

### Co-Operative Concert Program Slated Friday

The brilliant young Czech pianist Rudolf Firkušny, whose recent South American tour created such enthusiasm that he has been re-engaged for next season, will be heard here this Friday evening, at 8:30 o'clock under the auspices of THE Wilmington Co-Operative Concert Association.

Young Firkušny first visited the United States in 1938, appearing in New York and other cities in the East and Midwest. This introductory tour ended, he returned to Europe with the expectation of returning the following season. But he had not counted on Hitler's armies occupying his homeland. When he applied to the Gestapo for permission to buy his railroad ticket, he was curtly refused. But diplomatic intervention effected a change of attitude, and he was allowed to leave Czechoslovakia. . . Only to meet the Germans again in Paris, when they took over that city.

It was not until December of 1940 that Firkušny finally succeeded in reaching Lisbon and procuring passage on the SS Excelsior for America. . . Sir Thomas Beecham was instrumental in having Firkušny engaged as soloist for the Ravinia Festival during the summer of 1941. It was the occasion of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Anton Dvorak's birth.

### Engineer Office Plans Monthly Social Event

The Turret and Castle club of the U. S. Engineer office, composed of 189 members, will entertain at the monthly social event for employees of the office on Tuesday evening, January 11, from 9 until 1 o'clock at the Lake Forest community building.

A feature of the evening will be a floor show presented by George Faison and Homer Worthington, employees of the office. Main officers of the club are Warren E. Denise, president, and George E. Tenken, vice-president.

This month's entertainment committee is composed of George Fowler, H. G. Cornelius and Roy B. Webb.

Sea Island cotton, which has a long fiber, was first introduced in this country in 1786.



TRI-COLOR: Purple, chartreuse and soft yellow are combined in Cheryl Walker's striking hostess gown.

### Thompson-Jacobs Wedding Announced

LUMBERTON, Jan. 4.—The marriage of Mrs. Leila Stephens Jacobs to Cecil LaFayette Thompson took place on December 25 at 3:30 p.m. at the home of the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Williams. In the presence of some 100 friends, Dr. J. Glenn Blackburn, pastor of the First Baptist Church, performed the ring ceremony.

The wedding music was rendered by Miss Betty Rose Prevatte, pianist, and Mrs. J. A. Martin and Mrs. Ed West, soloists. The bride and groom entered the living room together, unattended. The bride wore a frock of ice blue crepe with beaded net yoke, a brown veiled hat with matching blue feathers and brown accessories. Her flowers were a shoulder corsage of purple orchids.

Immediately following the wedding an informal reception was given by Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blackburn. Mrs. E. J. Britt and Mrs. E. L. Bowman poured tea and girls serving were Misses Jane Carter, Ann Baker, Ann McGill, Elizabeth McLeod, Alma Blackburn and Mary Kime Bowman. Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Britt received at the front door and goodbyes were said to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McLeod.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McCoy Stephens of Richmond, Va., and Chadbourn. Mr. Thompson is son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George L. Thompson of Lumberton. On the evening before the Thompson-Jacobs wedding Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Ballou entertained about 45 guests at a cake-cutting and later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Linkhaw honored the couple at their home.

### Annual Service Will Be Held At St. John's Church

The service known as the "Feast of Lights" will be presented in St. John's Episcopal church, Third and Red Cross streets, Sunday evening, January 9, at 8 o'clock.

The true missionary meaning of the Epiphany season will be explained through music, narrative, and the lighting of the hundred of candles from one single candle on the altar. The music of the service consists of well-known Epiphany hymns and carols in which the congregation joins the vested choir.

Prior to the service, the organist, Miss Julia Post, will present a program in which old familiar strains of traditional carols will be recognized as a fitting prelude to the "Feast of Lights" service. The public is cordially invited to attend this beautiful service.

### Windell McLeod Wedding Vows Said

DUNN, Jan. 4.—In an impressive ceremony Miss Annie Helen McLeod, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McLeod of Dunn, became the bride of Earl Vincent Windell of Wilmington and Fort Mills, S. C., Friday evening, December 24, at 6 o'clock in the First Baptist church. Rev. S. Lewis Morgan, Jr., pastor, officiated, using the double ring ceremony.

Prior to the ceremony Mrs. Henry Whittenton, organist, rendered a program of wedding music. Miss Gladys Strickland of Buie's Creek, and Mrs. H. H. Windell, mother of the bridegroom, sang several selections.

The bride, who entered the church with her father, wore a wedding gown of white slipper satin fashioned with round yoke of sheer material edged with a flower design of seed pearls. The tight fitting bodice which extended into a full skirt was fastened with tiny covered buttons. The leg o'mutton sleeves came to a point over the wrist. Her finger-ring veil of illusion fell from a heart-shaped crown of lace and her only ornament was a single strand of pearls, gift of the bridegroom. She carried a bridal bouquet of white roses centered with an orchid.

Ms. E. B. Dean, of Lillington, sister of the bride, was matron-of-honor. She wore a gown of powder blue marquisette made with long full sleeves and accented with tiny matching ruffles. Her flowers were red roses. Mrs. Frank Smith of Wilmington and Mrs. J. T. Jernigan of Brunswick, Ga., also sisters of the bride, served as bridesmaids. They were attired in identical dresses of powder blue fashioned with bodice of silk jersey and bouffant skirts of net. They carried bouquets of red roses and wore a matching flower in their hair.

H. H. Windell attended his son as best man and ushers were Thurman Fritz and Robie Fritz of Lexington, Frank Smith of Wilmington and D. E. Dean of Lillington. Master Peter Jernigan of Brunswick, Ga., served as ring bearer. Mrs. T. H. McLeod, mother of the bride, wore a gown of aquamarine blue crepe with an orchid at her shoulder. Mrs. Holland, the bride's grandmother, wore a royal blue velvet dinner gown and an orchid corsage. The mother of the bridegroom was attired in a black lace dress and also wore an orchid.

The bride received her education at Buie's Creek where she attended high school and Campbell college. The bridegroom is a graduate of the Fort Mills, S. C., high school and attended Clemson college in Charleston, S. C. Immediately following a reception at the home of the bride the couple left for a short wedding trip after which they will make their home in Wilmington where Mr. Windell holds a position.

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### Club Clock

A meeting of the Ladies Concordia society will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the vestry rooms of the Temple of Israel.

The board of managers of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of America will meet Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock in St. James' parish house.

A meeting of the executive board of North Carolina Sorosis will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock followed by a meeting of the club at 3:30 o'clock. This will be the first business meeting of the club for the new year.

The Business and Professional women's club will hold the regular meeting Friday evening at the clubroom of the Friendly. Guest speaker will be Miss Cordeia B. Foster, home service director of the Tide Water Power company. Members are requested to notify Miss Alice Behrends 2-3783 for reservations.

### Epiphany Day Service Slated

The Church of the Good Shepherd will hold its 29th annual Epiphany Service on Epiphany Day—Thursday, January 6, at 8 p.m., commemorating the Visit of the Magi to Bethlehem and the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles by having the regular feast of light service and the visit of the three Wise Men, bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child at the lowly manger.

The service through these many years has been looked forward to by the general public, due to its beauty and symbolic meaning. Members of several of the other churches in the city will assist in the musical program. Mrs. T. S. Glass will be the guest soloist for the service and render a number, "Bethlehem." Rev. Mortimer Glover, rector of St. James' church, will assist in the service.

In recent years this service has been held on the Sunday nearest to Epiphany Day; but because it is a service in which the public is interested and desire to attend, we will hold it on Thursday, Epiphany Day itself, and believe this will be more convenient for members of other churches.

The Wilmington Council of Girl Scouts, a member agency of the Wilmington Community Chest will hold the monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in room 408 Tide Water Power building. Carolina Beach Home Club Meets Thursday

The Carolina Beach Home Demonstration club will hold the monthly meeting on Thursday, January 6, at 10:30 a.m. in the council room of the new city hall at the beach. Each member is urged to bring a new member to this meeting. Dues for the coming year will be collected at this time.

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### Local Rationing Board To Observe Anniversary

Wednesday will mark the second anniversary of the inauguration of the first rationing program in Wilmington under the auspices of the Office of Price Administration.

Two members of the New Hanover War Price and Rationing board, which was established January 5, 1942 on the fourth floor of the Tide Water Power company building, have been serving continuously for two years, Chairman O. H. Shoemaker, and C. Van Leuven.

The board was first established with these two men and F. A. Mathis serving. Upon the resignation in February, 1942 of Mr. Mathis, D. A. Herrin was appointed and served until October, 1942, when he resigned to become OPA field rationing officer. Since December, 1942, Lewis Orrell has filled this position on the rationing board.

E. L. White and H. A. Marks have likewise been serving continuously since the establishment of a rationing panel at the North Carolina Shipbuilding company in June, 1942.

Another rationing panel was set up January 2, 1943 at Bluetheath air field and members now serving are John H. Clark, Capt. William I. Thomas, and Lieut. James F. Hardwick.

Mrs. Julien Morton is chairman of the Community Service panel and other members are Mrs. L. W. Henderson and Mrs. E. A. Laney. In appreciation of the voluntary has expressed the feeling that suitable recognition should be given on this Second Anniversary Date to the thousands of men and women who without reward and in the face of much criticism have rendered invaluable service as members of local rationing boards and panels. This is undoubtedly a worthy proposal and should receive the fullest response throughout the nation.

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"This program was established under a plan of cooperation between the Federal Government and the several States. The rationing boards in the various counties were named by the Governors of the States and while the administration of rationing and prices is essentially a federal function, the cooperation of the States has been invited and given in a manner that has contributed immeasurably to the success of the general plan. "The National Administration of the Office of Price Administration has expressed the feeling that suitable recognition should be given on this Second Anniversary Date to the thousands of men and women who without reward and in the face of much criticism have rendered invaluable service as members of local rationing boards and panels. This is undoubtedly a worthy proposal and should receive the fullest response throughout the nation. "In North Carolina, there are approximately two thousand men and women who have been serving with great fidelity and without compensation as members of County Rationing Boards and Panels. A large majority of the chairmen of the County Rationing Boards have served continuously for two years, giving unstintingly of their time to a difficult and important, though frequently a distasteful and unpleasant, task. While many national policies of the Office of Price Administration have been subject to severe criticism, some of which has no doubt been justified, it should be remembered that the local boards have not been responsible for matters of policy but have only sought to discharge their duties as a patriotic service in the time of our Nation's gravest emergency. "The nearly two thousand men and women on these local Boards and Panels of North Carolina are deserving of the highest praise. They have made a definite and valuable contribution to their respective counties and to the State and Nation in this war emergency. Their service has been of a highly patriotic and sacrificial capacity. They have rendered valuable service in the all-important battle to prevent inflation and to protect the homes and citizens of the State from the calamity of unfair distribution of essential commodities. "As Governor of North Carolina, I express to all of these Board and Panel Members the thanks of the State for the service which they have performed. I earnestly hope that in each county of North Carolina, through appropriate civic organizations and other agencies, there will be planned and carried out a suitable program for the due recognition of these faithful and patriotic citizens on the Anniversary date—January 5, 1944."

The appointment of the following officers was announced: Albert Paul Glod, Castle Hayne, first Lt. Med-Aus. James Bailie Caddell, Jr., 2827 Plaza, Charlotte, first Lt. Inf-Res. John Walter V. Cordice, Jr., 1503 Fayetteville St., Durham, first Lt. Med-Aus. Ralph Jordan Waldo Hobbs, Rt. 1, Edenton, first Lt. Med-Aus. Harry Ward Sparrow, 518 Julian St., Greensboro, first Lt. Med-Aus. Becher Ward Sitterson, Penrose Pk. Kenansville, first Lt. Med-Aus. John Martin Cooke, 10 Park Ave. Wadesboro, second Lt. Inf-Res. Charles Leroy Tucker, Jr., Rt. 2, Winston-Salem, 2nd Lt. Inf-Res.

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### TRUCK EQUIPMENT SHORTAGE SEEN

Operators of trucks in the Wilmington District of the Division of Motor Transport of the Office of Defense Transportation were warned Tuesday by G. T. Musselman, District Manager of the Office of Defense Transportation that they will be faced with serious equipment shortages in 1944. He warned that the vehicles which they presently have will probably be the last they will be able to obtain until the end of the war and urged them to redouble their efforts along the lines of preventive maintenance.

He quoted Joseph B. Eastman, Director of the Office of Defense Transportation as saying that despite the fact production of 123,000 new commercial vehicles units has been approved for the coming year, truck operators should not now assume that the replacement equipment problem is solved. On December 17, he said Mr. Eastman announced that reports reaching the Office of Defense Transportation indicate a great many operators who had read a previous announcement of the approval of the new replacement vehicle program were apparently convinced their equipment problems would shortly be over. "This is not so," Mr. Eastman pointed out, "for of the 123,000 new vehicles approved, only about 80,000 will actually be for civilian use. The remainder are for the U. S. Maritime Commission, the U. S. Foreign Economic Administration, the Dominion of Canada, and other non-civilian purposes. And this 80,000 may be compared to normal pre-war replacement production of 450,000 vehicles annually, to realize that the number approved is very small indeed when probably demands are considered."

"It should be noted that the bulk of this 80,000 are scheduled for delivery during the last half of 1944. Thus even when the whole 80,000 trucks approved for civilian use are finally produced—and of 7,500 approved for production in the third and fourth quarters of 1943 less than 250 have been delivered to date—they will be sufficient to take care of only the most urgent applications. These trucks will go into the civilian truck pool, which is now virtually exhausted, and will be doled out only for needs directly relating to the war effort or uses necessary to the civilian economy. "For this reason, I urge all truck operators to redouble their maintenance efforts and to regard

REPAIR ESTIMATE The total of \$12,724 for estimated cost of repairs and alterations and erections of privately owned buildings, is slated in the Building Inspector's report for December, 1943, City Manager A. C. Nichols announced Tuesday. Among the largest items mentioned in the report were an estimate of \$2,000 for alterations and repairs by the Seashore Transportation Company at Front and Water streets; of \$2,000 for alterations by the Broadfoot Iron Works at the foot of Church street; and an estimate of \$2,700 for repairs, by Mrs. Walker Taylor Sr., of Wilmington.

### MAIL DEADLINE

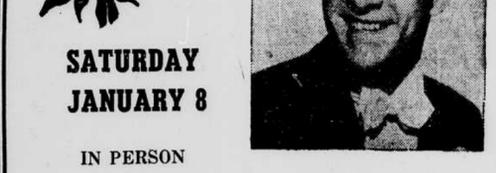
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Girls, if you want your Valentine greetings to reach the boys overseas by Feb. 14, you'd better get them in the mails right away. The War Department today urged wives, sweethearts and relatives of soldiers overseas to mail their greetings between now and January 15. That will make possible their delivery by St. Valentine's day to all but the most distant areas.

### CZECH WOMEN EXECUTED

BERN, SWITZERLAND, Jan. 4.—A Prague dispatch said today that three Czech women had been executed after sentence by a Nazi court at Brunn on a charge of sheltering enemies of Germany who were being sought by the police. Their present vehicles as probably the last which they will be able to obtain until the end of the war. Preventive maintenance and careful driving habits should be particularly emphasized by truck drivers," Mr. Musselman quoted.

### Important Information about COUGHS

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