

WILSON

PERSONALS

not a disadvantage, it has also proven that there are times when one favors the color of the skin.

"The world should stop to realize that the only way to acquire peace, not through the Atlantic pact, but by loving one another as Christ did."

ALA. SUPREME COURT APPROVES PROPOSED VOTE LAW

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — In an advisory opinion given last week the Alabama Supreme court gave its approval of the proposed voting law to replace the Beswick amendment, recently outlawed by the U. S. Supreme court.

The court stated that as far as it could tell this law is not being designed to "discriminate against anyone."

This proposal now resting in the case constitution and elections committee would give registrars the right to judge whether a citizen has "good character" and the ability to "embrace the duties and responsibilities of citizenship."

Negro voters already fear that this proposal is a new weapon to deny them their rights to the ballot.

Four of the State Supreme court justices approved the bill, but two others did not concur. Justice Thomas S. Lawson said it did "not meet the objections" raised to the Beswick amendment. Judge Robert T. Simpson said the state court had no right to give an opinion on the proposal at this time. This thought is in accordance with the U. S. Supreme court which never gives an advisory opinion.

If the substitute voting bill is passed by the state legislature it will then be voted upon by the people. If passed then it would become an amendment to the state constitution.

98 EARN ATLANTA U. GRADUATE DEGREES

ATLANTA, Ga. — Atlanta University graduated a class of 98 at its 30th commencement exercises on Monday, June 6. The degrees of master of arts, master of science, master of social work, bachelor of science in library service, and master of education were conferred upon the graduates by President Rufus E. Clement at exercises held at 5:01 p. m. in the Library Quadrangle. The commencement address was delivered by Dr. Luther Harold Evans, the Librarian of Congress.



WILSON LIBRARY — Above is shown an inside view of the Wilson County Public Library for Negroes, Wilson, N. C. Seated at the desk is Mrs. Elizabeth S.

Jenkins, librarian, standing, Miss Mattole Floyd, assistant librarian and member of the Little Brownie Troop making use of the library.

917 GET DEGREES AT HOWARD RITES

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The freedom recently achieved by India is limited by the lack of freedom that exists in many parts of the World. Madam Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Ambassador of India, told a graduating class of 917 students at Howard University Friday evening.

The 81st Commencement ceremonies were highlighted by the conferring of honorary degrees of doctor of laws on Madam Pandit, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Acting United Nations Mediator on Palestine, who is on leave of absence as head of Howard University's political science department, and on the Honorable Oscar L. Chapman, Undersecretary of the Interior Department.

MERCHANT MARINE OFFICERS UNABLE TO SECURE WORK

NEW YORK (AP) — Negro merchant marine officers who served and led ships during World War II who have complained of no work since the end of the war may finally have their pleas aired in Congress, it was learned here this week.

Rep. Edward J. Hart, acting chairman of the house merchant marine committee, has agreed to meet next week with Philip Valdez, chairman of the Negro Officers of the American Merchant Marine, according to John B. Clark, a former second mate with the S. S. Bert Williams.

Complaints have come up more and more regularly because the ships operated by all-Negro or mixed crews including the famous S. S. Booker T. Washington led by Capt. Hugh Mulzac have been laid up since the war.

Efforts to have these ships returned to the service have failed.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Capt. William C. Ash, vice president of the Masters, Mates and Pilots, AFL, expressed his sorrow over the situation. He said his union favored action to get jobs for Negro officers, but had no control over hiring policies of shipping companies.

He said he felt a personal responsibility in this situation because he encourages many Negroes to enter the service. He said:

"I feel personally discouraged to see these men who worked so hard and served as well, who had got themselves better homes and better ways of living, see their wives go back and do servants' work while they go back to the force-castle."

A representative of the American Merchant Marine institute said he knew of no firm with a set policy on the hiring of Negroes. John R. Fox, executive director of the State Commission Against Discrimination, said he knew little about the merchant marine situation, but if any one felt he had been discriminated against by a private firm he could file a complaint with his commission.



SUCCESSFUL DENTIST

Dr. G. K. Butterfield is a graduate of Shaw University, and the Meharry Medical College, school of Dentistry 1928. He has served the people of Wilson and the adjoining counties in the practice of dentistry for the past 20 years, at which time he has acquired a very lucrative practice.

Aside from his practice, Dr. Butterfield is serving his community well in many civic affairs. He is a member and ex-president of Wilson County Credit Union, chairman of Eastern North Carolina Council of Boy Scouts, chairman of committee on politics of North Carolina Committee on Negro Affairs.

He is this year's retiring president of the Old North State Dental Society, having served in that capacity for two consecutive years. Member of the trustee and executive board of Mercy Hospital, Wilson, diacon of the First Baptist Church and a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

Dr. and Mrs. Butterfield, and their little son, G. K. Junior, live in their beautiful home in Wilson. His office is located in the Artis Funeral Home Building on East Nash Street.

The citizens of Wilson and Wilson County should feel very proud of the Wilson County Negro Library, now under the supervision of Mrs. Elizabeth S. Jenkins, librarian, and Miss Mattole Floyd, assistant librarian. Having visited the library on June 14th, I found that Wilson will have one of the best equipped libraries in Eastern North Carolina. Back in 1943, under the leadership of Mrs. Willie M. Freeman, the Women's Civic Club, and the who at that time was president of the organization of its members, and many other outstanding civic leaders, like Dr. D. C. Yarney, Dr. G. K. Butterfield, Miss Aggie Allen, Miss Marjorie Ebel, Mrs. Maude H. Lee, Mrs. Emma Farmer, Battle and many others organized and set up the Wilson County Negro Library. The Library was opened January 16, 1944 with a public program at which time Mrs. M. H. Lee, supervisor of Negro Libraries, was guest speaker. Since the opening of the Library in 1944, the book circulation has increased from 108 to more than 12,000 volumes, an increase of more than 28 per cent. The Library income increased from \$539.40 in 1944 to \$5,950.00 in 1949. The Library is located on Perdue Street not far from the Negro businesses of the city. The Library is equipped with all modern equipment for comfortable reading for adults and children.

The funeral of Mrs. Bary Bell Lancaster of Brooklyn, N. Y., was held in the Garden Memorial Chapel Friday, June 10, 1949, 2 p. m. with the Rev. E. E. Morgan, pastor of St. John A.M.E. Church officiating. Mrs. Lancaster was born August 18, 1895 in Monroe, N. C., was the daughter of the Rev. Evander Eddie and the late Lulu Eddie, moving to Brooklyn and becoming a water-care member of the Free Will Baptist Church on Fuller Street in that borough.

Mrs. Evelyn Johnson, proprietor of Evelyns Beauty Salon, 528 1-2 East Nash Street is a graduate of Starks Beauty College, Raleigh of the Class of '37. Her shop is fully equipped to serve the public with two more operators — Mrs. May Powell Blake, and Miss Joyce Delany, both graduates of Starks Beauty College, Raleigh, N. C. For quick and courteous service visit Evelyns Beauty Salon, 528 1-2 East Nash Street, Wilson, N. C. Your visit will be appreciated.

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SALUTATORIAN — Miss Elsie East, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Best 708 Devereaux Street, was salutatorian of her class at the 8th grade closing exercise held at Dillard High school Tuesday, June 7. Miss East, age 14, is a member of the W. I. C. Circle and the Junior Usher board at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Her hobbies are music and basketball.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATES FIRST NEGRO STUDENT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — For the first time in its history, the Loretto Academy, a Catholic school for girls, graduated a Negro student last week.

Graduated from Loretto was Miss Carver Forte, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Clymer. Miss Forte has applied to enter the music department at the University of Kansas City in September. While at Loretto, Miss Forte majored in music and took part in several extra-curricular activities. Her featured instrument was piano.

Among her achievements at the academy were: treasurer of the Sodality (the student government), chairman of the Catholic action committee, and member of the International Relations club. She also became a member of the National Music Guild of Catholic schools. Other activities at the school included participating in several music and dance recitals.

Commenting on her two years at the academy Miss Forte said: "Being at Loretto has been a wonderful experience. It has proven that the color of one's skin is



Seated above is Mrs. Elsie Payne, operator of the Blue Mirror Lunch Room in Wilson, N. C. Standing beside is her 18-year old daughter, Rosa Lee. Mrs. Payne has operated the Blue Swan for three years and

her daughter, a recent graduate of Darden High School, plans to attend Elizabeth State Teacher College in the fall and begin preparation to become a mathematics teacher.