

News AND Views

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CURRITUCK NAACP PROGRESSIVE

We went east one night ahead of the crowd enroute to Negro Citizens' Day at the "Lost Colony" plant at Manteo on Roanoke Island July 20 and stopped at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Johnson at Currituck, smallest county seat of the state's smallest county, perhaps.

Mr. Johnson became known over the state this year because his NAACP branch made the greatest gain of any in the state for 1951, started from scratch and secured 139 members in a county which has 19 teachers and graduated 1 from the high school this year. That means there are few Negroes there.

After going to the Atlantic NAACP conference and making his report, Mr. Johnson's group has raised the membership to 169. So interested were the Currituck people in Johnson's convention report, they would hardly let him stop talking about it at the meeting. To show their appreciation they not only gave him a generous travel allowance, but paid him for his time off from work as well.

We commended Currituck citizens for this appreciation to their hard working NAACP President. We knew of branches that fail to show such appreciation for their leader, and what they do to further the cause of Christian Democracy among us.

Mr. Johnson is custodian of the Currituck Union School where his wife, Mrs. Judy Poyner Johnson and her sister Mrs. Margaret P. Palmer teach. The school principal is Melvin S. Bowman. The new school is the result of consolidation of four former schools. Six buses are used with a need for two more, it is said.

Mrs. Harren meets schoolmate. After dinner at the Johnsons Mrs. Johnson learned that Mrs. Harren was the former Annie Maude Harrison and Mrs. Harren discovered her hostess was the Judy Poyner she knew along with Mrs. Uvalde Green Mangum (Statesville) at dear old E. C. H. Normal more years ago than the stars care to admit too. From there on they cast no more shy stares at each other. The stay was enjoyable. We met Mrs. Cherry Poyner widow of the late George Poyner and mother of Mrs. Johnson. Despite her 75 years, Mrs. Poyner is as active and much smarter than many 45-year-olds. Her home was spic and span, inside and out and she was chatting merrily with the assistance of a relative, Mrs. Elizabeth Banker. One daughter, Miss Glennie Poyner lives with Mrs. Poyner or beside the 16-acre farm on US highway near the Johnsons and opposite their kindly white neighbors. These Negro homes are equal in appearance to those of the whites in the area.

Rev. F. L. Lawrence is pastor of the Providence Baptist Church at Currituck. Rev. G. L. Newby has Good Hope A.M.E. Zion and West 102 Mary Disciples Church is served by Rev. Tony Heller.

We visited Kill Devil Hill and went up in the Wright Memorial Tower when 60,000 people visit each year. This is where Orville and Wilbur Wright made their successful flight in 1903.

We also drove down to the end of the road at Oregon Inlet near OREGON Lighthouse. The road is paved, but we found O. M. Freeman, Sr., Wilson rockman, stuck in the sand. We almost thought trying to assist him. So we attended the Lost Colony were the coteries of Enfield, Walker of Farmville and Madam, Pittman and Thomas with Rocky Mount and Scouts, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Bennette and niece Vivian were among the Lost Colony visitors as was Mrs. Mary Taylor and Miss Boyd, daughter of the late Boston Book of Greenline.

REPORTS DIFFERENT. Our public will please pardon us if we appear egotistic in asking our readers to read and COMPARE the news release emanating from Manteo regarding the Negro Citizens Day program and fed at least two Race newspapers including THE CAROLINIAN, with the account of it as written by this correspondent, which appeared in "NEWS AND VIEWS" last week. Readers would hardly recognize this article as evening the same event EXCEPT for the name of the speaker — Dr. Thomas Prox — who gave a wonderful address calling for unity of races in this great world struggle for survival in an atomic age.

It is felt that a certain "agency" sent out the part of the address that it desired Negroes read about. Your scribe chronicled the part that was most UPLIFTING TO NEGROES — that calling for COMPLETE and EQUAL STATUS AS CITIZENS in our Commonwealth! Dr. Prox did NOT "correct an impression," as was alleged by the "agency" regarding Negroes being "welcome . . . at every performance of the season." Rather, Prox said, "The management informs me that Negroes are welcome to all performances of the Lost Colony . . . I say," he continued, "WHY HAVE A NEGRO CITIZEN'S DAY?"

NEGRO HIGH SCHOOL AT PINETOP

At PINETOP, N. C. — Announcement was made in Tarboro last week that a contract has been awarded for the construction of a \$165,000 new Negro high school at Pinetop with construction to begin soon. The building, expected to be ready for occupancy around the first of the year, will replace the present one, which it is elementary building.

Edgecombe teachers have been having extra spending money due to the arrival last week of the supplementary salary checks, much to the delight of all.

The R. D. Armstrongs have returned from a northern vacation, where "the Misus" reports the water was too cold for the RTW's principal. Try the salt steam Professor.

Rev. J. W. Barnette and family are on their annual three-week vacation from Mt. Pisrah Presbyterian Church. Dr. J. M. Miller will fill the pulpit for Rev. Barnette.

Plans are going forward for an NAACP banquet here at St. James or George W. Mercer, recent 5th Baptist Church, August 15, to honor NAACP member. Two other honor guests are expected.

Edgecombe county colored schools are scheduled to open August 28, according to Supt. E. P. Johnson, who says the date is tentative. Nash Negro schools are set to open August 23.

WISE SAYING BY WISE. Harren's wife is Sunday School superintendent at Haven Creek Baptist Church in Manteo, Roanoke Island. He says, "The NAACP says Negroes are subject to ALL laws and DENIED ALL PRIVILEGES." "Telling the Lost Colony story, we sat beside the stone mound that marked the spot where Franklin D. Roosevelt sat and saw the show in 1947.

STATE P-T-A CAMP Closes at BRICK ROCKS, N. C.

The North Carolina Colored Parent-Teacher Association has just closed its annual camp for boys and girls here using the buildings and grounds of the Brick Rural Life.

The camp was directed by Miss Maude Freeman with Nathaniel White, Bobby Alston and Mrs. Catherine King as counselors. Mrs. Ada Jarnigan of Raleigh is State P-T-A executive secretary and Mrs. F. B. Vance of Wilson is listed as the organizer or founder of the camp which has run for a number of years. Of recent years it has been held here.

The camp was divided into two separate periods. The first from July 11-14 was for girls. The second period July 18-28 — was for boys. There were about 30 pupils enrolled for each period.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST LOOKING FOR A PASTOR

The Rev. J. H. Dixon of Enfield preached at St. John Baptist Church July 15. The venerable pastor, Charles Spicer, was also a visitor here. This Church is seeking a pastor since the departure of Rev. C. C. Shreve, former pastor. St. John boasts 500 members and an excellent choir directed by Mrs. Mabel Knight, organist. The choir recently rendered a program in connection with the white Baptist Church's Home Demonstration held in nearby Oak Village. St. John has a beautiful \$25,000 structure, almost completed. Donny Taylor is lead singer. Others are: Tommie Hilliard, W. A. Jones, W. T. Rogers, William Hilliard and



TURN BACK THE CLOCK . . . Children in costumes of the period and police in old time uniforms give correct touch to this tableau at New York's city hall, as the fresh air fund staged a re-enactment of the first trip of tenement children to the country, 75 years ago. Mayor Impellitteri and Father Knickerbocker (James J. O'Brien) are in center.

SALISBURY NOTES

By Avis E. Wilkins
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SALISBURY — The Church School Convention of the Salisbury district, held at New Hope A. M. E. Zion Church, at Spencer, N. C., opened Tuesday July 17 with Elder Hunter presiding and Rev. N. V. Jones conducting the devotional services.

The opening sermon was delivered by Rev. Alton C. Hinnitt, pastor of Hills Creek and Cedar Grove A. M. E. Zion Churches.

Rev. Hinnitt spoke on the subject, "Christian Soldiers Never Die." The afternoon session began with the roll call. Presiding Elder Haynes of the Charlotte District assisted in calling the roll. Presiding Elder Carson of the Lincolnton District gave a very inspirational address on "Christian Living and World Peace."

The annual night sermon was delivered by Dr. J. R. Glenn, Sandy Ridge Church, Landis, N. C. His subject was "The Beauty of a Christian Life."

The pastor of New Hope Church, Rev. J. P. Stroud gave a short welcome followed by a welcome from Miss Robbie E. Graham. A response was given by Rev. E. L. Hogan, Salisbury.

Wednesday morning at 11:00 a. m., a model church school was conducted by Mrs. Alberta Lockhart acting as superintendent. Other officers were Mr. S. J. Torrence, Mrs. Lena Duncan, Miss Leuelle Gillespie and Mr. Maxie Huston.

"Our place and work in the church of today as Christian Education workers" was discussed by Mrs. L. H. Panter, Landis, N. C. During the afternoon session Mrs. Lena Duncan of Salisbury, presided in the absence of Miss Vina Wilson.

The final closing address was given by Dr. C. H. Daniels, Southern City Church, with music furnished by the church choir. Dr. Daniels spoke from the subject "Christian Growth in Grace."

A grand total of \$469.91 was collected during the convention.

PERSONALS
Mrs. Hattie White is visiting her sister Mrs. Rose D. Aggrey and family.
Mrs. Viola E. Smith was guest of her parents Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Ezell.
Mesdames Joyce C. Fleming and Thelma R. White have been visiting in Dwyer, N. C.
Prof. L. V. Jones, superintendent of County schools has returned home from the Hospital and is improving nicely.
Rev. J. C. Fair is ill.
Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Wyatt have returned from California.
Mr. James Sumner and Mrs. Otella Blake recently visited Duke's sister, Mrs. Argue Lee Dudlds and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey and children of Statesville were in the city recently.
Mrs. Vivian Carson is attending summer school at A and T College in Greensboro, N. C.
Mrs. Zereta Carson is visiting at her home in Davidson.
Mrs. Hattie C. Trent is improving nicely.
Mrs. Sarah Houston has returned to Philadelphia Pa. after visiting John Colston and other relatives.

WHITE SCOUTS GET MEDALS FOR RESCUE

WASHINGTON, N. C. — Harvey was recognized last Wednesday night when members of the Wilmington Negro Scout Committee honored three white youths for their heroic rescue of a Negro youth.

In May of this year Percy St. George, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. "Dud" Wade, 510 South 8th street, and a newspaper carrier, were swimming in Greenfield Lake St. George had jumped from a pier into about eight feet of water and failed to come to the surface.

The white youths sped to the scene.

Bobby Powell, 8-1 Lake Village, leaped from the boat into the water and pulled St. George, who was unconscious, to the shore. R. C. James, Winter Park, applied artificial respiration and the youth was breathing and conscious when police and firemen arrived with a pallbearer.

The third boy assisting in the rescue was L. F. Grainger, 17-S Lake Village.

At Community hospital where the youth was rushed, doctors credited the white boys with having saved St. George's life.

On Wednesday night, D. L. W. Upstream, acting in the absence of Ed Gibbs, chairman of the Negro Scout Committee, presented each of the three boys with handkerchiefs of Lake Village, and members of Troop 10, white, looking on. Powell is a member of Troop 18, James is a member of Troop 18; Grainger is a sea scout.

Dr. Upstream, who is very active in civic work, gave a very constructive talk. He touched on two points, preparedness and courage. "These boys," he said, "have kept the slogan of scouting by being prepared for such incidents. They did not wait; they went to work and did their duty. Continuing," he added, "This life might have been lost had it not been for these boys who have been trained in doing good deeds. This shows that when duty calls, the Scouts are there to meet the challenge."

"It takes courage to perform such duties," Dr. Upstream emphasized. He said, "There are a number of us who would not have had the courage to take such a chance to jump in and save a life knowing that ours was also at stake. This, of course, is what the Scouts are trained for."

Bobby Powell demonstrated, upon request, how he effected the rescue.

Dr. Upstream was introduced by Chief Scout Executive N. C. Campbell.

Dr. E. J. Hamilton is troopmaster of Troop 10.

A newspaper and other civic groups recommended the trophies immediately upon learning of the rescue.

Negro Scouts present were the Rev. J. H. Moore, William Gibbs, Matthew Foreman, W. D. Campbell and E. M. Luckie, Negro scout executive.

ALABAMAING NOTES

ABERDEEN — Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCormick and family of Newark, N. C., are the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berry, their parents.

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From A. L. B. Dudley, Fairmont, W. Va.: I remember when Dad went to the woods and cut a hickory brush which he made into a broom.

From Mrs. Georgia Fowler, Somers, Iowa: I remember when the itinerant peddler came on foot, with a pack on his back, stopping at our home in the country to show his wares of various kinds in hopes of selling some.

From Mrs. Gertrude Ramsdell, Rockford, Mich.: I remember when we went out with the horse and cutter winter evenings we would take a lighted lantern and put it under our robe for warmth. Or we would have a warm stone at our feet.

MAN IS BADLY HURT IN RAIL ROAD MISHAP

CHARLOTTE — A railroad accident early last week sent a man to the hospital with serious injuries and left city police and railroad officials puzzled as to how the accident happened.

James C. Huey, 32, of 211 East Palmer street, suffered the loss of his right arm at the shoulder, broken collar bone, a brised chest broken ribs in his left side, a head wound, and possible internal injuries when a train from Columbia, S. C. ran over him.

Conductor H. J. Harmon told this story of the accident.

The train, engineered by J. A. Shuford, stopped on the tracks blocking the East Palmer street crossing.

After clearance, Harmon signalled the engineer to proceed.

CHARLOTTE IN THE NEWS

By
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CHARLOTTE — Vendor M. H. Heron, son of Mrs. M. M. Heron and the late Samuel Heron will be organized for the gospel ministry Sunday, July 29 at the First Baptist Church, of which the Rev. J. B. Humphrey is pastor at P. M.

Mr. Heron is a graduate of Shaw University, Raleigh, with an A. B. Degree and is now a Junior in the School of Education at that institution.

Rev. C. W. Kerry, Jr. will serve as chairman of the service which Rev. A. J. Ryans, pastor of the "Way" Baptist Church of which Mr. Heron is a member, will deliver the message. Special music will be rendered. The public is cordially invited to attend.

MARINES LAND A PEEPING TOM

JACKSONVILLE—Three Camp Lejeune Marines played detective recently and captured a "peeping tom" believed to have been the man molesting residents of a sector here for several weeks.

The three Marines chased the man identified as James Harris, into the Negro section, Black Bottom, Friday night when he was seen looking into windows. Unable to catch him, the men returned to their homes, and hid in the bushes in hopes that the man might return.

Harris returned and the Marines hit him over the head with a pipe, tied his hands and called police Harris, an employee of the Town of Jacksonville, was given a hearing before a Justice of the Peace Saturday morning and found guilty of Recorder's Court.

He had been on probation after serving seven years of a term for peeping.

North Carolina Citizens Seem To Like N. Y. City

NEW YORK — Nearly 212,000 North Carolina residents will visit here this year, a New York City hotel survey indicated today.

"During the year, New York's population will be swelled by 10,000,000 out-of-towners who will spend over a billion dollars seeing the big-city sights," declared Floyd W. Jefferson, president of the New York Board of Trade, in commenting on the 1951 travel season.

Ranking in popularity with the Statue of Liberty, Times Square and the Empire State Building as favorite attractions are the RCA Exhibition Hall in Radio City where visitors view a free display of the latest electronic wonders and see themselves on television; Rockefeller Center, a complete modern community within itself, and the new

United Nations Building, which looks as though it were made entirely of glass.

A good indication of the comparative popularity of various tourist centers is seen in attendance figures. The survey revealed that approximately 450,000 people take the tour of Rockefeller Center each year. The RCA Hall attracts 1,250,000, while another 600,000 view the Museum of Modern Art. More than 200,000 visitors annually visit the sightseeing points around Manhattan Island.

The estimate of the number of visitors from North Carolina was based on a hotel survey conducted over a one-year period.

The survey showed that June is the most popular month for North Carolina visitors. They stay an average of four days and spend about \$100 each in New York, it was reported.

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Miss Norice Johnson left Monday for Washington, D. C. where she will spend some time.

Raymond Freeman of Providence, R. I. is here visiting A. J. Blake and family.

Mrs. Sallie Randolph, Misses Mary L. and Doris Foreman spent the past weekend in Norfolk, Va. While in the city they visited Mrs. "Doe" Beach.

Miss Estee Carney agent for N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company visited Atlantic Beach, S. C. recently. Mr. A. J. Maye made a brief trip to Wilson, N. C. Saturday.

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SHORTAGE OF HOUSING SEEN IN GATE CITY

GREENSBORO — A shortage in speedy removal of substandard Negro housing here prevents the construction of new Negro dwellings, Hugh L. Medford, director of public works revealed last week.

The shortage was spotlighted recently when two persons were burned to death in a fire in a substandard structure.

Medford said the city is making progress in removing inadequate housing but stated that there are not yet enough facilities to care for all needs.

The director outlined the procedure of condemnation. Occupants of structures are given 30 days notice given. Such action may be appealed to the housing commission.

The Negro housing problem is expected to be alleviated but not under construction housing program.

DEATH OF MAN

ORIENTAL — The body of a 27-year-old man, said to be subject to epileptic spells, was found here late Friday afternoon in two feet of water by a local boy who happened to see the floating body and investigated.

The body of Johnny Greens was found by Hampie Swindell.

His father, Hubert Green, who reported his son subject to spells of epilepsy, said he had cautioned him, from going out fishing alone due to his condition.

Coroner Jack Harris of Barbours was called to examine the body.

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Charlotte Wife Held On Charge Of Slaying Hubby

CHARLOTTE — A 38-year-old stevedore, Booker T. Washington, was stabbed and killed by his wife, Mrs. General Washington, Saturday in a fight that ended in a ditch in front of the couple's home at 1111 Independence boulevard.

Washington should have been attending a courtroom trial at the time of his death.

Police said he was the prosecuting witness in a case in which Miss Laura Twitty was charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

The case had been scheduled for trial during the morning police court but was continued at the request of the woman's lawyer.

CHAPLAIN CHAIRS FOR WOUNDED KOREAN VETS

Whether soldiers are recuperating from wounds or illness in hospitals, battling the enemy in combat, training in the field or going through routine unit training, the Chaplain is always there, giving spiritual guidance or assisting in any way he can. In the above picture, Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas Q. Whitmire, Ward No. 53, U. S. Hospital, Fort Eragg chats with wounded Korean veterans, Laverne W. Atkins (left), Perry, Fla., and Richard B. Sanders (right), Lake Alfred, Fla. (US ARMY PHOTO BY MOORE)