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In the Realm of Better Music

Anyone who heard The North Carolina Little Symphony last week could not fail to be impressed. If they were displeased with the type of music presented, saying it was too high brow or too low brow, they could not, in fairness, say that Dr. Benjamin Swalin and his musicians are not doing a unique task in attempting to bring good music to the people.

Ears of the average person are tuned day after day to juke-box numbers, the catching tune, the easily-remembered rhythm. No effort is put forth to see melody, rhythm or beauty in musical classics. And it cannot be denied, classical music must be understood before it can be appreciated.

A person who speaks only English can listen to the words of a man speaking French. The Englishman may stand in awe of the numerous sounds coming from the Frenchman's mouth, but he doesn't know whether the Frenchman is reciting a poem of rare beauty or recounting the antics of his great aunt's pet cat.

And thus it is with music. A person whose ears are not tuned to know when the woodwinds are playing, whether the solo part is being taken by a clarinet or violin, or where the melody is, cannot possibly be entertained by a symphony orchestra.

Dr. Swalin introduced the audience to many of the instruments during the concert here last week. And we miss our guess if we say he was "talking down" to very few. His background talks on the various numbers gave the compositions more meaning and we believe that no person with average intelligence could have spent less than an enjoyable evening if he was in Beaufort school auditorium the night of the concert.

It is our sincere hope that the Little Symphony will return here next year. It will, if we make it possible. There has been talk of obtaining another type of musical entertainment, such as a series of concerts, but we owe allegiance first to our state orchestra.

Mrs. Bayard Taylor, Mrs. T. T. Potter, Mrs. B. F. Royal and the others who worked to make the Little Symphony appearance possible, deserve many thanks from all of us. When we say "worked" we mean just that. Convincing many parents (who want their children to hear the free afternoon concert) that they should buy tickets to the evening concert and thereby support the Little Symphony, is indeed a problem. The planning, promotion and other details, added to the membership selling job, amounts to a big task.

The free concerts for school children given by the North Carolina Symphony throughout the state are unique. According to Dr. Swalin this is done nowhere else in the world.

In a recent address at Campbell college, the conductor said he is committed to a life-long crusade to raise the standards of public taste in music. He declared that "vulgar and banal music is too often supported by the poor taste of our leaders," and the musical education of the youth of America is being affected adversely by the juke-box.

"If the public taste needs elevating," said Dr. Swalin, "they should do that. Life is just a quest for higher values, and good music is one way to get closer to God."

Raleigh Roundup

By Eula Nixon Greenwood



RIGHT ALONG NOW . . . Willis Smith, Raleigh attorney, former Speaker of the House in the Legislature, and president of the board of trustees of Duke University, should become a candidate for the U. S. Senate right along now.

The talk around Raleigh last week was that the powers that be were tossing all varieties of jobs at him—from justice of the peace on up to ambassador—if he would back up a little, settle down to a quiet old age, and let the rest of the world roll by.

RUN! . . . Last Sunday night as a week ago over the Dixie FM Network—15 North Carolina radio stations—Bouncing Bob Thompson, editor of the High Point Enterprise, having given up on Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine's making the race, moved on Smith with barrels of bouquets and then asked people wanting him to run to write Smith, phone Smith, see Smith, and wire Smith. Since then they have been doing all four. It was just more than a normal man could stand . . . maybe.

62 . . . Smith was a Scott man. He is partner in an enterprise with State Democratic Chairman Everett Jordan. A Supreme Court vacancy may occur here during Governor Scott's administration, and Smith would like to get the appointment. If he hasn't announced, or doesn't announce, put that down as one of the reasons. An-and within two hours the Senate

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COOLING OFF PERIOD



MORRIS

had passed a bill to make the State bone-dry. The North Carolina boy turned down an invitation to speak to the House members. They pigeonholed the dry bill, and a few days later the Legislature closed its session. Says Time: "Had the bill reached the floor, and had Dr. Billy Graham put in an appearance, legislators thought it might well have passed. Many a Georgia wet lifted his thanksgiving dram shakily at so close a call."

SHELBY AGAIN . . . Believe it or not, Gov. Scott is looking longingly in the direction of Shelby, from which he hopes will cometh some strength. Yes, it is O. Max Gardner, jr., he has in mind. It is regarded as a foregone conclusion that he will be in the State Senate and that he will go along with the more liberal element, with which he seems to be casting his immediate future. He will be called on very soon to do a speech or two in behalf of Dr. Frank Graham; and his mother may also be found on the Graham platform. Meantime, Ki-folks Sen. Clyde R. Hoey will keep the even tenor of his conservative way. That's N. C. at its best. Versatility, thy name is Shelby.

NOTES . . . The Young Democrats group in this State is rapidly being transformed into a Dr. Frank Graham organization . . . At the recent rally held in Greensboro Graham buttons in University of North Carolina colors were all over the place . . . and two other similar rallies are planned before the Primary . . . which is all right if the Young Demo's want it that way, but heretofore they did their big rallying for the Democratic Party after the Primary.

A lot of people who hear Commentator Bob Thompson have been asking why he refers to National Committeeman Jonathan Daniels as "Dice" Daniels. Well, Thompson and Daniels, along with Thomas Wolfe and some other wheels,

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were in school together, or separately, at Carolina where Daniels became very adept with the flying dominoes. The classmates named his "Dice," but the name never stuck—except in the mind of Bob Thompson; and he rolls dem bones now virtuously every Sunday night on his broadcast.

Robert R. Reynolds of Asheville, now running for the U. S. Senate against Dr. Frank Graham, spoke to the Spanish-American war vets meeting in that land of the sky a

few days ago. After the speech was over Bob strode into the lobby of the Vanderbilt Hotel, old folks crowding around him, shaking his hand. Said one old lady, tears rolling down her wrinkled face: "Thank God for a man like you, Senator." . . . Get it? Again, that's what Kerr Scott had in mind when he advised Sen. Graham to run like he was being shot at . . . One of Eastern North Carolina's largest papers last week

ran, on Monday, a two-column photo

to and long article on Reynolds . . . and Wednesday followed with a three-column picture of Reynolds and his seven-year-old daughter and another long article . . . and the feature editorial of the week . . . as long as your arm and wide as a handsaw . . . was devoted to Our Bob . . . But two weeks ago Walter Winchell roasted Robert . . . It is estimated that two more blasts from Winchell will assure his nomination . . . Ho hum.

INTENTIONS . . . Although they were woefully underpaid, cussed and discussed, and frequently ridden hard and put up wet, it does begin to look as if most of these gentlemen who were here representing their counties and their districts during the 1949 Legislature will attempt to come again as time draws nearer the Primary.

So far, the only woman who has signified her intentions to be a candidate is Mrs. Josie K. Carr of Chowan county. J. H. McMullan, brother of Attorney General Harry McMullan, says he isn't interested in returning now that plans are moving along to put the bridge across the Chowan River between Windsor and Edenton in good condition. That was his main idea in running the last time. Mecklenburg had the feminine side of the ledger cornered in 1949, but will not have that honor this session. Jim Vogler, who ran for State Treasurer in 1948, will be a candidate as also will be Robert Lassiter, jr., also of Charlotte. The Governor may have a hard time with both men.

AND OTHERS . . . Some of the others expected to be candidates are Harry Vander Linden of Catawba; Clifton Blue of Moore; Roy Taylor of Bluncombe; B. T. Falls, jr., of Cleveland; J. V. Whitfield a Scott champion last time, of Pender; L. A. Martin, friend of the drys, in Davidson; Gordon Maddrey of Hertford; John B. Regan and Wayland Floyd of Robeson; Scott Foe Kerr Craig Ramsey, of Rowan; C. S. Bunn of Nash; Scott Friend John Umstead of Orange; Scott Friend Fred Royster of Vance; Scott Foe Frank Taylor of Wayne; Scott Foe R. L. Harris of Person; Scott Foe Arch Allen and Scott Friend J. C. Little of Wake.

SENATE . . . There will be some sharp changes in the State Senate,

Letter to the Editor

Rotary Club President Comments on Editorial

To the Editor: Your comment in your issue of February 17 on the neglected appearance of the Rotary sign on highway 70 just west of the Beaufort draw-bridge was much to the point.

That you should take note of this is just another evidence of your civic-mindedness. Several months ago the Rotary

but indications are that Gov. Scott will have just as hard time on the north side of the Capitol as before.

The problem facing the 1951 General Assembly: Raise taxes or cut appropriations, the House favoring the former, the Senate the latter. Thus you have a four-months session already in the making.

Club decided to have this sign corrected and re-painted. It is simply a case of procrastination. Something will be done shortly. Thank you for the "reminder." Sincerely yours, N. Thos. Ennett, M. D. President Beaufort Rotary Club.

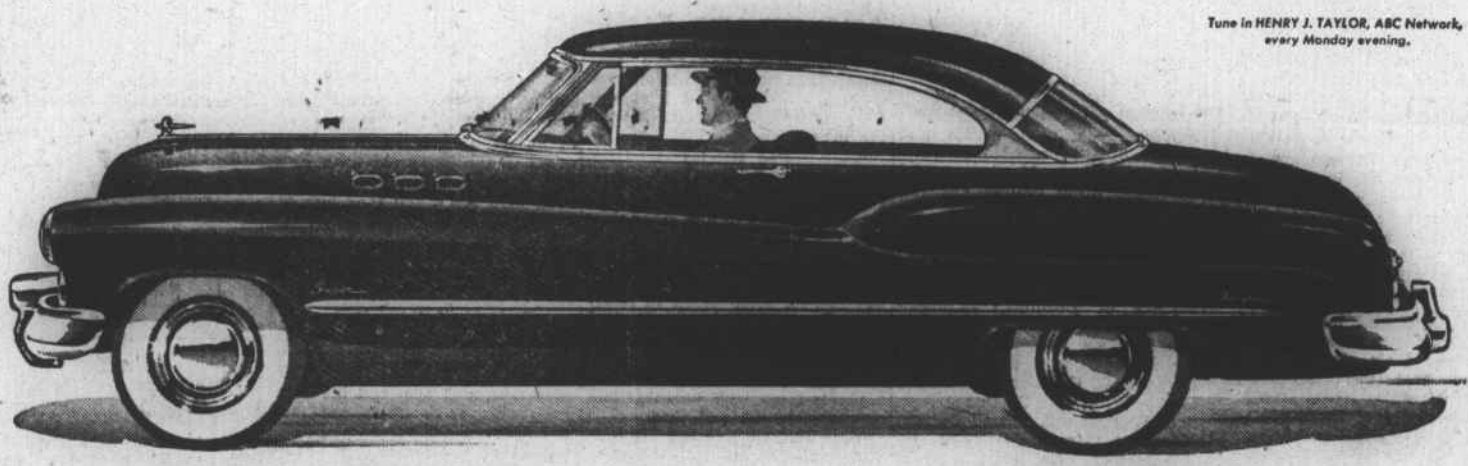
Smile Awhile
HABITUAL MISSES
Grandpa: "I miss the old cuspidor since it's gone."
Grandma: "You missed it before—that's why it's gone."

CARIO—(AP)—The Egyptian government is winning more and more farmers to its campaign to cut production of cotton, which often has been in surplus, and raise more rice to hold Egypt's new-won position as a big rice exporter.

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