

Charlotte

By JULIAN SCHEER

Close-Up

This is another Nomination Day. Rougher race track in city. New Providence Rd. outside city limits.

Smoothest track in city—New Providence Rd. completed inside city.

Best salesman—Arthur Smith of Crackerjack fame. When TV Guide inserted a story about the Crackerjacks in its Nov. 10th issue, local sales jumped 80 percent and Triangle Publications say, "It is doubtful that ever before in history has a single issue of a magazine increased at such a rate."

Best old saying — A woman's club is a place where they knock after they enter.

Or — Some men are character actors when they show any character they're acting.

Best LDC story — A sweet young thing, daughter of an old Virginia family, recently transferred from one of the colleges in the Old Dominion to Ohio State University. One of the courses she signed up for was ancient history. After the professor had given a lecture, the young lady rushed up to him. "Oh, professor," she said, "I just adored your lecture, especially the part about the Meses and the Persians. You know, my mother was a Meade."

Best incidental intelligence, courtesy Henry Orr of Duke Power — Static electricity, which plagues folks in cold weather in autos, is easily conquered. All you have to do is grab the metal trim or door handle and ground yourself.

Best advice — During Teenage Safe Driving Day, which ended Thursday, youngsters were using a bookkeeper in the downtown area to encourage pedestrians to walk safely. At one intersection, a man with a small daughter, had stepped off the curb into the street waiting for a light to change. Came the voice over the loudspeaker, "Little girl, will you please put your dad back up on the curb." She did.

Best coincident dept. — Two Golden Years Club members were talking the other day. Both remembered their last names started with H. "I was a secretary in my younger days," said one. "Me, too," answered the other. "I worked for Westinghouse in the first block of S. Tryon," said one. "I worked for the same block for The Charlotte News," said the other. "Strange," said one. "We didn't meet. What did your husband do?" "He was in the insurance business," said one. "So was my husband," the other answered. End of coincidences.

Dairies Merged With Southern

Merger of four dairy companies into Southern Dairies Inc. was announced today by W. S. Obenshain, president of the corporation, which has headquarters in Charlotte.

The merger came about when Southern Dairies acquired the stock of Cloverland Dairy Products Corp. of New Orleans, La. Brookhaven Creamery Co. of Brookhaven, Miss. Magnolia Creamery Co. of Magnolia, Miss. and the White Ice Cream and Milk Co. of Wilmington. In announcing the merger, Mr. Obenshain pointed out that the stock of these companies had been acquired in the past by National Dairy Products Corp., of which Southern Dairies is a subsidiary. The Charlotte general office of Southern Dairies had been administrative headquarters for these various companies since their acquisition by National Dairy.

The four dairy organizations are now divisions of Southern Dairies rather than separate corporations, and are an integrated part of its operations in its southeastern states.

COUNT BASIE IS FEATURED HERE TONIGHT

Well known rhythmic stylists will perform tonight at Over Auditorium. The musicians are: Count Basie, George Shearing, pianist, Ruth Brown, Joe Williams, The Jacks, Sonny Til and His Orioles and T-Bone Walker. Count Basie's orchestra will feature the All-American Rhythm Section. The concert begins at 8:30 p.m.

Traffic Toll

Injured yesterday 0
Injured to date 108
Fatalities this year 76



Hodges and Horn: In The Jazz Desert, An Oasis

'Progressive' Sounds In The Night Jazz Fans Find Early A.M. Mecca

By CHARLES KURALT
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Good jazz, which has been a long time coming, has finally hit town. It is being dispensed only one night a week, it is true, and at an inconvenient hour, but no hurdle is too great for the local jazz faithful, who until now have had to take their music via vinyl or not at all.

Charlotte's first jazz Mecca is the Oasis Supper Club on York Rd. There, after the dance music ceases on Saturday night, the bandmen loosen their collars, fold up their music stands and sit down.

What they let go might tempt to leave Duvall and a little cold, it is a stirring, "progressive" sound that gets better as the night gets longer. It doesn't even start until the dance steps at about 1:30 a.m. and it doesn't come to an end until 5 or 6 o'clock in the morning.

CROWD STILL THERE
When it is over, the crowd is still there and pleading for more. There is no stopping jazz here or when he's got what he wants.

What Charlotte's jazz lovers want is given to them by a crew of five regulars led by saxman John Andrews, a part-owner of the Oasis and repairman for Jack Berger Music Co.

The others include a record salesman - bass player, Bob Richardson; a school teacher - drummer, Fletcher Blair; a real estate salesman - trombone man, Johnny Sanders; and a chemical analyst - pianist, Vernon Brown.

REGULAR ARMY
These musicians are augmented by a regular army of others who play their own dance dates on Saturday nights, then drop in on the night spot for the "session."

When touring bands come to town their musicians also stop by in recent weeks, sidemen from the Claude Thornhill and Charlie Spivak bands have joined the local troops in the Saturday night free-for-all.

By most accounts, though, the spark of the jam session is a 1946 Central High School graduate named Bill Hodges. He left Charlotte nine years ago as a trumpet player for the touring Johnny Long orchestra.

JOINED SERVICE
After a hitch with Claude Thornhill and a short spell with an orchestra in a Las Vegas, Nev., night club, Bill joined the Air Force and became a member of the Glenn Miller Air Force band which appeared in "The Glenn Miller Story."

The service behind him, he took the solo trumpet chair with the new Sauter-Finnegan orchestra and went on the road again. Enough, however, was enough. The urge to settle down brought him back to Charlotte this year. He's tuning pianos, playing

dances and lending his imagination, driving from to the sessions on Saturday nights.

Upwards of 200 listeners sit at round tables every weekend to hear the group work. John Andrews and co-owner Bill Cooper are flushed with success.

"It may be the dance music that attracts them," John suggested. "But they go for the jazz. It's going to be a cosmopolitan town. Some nights, they won't let us go home."

John, an Oakland, Calif., boy who also played with Thornhill, is pleased with the success of the weekend jazz session.

"We're not a show band, see," he said. "We don't sing, we don't do imitations or comedy. We don't do anything but stand up there on the stand and play. That's the best way."

The customers seem to think so. Jazz lovers come from as far away as Raleigh and Greensboro to stay up all night listening to the sounds. WBT Announcer Bob Raiford, who helped the session get a reputation by talking about it on his weekly "Adventure in Sound" program, is a regular spectator.

The music is not commercial. It has an appeal that is limited to real aficionados.

But a town without a jazz band is more than a town without a drug store to the "hip" sympathizers of the modern sound.

These sophisticates are keeping themselves happily late by the simple expedient of sitting down in a dark corner on Saturday nights, staring at a bandstand and patting their feet un-drawn.

Shrine Bowl Game Shares Spot With Other Events

Festivities Will Open With Parade



(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Franklin)

CHRISTMAS SEALS ARE being sold in the Charlotte Post Office on Saturdays until Christmas by Charlotte Y-Teens. Manning the TB booth last week were these Y-Teens

Empty Stocking Fund Case

Second Illness Hits Family

"Last Christmas I was in the hospital," the man said. He's about 20, a "heart cripple." He's the father of two teenage girls. "I happened just before Christmas," he said. "Just long enough before so we hadn't gotten anything for the girls for Christmas."

Investigation Is Made In Death Of Hunter

BULLETIN
The death of Carl Teague was caused by a blood clot according to County Police, who received an autopsy report from County Coroner Dr. W. M. Summerville early this afternoon.

An examination of the body of Carl Teague, who was found dead in a wooded area off Beatty's Ford Rd. yesterday, was made today by Dr. W. M. Summerville, Mecklenburg County coroner.

Teague, 37, of Rt. 7, was apparently hunting at the time of his death according to Capt. George Stephens of the County Police. The purpose of Dr. Summerville's examination today is to determine the cause of death.

Teague was one of three men wounded in a shooting at Indian Trail three weeks ago, and at the time of his death he was believed to be in the company of one of the men involved in that shooting, according to police.

BORN IN ALEXANDER
He was born in Alexander

16 S-D Day Accidents Here

Sixteen accidents, all of them of relatively minor nature, occurred yesterday as Mecklenburg County observed Safe-Driving Day.

City police reported no injuries to any persons involved in 12 different minor collisions.

Fourteen Highway Patrolmen investigated only two accidents, and Mecklenburg County police responded to two other traffic mishaps.

The one injury of the day in the county occurred in a three-way collision at 5:45 a. m. Fourteen-year-old Alvin Guthrie, 507 S. C. St., Charlotte, suffered a fractured collar bone and was treated at Presbyterian Hospital.

Winners of \$25 defense bonds in the Safe Driving Day contest sponsored by Charlotte's insurance women's association, were Mrs. Virginia Leonard Campagna, 3505 Mason St., and Mrs. Clara Taylor Mason, 844 Mohican St.

The two were cited for safe driving practices by Mecklenburg County police.

PLANNERS NOT TO MEET NEXT TUESDAY
The scheduled meeting of the City-County Planning Commission will not be held next Tuesday.

Announcement was made today that the regular meeting of the board scheduled for next Tuesday afternoon will not be held because members have recently held several special meetings.

The next regular meeting of the board will be held Jan. 3.

Speizman To Speak At Service Tonight
The speaker at the Friday night service at Temple Israel will be Morris Speizman, past president of Temple Israel and president of the Seaboard Region, United Synagogue of America.

Mr. Speizman will speak on activities and developments in Jewish life. Rabbi N. Levinson and Cantor Solomon Sternberg will conduct the service today at 8:30 p.m.

HUNTERVILLE MAN TO BE TRIED NEXT WEEK IN SHOTGUN SLAYING
A 69-year-old Huntersville Negro will be tried in Criminal Superior Court next week for the shotgun slaying of another Negro man.

Trial of Rodgers Hutchinson is set for Tuesday, with Judge Hugh B. Campbell presiding.

Hutchinson is charged with the Nov. 25 murder of Harry Haynes, approximately 45 years old, Rt. 1, Huntersville.

Prosecuting the 44-case calendar will be Solicitor Basil L. Whitener and assistant Solicitor Charles E. Kano.

Ruby Kuger commercial photo; SGRAD NEON SIGNS—All kinds of signs. 15th & Davidson. (Adv.)

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MAYOR FILM EVERY INVITED TO GREET STAR DANNY KAYE

Mayor Phil Van Every has been invited to greet Danny Kaye, film star and entertainer, when he arrives here for a brief visit Monday.

Mr. Kaye will arrive here from New York at 2:25 p.m. Following a program at the airport, Mr. Kaye will be taken to the Barringer Hotel where he will be interviewed by newspaper representatives.

Mr. Kaye will also appear on the stage of the Carolina Theater immediately following the showing of a new motion picture. He will be guest at a dinner and reception to follow the showing.

Mr. Kaye will leave here Tuesday morning for Atlanta where he will also make appearances.

Next CD Test To Be Surprise

By HARRY SHUFORD
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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Civil Defense Director Charles E. Cullen said today that the next big evacuation here will be a surprise test.

In a bulletin to Civil Defense and civic leaders, Mr. Cullen said he still does not know when the test will be held. Earlier this week it will be held later than next spring, probably earlier.

In the bulletin, which gave official results of the Nov. 9 test evacuation, he said, "Frankly, I can't give you any idea of when we will have our next test; but new sirens coming in slow and I'm already itching to blow 'em."

He said, "The first test (Nov. 9) must be well advertised and slowly executed in order to familiarize the public with the basic plan."

But he went on to say, "Next time there will be only the announcement that in such and such a week we will at some time, day or night, have a Civil Defense test."

Commenting on the first test, Mr. Cullen said that "Federal and local officials agreed on the success of our test Nov. 9. They were particularly complimentary about the excellent cooperative attitude of our populace."

The official time recorded for the mid-town evacuation was set at 15 minutes, with 798 Civil Defense volunteers helping to evacuate between 18,000 and 20,000 people.

NO ATHLETICS
In less than three minutes after the sirens sounded traffic in the evacuation area and around its fringes was under control, and the transportation corps found it could load and move people to Pineville in 23 minutes, Monroe in 37 minutes, Huntersville in 22 minutes and Mr. Holly in 18 minutes.

Mr. Cullen also added that official results of the test showed no traffic bottlenecks in any part of the city, and that four types of communications operated satisfactorily during the test.

He said signs will soon be erected to mark evacuation routes from mid-town to evacuation points, and that all pickup points will be marked.

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Hosiery Group Will Locate Offices Here

By J. A. DALY
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Charlotte's prestige as a center of textile industry operations will be increased by the national Association of Hosiery Manufacturers removing its headquarters from New York to Charlotte.

The NAHM executive committee Dec. 15 a suite of offices it has leased in the Johnston Bldg.

Reuben C. Ball, the association's first vice president and secretary, will remove from New York to Charlotte to direct activities of the headquarters. Associated with him will be Taylor R. Durham of Charlotte, many years president of the southern Hosiery Manufacturers Association.

This Southern association is being merged with the national association. That decision was reached at the hosiery manufacturers' annual midyear convention, which was held in New York last week. The decision was made to move the consolidated organization's headquarters to Charlotte.

W. F. Williamson, president of NAHM, will continue to have offices in New York. Several phases of NAHM's activities will be continued in New York through the statistical division and some other activities which will remain in Charlotte probably next May.

Mr. Williamson will spend some time at the Charlotte headquarters. As has been explained by the hosiery manufacturers' selling houses, with the trade press, and with the interests co-operating in the NAHM trade promotion program.

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