

# YMCA BEGINS 1949 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The fourth annual membership campaign of the Bloodworth Street YMCA will be sponsored July 15-30, officials of the Association have announced.

A. E. Brown, district manager of the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Co. has been named general chairman with L. H. Roberts and R. H. Poole of the YMCA Board of Management, as associates.

Joseph I. Stredwick, manager of the Harris-Rucker College, will serve as campaign director, while D. A. Thomas, principal of the F. W. Taylor Springs Consolidated School, and Rev. T. C. Hamann, pastor of the Mealy Street Christian Church, are associates. E. L. Ralston will serve as executive secretary.

Under the slogan "Join Youth Today—For Leadership Tomorrow," a campaign organization of over 100 men will seek to enlist 1000 members and \$3500 cash, it was stated.

The executive sponsoring committee is composed of A. E. Brown, J. W. Eaton, Attorney F. J. Carr, Dr. B. S. Eubank, J. H. Roberts, Dr. N. H. Harris, J. I. Stredwick, Dr. L. E. McCauley, Dr. A. Thomas, Dr. M. L. Watts, Dr. N. H. Poole, J. A. Mann, C. A. Hays, Dr. W. B. Pettigrew, C. A. Hays, and the Rev. P. C. Hamann.

Zack Ellis of the YMCA Board of Management has been named manager of Division "A" with C. H. McQuinn, principal Washington High School, associate manager, A. J. Turner, owner of Turner's Hotel and President of the Raleigh Business League in manager of Division "B" with J. A. Mason of the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Co. associate.

John G. Smith, Division "A" Team No. 1, C. H. McQuinn, Team No. 2, W. R. Edmondson, Team No. 3, Benjamin J. Johnson, Team No. 4, Edward Curtis, Team No. 5, C. H. Flagg, Team 6, Dean F. P. Payne, Division "B" Captain, Team 7, H. C. High, Sr., Team 8, Lawrence Lindsey, Team 10, James H. Sills, Team 11, D. Terry Hough, Team 12, David Jackson.

During the past year the Bloodworth Street YMCA sponsored a varied program with social, recreational and religious features. Services rendered include dormitory facilities for young men and women, clubs for men and boys, discussion and forum groups, religious, athletic, recreational, indoor and outdoor games hobby and special interest groups. A total of 43 regularly scheduled group activities with an enrollment of 944 were conducted by the "Y"; 23 community organizations held over 500 meetings of various kinds. The total participation in all activities during the past year amounted to 598,821.

Several state Experiment Stations are cooperating in a project to develop faster-growing beef calves. Breeding animals from 122 sires of Herefords, Aberdeen Angus, and Shorthorns are being used in the work.

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## "NOAH" STAGED BY SUMMER CAST AT ATLANTA U.

ATLANTA. — At its second sessions of the 1949 season, the Atlanta University Summer Theatre Company gave three performances of "Noah" a delightful treat and a light educational-dramatic comedy play by "Abner" Oney, July 1, 2, and 3, in Howe Memorial Hall on the campus of Spelman College. First production of the Longacre Theatre in New York City (1925) the play was dramatized in the manner of a fairy tale.

The cast of 16 headed by Joseph A. Binkney, in the title role, was under the direction of Donald R. Tidd, who is director of the University Players of Atlanta University, Morehouse College and Spelman College. Baldwin W. Burroughs, who directs the Summer Theatre activities, served as the technical adviser for the production. Rosalee Slack was stage manager, and Samuel L. Harris and Harlow Mosby were in charge of lighting.

Important roles in the play were won by Sadie Barrow, Joseph Atkinson, Preston Cochran, Albert Price, Georgia Allen, Muriel Curtis, Jane Hunter, Fred Holmes, James Hicks, Haynes Pressley, Dorsey Williams, Kenneth Dunston, Louise Robinson, Edwin Weather, and Willard Hart.

Technicians working on the production were Bertam Sears, Louis Robinson, Dorsey Williams, Charles Pledger, John Mabry, William Jenkins, and Damon Peters, who were on the building crew. Alvin Mitchell, who was in charge of the painting, and Arthur Sherrod, who designed the animal masks. Ernie Elliott, Ross Jolley and Almarita Allen were responsible for costumes and Elizabeth Reed handled the properties. Business affairs of the Summer Theatre are handled by McClure P. McCubbin.

## NITELIFE IN N. Y.

BY ALVIN MOSES

"SKETCHES — AND PROFILES"

She's small, dark-haired and has a bashful habit in the all-important matter of feminine curves. She wears like a contented, right-angle which is just about top-course but has yet to receive the full measure of acclaim. I think her incomparable singing rates Connecticut. EDDIE CANTOR, first introduced her to the public radio show in a large way.

RICHMOND BARTH, devotee of the arts and a nationally famous sculptor is a product of the Chicago Art Institute and well known to New York. "Ten Society" I first met him through the then Geraldine (Geri) Mauro, Amsterdam News Dispatch at the home of the late Alpha Walker. His work has been exhibited and sold in Europe and on the dark continent.

GENE FOWLER was the first N. Y. newspaper columnist to give me full space in his featured old "N. Y. World" column. Now a jangling writer, and fabulous Hollywood figure I treasure his columns on the late ex-Mayor Jimmy Walker titled "Bear James."

DON REDMAN, back in 1932, replaced the "Street Signer" on a national broadcast hookup at famous old Connie's Inn located right in the heart of Harlem. I recall the musicians on edge tuning instruments as the 7:15 starting time came closer and closer. The man at the controls raised his hand, the boys took their places, and out came the strains of "The Chan of the Weeds," then "Star Dust," and "Honey Suckle Rose." HARLAN LATTIMORE, a very promising star at the time, next came to the mixer and did "Paradise" as only he could 17 years ago this month. Theina Meeres and Norton composed the smoothest adagio-dance team of the '32 season and what a streamlined beauty was that lassie with whip-cord muscles plus grace personified. GEORGE DEWEY WASHINGTON, slated for a return to his N. Y. public school, will live in the archives of "Tin Pan Alley" for his second-to-nobody's rendition of "Cliche."

## YOUTHS ATTACKED IN PHILLY POOL

PHILADELPHIA (ANP) — Nine boys were attacked by a gang of whites as they were swimming in a shallow pool behind the Art Museum on the Parkway here last week. Two boys were hurt and one was seriously injured suffering a possible fracture of his nose from a severe blow.

The injured youth is Clarke Campbell, 13, who was allegedly beaten with sticks and the attackers fled when he was too slow on the get-away. He suffered abrasions and bruises of the arms and body and had to be X-rayed at Presbyterian hospital to determine the actual extent of his condition. Also hurt was Larry Brown, 14, who was beaten about the body, arms and shoulder, but whose condition did not require treatment.

According to Campbell and his buddies, they had heard the day before that some of their friends had used the pool behind the museum, without any trouble. Nine of them formed a group and decided to swim there. On arriving, they found no one there. After they had changed their clothing, put on their bathing suits, and entered the pool about 15 white boys, whose ages ranged from 14 to 17, came out of the pool and ordered them out.

TOLD TO VACATE

Members of the colored group told reporters and park guard investigators the whites threatened them and called them "niggers" and kept insisting that they vacate the pool. The boys remained in the pool and the whites went away. After a short while, the white

boys returned armed with sticks. They began striking the boys in the pool who scampered out and ran. Brown and Campbell, who had changed their clothing at the pool edge, were left behind as they tried to get their clothing. The white boys swarmed around, beating them with their fists and sticks.

Henry Meers, 13, closest friend of Clarke Campbell, said he and the other boys organized themselves and returned to fight. However, they found a park guard standing with Campbell and Brown near the pool. When one of the ring leaders of the white gang was pointed out to the guard by the injured boys, the guard is said to have explained that the youth was with him all afternoon.

Campbell and Brown were brought to Presbyterian hospital by Patrolman Robert Taggart of the park guard.

The boys in the pool at the time of the attack, aside from Campbell, Meers and Brown, were James Collins, 13; William Wright, 14; Arnold Thompkins, 14; Richard Davis, 12; his brother, William, 11 and Barry Brown, 13, of 3660 W. 10th St.

## NO ARRESTS

A final report from the superintendent's office of the park guard said that Campbell was treated for fracture of the nose and discharged. No arrests have been made by the police as yet.

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## IGNORANCE PAID OFF

MONTEGOMERY, ALA. (ANP) — Marshall Johnson, 13, and his sister, Evelyn, 16, escaped being committed to the Alabama state reform school until they are 21, near last week after they had been found guilty of violating segregation laws on a city bus.

The two youngsters who were visiting the city from their home in Newark, N. J., were placed on probation by Judge Wiley C. Hill, Jr., upon a plea that they did not know about the racial statutes.

They were arrested after being ordered off a city bus by the driver, who testified they were sitting in the section reserved for whites. The youths told the judge they were on their first visit to the south and did not know the racial segregation. Judge Hill said he was empowered to commit them to the state reform school until they were 21, but granted them probation because he felt they had realized their mistake.

Marshall had testified that the bus driver kicked his sister off the bus during the argument over seating. The driver, however, said he pushed the girl off. Both left the bus when the driver drew his pistol.

## HONESTY

ST. LOUIS (ANP) — Honesty pays off handsomely, that is, it did for Mrs. Jeannette Fisher, prominent fraternal leader, church worker and member of the Neighborhood Organization for Better Conduct in Public Places.

Mrs. Fisher found a purse containing \$800 in currency and a check for \$300. She returned it to the owner, and received as a reward \$200 and a promise of future support by one of St. Louis leading business women. In addition, she has received a number of complimentary letters and other monetary tokens.

While about her duties as a domestic for Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, the woman observed a lady's handbag beside the asphalt in the backyard. At first, she paid no attention to it. Later, she decided to investigate, and finding the money, took it to her employer.

Further investigation revealed the purse was the property of Mrs. Grace Lynch, white, of Clayton, Mo., who is engaged in real estate business with her husband. Mrs. Lynch said she was not aware where he lost her purse but remembered she was in the Burnett's yard picking flowers.

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## ANOTHER FIRST

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Taylor, will then drive as an extra, and later drive on a route of his own. He got his new job although the city council refused to pass a non-discrimination clause on employment when it passed a fare boost.

Taylor, a marine corps veteran, before getting his new position, drove a taxi for the Reliable Cab Company.

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