

HENDERSON BRANCH OF NAACP ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

HENDERSON—The local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People recently elected its new officers for the present calendar year. The officers are as follows:

Mr. Arthur Poole, president; Rev. St. Paul Epps, 1st vice president; Mr. W. M. Henderson, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Ceelia C. Martin, 3rd vice president; Mrs. C. E. Beckford, secretary; Mr. Walter Young, Assistant Secretary; Mr. G. V. Reavis, treasurer.

The executive board is composed of the officers named above and the following persons: Prof. E. D. Johnson, Dr. S. M. Beckford, Mr. Walter Young and Atty. C. W. Williamson, Legal Advisor.

Membership Committee—Mr. W. M. Martin, chairman; Mrs. Florence Gregory, Mr. Walter Young, Mrs. S. I. Hubbard, Mr. Howard Vaughn, and Mr. London Brum.

Finance Committee—Prof. E. D. Johnson, chairman; Mr. Lloyd Peace, Mr. G. V. Reavis, Rev. Willis Perry and Mrs. Emma Taylor.

Publicity Committee—Miss Clara C. Barner, chairman; Rev. W. B. Westbrook and Mrs. R. H. Adams.

Program Committee—Mrs. Ellen Jones Royster, chairman; Mrs. Katie Smart, Mrs. Harriet Cecil Poole, Miss Lucy A. M. Eaton, and Mrs. C. C. Stegall.

Educational Committee—Mrs. J. D. Hawkins, chairman; Mr. Fred Reavis, Mr. O. T. Stegall and Mr. Otha Lewis.

Entertaining Committee—Mr. James Barner, chairman; Mrs. Ellen Reavis, Mrs. Carrie Taylor, Mrs. Nannie Lewis, Mr. Leslie Davis, and Mrs. Maggie Harris Turner.

These officers were recently installed at a regular meeting held at the United Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Willis E. Perry officiating.

IN THE WAKE OF THE NEWS

BY ATTY. ROGER D. O'KELLY

CITES GAINS MADE IN RACE RELATION

BECAUSE race tension still exists in some places, many persons reach the conclusion that little if any progress is being made in interracial cooperation. Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes, whose understanding of the complex factors involved in the race problem is excelled by that of few Americans, thinks differently. In an article on "American Race Relations in War Time" in the Christian News Letter, London, he notes many events and trends which point toward a significant advance in the status of racial minorities in this country. Among these he finds important are the invitation by the Daughters of the American Revolution to Marian Anderson to sing in Constitution Hall, Washington, from which the Negro Contalto had previously been barred; the appointment of Dr. Ralph Bunche to a position in the home office of the department of State, in which no Negro has served; the reorganization of Sweden hospital, New York, to place it on an interracial basis; and the establishment of an inter-

racial church in San Francisco, with Negro and white ministers on the staff. He also notes that more than a dozen Negro correspondents have been permitted to go abroad to write reports for both Negro and white papers on the work of Negro troops overseas; the increase in the army of Negro commissioned officers until they number about 5,000, three times as many as in the First World War; Negro voting in several Texas Counties in the Democratic primaries for the first time in the last election; the adoption of the principle of equal pay for white and colored teachers of the same grade in two or three Southern States; the relaxation of segregation in Pullman and dining cars; and the opening of an additional Roman Catholic University to Negro students. Of course Dr. Stokes points out that there is a debit side to the ledger, which leaves little grounds for complacency. Nevertheless, his summary of gains which is longer than that listed here, provides solid ground for faith that the moral problem of right race relations is capable of a moral solution.

— (Christian Century, Feb. 7, 1945)

NEGRO FLIERS ASK GIFT BE USED TO AID GOOD-WILL

DETROIT, Feb. 10 — A War Department spokesman said Saturday night that the first all-Negro fighter squadron, now in action in Italy, had returned a \$1,000 gift from a Detroit union local with the request that it be used to better "inter-racial good-will."

Truman K. Gibson, Jr., civilian aide to Secretary of War Stimson, said Local 809, United Auto Workers, CIO, had agreed to contribute the money to a national fund which will provide an annual award for the person or group contributing the most toward racial good-will.

Mr. Gibson said Maj. George S. Roberts, former commander of the Ninety-ninth Pursuit Squadron, told him his fliers made the decision because of their desire for "understanding and advancement of the Negro."

BOYSCOUTS ARE HERE TO STAY

THE Boy Scouts are so much a part of the American picture that it is hard to believe that they have been around for thirty-five years. They are so tangled in the vocabulary, humor, ideals and daily life of the nation that one would think that they had been around as long as the Grange or the W. C. T. U. Actually, the Boy Scouts of America — from the daily good deed to the load of hardware considered necessary to hiking — were organized in February, 1910, two years after Sir Robert Baden-Powell set them up in England.

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Vincent Ramon Guerrero, Mexico's Negro President, who emancipated the Texas Slaves in 1829.

WHITE WOMAN EXPRESSES HOPE FOR RACIAL TOLERANCE

LOS ANGELES (C) — Indicative of the growing feeling among the better class of white people that our country must be made a haven for men of good will, regardless of race, color or creed, is this letter from a white woman in Syracuse, New York, which was sent to the colored composer, William Grant Still, in care of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, which had just broadcast one of Mr. Still's compositions.

"Dear Sir," the letter began. "I have just listened to your symphonic tribute called 'In Memoriam: The Colored Soldiers Who Died for Democracy' played by the Boston Symphony Orchestra. I wish I might convey to you the thrilling gratification which I felt in the thought that an American had produced so fine a composition. We have looked into the past so long for the finest and the best that it is a startling experience to find that the present has so much to offer. You have presented America with a symphonic work of which she may well be proud.

"Your composition was dedicated to the boys of your race who have given their lives for their country; the gratitude of their fellow-Americans belongs to these boys in equal measure. And I trust that those who return may indeed find a democracy of tolerance and justice for all. Very truly yours, —"

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BOY SCOUT NEWS

BY G. F. NEWELL

rev. Thomas Kilgore Scout Speaker

Perhaps one of the largest assemblies of Fathers and Sons will take place on Thursday, February 22nd, in the dining hall of Shaw University in connection with the Scout-Father-Son Banquet in the history of Scouting in Raleigh and Wake County. Registrations from the units in Raleigh and Wake County indicate that around 200 Scouts and Scouters will be present. Those who have not made reservations and expect to be present are requested to contact Dean F. P. Payne of Shaw University immediately. The main address will be delivered by Rev. Thomas Kilgore, recently elected Executive Secretary of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention. Rev. Kilgore was very active in Scouting in Winston-Salem where he was a pastor for a number of years and where he did a grand job in promoting youth programs. The program will begin at 8:00 P.M.

250 Scouters, Scouts and Parents Attend White Rock Scout Banquet Monday

It might be of interest to our many supporters of Scouting to know some of the men who head our Scout Troops. We are therefore listing the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee Chairmen of the various units: J. M. Perry, and Waymon Morgan, Troop 50, Wendell, J. H. Brown, Jr., and Dr. H. L. Fleming, Troop 51, Raleigh William Bryant and Dr. Wumberley, Troop 52, Raleigh; John H. B. Mays and Rev. S. P. Perry, Troop 53, Durham; Henry Vickers and W. E. Terrell, Troop 54, Durham; Wendell, J. H. Brown, Jr., and Dr. H. L. Fleming, Troop 55, Durham; C. A. Harris and H. T. McFadden, 56, Louisville; Lewyn Hayes and Ches Irving, 57, Raleigh; J. W. Baldwin and T. R. Goins, Southern Pines; Major B. Chavis and Rev. G. W. Watkins, Oxford; Claude Dunn and Frank Dunn, 100, Raleigh; St. Paul Epps and W. B. Westbrooks, 101, Henderson; Nelson Drane and E. J. Rhue, 102, Lillington; W. T. Horton and T. J. McLeod, Sanford, 103; S. Hayes, Joseph Stredwick, 104, Raleigh; F. C. Pendarvis and Walter M. Grandy, 105, Durham; T. J. Culler and F. O. Watkins, 106, Wake Forest; A. J. Caldwell and E. E. White, 107, Chapel Hill; Tod R. Ed-

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POLL TAXES SUBDUED

WASHINGTON (C) — Seven senators and representatives from poll tax states have been subpoenaed, according to Ross A. Farnham, president of the Southern Educational League. Subpoenas issued to each man as rep. ranking, Tom Connally of Texas, Harry E. Byrd and Wendell H. Ford, for their appearance at the Grace Dodge House for the taking of depositions, Farnham's organization is out to contest the seats of 69 senators and congressmen from the six remaining poll tax states.

Executive and Scouter Rev. James M. Fisher. The menu consists of fried chicken, creamed potatoes, green peas, hot rolls, coffee with cream and ice cream and cookies.

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Report Prisoners Effect Segregation

New York, N. Y., February 1 — Acting upon reports that treatment of prisoners in war camps tended to segregate them by race, the War Relocation Authority has instructed its camps to make no distinction in the treatment of prisoners of war on the basis of race.

The Congress appealed for "immediate attention to this matter," and requested "that an investigation be instituted and corrective measures taken to reestablish democratic War Department policy in the hospital."

Lucius A. Dale, Acting Secretary of the Congress called to the attention of Secretary Stimson the fact that Army policy has been "aimed in providing democratic treatment to hospitalized Negro troops, and that it is incongruous and inadvisable to treat American Army policy should be subject to the dictates of German fascist prejudice."

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