

GREENVILLE

PERSONALS

BY WITTI LILEY

Mrs. Odessa Meyers motored from Philadelphia to spend the week with Mrs. Rena Davis. Those with her were her mother, Mrs. Hattie Jones, and Mrs. L. Sparkman. Her many friends are glad to know that Mrs. Allen Chapin is improving after undergoing an operation in Pitt General Hospital. The Cosmetologist Club met at the home of Mrs. Jessie Clark, 115 Evans St., Monday, September 5. The meeting was opened with a song and a prayer. The hostess served a very delicious course.

JOINS FACULTY OF ETHIOPIAN SCHOOL

NEW YORK (ANP) — Lawrence Erskine Chaffin, known to the art world as Lawrence Erskine, art editor of "African Opinion" magazine, last week was appointed professor of arts and crafts on the faculty of the Medhane-Alem school in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Dr. T. Thomas Fortune Fletcher, head of the school, selected Erskine over a number of other candidates for the position. The new art instructor is a native of Springfield, Mass. He has had extensive study in Springfield, New York, and in Europe. During his career he has gained fame as a mural painter, a commercial artist and an art critic. He plans to leave for Ethiopia by the end of this month.

Farm real estate taxes per acre in North Carolina averaged about 7 per cent higher in 1948 than in 1947.

EVENING GRADUATE CLASSES TO BE HELD AT FLORIDA A. & M.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The Graduate Division of the Florida A. and M. College will offer courses in graduate work leading toward the Master's degree in education in the evenings on the campus at six and seven o'clock. This service is scheduled for the convenience of the in-service teachers of Leon County and vicinity.

All persons who plan to enter the graduate division for the evening classes are advised to report to the college on September 26 in room 363 Lee Hall for registration.

INTERRACIAL GROUP ENCOUNTERS J. C. ON TOUR OF COUNTRY

NEW YORK (ANP) — The 12 members of the Intercultural workshop of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples sailed from New York aboard the Queen Mary last week to attend the conference of UNESCO (United Nations Economic, Social, and Cultural Organization) in Paris, France. Before arriving in New York, the interracial group from the San Francisco church reported that it had encountered several instances of jim crow on its cross country trip. Most of the discrimination was shown them by cafes in Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming because of Negro and Oriental members of the group. Bus depot eating places, group members reported, showed the most democratic attitudes.

COULD HAVE USED SEWING MACHINE

LOS ANGELES (ANP) — A victim of a bloody chest knifing had 1,000 stitches taken to sew him together in the chest, back, and arms last week and lived. Brady Watson 26, ripped in at least eight places by long deep cuts in a fight over a dollar, according to police, was operated on at the Georget Street Receiving hospital. The alleged knife wielder in the attack, Leon Watson, is under arrest, police said.

LIBERIAN FOOD PRODUCTION UP

KAKATA, Liberia (ANP) — Liberia is enjoying her biggest food production in more than 11 years. There is no shortage of rice this year. Rice is the principal food in Liberia. There are also plenty of cassava, yams, eddoes, fruits and various vegetables.

The 1949 crop is estimated to be about 30 per cent bigger than the one last year which indicates that Liberia is on the way to ending "hungry times" for her people. It is actually true that many years when crops have failed and imports insufficient that there has simply not been enough food to care for all the people.

Much of the improvement is due, aside from favorable weather, to the work of the U. S. Economic Mission. Oscar Meier is the chief of this group which has done much to improve the type of agriculture, the care given crops as well as introducing new varieties of seed. Oscar Meier is the chairman of the commission. Frank E. Pinder, formerly of Washington and Florida, has been acting chief for the past several months, while Meier has been on duty at the State department in Washington.

About \$50,000 is being put into the Central Agricultural station at Suakoko, Liberia, up in the hinterland for physical improvements by the Liberian government.

PLANS RIGHTS BODY IN NATION'S CAPITAL

WASHINGTON (ANP) — A new human rights commission for the nation's capital may be established if the plans of Sen. Matthew M. Neely (D. Va.) work out. Sen. Neely, new chairman of the Senate District committee, declared last week that he will introduce a bill to set up such a commission. The new "mayor" said his proposed human rights body would include whites, Negroes, Jews, Christians, and members of all religious and racial groups. Speaking to the second session of his District problem clinic, he said: "There's nothing more important than human rights." He decided to introduce the commission bill to the senate after persons attending his problem session voted overwhelmingly in favor of such a group. Taft S. Fieman, chairman of the greater Washington area council of the American Veterans committee, read a statement in favor of such a proposal.

PROGRESSIVES MEET OUTDOORS ON BEING DENIED SCHOOL

SANTA BARBARA Calif. (ANP) — Denied the use of the Santa Barbara High School, the Young Progressives of California met outdoors last week in their state convention. According to Dr. E. W. Jacobson, superintendent of schools, the Progressives had been promised use of the school's music room, but protests from local citizens had forced him to ask party leaders to sign loyalty oaths. The party leaders refused to sign, and were not allowed to use the school. The group then opened its convention outdoors on the grounds of the Verhelle estate.

Meat production under Federal inspection for the week end September 10 totaled 269 million pounds.

More than 18 million bulletins were distributed to farm people of the United States last year by agricultural extension workers.

PERKINS HEADS IDEAL BENEFIT

NORFOLK, Va. (ANP) — The National Ideal Benefit Society, Inc., closed its 37th annual session here last week at St. John AME Church soon after re-electing B. W. Perkins supreme master. The convention voted to hold the 38th annual convention in Philadelphia, Pa., on the first Tuesday in September of next year.

Reports at the convention disclosed that the organization operating in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia has over 14,000 members and took in over 2000 new members last year.

Mrs. Jenie Saunders of Philadelphia, Pa., was re-elected president of the nursery department. All members of the board of directors were re-elected and other officers of the parent body and nursery department were re-elected. Mr. Perkins is still chairman of the board of directors of the society.

More than 500 delegates and visitors to the convention. Welcoming aditors were on hand for the opening dresses were delivered by the Rev. James R. Johnson, Jr., pastor of St. John AME Church; C. Arnett Bibbins, local attorney; and J. Smith, representing Mayor Prewlow Darden of Norfolk.

Founder of the society was A. S. Holmes who at one time was grand master of the Grand United Order of True Reformers. For years Mr. Holmes was an outstanding fraternal leader in Virginia. He organized the National Ideal Benefit Society, Inc., which he built into a strong and progressive organization before his death. B. W. Perkins was supreme vice master at Mr. Holmes' death.

WINS SCHOLARSHIP

NEW YORK (ANP) — Jeh Vincent Johnson, 18-year-old son of Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Yask University, Nashville, was named winner of a four-year national scholarship at Columbia College here last week. Johnson will begin his studies at Columbia later this month.

Valedictorian of his senior class at Pearl Senior High School, Nashville, he is one of 48 high school and preparatory school graduates who was awarded scholarships this year under the school's national scholarship plan. The plan was created last year, and eventually will bring 120 highly qualified students to the school for four-years' study at a cost of more than \$100,000 a year.

OLDER YOUTH GROUP PLANS CLUBHOUSE

Members of the Negro Older Youth Club in the Shiloh Community of Wake County have started a drive to raise funds for a club house, reported W. C. Davenport, Negro county agent for the State College Extension Service.

A fund of \$3,000 has been set as the goal, Davenport says, ed into four sections and a team ed into four sections and a team of workers assigned to each section.

At the regular meeting last week a checkup showed that more than one-third of the goal had already been pledged. It is hoped that the entire amount will be raised by the date of the Older Youth Club's annual banquet, which will be held on Wednesday night, October 27.

All of the construction work is to be done by the members themselves, with some assistance from Older Youth Clubs in other parts of the county.

Davenport says the people of Shiloh community are interested in the project and are giving it their wholehearted support.

On November 1, 1948, the total number of layers and potential layers in U. S. farm flocks was 465.7 million.



EARN MASTERS—Miss Lotya Loryene Graye, teacher in the elementary department of the C. M. Eppes High School has completed work for the Master of Arts Degree, majoring in curriculum and teaching at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Miss Graye is a member of the York Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church, a girl scout leader and organizer of Troop No. 13 in 41, the first registered Negro Troop in Greenville and Pitt County.

She is a member of the Ladies' Delight Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and Philacter of the Eta Nu Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

CULPRITS STEAL HOLY BIBLE

CHICAGO (ANP)—Stop everybody carrying a large Holy Bible, police were ordered here last week. Officers are seeking two culprits who knocked Miss Eloise Thompson down and took a large Bible from her.

She reported her loss to the Stanton ave. police station, and Sgt. John Wall gave out the order.

"In all my 27 years at this station," he declared, "this is the first time anyone has stooped to stealing something that can be received as a gift from any church."

STATE USHERS ASSOCIATION CONVENES HERE

The twenty-fifth annual session of the Interdenominational Ushers Association of North Carolina was held at St. Stephen A. M. E. Church in Wilmington, August 25th through the 28th.

The first session was presided over by the Vice President, J. Frederick Williams.

Opening of session was by President L. E. Austin. A very wonderful address was given us by W. J. Kennedy, Jr., Vice President and Secretary of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co.

A very interesting health picture, pertaining to cancer and T. B. was shown by Prof. B. T. McMillen of the Department of Public Health from North Carolina College.

Saturday afternoon's session we were entertained with an address by the President of the National Ushers Association of America, Allan A. C. Griffith.

Sunday morning at 10:45 the annual parade assembled at the corner of 8th and Red Cross Street when all were in their places. We marched to the church.

The sermon was given us by The Rev. E. B. Polding.

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