



CAROWINDS TO HOST GOSPEL JUBILEE WEEK
JUNE 29 THROUGH JULY 6—A Gospel Music Festival, the likes of which the Carolinas haven't before seen, will be held June 29 through July 6 at CAROWINDS, the giant new family entertainment complex just south of Charlotte on the North Carolina-South Carolina state line. The Gospel Singers

Association of America has designated CAROWINDS official host for Gospel Jubilee Week. In addition to some of the country's top gospel talent, there will be singing competitions featuring groups from all over the Southeast.

Mr. America Is Guest Speaker

Ellington Darden, the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Mr. America, 1972, challenged Christian young people attending Ridgecrest, N.C., Baptist Conference Center to become physically fit to achieve balance in their Christian lives.

As part of the Church Recreation Leadership Conference, Darden conducted a test of ten exercises with junior and senior high students to judge their physical fitness. Darden has a Ph.D. in physical education from Florida State University.

Some components of physical fitness are agility, coordination, muscular power, and resistance to disease, but the most important is cardiovascular endurance, according to Darden.

He pointed out that heart disease is the number one cause of death in the United States and at least 30 million people have heart disease which could lead to premature death.

"The sad part," Darden said, "is that heart disease begins in elementary school. Seven per cent of children ages 6-12 have one or more symptoms of heart disease and the number is doubled in high school. At least 46 per cent of adults 40-50 years old have one or more critical risk factors of heart disease."

"A big part of the answer to this physical deterioration dilemma is exercise and diet," he explained.



By MARION SWINDELL

What is the price of victory? Now, there is an age-old question for us to ponder.

It is said that Robert Louis Stevenson became a master of English by writing some of his pieces nine times over. The manuscript pages of Tennyson's poems sometimes have fifty corrections on a single sheet. Goethe took a lifetime to write "Faust" and half a lifetime to write Wilhelm Meister.

To be aware of the efforts of these men in achieving their greatness teaches us one thing — everything has a price on it.

Without patience — it can't be accomplished. The life that spurs effort is without results and accomplishments. In other words — if you will pay the price you may have it.

The skillful surgeon became so because he paid the price of preparation. The artist paints because he painfully learned draftsmanship... on and on we could go — they all paid the price.

OUR THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: "Victory is never won by the sluggard."

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Why don't you and your family follow the signs, and take time out for a memory or two this week? Visit the Museum of the Albemarle.

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Football Accident Depends On Pig Skin

For most of his life Sam Thomas never had any reason to associate pig skin with anything but pigs and football.

An accident last April 2 changed all that. Thomas, a Winston-Salem native, was approaching a sharp curve on a rural road with his oil tanker when he met a car, coming from the opposite direction and partially in his lane. The tanker swerved, turned over in a ditch and caught fire.

Thomas, 20, was left with second and third degree burns on his face, neck, back, chest and both arms. The man who caused the accident was last seen driving off without ever stopping.

Suddenly pig skin became something important. It was a major factor on hastening Thomas' recovery at Baptist Hospital. He went home recently, having had a much shorter hospital stay because pig skin was part of his therapy.

Because third-degree burns leave no skin on the burned area there are problems with infection,

with the loss of vital body fluids, with pain from raw nerve endings.

The most common type of covering for such burns in the past was antibiotic ointments and gauze. Neither stopped bacteria from getting to the wound. Both allowed body fluid to seep from the wound. Pain was continual. And neither ointment nor gauze significantly promoted healing.

Doctors at Baptist Hospital now prefer to use pig skin as a living bandage.

Victims of severe burns must wait for permanent grafts while their conditions are stabilized and the dead skin is removed. In the past that process has often taken several weeks. Use of pig skin reduces that time.

The pig skin seals the burned area from infection and from the leakage of body fluids. Pain is reduced as the raw nerves are covered.

The pig skin actually grows to the patient, though it would eventually be rejected by the body. When the skin is removed the burn wound is left fresh and clean

and ready for the permanent graft from the patient's own skin.

The Bowman Gray School of Medicine's surgery research laboratory provides the doctors with the pig skin they need. The laboratory has an arrangement with local farmers to get pigs whenever they are needed. Within 24 hours after a doctor orders the pig skin it is ready for use on the patient.

The pig is brought to the laboratory, washed, shaved, weighed and then killed. It takes four people half a day to remove the skin and make it ready. A single 175 or 200-pound pig provides up to 24-square feet of skin that is 15-1,000ths of an inch thick. The skin is cut into strips three inches wide and 30 inches long. The strips are then sterilized and placed in a refrigerator to await use.

The skin can be used as long as 10 days after it was taken from the pig.

This most skin ever taken by the laboratory for a single patient was removed from six pigs. That was for a little

girl burned in April, 1972.

A small quantity of pig skin is kept on hand in case there is not 24-hours notice or in case the doctor only needs a small amount of skin.

The pig skin can also be used to protect permanent skin grafts from injury.

One of Thomas' doctors said that because the pig skin promotes faster healing Thomas was ready for his first permanent graft operation 18 days after entering the hospital. Previously those operations might not have been done for a month.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Maude Jones has returned from the Chowan Hospital where she was a surgery patient for several weeks.

IN SOUTHERN PINES

Harry Broughton is spending several weeks in Southern Pines with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Broughton.

Wilkie Convention Speaker

E.C. Wilkie of Kinston, a representative of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, will be keynote speaker at the annual homecoming planned at the Kennedy Home campus of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc. June 30 and July 1. Dr. W.R. Wagoner, agency president, made the announcement today.

Wilkie, a former pastor at Kennedy Home Baptist Church, is currently and associate in field promotion in the department of stewardship and cooperative program promotion for the Baptist group.

Reminiscent of days gone by, this year's theme is, "Tell It Like It Wuz". Some 400 alumni and their families from across North Carolina and surrounding states are expected on the campus for the two-day reunion.

Guests will register at 1 p.m. Saturday and eat supper at the picnic area of the campus at 5:30 p.m. An informal program with alumni giving brief experiences they had while living at the Home is planned for 6:30 p.m. at the W.C. Reed Memorial Gymnasium. Later that evening a watermelon feast is planned.

During the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Roger Williams Jr., eastern area and Kennedy Home superintendent, will welcome alumni and guests. Charles Flynn of Delco, vice president of the Kennedy Home Alumni Association, will make the response.

W. Isaac Terrell, director of development for the agency, commented, "We receive Mr. Dennis' resignation with regret. He has done an exceptionally fine job as editor of Charity and Children. He has been a valuable member of our development, public relations, and news staff. We will miss Mr. and Mrs. Dennis and their lovely daughter, Laura Ann. We wish them well as they return to school for further study."

Special patriotic music will be provided during the service by the Kennedy Home summer church choir under the direction of John Thompson. At noon a business session will be held and lunch served at 1 p.m.

Other alumni officers who have helped plan the homecoming include Mrs. Carrie Sparks treasurer, an Mrs. Doris Hartley Powers.



Dennis Resigns

JD Dennis, editor of Charity and Children and publications officer for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc., has resigned. His resignation becomes effective on August 10, 1973.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dennis plan to return to school. They will make their home in southern California.

"We are grateful for the service rendered by JD Dennis during his tenure with the Baptist Children's Homes," Dr. W.R. Wagoner, agency president, said. "We wish for him every success in his academic endeavors in California."

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