

# WILSON

## N. C. ODDFELLOWS CONDUCT ANNUAL MEET AT WILSON

BY J. B. HARRIS  
 WILSON — The annual meeting of District Grand Lodge No. 7 Grand United Order of Odd Fellows was held here August 2nd and 3rd with Jessie W. Rodgers, District Grand Master of Wilmington presiding.

After the usual closed sessions, an excellent local program was rendered by the host lodge, Hamilton No. 1552, and the Wilson Household of R.U.L.

**MAYOR FAULKNER SPEAKS**  
 After delightful music by the choir of the First Baptist Church where the lodge held its sessions, C. L. Darden, known as the "Colored mayor" of Wilson in glowing terms presented it—on Littlejohn Faulkner, Mayor of Wilson, who extended the official welcome to the city.

The response was made by District Grand Treasurer D. H. Reid

of Raleigh. Solos were offered by Miss Matell Floyd, Charles James and Herbert Best. The Rev. O. J. Hawkins, C. W. Koster and Dr. B. O. Barnes also extended welcome greetings. J. W. Rodgers, D. G. M. responded for the lodge.

Mrs. Nancy Wilkins introduced Mrs. Rachel Dudley of Wilmington, District Grand Most Noble Governess of Household of Ruth, who also spoke. The Household was in session here also. The Rev. W. S. Barnes gave the invocation and G. W. Coppage was master of ceremonies.

The lodge went on record as endorsing the Oxford Colored Orphanage and raised a donation (which it does annually) for the institution. They announced the establishment of a benevolence fund for the aid of their indigent members.

The treasurer's report showed a sizeable balance as of May 31st, principally in benevolent funds.

All officers were re-elected as follows: Jessie W. Rodgers, Wilmington, District Grand Master; F. C. Hester, Washington, Dep. G. M.; J. J. Blake, Raleigh, District G. Dir.; D. H. Reid, Raleigh, Dist. mester.

G. Treas.; J. H. Alexander, Dist. G. Secy.; L. L. Mitchell, Colonel 11th regiment.

Officers of Household of Ruth 10 are: Mrs. Rachel Dudley, Wilmington, Dist. G. M. N. Governess; Mrs. Violet Pullan, Raleigh, secy.; Mrs. Abatna Barnes, Winston-Salem, treas. The 1950 meeting will be in Jacksonville, N. C.

## HAMPTON BEGINS FALL CLASSES ON SEPT. 19

HAMPTON, Va. — Orientation Week for freshmen and other entering students at Hampton Institute this fall will begin on Thursday, September 3, according to an official announcement from the college. All new students are due to arrive before noon on that day. Other opening dates are as follows:

Wednesday, September 14 — Continuing students are due back, by 8:00 p. m. for the fall term.

Thursday, September 15 — Entering students register for the first semester.

Friday, September 16 — Continuing students register for first semester.

Monday, September 19 — First semester classes begin, with the first ones scheduled at 7:45 a. m.

A convocation formally opened the 32nd year of Hampton Institute is scheduled for Thursday, September 29.

During Orientation Week, new students will pay entrance fees and receive room assignments, hear orientation talks by school officials and by student leaders; take placement and psychological examinations; receive a variety of essential information; hold worship services; and meet for social hours.

Health examinations also are scheduled during the early fall, with Howard University medical students assisting, as they did last year.

## HOLDS HIGH LEGION POST IN NEW YORK

BUFFALO, N. Y. (ANP) — Probably one of the highest ranking Negro American Legionnaires in the nation is Edward H. Thomas, vice commander of the Elve County American legion.

Thomas was elected to his office last month at the annual meeting of the county group, thus becoming the first member of his race to hold such a high position in the organization in this area.

He is a member of the Jesse Clipper post in Buffalo, and he works at the local post office.



**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNER** — Pretty Barbara Kaplan, 16 year old senior at Hunter High school in New York City, is the winner of the 13th annual scholarship award of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa. Miss Kaplan, who ranked the highest of 165 selected contestants for the \$500 award, has maintained an outstanding record throughout high school. Her plans are to attend Barnard College. — (ANP)

## LINES OF TRIBUTE

By John Henrick Clarke for ANP  
 He has neither been conquered nor subdued  
 His dreams did not perish when he passed by  
 Let us march forward with hope renewed  
 The banners of his army are still flying high.

Noble singer of noble songs  
 Gallant crusher of many wrongs  
 Our lives are brighter this day  
 Because you came along this way.

I don't think our tribute to this strong soldier,  
 Who never wept, not even when the battle  
 Was the most difficult, should be in tears.  
 Instead, let us dedicate our lives to finishing  
 The great work that he started.  
 And when we at last, march into that  
 Long awaited new day, let us march  
 So gallantly, that he will know  
 We are marching.

### GUEST PREACHER

Reverend W. L. Griffin, pastor of the Reform Sabbath M. B. Church, James City, will be the guest preacher at Clinton Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church in Pollocksville, Sunday, August 14. The sermon will be preached at the 3 o'clock services.

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