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District Music Contest To Be Held In City On Saturday, April 4th

The "Rube" Today



MIAMI, Fla. . . . Here's one ball player who is first into the South-land each year. . . . It is "Rube" Marquard, famous old N. Y. Giant pitcher whose consecutive winning games record of 29, in 1912, still stands. Rube now handles horse-racing bets at pari-mutuel tracks.

Complete Program Is Released By S. Ray Lowder, District Chairman

S. Ray Lowder, district chairman, has announced the program for the district music contest to be held here next Saturday, as follows:

1. Piano Solo—Shelby, Dallas, Lincolnton, Cherryville, Kings Mountain.
2. Junior Piano Solo—Kings Mountain, Lincolnton, Shelby.
3. Tuba Solo—Lincolnton.
4. Clarinet Solo—Lincolnton.
5. Boys Unchanged Voices — Lincolnton, Shelby.
6. Soprano Solo—Belmont, Shelby, Fallston.
7. Alto Solo—Lattimore.
8. Baritone Solo—Lattimore.
9. Girls Trio — Cherryville, Lincolnton, Belmont.
10. Mixed Quartet—Lincolnton.
11. Girls Glee Club—Kings Mountain, Lattimore, Shelby.
12. Mixed Chorus — Lattimore, Lincolnton.

All extra entries—Those not made to date.

The contest will be held in the high school auditorium and will begin at 10 o'clock. Winners here will be certified to enter the state music contest to be held in Greensboro, April 22-24.

Lincolnton will be represented in the contest by the following: Margaret Glenn, piano solo. Madge Finger, Marie Senter, Paul Rudisill and Harvey Jonas, Jr., mixed quartet. Madge Finger, Marie Senter and Brownie Lipe, vocal trio. Bill Stigmon, tuba solo. Alf Costner, clarinet solo.

In addition to the above there will be a mixed chorus from the high school.

The grammar grades will be represented by Charlotte Ramsour, who will be entered in the junior high piano contest and Billy Page, in the boys' unchanged voice contest.

There will be no admission charge and all persons who are interested in the contest are invited to hear the program.

NEWS BRIEFS

Officer Badly Hurt

Charlotte, March 31.—Patrolman C. P. Nichols was reported in a critical condition today from injuries suffered Saturday night when a hit-and-run driver knocked him down on a downtown street. He had a fractured skull and other injuries.

Acquitted of Murder

Lumberton, March 31.—A jury late Saturday acquitted Don Yetes of Barnesville and Miss Lillian Yaw of a second degree murder charge in the killing of Fitzhugh Jenkins, farmer, whose body was found in a swamp stream last September.

400 Officers at Meet

Statesville, March 31.—The next meeting of the Carolinas Association of Law Enforcement Officers will be held June 28 in Kinston. The first anniversary meeting, held here yesterday, drew 400 officers from various parts of the states. Problems pertaining to law enforcement were discussed.

C. O. P. Leader Dies

Statesville, March 31.—Funeral services were held here today for James D. Dorsett, 63, former Republican state committeeman, who died here yesterday. The body was taken to Siler City for burial.

Mrs. Morrow In China

Hangchow, China, March 31.—Mrs. Dwight Morrow and her daughter, Constance, were at this lakeside resort tonight. The widowed grandmother of the Lindbergh baby, for whose slaying Hauptmann is sentenced to die, came here with Constance a few days ago from Shanghai.

Killed By Train

Hendersonville, March 31.—Sheriff M. N. Orr, said today an inquest would not be held for E. S. Gilmer, 47, who was killed late yesterday when struck by a Southern railway passenger train here. The sheriff said he was told that Gilmer had been drinking whiskey and walked into the path of the locomotive.

Three Brothers Have The Same Natal Day

The three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Hill Dula, of Granite Falls, Caldwell county, Kenneth, 1 year old, Earl, three years old, and Paul, five years old, all have the same birthdays, March 15. The Dulas have no other children.

BONUS CHECKS BEGIN JUNE 15

Washington, March 31.—Treasury officials said first bonus bonds and checks would be shipped to veterans by registered mail on June 15.

Work of preparing a bonus package for each of the 3,000,000 veterans is already under way in some Federal Reserve Banks, following first shipments of bonds to the banks on Friday.

Each package will be sent out from the Federal Reserve Bank of the district in which the veteran is living. Disbursement to veterans residing in the fifth (Richmond, Va.) Federal Reserve district, and to those whose certificates are held at Veterans' administration headquarters, because of loans, will be sent direct from the Treasury Department in Washington, however.

All bonus bond shipments will not move out from the Reserve banks on June 15, officials said. The gigantic job of distributing the bonus will begin that day, but officials could not predict how long it will take to complete the task. By the end of July however, they expect to have nearly all regular bonus claimants paid off.

Panama Canal, Open 21 Years, Saves 8,400 Miles

The Panama Canal came of age in 1914. The canal, which shortens the water distance from New York to the Pacific coast by 8,400 miles, was opened to traffic 21 years ago, August 15, 1914.

The government steamship Ancon opened the canal to navigation on the August date, this being recorded as the official opening. However, a crane boat, Alexander Davalvy, made the first continuous trip through the canal, January 7, 1914.

Choice Baked Crow on College Banquet Menu



CHICAGO . . . "Scare-crows" may become obsolete in the fields of farm belts of America if the appetite of the nation adopts baked crow meat with the same enthusiasm as recent mid-western experimental diners. . . . The diners say the meat is tender and as tasty as chicken. The Illinois state conservation department furnished the crows for baking for a Decatur college banquet. Will crow killing campaigns now take on a dinner table complex?

\$4,000,000,000 Deficit Is Probable For Next Year

Mrs. George Sain Is Honored On Birthday

Relatives of Mrs. George Sain gathered at her home Sunday and served a picnic dinner in honor of her sixty second birthday.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bivens and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lindsay and children, Mr. and Mrs. Kale Williams and daughter, of Hildebran, Miss Webbia Williams, of Gastonia, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Norman and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Norman and son; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Martin, Mrs. Joe Martin, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Lindsay, Noah Lutz, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Huffman and children, of Vele, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Sain and children, Miss Asie Lea Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sain and children, of Hildebran, Lester Sain, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Sain and John Irvin Houser, of Lincolnton, Route 2.

Total Federal Public Debt Is Expected to Reach \$36,000,000,000 in 1937

Washington, April 1.—A deficit of \$4,000,000,000 — a new record — appears in store as a result of the recent request that Congress appropriate \$1,500,000,000 for relief.

In round numbers, this would bring total expenditures for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, to nearly \$10,000,000,000. If Congress enacts a tax bill raising as much revenue as the President asked, the total income will be almost \$6,000,000,000, leaving the \$4,000,000,000 deficit.

The total federal public debt has risen to \$31,447,106,057. The \$4,000,000,000 deficit would make it very nearly \$36,000,000,000 by June 30, 1937, despite the proposed new taxes.

Southwestern Ministers Conference to Be Held at Catawba Baptist Church

Auto License Rates Are Reduced Today

Raleigh, March 31.—With a record-breaking registration of automobiles indicated for 1936, license plates for motor vehicles will be sold at the three-quarter year rate beginning tomorrow.

The state motor vehicle bureau in a final check late today announced 414,372 pairs of plates had been sold for the first quarter of the year, or 35,285 more than on March 31, 1935.

The sales for three months were only 97,804 less than the record-breaking total of 512,176 sold for all of 1935. During the last three quarters of last year, the bureau sold 123,089 tags, and if as many plates are sold the next nine months a new record will be set by a wide margin.

Business Continues To Show Advances

New York, March 31.—Business finished the first quarter of 1936 today on the highest rungs of the recovery ladder since 1930.

Industry and trade continued to expand in the face of storms and floods at home, and fresh international crises abroad.

The spring quarter, normally a period of brisk activity, opens with business analysts widely anticipating the best volumes of production and distribution since the early phases of the depression.

The Associated Press weekly index of industry activity with the statistics for the first quarter not yet complete appears to have averaged close to 8 per cent above the first three months of 1935.

Monday, April 6 Is Date Set. Complete Program Given Below

The Southwestern Ministers Conference will be held at Catawba Baptist church Monday, April 6.

The following program has been arranged for the meeting:

- 10:00 Devotional, C. G. Ellis; Morning theme: The Administration of the Spirit.
- 10:15 In the Government of the Church, R. E. Hardaway.
- 10:35 In the Worship Service of the Church, M. I. Harris.
- 10:55 In the Missionary Enterprises of the Church, G. C. Teague; Open discussion.
- 11:30 Sermon, C. C. Holland.
- 12:15 Lunch.
- 1:15 Devotional, C. H. Henderson.
- 1:30 Miscellaneous.
- 1:40 How to Lead a Church in Preparation for a Revival, J. R. Green; Open discussion.
- 2:10 The Crying Need for More Family Altars, H. F. Lambert; Open discussion.
- 2:40 Adjourn.

Murder Suspect Is Caught In Caswell

Danville, Va., March 31.—Hardy Rathbone, wanted for first degree murder in Haywood county, N. C., was arrested at Hell's Half Acre in Caswell county at 1 o'clock this morning by Deputy Sheriff George Love, Chief of Police Martin was informed a few days ago by Sheriff J. C. Welch that Rathbone, also known as Mack Fish, was possibly in this jurisdiction. Martin found that he was living in a house at Hell's Half Acre, between here and Yanceyville.

Breckinridge Opposes F. R. For Nomination

Annapolis, Md., March 31.—Col. Henry Breckinridge, New York attorney, filed today as a candidate to oppose President Roosevelt for the Democratic presidential nomination in the Maryland primary on May 4.

CHARLOTTEAN STEPS ASIDE FOR C. R. EDNEY

Marshall Man Is Nominee of District Convention For Congress

Charlotte, April 1.—Uhlman S. Alexander, Charlotte attorney, yesterday announced his withdrawal from the race for the Republican nomination for Congress from the tenth congressional district.

Mr. Alexander limited his announcement to the mere statement that he is withdrawing in favor of Calvin R. Edney of Marshall. He will support the election of Mr. Edney, nominated for the post at the recent district convention in Burnsville, he said.

Just prior to the district convention, Mr. Alexander announced his candidacy. In spite of this, the convention nominated Mr. Edney. However, had Mr. Alexander filed with the State board of elections, the action of the convention would have served only one as an endorsement and a primary would have been necessary.

Conferred With Friends

After the convention Mr. Alexander said that he would have no statement to make until he had conferred further with friends from various parts of the district.

Withdrawal of Mr. Alexander practically assures Mr. Edney a clear field as others who have been suggested as nominees have definitely announced that they will not seek the nomination.

Mr. Edney, who lives in Marshall and practices law in Mars Hill, made the race against Major A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia, Democratic incumbent, in 1934 and was defeated by about 5,000 votes.

Mr. Edney has already filed with the State board of elections and has paid his filing fee of \$100. Unless entirely unexpected opposition develops, he will be the nominee without contest and a primary will not be held.

The Mars Hill attorney is expected to make an intensive campaign and will probably make several addresses in each county in the district.

Lincoln County Farmers to Meet Here April 8th

J. G. Morrison, county agent, today announced that an important meeting of the farmers of Lincoln county will be held in Lincolnton on Wednesday, April 8, at 2 P. M.

Mr. Morrison has issued the following call to the meeting:

There will be held in the court house at Lincolnton a meeting of all farmers interested in the new farm program on Wednesday evening, April 8th, at 2 P. M.

There will be a representative here from the Raleigh office to explain and discuss with the farmers some of the details of the program for this year. It is hoped that a large number will attend this meeting.

Those interested in this meeting are requested to invite their neighbors to come too.

Quins Are Able to Climb Out of Bed

Callander, Ont., March 31.—Yvonne Dionne celebrated her 22nd month of life today by clambering from her bed and awakening the Dafoe hospital staff before sunrise.

It was her newest stunt, this climbing out of bed alone. Her four sisters watched with interest and it was no time at all before all five were banging at their nurses' doors. Today's early morning performance was another indication to Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe, their physician, of the marked sense of curiosity and initiative the quintuplets have developed as they near their second birthday on May 28.

Second Reprieve For Bruno Predicted As Death Date Is Fixed

Former Wife Heard



COLUMBUS, O., A. H. Hawraney (above), offered to loan the city \$500,000 when it was announced that a \$900,000 deficit must be met this year. The city declined . . . but Hawraney's former wife, at Detroit, heard of it and now asks for more alimony.

THREATENING LETTER IS SENT TO MINISTER

Missive Says Small Daughter's Life In Danger If Negroes Are Executed

Gastonia, March 31.—A guard armed with a shotgun patrolled Rev. W. Earl Armstrong's premises tonight because of a letter threatening the minister's daughter, Jean, 11, if death sentences given two negroes convicted of an attempted assault upon her are carried out.

Received by Rev. Mr. Armstrong in Saturday's mail, the anonymous letter said the "little angel" would be the central figure in a "fiendish crime" if Frank and Grier Armstrong, negro brothers of Gastonia, died in the state's gas execution chamber.

Solicitor John G. Carpenter had referred to the child as "that little angel" in the trial earlier this month of the two negroes. They were convicted of entering Armstrong's home the night of January 9 and pulling Jean from her bed in an attempt to kidnap and assault her.

Deploping the threat, James Mulren, attorney for the negroes, said he hoped it would not prejudice the appeal he has made to Governor Fhringhaus for commutation of their sentences.

The negroes were arrested on circumstantial evidence and made a purported confession which they later repudiated.

Rev. Mr. Armstrong, said he had not been seriously alarmed by the letter, but that yesterday while Jean was playing in her front yard a negro seized her arm, but released her and ran when she screamed. He then obtained a guard for his home.

The letter was turned over to local police who called in federal authorities.

Written in pencil on rough note paper, the note was mailed in Gastonia Saturday.

Armstrong is pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, an interdenominational church here with a membership largely from among employes of textile mills, and is also pastor of the Northern Methodist church at Bessemer City.

Services Announced For Crouse Charge

Rev. H. P. Barringer, the pastor, makes the following announcement of Sunday services for the Crouse Lutheran Parish: Bethpage—Sunday School, 9:45 A. M. The service followed by Holy Communion 10:45. Subject, "Giving Jesus Our Best." St. Paul—Sunday School, 2 P. M. The service, 3 P. M.

All members are urged to be present. All visitors are welcome.

DEED THEY DO

In the good old days our Congressmen viewed with alarm; now they alarm with views.—Atlanta Journal.

Prison Warden Sets Execution For Friday Night; Bruno Still Hopeful

Trenton, N. J., April 1.—A second reprieve for Bruno Richard Hauptmann was still considered a possibility in some quarters tonight, despite earlier official denials, because of the consideration by the Mercer county (Trenton) grand jury of the "confession" of Paul H. Wendel to the Lindbergh kidnaping.

Gov. Harold G. Hoffman was asked late today, through his press aide, whether he had any comment on the possibility of a new reprieve in view of the Wendel incident.

The answer sent back was "no comment."

The governor has announced often there would be "no further reprieve" unless there were "startling developments" in the Hauptmann case and this week, before the grand jury took up the Wendel case, stated "without qualification there would be 'no reprieve.'"

Might Take Further Chance

Nevertheless the feeling persisted in some minds that if the grand jury had reached no decision within the period in which Warden Mark O. Kimberling has the power to delay the execution—at midnight Saturday or Sunday—the governor, whose actions since he entered the case last October have been somewhat unpredictable, might see this as a reason for reversing himself and reprieving Hauptmann.

Legal authorities agree Hoffman has no legal power to again extend the period of life for Hauptmann.

CATAWBA COUNTY FARMER IS SENT THREAT LETTER

\$5,000 Is Demanded of Zeb Shelton, Wealthy and Influential Citizen

Newton, March 31.—An attempted blackmail on Zeb E. Shelton, wealthy and widely-known retired farmer of the Sherrills Ford community was made recently, information released today by Sheriff O. D. Barrs disclosed.

Shelton, who formerly was a resident of Charlotte where for many years he was connected with the Ed Mellon company, spent the winter months in Florida. Upon his return home the first part of March, he found a poorly-written note under his front door demanding that he leave \$5,000 at a designated spot near his home, and threatening his life if he failed to comply with the demands.

The note, which had been printed out by hand, was signed, "Gang." The demands were that the money be wrapped in dark paper and placed on the ground by a small cedar tree at a rye patch near the road leading into the Shelton home from the Mooresville highway on the evening of March 10.

The note was turned over to the sheriff and an investigation has been made. Arrests may yet be made in the case.



JOE GISH SAYS— I bet the fellow who used the same pencil for fifty years didn't have to fill out an income tax report.