



A LABYRINTH ATTACK hit basso Jerome Hines during a five-hour performance and forced his withdrawal. Then he was forced to speak a singing role of Christ in a musical drama. Comfort comes from his wife, soprano Lucie Evangelista. (AP Wirephoto).

At Wilmington

Brilliant Azaleas Festival Backdrop

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Millions of brilliant azaleas are in full bloom at Wilmington for the ninth annual Azalea Festival which begins its merry-go-round of activities Thursday.

Not only will this historic port city surpass the most glorious massing of azaleas in the nation, it offers a packed program from boat rides, an exhibition of the "strongest man in the world," races, fireworks, aircraft displays and street dancing, to art displays and tours of private gardens.

There will be gaiety in this city which will be decorated with particular emphasis on glamor along the parade route.

The Azalea Festival parade will consist of lavish floats, famous marching bands, clowns, ballroom beauties and celebrities. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

GARDEN TOURS

Tours of private gardens will begin Friday and continue through Sunday. There will be an historical tour Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m.

The azalea queen's coronation and pageant will be held at 8 p.m.

Saturday, and the azalea queen's ball will take place at Lumina, Wrightsville Beach at 10 p.m. Saturday.

Her Majesty, Polly Bergen, Queen Azalea IX, will be surrounded by a bouquet of floral and feminine beauty. First maid of honor will be Miss North Carolina, Faye Arnold. The queen's court will be composed of outstanding May Queens from many of North Carolina's leading colleges.

Bert Parks, famous television and radio star, will be guest of honor and crown Miss Bergen.

History, beauty and enchantment pervade this city. New highways enable an automobile to reach Wilmington within a few hours.

OTHER GARDENS

Besides the massing of color at Greenfield, Wilmington city park, and one of the most beautiful municipally-owned gardens in this country, there are other gardens to see. Included in the nearby gardens are Orton, more than 200 years old, and Aitlie gardens, near the sound. Both gardens are rich in historic lore of the colonial period.

Stokely Outlines Proposal

Tri-School Plan Advanced

A plan calling for three types of schools to deal with the segregation problem was proposed last night by Harry P. Stokely of Charlotte, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Stokely, a food broker, outlined the proposal in a radio-television speech. Under his plan, there would be state-operated schools for Negro students only while students only and "those who wish to attend mixed schools."

Stokely said that if he were governor today, he would call a special legislative session "in the very near future" to enact such legislation "as is necessary to require the parents of every school child in North Carolina to register and file in writing with local authorities, a notice of their choice of one of three types of schools."

THIRD CHOICE

Following the statewide registration, Stokely said that in each county he would "designate one or more public schools as needed, to be mixed schools to be attended only by those students who choose to attend mixed schools."

He added, "All the rest of the schools or as white schools, just as they have always operated in

the past, since every school child will be voluntarily attending the school of his choice, and — by exercising his American freedom of choice — he meets all the requirements of the various rulings of the United States Supreme Court."

Stokely asserted school segregation "is the major issue" in the campaign for governor. He said, "If there are those who wish to dodge this issue, that is their own business."

LEGAL SOLUTION

The segregation problem, he declared, "is the most serious and most critical problem" facing the South. "It has a solution that is legal and which will work if we want it to work."

Stokely said his plan "is so simple that I am shocked that forward looking and intelligent leadership has not already advanced this plan."

He added, "Whatever plan is finally adopted must clearly demonstrate to the federal courts that North Carolina is diligently and intelligently working toward a solution to the problem."

Other candidates for the Democratic nomination are Gov.

Hodges, former State Sen. Thomas Sawyer of Belmont and C. E. Earle Jr. of Charlotte.

Man Slashed During Fracas

Eighteen stitches were required early today for a Negro man, slashed across the chest with a razor blade reportedly by Georgia Mae Barber, 712 E. 6th St.

The woman has been arrested for slashing James Henry Teasley, 623 S. Plum St.

Police have also charged the woman with breaking out two side windows in Teasley's car and slashing the upholstery in the front and rear seats. About \$150 damage was done to the car.

Teasley was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital at 2:15 p. m.

A Negro man charged his wife with stabbing him in the left side last night in a domestic dispute.

Sam Williams, 148 White St., was stabbed reportedly after he slapped his wife, Elizabeth.

Quartet Faces Slaying Trial

KENNANSVILLE — Three Marines and a civilian were scheduled to go on trial here today on charges of murder in the robbery-slaying of a filling station operator at Wallace March 1.

A special venire of 125 prospective jurors was summoned to report in court this afternoon.

Pleas of not guilty were entered yesterday as the four were arraigned in Duplin Superior Court. They are Richard Peter Verrett, 19 Gretna, La.; Edward M. Elliland, 22, Dorchester, Mass.; Robert Lee Cunningham, 21, of Elmira, N. Y., all Marines, and James P. Watkins Jr., 22, civilian of Wilmington.

The four are accused of slaying James Thomas Bryant in an early morning robbery. About \$150 was taken from the cash register. The State Bureau of Investigation said four bullets entered Bryant's body and a fifth struck a cigarette pack in his pocket.

SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

BELMONT — Scholarship examinations will be administered Saturday at Sacred Heart Junior College in Belmont. Many scholarship grants are available to all girls and those interested are reminded of the date.

Knife-Wielding Thief Escapes In Foot Race

A knife-wielding bandit who robbed an all-night service station manager of approximately \$60 escaped capture today after the station manager and two customers attempted to run him down.

Two High Point youths joined night manager Carl Driggers of the South Blvd. Spar Service Station in chasing the robber, minutes after the holdup took place. But the fleet-footed robber eluded the three men and escaped, apparently in a waiting automobile.

The holdup was reported to City Police at 12:35 a.m.

Police are holding a warrant for the arrest of Charles Crump, about 32, whose last known local address is 344 Piedmont Court. Crump has been named by Mr. Driggers as the holdup man, since the service station manager said he had seen Crump on several occasions before.

So far, police have not been able to locate Crump.

Mr. Driggers, whose story was corroborated by C. S. Cagle and W. E. Smoot, both of High Point, told police that the holdup man walked inside his station

and inquired about business during the night.

PULLED KNIFE

After the station manager told the man that business had been good, Mr. Driggers said the man pulled out a knife and ordered his money. The bandit took from \$50 to \$60 in bills.

Just then, a car drove up, bearing the young men from High Point, and the holdup ordered Mr. Driggers to get into a back room.

But the night manager ran past the holdup man and out the station door.

Mr. Driggers, Cagle and Smoot chased the robber for several blocks to the rear of Harris Super Market, where they saw an auto drive away in the direction of Poindexter Dr.

FIREPLACE FUN

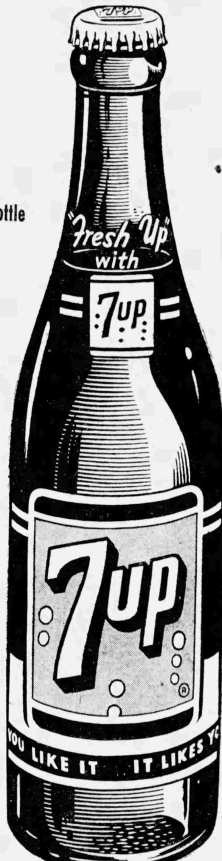
For an entertainment twist try preparing part of the meal right at the fireplace next time you have dinner guests. Cook meat on skewers. Use copper utensils and serve from them. Keep warm dishes at serving temperature by parking them on the hearth. The fireplace itself will compete with the flames for interest if it is surfaced with ceramic tile.

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