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NEWS AND VIEWS

BY J. B. HARREN

The Cape Fear Presbytery, the Rev. J. H. Branch, moderator, and the Rev. A. H. Haywood, stated clerk, convened in Lumberton at Bethany Presbyterian Church, at which the Rev. Mr. Haywood is pastor, April 20-21.

Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church was represented by the Rev. J. W. Barnette, pastor and J. B. Harren, elder. Elder Whitfield of Elm City First Presbyterian Church and the Rev. J. M. Miller accompanied them. Grover Hammons, Jr., returned to Fayetteville Teachers College with the party.

Following a precedent set by our General Assembly, the Presbytery elected a layman, Elder Williams of Whiteville as the new moderator. The Rev. B. R. Richardson of Goldsboro was appointed vice moderator. The Rev. C. A. Kearns was elected ministerial delegate to the General Assembly in Buffalo May 26th. April 22-23 the Cape Fear Presbyterial and Catawba Synodical Society, Presbyterian Church USA held their annual meeting as guests of the Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church. Miss Katie Bunn is President of the local women's organization.

Mrs. E. R. Hawkins extended greetings on behalf of the local church and Mrs. A. B. Lewis of Lumberton (sister of our former pastor, the Rev. F. F. Bryan of Cleveland, N. C.) gave the response at the evening session. The theme of the Presbytery was, "Lead On O King Eternal." The junior choir rendered music at the night session and a very impressive motion picture on benevolent giving was shown by the Rev. Mr. McKenzie of Laurinburg and Mocresville. Mrs. Everle H. Howell was guest speaker on both days. She was accompanied by Mrs. Allen. Mrs. Howell and Mrs. Allen were from the church board of Christian Education office in New York. Others on the program were Mrs. O. V. Norman, Mrs. F. D. Moss, Mrs. J. F. Daniels and Mr. H. S. Davis, president of the Synodical.

Among those attending the Presbyterial were the Rev. H. T. McFadden and Mrs. McFadden of Lenoburg, Mrs. J. H. Hayswood and Mrs. A. B. Lewis of Lumberton, the Rev. R. C. Scribben, Sr., of Maxton and Mrs. Miller of Lumberton. Mesdames Hayswood and Lewis were the guests of the J. B. Harrens on Pennsylvania Avenue while attending the Presbyterial. The Rev. Mr. McFadden conducted a Westminster Fellowship board meeting with Faith Presbyterian Church April 23. Mrs. N. E. Bailey was host to the group. The Revs. W. D. Burgess and R. C. Scribbin were present.

The Nashville Credit Union of Nashville and Nash County will hold its first annual banquet, May 3rd at the Nash County Training School Prof. W. J. McLean is president of this young, but growing credit union. R. W. Powell is treasurer. J. W. Whitehead, prosperous farmer and community leader who has for years been striving to build a credit union in the Swift Creek community, is the sturdy, but progressive vice president. The Rev. J. W. Wiley treasurer of the State Council of Credit Unions will deliver the annual address.

The Edgecombe County PTA held its annual meeting Sunday afternoon at the Patiollo High School in Tarboro. Simpson Hart is president of the unit.

BRICK RURAL LIFE SCHOOL

Citizens of Eastern Carolina rural communities should make plans now to attend the dedication of the modern Rural Life School and community building at J. K. Brick School that is to be put into service on May 29th with impressive ceremony. Prof. N. A. McLean is planning an elaborate program for the occasion which is expected to attract hundreds of farmers and their families, many of whom have benefited immeasurably from the training of trades, also better farming and homemaking methods as well as ample farm accounting in attending winter classes at this adult school which is sponsored by the American Missionary Association of New York.

KINGSBORO

Hart's Chapel Baptist Church had very impressive Easter services, rendering a program and the pastor, the Rev. D. L. Lawrence preaching on "The Risen Saviour." The Rev. J. M. Miller, retired Presbyterian minister was present and gave very helpful remarks on farming. Miss Marietta Battle of Fayetteville Teachers College was home for Easter as were Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Cobbs and James Tillman of New York. Mrs. Magnolia Bullock and daughter of D. C. were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josh Bullock. Mrs. General Cherry is confined to a Tarboro hospital. Mrs. Mabel Battle is recovering from illness. Kingsboro citizens should leave all news for this paper with Mrs. Mildred B. Hart or Frank Hart. CAROLINIAN newsboy, each week. Make this YOUR OWN newspaper by supplying the news about your community.

While attending the Presbytery at Lumberton last week, we listened to several ministers and teachers discuss the Hammocks Beach project and, we must confess, we were disappointed and disgusted at the reports they gave. In case there are some among us who do not know what the Hammocks Beach project is, we hasten to say that it is a 5,000 acre tract of beachland in an undeveloped state, which was given to the N. C. Negro Teachers provided they would raise the sum of $100,000 to develop what is said to be one of the finest beaches on the Atlantic in the state. The donor, Dr. Sharpe, a retired New Yorker has further offered to match funds dollar for dollar with what ever amount we raise to develop the 5,000 acres as a recreat ar a for the teachers. Tis said the state has promised to build a bridge to it.

From the more than five thousand teachers in the state, the sum of $15 each was requested to secure the $100,000. After working the entire year, hundreds of teachers have not yet responded to the appeal. We learn that only about $60,000 has ben secured. Think of it, dear teachers, can you afford NOT to pay or donate this small amount so that you may enjoy the excellent recreational facilities which you could if you but meet this challenge which the kind and benefficient Dr. Sharpe has extended to YOU and YOUR CHILDREN?

May God forbid that any teacher should fail in so worthy an undertaking. May your conscience trouble you until you realize that just because your job is not threatened, you are not relieved of the responsibility of being REAL men and women — REAL TEACHERS if you please — loyal to YOURSELVES and help to provide for OTHERS even if you are leaving the state.

Remember the story you have taught so much about the old man at the close of day building a bridge that others might cross, when in the twilight he would cross no more? Pray, do not be as that youth was. To raise this money will be an honor. To raise it will be a disgrace upon the Negro Teachers of the state. If you have paid, encourage others.

QUOTES

After 50 years of marriage, an English woman says, "If you get mad with your husband and he gets mad with you, never go to sleep without a "Good Night Kiss." Another says, "If we would succeed in marriage, we must be willing to give and take, but be long on the take."

PERSONALS

BY W. T. GRIMES

The Kings Keepers, a religious moving picture was presented by the Delta Epsilon Chapter of Mount Zion Baptist Church on Easter Monday night in the Community Center. A massive crowd witnessed the show.

Mrs. L. A. Wells is president of the class. Through the years this class has been one of the very active auxiliaries of the church. Proving to a marked degree to be worthy of note and special emphasis. Its work in the missionary field has influenced better church and community life in this vicinity.

Souls have been won for Christ by its efforts, the cause of christianity upheld and maintained through its service and much of the finance of the church has been raised through the efforts of the members. When we think of "Delta" we ultimately think of finer womanhood, elevation in church and community life, education, and devotion. The Divine spark that has kindled flames in the Delta Bible class has been a motivating power which has propelled its program of worship and service through this changing cyclorama of Church History.

Much of the Progress of the Mount Zion Baptist Church can be traced back to some service or inspiration originated in the minds of the members or the class as a whole.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Mrs. P. Baines, a citizen of Rocky Mount for over 50 years, died March 24, at the home of her daughter Mrs. Bessie M. Joyner. She was a dearly beloved and outstanding neighbor, Christian and a woman who wore the armour of many years because of her kind, dynamic personality and christian life. Funeral was held March 27 at 3:30 at the Freewill Baptist Church. She is survived by six children, one sister and many relatives and friends.

Nataniel Hedgepeth, fourteen-year-old boy, was killed on Highway 13 while riding his bicycle. He was struck from behind by a car driven by Bedrick Arlie Cooper of Nashville, Route 1. Both are Negroes. Nathaniel died enroute to the hospital. Coroner M. C. Gulley said that the accident was unavoidable after an inquest was held. State Highway Patrolman J. H. Withers, Jr., said that the accident occurred when two cars, one of them driven by Cooper, meet on the highway and Cooper could not stop in time to avoid hitting him.

The Senior Class of the Booker T. Washington High School presented the annual Senior Class Play in the School Auditorium Monday night, April 25. The play was titled "Two Honeys."

The cast was written by James Hunt. Seniors participating were: Governor Williams, Myra; Leighton Hart, Hattie; Elizabeth Bonner, Ola; Melvin Battle, Wyatt; Emphisman; Milton Fagley, Ruthford; Englishman Joseph Battle, Chang, an elderly Chinese; William Barnes, a Liberian; William Sage, Conway, a British Consul; Melvin Whitfield, Madison, a vice British consul; Flossie Smith, Miss Brinklaw; Frank Horton, Bernard; Emma Grimes, Lu Tren, a Chinese; Fannie Green, Battle, Helen, an English girl; Gracy Smith, Tashi, a Tibetian girl; Rosa Freeman, Sing Ling; Maggie Moore, Ving, a Chinese. The drama was directed by Mrs. Christine Davis.

RECREATION

The swimming pool of Rocky Mount is steadily being whipped in to shape for use when the weather gets right for swimming. The bath houses are now under construction, the benches around the pool are being leveled off which will help to beautify the landscape.

The Teen Age Center is proving to be an interesting recreation center for young people. Various games such as ping pong, table tennis, checkers, dominoes and horse hoe games are played. The activities are under the supervision of Mrs. Warren Braswell.

NCNW IS INVITED TO SEND DELEGATE ON TOUR OF WORLD

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The National Council of Negro Women has been invited to send a representative on De Round the World Tour sponsored by the Town Meeting of the Air. Twenty individuals are to participate. Have been invited to join the tour at which time they will visit the capitals of twelve different countries. It is hoped that good will declared to help bring about a common understanding among the peoples of the world.

Attorney Edith Sampson of Chicago, Illinois, and Chairman of the Executive Committee, will represent the National Council of Negro Women. Attorney Sampson was chosen by a representative group of the officials of the Council and will assume the responsibility of bearing the expense o the trip as the Council does not provide a budget it present for foreign travel. Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Founder-President of the Council, was personally invited to go on the tour but her physical condition will not permit such a strenuous trip.

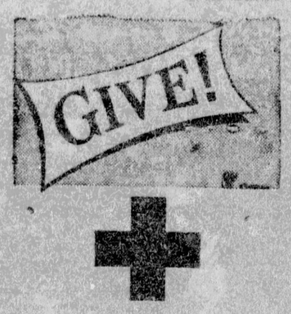
EDITORS TO BE HONORED DURING HEADLINER WEEK

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Two veteran newspaper editors of Missouri will be honored during Headliner Week sponsored by the School of Journalism at Lincoln University the first week in May. Citations for distinguished careers will be made at the Headliner Banquet, May 3, to Chester A. Franklin, editor, Kansas City Call, and Joseph E. Mitchell, editor, St. Louis Argus.

The banquet will be the occasion also of an address by Kenneth Olson, dean, Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, and of presentation of prizes in the annual state high school feature writing contest conducted by the Journalism school. That affair also will witness the awarding of the Journalism Alumni prize to a graduating senior who has served on the Lincoln Clavin, campus weekly organ. Staff members of the Clarion for the ensuing year likewise will be announced at the banquets.

The Headliner banquet will culminate a two-day interscholastic journalism workshop that is attracting high school students from as far away as Georgia and Kentucky.

During the first evening of the Headliner schedule a panel discussion on the subject, "Is the Negro Newspaper Here to Live or Die?" will have as participants five leading newspapermen, Thomas W. Young, president, Norfolk Journal and Guide and president, Negro Newspaper Publishers Association; William G. Nunn, managing editor Pittsburgh Courier, Fletcher P. Martin, city editor, Louisville Defender, and Nieman Fellow, 1946-47; Dewal H. Davis, general manager, Kansas City Call, and vice-president, NNPA and Charles H. Loeb, news editor, Cleveland Call and Post.



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FAIRMONT NOTES

BY DOROTHY FLOYD

The Women's Federation Club is very pleased to announce the accomplishment of one of its projects — that of purchasing a set of lettters for the cemetery. Everyone is invited to visit and inspect this project at his convenience.

The possibility of this accomplishment came as a result of the generous contributions of the public at large to a drive which ended in February, marking the third anniversary of the club and netting a sum of $318.76. The officers and members extend hearty thanks to those who made this drive a success and are willing to accept and appreciate any suggestions or advice offered by the public.

The club has accomplished one of its objectives but this does not mean that it will become inactive. There is still work to be done. The club has as its original object that of keeping the cemetery and has been very successful in its effort. This club also specializes in helping the sick and unfortunate people in this community and unfortunate girls all over the state.

Since the first year of the club (1946) it has been affiliated with the Women's State Federation and has shown interest in the affairs of the same by sending representatives to the annual meetings each year.

The Federation Club, in its effort to maintain its present status in the Community, has sponsored two programs recently. The first program was a post Easter Fashion Show which was given on Tuesday, April 19th and the second one was a church program which was given on Sunday, April 24.

The Fashion Show proved to be very successful with Mrs. L. Armstrong Mitchell as narrator. Spring Styles modeled by the Misses Alice Scott and Ethel Pearl proved to be an unusual sensation. They were referred to by Mrs. Mitchell as "This and That." Jersey attire models were: Misses Jessie Lydia Dulant, Iris London, Shirley Future, Mrs. P. B. Jones, Mrs. Russ I. Peterson, Mrs. Hubert Upton, Mrs. C. B. Moore, Misses Merrie Jenkins and Freda Smith.

Evening wear models were: Mrs. Alice Mae Frank and Mr. Alfred Burness. Affair models were: Messrs. H. Heaman and Webster Campbell. Sport wear models were: Misses Hazel Foxworth, Jean Peace, Florence Smith, Doris London.

School attire models were: Messrs. Neil Rae Thompson and Catherine Thompson. Baseball attire model was Samuel Lassiter.

The Sunday night program consisted of the following selections: Welcome address by Thomas Kilgore. Poem by Gardenia Dugan. Duet by Catherine Thompson and Betty Lou Grangers. Selection by Beginner Quartet. Paper by Mrs. Vera Baldwin. Poem by Mrs. Cleveland Walters and a solo by Bridget Pittman.

The officers of the Federation Club are as follows: president, Mrs. Mark Check; secretary, Thelma Humphrey; treasurer, Mrs. Susie Alston.

The Willing Workers Club of the St. John AME Church celebrated its second anniversary with a program at that church on Sunday, April 24. Mrs. Bessie Malloy is club president.

The Rev. James A. Brown will be the guest speaker at the New Zion Methodist Church on Sunday, May 1, at 2:00 P. M. The Rev. H. Perry is pastor and the Rev. F. Emanuel assistant pastor.

James Robinson died at his home in Lumberton on Sunday, April 24. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Idella Robinson, three sons, Messrs. Cleveland Alexander, James Jr., and one daughter, Mrs. Ida Mae Page and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cleveland Robinson, son of the deceased, is a student in the Veteran Training program in Fairmont. All of his fellow students send their deepest sympathy to Mr. Robinson and his family.

A Surprise Birthday party given in the honor of Samuel Frierson of 123 Madison Street, proved to be a success. A very attractive menu was served the guests who were as follows: The Rev. J. D. McRae, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Isley Inman, Mr. D. C. Hall, Mr. Thomas Killers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Black, Mrs. Willie McCrimmon, Mrs. Ben Sessoms, Mrs. J. Inn Little, Mrs. John Jackson, Mrs. Edward Webster, Mrs. Thomas Campbell, Mrs. Joe Williams, Mrs. Alford Howell, Mrs. N. Barden, Mrs. A. D. Pittman, Mrs. Gladys Williams, Mrs. Hester Mercer, Mrs. W. D. Mitchell, Mrs. Proctor Mitchell, Mrs. W. McCormick, Mrs. Fannie Inman, Mrs. Emma McMillan, Mrs. Alexander Granger, Mrs. Dan McNair, Mrs. Elliot Smith, Mrs. June Graham, Mr. French Floyd, Mrs. Henry Jones, Oscar Merrick, Mrs. Mae Faulk, Mrs. Cora Forbes, Mrs. Allen Jones and Mrs. Helen Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Jones wish to announce the engagement of their son, Venelon Jones, to Miss Doris Holland of Baltimore, Md. Miss Holland is the daughter of Mrs. Kathryn Holland. The wedding will go forward on May 5, at the home of Mr. Jones' parents.

The Boardman Baseball team played the Barnesville team a game on Saturday, April 23 in Barnesville. The scores were 0-0.

St. Paul's Baseball team won a victory over the Fairmont Grays on Saturday, April 23 in St. Paul. The scores were 12-4. Mr. Arlah Powell is Captain of the Fairmont Grays.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Worley and daughter of 111 Liberia Street were the week end guests of their aunt Mrs. Hattie W. Bethea of Latter, South Carolina.

The following people were the week end guests of Mrs. Ophelia Stephens of 148 Jackson Street: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Moody and daughter, Mrs. N. A. Taylor, Mrs. Joan G. Moody and James McRae.

Mrs. Maggie McMillan has been recently informed that her daughter, Miss Frances McMillan is a patient in one of the hospitals in Newark, N. J., where she has been living for some time.

Miss Jeanette Malloy was the guest of Miss Juanita Baker of Rt. 2 on Sunday, April 24. Miss Malloy is the daughter of Mrs. Bessie Malloy of 104 Liberia Street.

Students who were visiting their parents during the Easter vacation were as follows: Messrs. Berry Inman, Lucious Pittman, Memory Griffin, Vandell Bradshaw, all students at A. and T. College, Miss Marian Garrys who is attending Hampton, Miss Debbie Kilgore at Bennett College and Janice Floyd who is a student at Shaw University.

John Edward Jones, five eight year old boy who was hit by an automobile while riding a bicycle about a month ago, was returned to his home. His condition has improved greatly and in all probabilities he will be walking again in six weeks.

Since he has been home, John has received constant visits from his classmates, teacher and friends. They all wish him a speedy recovery.

HOME FINANCE GROUP ENDORSED BY BANK BOARD

WASHINGTON — Full endorsement of the objectives of the American Savings and Loan League was given by Chairman William K. Divers of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board when he addressed the executive committee of the League here Friday morning. The meeting was the first since the savings and loan associations owned and controlled by Negroes was founded last November.

Mr. Divers expressed delight that the new group was organized out of a desire to deal with common problems not otherwise being handled by either of the two major national bodies in the field, and stressed the need for additional associations especially in the larger cities." He said that the League could help in organizing them by creating interest in those areas where these facilities ought to be available.

The HLBB chairman revealed a mindfulness of some of the handicaps that have traditionally hampered the initiative of Negro business people, but assured the group that the Board, ever, which he presides, welcomes knowledge of specific obstacles to the use of facilities for the establishing of federal associations. He exhibited pride in the start which has been made by the Carver Federal Savings and Loan Association in New York, and applauded the rapid strides of the Broadway Federal of Los Angeles.

He observed that some associations in past began by Negroes had been unsuccessful, but that others have been indeed outstanding. He pleaded the full cooperation of the Board, however, in helping them, "Negro groups or interracial groups," to organize to meet the needs of their communities.

Dr. Booker T. McGraw, a special advisor to the Housing and Home Finance Agency, spoke also.

The meeting was presided over by President H. A. Howard of Los Angeles who told the committee that the pattern of trade association activity which the League is attempting to cut can and will have marked advantages for the affiliate associations.

Reports made showed that nine institutions with assets of nearly five million dollars are affiliated. They agreed on specific steps to be taken to enlist non-members, and later to undertake an educational campaign to familiarize more people with the east of doing business with a savings and loan association.

Leroy F. Ridley of Newport News, Va., president of the National Bankers Association, and M. C. Clarke of Cleveland, president of the Dunbar Life Insurance Company were among those who attended the meeting. Mr. Ridley noted that there is an area in which the bankers and the savings and loan people can cooperate and asked for early consideration of this possibility.

Offers Scholarships

The National Tuberculosis Association, with its local affiliates, is offering scholarships totaling more than $20,000, according to an announcement by Frank W. Wehrly, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association. The awards will be made to students for special study in the fields of Medical Social Work, Health Education and Social Administration, the announcement states.

Eight fellowships of $1,200 each have been established by NTA for graduate training in Social Administration in the School of Public Affairs and Social Work at Wayne University in Detroit, Michigan. Each fellowship provides a stipend of $100 for each of the 12 months of study and, in addition, covers the cost of tuition and fees.

In the field of Health Education fellowships totaling $12,000 are being offered for one year training that will lead to either the Master's Degree in Public Health or a Master's Degree in Public Health Education. Half of this money will come from NTA and half from State and local associations. Schools approved for this work are: University of California, Columbia University, University of Michigan, University of North Carolina and Yale University.

The National Tuberculosis Association has made available $4,25 for Medical Social Work Scholarships for the fiscal year 1949-50. State and local associations will match this amount making a total of $8,500 for study in this field. All money for these studies comes from the sale of Christmas Seals.

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