

Red Cross Workers Use Women's Club



During the Summer months, the Charlotte Woman's Club dining room and directors' room have been turned over to the Red Cross for a workroom, and an Auxiliary to the Mecklenburg Chapter of the Red Cross has been set up there. Hostesses from the club will be at the clubhouse each week, and Red Cross officials will be in

charge of the workroom. Any workers will be welcomed. Shown above are four of the workers who finished a baby's layette this morning, left to right, Mrs. C. C. Duncan, Mrs. J. L. Webb, Miss Lillian Walker and Mrs. Henry Swazey. (News Staff Photo.)

Negro Child Near Death

Chances Slim For Abandoned Infant

Death appeared near today for the three-week-old Negro baby that was left under the seat of an interurban bus here. The child, found tightly wrapped in a paper bundle under the bus seat, had two sinking spells this morning and although it was revived by stimulants there seemed little hope for its recovery.

In the meantime, Officers J. O. Hughes and O. G. Overcash, who were sent to Lewisburg, W. Va., to return Mildred Green, registered Negro nurse, charged with abandoning the child on the bus, returned last night empty-handed.

Frank N. Littlejohn, chief of detectives, said that the nurse, who previously had said she would return without extradition, demanded requisition papers when the officers appeared. As a result, preparations were underway today to secure the necessary papers from the Governor's office. Chief Littlejohn said the Green woman denied any knowledge of the baby and disclaimed any connection with the charges of abandonment. She said her only sister is a school teacher in Mississippi. However, Chief Littlejohn said that his sister, Lucy Mae Green, had been questioned by officers in Spartanburg, S. C., and that she had said the baby is hers and that she had given it to her sister to take to West Virginia for hospital treatment. The nurse was said to have gone to Denmar, W. Va., to take a nursing position in a hospital there.

Alleged Swindler To Be Tried Here July 28

Man Who Is Charged With Fleeing Clerk of Court Ordered to Trial

Harold Jacob Rundt alias John W. Carpenter will be tried here this

week of July 28 for allegedly swindling Superior Court Clerk J. Lester Wolfe out of about \$650 by posing as an administrator for the estate of a former Charlotte woman who died in South Carolina.

Solicitor John C. Carpenter asked Judge Zeb V. Nettles in Superior Court today to have Rundt brought here for trial and Judge Nettles signed an order directing officials of Central Prison, Raleigh, where Rundt is serving terms for filmmaking clerks in Alamance and Catawba Counties, to bring him here July 28.

Rundt is charged with filmmaking several court clerks in the State. The formal charge against him here is false pretense.

Charlotteans Are Arrested

Held in Connection With Truck Burning

RALEIGH.—(AP)—Additional arrests are expected in connection with the burning of a truck near Stokesdale last June. SBI Director Fred Handy said today.

Two men were arrested in Charlotte yesterday, bringing the total to nine. Handy listed the two as Kelly Watts and Ralph Barton, and said both were charged with destroying private property.

Hartsville Opens Drive For Aluminum Wednesday

HARTSVILLE.—Plans have been completed for the aluminum drive in Hartsville in line with the nation-wide campaign now being urged and sponsored by various agencies in towns and cities in furtherance of conservation and the defense program.

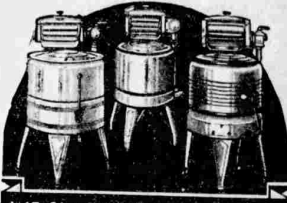
A house to house campaign will start next Wednesday and continue through Saturday.

Mrs. Paul H. Rogers in general chairman of the local drive.

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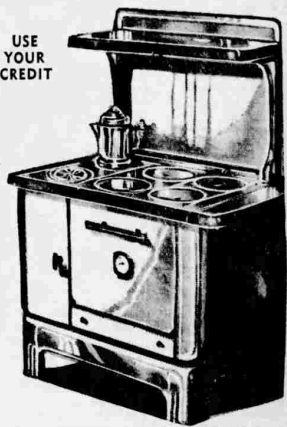
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News of Books:

"Father Of The Blues" Writes Picturesque Story Of His Life

By PILE MCKNIGHT Charlotte News Staff Writer

The finest American jazz isn't heard in the radio studio or on the dance floor or on phonograph records. It's dreamed up for those occasions, given a lot of trappings, and color and sound effects.

But wander along in the pre-dawn haze of a big city after the last straggling evening dresses and wilted tuxedo collars have disappeared and chances are you'll hear strains from a hole-in-the-wall joint that'll make you stop and listen. Good musicians, the real ones who play jazz for the sheer thrill and pleasure of the thing, don't go to bed when the day's work is over. They wander off in small groups, find themselves a piano and a set of drums and start to work.

And from those so-called "jam sessions" comes jazz music in its finest and purest form, music straight from the soul, heart-searing phrases that pour out the laments of the player, brilliant and exciting passages that seem to burst with a TNT brand of rhythm. For such musicians, W. C. Handy wrote his compositions. That they were taken under wing



W. C. HANDY

by a blue-eyed public merely shows the versatility of his appeal.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

All that in a roundabout way of introducing Handy's new autobiography, "Father of the Blues," published by the McMillan Co. this month.

W. C. Handy was no freak on the American music horizon. It's true that the fact for the blues

spont its fury after a period of years. But the impact of Handy's music writing touched many another style of composition, made its impression even in the field of serious American music.

W. C. Handy was a little music-struck Negro lad who liked to wander through the woods and listen to the noises of the animals. He lived down in Florence, Ala., the son of a music-hating minister. But he wasn't at all discouraged by his parent's protests or the uncertainty of the existence he chose for himself. The minstrel show era caught him up and, with his trumpet in his thick lips, he started a long trek which took him to practically every state in the Union.

The blues writing came as no accident. From a Crump political campaign, Handy developed his "Mr. Crump Blues," later changed to "Memphis Blues." He had long sought a style of music which would portray a combination of Negro spiritual appeal and dance hall rhythm. As a result, he worked out the twelve-bar strain, with the last strain introducing the first "jazzy break" in measures seven and eight.

OWN BUSINESS

Handy's playing days weren't to last forever. Turned down by respectable publishers, he set up his own business, made money fast and money fast. One time he almost gave up because of his blindness. But the courage and determination that marked his early career pulled him through and he became the tough business battles thoroughly and decisively.

"Memphis Blues," "St. Louis Blues," "Yellow Dog Blues," "Beale Street Blues," . . . Titles like this and scores of others will keep W. C. Handy's name famous for many generations to come. American jazz will never get rid of the idiom completely, for it's too much the blood and bone.

The book? Top-notch and extremely readable. Handy's style is picturesque. He doesn't care for the English language, dangles participles right and left, writes as he might talk. But the man's memory is prodigious, and the detailed anecdotes of his career are priceless. Modest and unassuming, he takes little credit for himself, explaining his accomplishments away with the "it had to come sooner or later" attitude. It is, on the whole, a completely captivating book.

But it's hard to get from the feeling that an autobiography of W. C. Handy is anti-climatic. He lives his music, and will do so as long as American musicians can get away for a private "jam session."

Nurses Land at British Port

LONDON.—(AP)—Two of six American Red Cross nurses aboard a steamer torpedoed at sea landed in a British port today.

They were Margaret Irene Somerville, 171 Broad Street, Catskill, N. Y., and Helen Jurewicz, 218 Augusta Street, South Amboy, N. J.

Their rescue lowered the number of missing to six-four from the ship on which they were traveling and two from The Netherlands.

Their vessel, Maasdam, which was torpedoed and sunk in the North Atlantic last month.

The Maasdam carried seventeen nurses. All 23 nurses aboard the two ships were bound for service with the Harvard Field Hospital in Britain.

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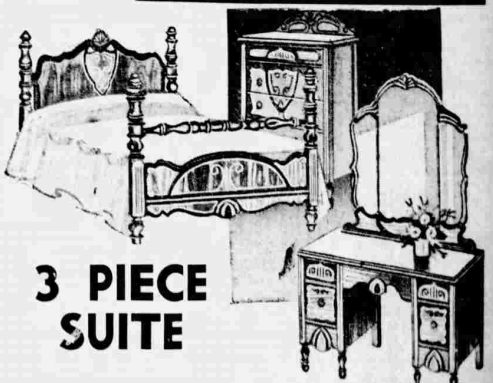
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