

# FAYETTEVILLE



## YOUR SCRIBE

By FREDERICK L. BURNS

For several years the patrons of the Wilmington Road area have been forced to send their children to school in the county. Yet they live within the city limits and for several years these patrons have petitioned the school officials to permit their children to attend Edward Evans elementary school which is within a few blocks from their homes.

They have been given various excuses, but at last the school officials have promised that four additional rooms will be added to Edward Evans School and it is hoped that it will be completed by the beginning of school term next fall. It is also hoped that these new additions will take care of this fast growing area.

This is a step forward our people must fight every step of the way. We must band ourselves together and continue to fight for every thing we get.

As I have tried to point out in this column time and again, our only and most effective weapon is unity. The problems of one section

of the city, state or nation concerning Negroes should be the concern of every living person. We should band ourselves together so tight that the injury to one should hurt every one.

I have in mind two pictures appearing in our local daily paper (Fayetteville Observer, September 8) where a few children on their way to school had to walk in the streets because of no sidewalks on old street, near the old McNeill Mill.

Our editor, Bob Gray, in his radio talk emphasized the fact that these children were subject to heavy traffic and an accident can easily happen.

After investigation, we found that only half a block was without sidewalk and that was only on one side of the street as the other side was with sidewalk.

I still contend that Washington Avenue, on which E. E. Smith High School, and Murchison Road, Newbold Elementary School is located, the only sidewalk near the place is on the property of Fayetteville State Teachers College and that is a good mile from the heart of the city. On Washington Avenue there is no sidewalk at all.

Cars run up and down Murchison Road as if it were a speedway. At one time cars and trucks would mire up to their axles on Washington Avenue, yet these children had to walk on this avenue to get to school.

Let us get back to the Murchison Road. We have seen small children snatched from possible injury or death from speeding automobiles. There are no sidewalks. They walk in the streets, taking chances with their lives.

I have brought these facts before you dear readers because there is no organized fight to eliminate this hazard.

Unless we organize ourselves and put a united front to combat this evil, we will never get any relief. It is up to you, the time is now, not after some child has lost his life.

There will be a police to direct these children on Old Street.

What about your children on Washington Avenue and Murchison Road?

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Lucy A. Lewis has returned to Newark, N. J., after visiting Prof. and Mrs. J. H. Lewis.

The Usher Board of Evans Metropolitan Church met with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Carter on Monday night, September 12th. An interesting meeting was held. At the close a delicious repast was served. Officers include C. L. Morroe, president and Mrs. Marian Sawyer, secretary.

Mrs. Barbara White McMillan spent the week end in Portsmouth, Va., with her aunt, Mrs. Annie White and friends.

Mrs. Walter J. Taylor has just returned from New York City where she spent two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Taylor Jones.

Miss Alice Leonard has returned from New York City where she spent one week with friends.

Mrs. Marion Matlock has returned to her home in Wilmington, after spending some time with her relatives, the Bryants and Montagues.

The Rev. and Mrs. Rufus Thomas and daughter Mae Cathrine of Washington, D. C., were the dinner guests of the Bryants and Montagues on Sunday September 11.

The Thomases have presented many musical numbers at different churches while visiting here.

The following students left the city this week for college.

Joseph Cameron, Miss Edwina Evans, Shaw University, Raleigh; Claude L. Stephens, Mis Eva Parzler, Miss Magadeline Evans, and Miss Marian Hinderson, N. C. College, Durham;

Miss Alice Treadwell, Virginia State, Petersburg, Va.; Miss Pheon M. Gill, Spelman College, Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Annie D. Evans, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Earlia McDonald, A. and T. College, Greensboro; Clarence Cheek, Howard University, Washington, D. C.; Calvin LaHuffman, St. Augustine's College, Raleigh; and Vernon Devane, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.

Edward Battle has returned to the city after spending the summer with his uncles, Messrs. Ollie Merrick and Herman Merrick of New York City.

Lt. and Mrs. Harris of Fort Bragg were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beatty of Washington Square.

### VISITORS

Visitors in the city are: Miss Sylvia Blount, Edenton, N. C.; Miss Mirnie Conner and Mrs. D. N. Conner of West Palm Beach.

Fla. Roosevelt Smiley of Sumner, S. C.; Mrs. E. J. Jackson, New York; The Rev. M. L. Jones, evangelist missionary, of Portsmouth, Va.; Miss Pecola Jones, Mrs. Nettie Tomlin and daughter; Mrs. Victoria Hobbit and Mrs. Christine Smith and daughter.

Mrs. Smith has been on the sick list for several weeks.

Mrs. Harue L. Dixon is visiting her sister in Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Fannie W. ten is visiting her son, Richard Woolen and other relatives in New York, N. Y. and Philadelphia, Pa.

## USO-YWCA STAGES FAREWELL PARTY

The USO-YWCA, Fayetteville, N. C., gave a "Going Back to School" dance on Thursday of last week as a final get together between the soldiers of Fort Bragg and the young ladies returning to college.

Approximately two hundred persons attended the informal dance which conformed to a sort of a farewell party. Many of the young ladies were leaving on the week end to attend colleges and universities all over the United States.

A prize was given to the young lady attired in the most collegiate style. Miss Pheon Gill daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gill of Fayetteville, was awarded the prize after the intermission by Father Charles Merchant Johnson, pastor of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. Miss Gill will begin her freshman year at Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga., this month.

Music for the dance was furnished by Bill Green and his local orchestra. Each month the USO-YWCA gives two orchestra dances and numerous dances with recorded music.

A planning council consisting of Fort Bragg soldiers and junior hostesses, under the supervision of Mrs. Mildred Newton, the USO YWCA director, meets once a week to play various kinds of entertain-

ment for the soldiers. Sgt. Carl Winston, Philadelphia, a member of the famed 82nd Airborne Division is the president of the Planning Council. Miss Josephine Berry of Wilmington, secretary of the USO-YWCA, is advisor.

Throughout the summer months the USO-YWCA has given dances, wienie roasts, straw rides, card games and kitchen parties. The organization is striving constantly to provide the best in entertainment for the troops stationed at Fort Bragg.

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