dramatic pattern as was "Alexander's Ragtime Band," produced by the same studio. It is again against a compelling love story, against a rising music publisher and against a chain of songs.

QUESTIONNAIRES MAILED THIS WEEK

The following named persons of Farmville and Fountain communities have been mailed their questionnaire since our last issue. These represent those drawn in order by Pitt County Board No. 1, from 676 to 775; and according to R. LeRoy Rollins, member of the Pitt County Board No. 1, will be the last to be mailed out until possibly next spring.

Farmville—White

Rufus Lockhart Gibbs, Herman Huggins Bradham, Drew Hinson Allen, R2; James Leslie Joyner, R1; Wodrow Wilson Welton, R1; Acy Robert Lee, R2; Bruce Jarvis Pollard, R2.

Farmville—Colored

George Bryant, Thomas Moye, R2; Dennis Swain, R2; John Bynum, R2; James Joyner, R2; Reuben Lee Askew, Staling Wilkes, R2; Joe Bryant, Jr., John Henry Foreman, R2; and Clearthur Joyner.

Fountain—White

William Allen Moseley, R1; Richard Tripp, R1; Benjamin Ashby Pope, Jr., Brunis Theodore Gray, R1.

Fountain—Colored

Allen Webster Speight, John Eddie Ellis, R1; John Foreman Staton and Arleman Sylvester Bynum.

Farmville High School Assured of Being Accredited

J. E. Moore, Superintendent of the Farmville high school, was so pleased with a telegram received Thursday from D. J. Henry Highsmith, of Raleigh, a member of the State committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, that he gave this paper the privilege of spreading the glad news of this advancement, for which he has been laboring untiringly since taking over the supervision of the local educational center.

The message reads:

"The North Carolina committee is recommending unanimously that the Farmville High School be admitted to membership in the Southern Association. We are confident that your school will be accepted. I hope that you can arrange to attend the meeting in Memphis, which begins Tuesday morning, December 10, at nine o'clock."

Thus Farmville seems to have an excellent chance to be the second Pitt county school on the list, Greenville at present being the only one with this recognition to its credit.

IMPROVEMENT

Venezuela imported 240 breeding animals of various kinds from the United States last year to be kept at experimental stock farms and stud farms to improve the native stock.

Tysons-Mays Have Splendid Reunion

Andrew Joyner, Jr. Delivers Address; Dr. Lee Carr Elected President At One of Best Reunions Ever Held.

A large number of Tyson-May descendants assembled here Friday after Thanksgiving in the Major Benjamin May Chapter House for one of the annual sessions held by this organization. W. G. Sheppard, of Snow Hill, presided and made a splendid talk as his contribution to the program.

The principal speaker was Andrew Joyner, Jr., of Greensboro, a native of Pitt County, a veteran of the World War and well known throughout North Carolina, having served both his State and city in various municipal official capacities during recent years. He was introduced by R. A. Joyner, municipal clerk.

The speaker stated that the text of his address did not relate to "the law or the gospel, the new deal or the old deal, to Kaiser Wilhelm or to Adolph Hitler, the salvation of agriculture or how to be the life of a party. In these days of radio frenzy and box-car headlines, when kith and kin have gathered for the observance of an occasion such as this, it occurred to me that it might possess at least the virtue of variety if I selected the subject of "Ancestors."

"Now I know that a lot of fun has been had at the expense of innocent ancestors, yet I contend that ancestors are a necessary adjunct to every respectable family. And can you imagine the tragic plight of certain prominent sections of the globe if the laws of God or man or nature should suddenly abolish ancestors?"

"The economic effects of abolishing ancestors would be disastrous. Think of the portrait painters, the picture framers, the mail order houses that ship you a gen-u-wine family coat of arms for 98 cents, the genealogists—the society of Cincinnati and the the Daughters of the American Revolution, to say nothing of the Colonial Dames."

"In all seriousness, I do congratulate those who were responsible for the organization of this society. I commend those whose loyal services have maintained and preserved it."

"A great writer of another day has truly said: 'Alas for the man who has no shrine!' And it is doubly true of a race, of a nation—or of a race which has no shrines. Although ours is a youthful nation, we are blessed in the national shrines which serve as inspiration for our youth and as a constant challenge to our leaders—Mount Vernon, Monticello, The Hermitage, Lincoln Memorial, Arlington are lasting symbols of noble lives—of splendid buildings—of great American ideals. We need those shrines—we need those symbols—we need the courage of inspiration."

"We Tysons-May's are a bit doubtful in questioning the wisdom of our illustrious ancestors. We are not sure they were model; we are not even sure they were good. Perhaps we have been disposed when the family tree of those ancestors revealed the fact that the roots of the tree grew in the soil of the North and the trunk of the tree bore the name of a Tyson, we shudder to think that our ancestors were pulled up by the roots in North Carolina and were planted in the soil of hostility and rebellion. Perhaps our ancestors were pulled up by the roots in Virginia and were planted in North Carolina. Perhaps our ancestors were pulled up by the roots in Pennsylvania and were planted in Virginia. Perhaps our ancestors were pulled up by the roots in England and were planted in Pennsylvania. Perhaps our ancestors were pulled up by the roots in Ireland and were planted in England. Perhaps our ancestors were pulled up by the roots in Scotland and were planted in Ireland. Perhaps our ancestors were pulled up by the roots in Wales and were planted in Scotland. Perhaps our ancestors were pulled up by the roots in Heaven and were planted in Wales. Perhaps our ancestors were pulled up by the roots in Hell and were planted in Heaven. Perhaps our ancestors were pulled up by the roots in Hell and were planted in Hell