

# DR. W. J. TRENT HONORED

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# Memorial To War Correspondent Set

## Memory Of War Writer To Be Honored By Industry

NEW YORK (ANP) — A national committee of 15 Negro journalists last week announced the formation of the Albert L. Hinton Memorial fund. The fund is in memory of the late associate editor of the "Journal and Guide."

Hinton was one of four Korean war correspondents who were killed when their plane crashed into the Japan sea in 1950. He was the first Negro war correspondent to lose his life in the course of an assignment. At the time of his death, he was enroute to Korea.

The fund has three aims: To perpetuate the memory of a good reporter; to create a symbol that all members of the craft might recognize that they share a common interest and serve a common cause; to provide the working press with a vehicle in which they may take personal pride by being the backbone for this brief and intensive appeal.

The job of the national committee will be to solicit the funds and to determine how best to employ them in accordance with the stated purpose.

The chairman of the national committee is Ernest E. Johnson of New York. A former Washington bureau chief for the Associated Negro Press, Johnson now is a radio news writer with the state department's "Voice of America" program.

## MOVIE DEALING WITH LIFE OF NEGROES SET

BY GLADYS P. GRAHAM  
NEW YORK (ANP) — Oliver Harrington, father of "Bootsie," popular cartoon character, is set to enter a new role. He will be production manager of a screen play which will offer a new treatment in themes dealing with Negro life.

Harrington, who holds two degrees from Yale University including his master's degree in fine arts, is a native of Vahalla, N. Y.

He says "Bootsie" helped him pay his way through college as it was at Yale that he conceived the idea of executing the series on Negro life 17 years ago.

On completion of the film Harrington hopes to study in Rome, Italy, where he was a war correspondent during World War II. Harrington is currently compiling 400 cartoons of his "Bootsie" talk life for a book requested by his publishers.

## Raleighite Among Those To Attend Hampton Events

WASHINGTON (ANP) The Bi-Annual Workshop of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers will meet August 13-15, at Hampton Institute. National and state officers will conduct panel discussions and demonstrations on various phases of the congress work among those taking part will be Mrs. D. M. Jernigan, editor National Family, Raleigh, N. C.

Mrs. J. S. Morgan, national president, will preside at the workshop, which will emphasize ways in which members can interpret to the community three things. These are: Develop a sincere belief in P. T. A. relationship, gain confidence by good-will and understanding, and create a program of work with a definite goal in view.

The national platform and program for 1951-52 year work will be adopted during the leadership training session.

In addition to Mrs. Morgan, other officers include: Mrs. Charles L. Williams, Fla., Vice President; Miss Jeanette Chase, Maryland, Secretary; Mrs. Odessa McKinney, Alabama, Treasurer; Rev. J. D. Pair, Washington, D. C. Budget; Mrs. Pauline Montgomery, Alabama, Character and Spiritual Education; Mrs. Ora K. Glass, Kentucky, Founders' Day; Mrs. S. M. Burrell, Virginia, Health and Summer Round-Up; Mrs. E. W. Knight, Georgia, Homelife and Parent Education; Mrs. M. E. Carpenter, Washington, D. C., Juvenile Protection; Atty. William I. Lee, Washington, D. C., Legislation; Mr. S. M. Blackburn, Delaware, Membership.

Mrs. B. B. Watson, Kansas, Pre-school Service; Mrs. M. J. Hitch, Kentucky, Program; Mrs. Marquerite Caldwell, Washington, D. C., Publicity; Mrs. D. C. Rayford, Texas, Rural Service; Mrs. Thomas Morris, Alabama, School Education; Mrs. Burt A. Mayberry, Missouri, World Understanding; Mrs. William W. M. Henry, Delaware, Director of the National office.

## Winston-Salem Seeks Member On ABC Board

WINSTON-SALEM — The East Winston Civic Club went on record last week requesting the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to appoint a Negro to the ABC board.

A statement by the Negro club said: "We the members of the East Winston Civic Club, go on record requesting the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to appoint a Negro to the ABC Commission. In view of the fact that the Negro vote played a major role in the ABC election and because it would be the democratic thing to do, we think that there should be some consideration given to this request."

The statement was signed by Jason Watkins, president.

The Mayor has already recommended three white men as members.

Official action is to be taken by the Aldermen at the meeting August 3.

## KILLING TRACED TO CRAP SHOOTERS

LOUISBURG — Elmo McCowan, 30, sawmill worker was found dead in a clump of woods near Centerville, 12 miles northeast of here, late Saturday afternoon. He had been killed by a blow on the head by a bottle.

Investigation by Sheriff C. W. Perry, Patrolman H. C. Hector, Deputy Sheriff William Dement and Constable J. A. Thomas disclosed that McCowan had been in a dice game earlier with several other men.

The officers arrested Odus Alston, 18, Ollie Alston, William Darrell, Roosevelt Kelly and Melvin Pippin, reported by officers to have been in the game.

## WAGES GO UP; LABOR DOWN ON THE FARMS

RALEIGH — While farm employment continued below last year's level, wage rates were up 12 per cent on the first of this month, reports the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Toward the end of June, there were 360,000 fewer persons employed on farms than during the same period last year. Of this number, 120,000 were in the South. Significant, there was an increase of 22,000 hired workers, but a decrease of 153,000 family workers, resulting in a net decline of 120,000.

The average of all wage rates was 64.4 cents an hour, an increase of 6.6 cents or 12 percent over a year ago. The rates ranged from a low of 40 cents an hour in South Carolina to a high of \$1.07 in Oregon. Ten States reported rates in excess of \$1 an hour; four were paying less than 50 cents. These latter States are Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina.

## HEIFER-HEISTING TRIO SENTENCED

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NEWTON — Three men were convicted here in the Catawba county recorder's court early last week on charges of stealing a young heifer from the barn of George Finser of Conover.

Deputy Sheriff Carroll Sigmond said that the cow was sold to a man in this county, whose name was not disclosed, for \$27.50. The animal was delivered in an automobile, the deputy said.

The defendants were sentenced Sherrills Ford 12 months, Robert Finger, 18, of Conover, 18 months, and  
Watt Shuford, 29, of Claremont, 12 months, suspended for three years.



NKRAMAH RETURNS HOME — Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, government leader of the Gold Coast and minister of communications and works, recently returned to his homeland after an eventful visit to the United States of America and to Great Britain. A crowd of his people greeted him at the airport in Accra as he arrived with Kojo Botsio, minister of education for the Gold Coast. In the above picture, Nkrumah has been hoisted above the crowd by his admirers as they enthusiastically greeted him at the airport. Late in the afternoon, he and Botsio were chief speakers at a meeting before 10,000 persons. — (ANP)



NEW CHICAGO YMCA RATED FINEST IN THE COUNTRY — Noted personalities who attended the dedication ceremonies of the new Washington Park YMCA expressed the opinion that it was the finest in the country. The five-story high, fire-proof building cost \$1,100,000. Some of its features are—a cafeteria and private dining room, both air-conditioned; two lounges, one for men and one for women; 24 residence rooms, 24 for married couples, and a banquet hall located south of the building is an all-purpose playground. O. O. Morris is executive director of both the new "Y" and the Washash Avenue branch. His staff is interracial. Reading from left to right are: A. W. Williams, chairman of the board of directors, who presided; Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, who delivered the main address, and Mr. Morris. — (ANP)

## Livingston College Prexy Member Of School Board

By Avis F. Wilkins  
SALISBURY — A singular honor was paid recently to one of North Carolina's leading educators when Dr. W. J. Trent, president of Livingston College here, was unanimously endorsed for a seat on the Salisbury City School Board.

Following is a copy of the letter received by Dr. Trent announcing his appointment to the board. The letter, from Mayor E. L. Hardin, says:

Dear Dr. Trent:

I am very happy to officially notify you of your appointment to the City School Board following action taken at the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 P. M., July 17, 1951. This action was enthusiastically supported by every member of the City Council with the feeling that we were fortunate in having one of the outstanding Negro educators of the South associated with our Public School System and we feel that you can and will contribute much to the efforts of the School Board and this feeling is shared also by every member of the Board.

On behalf of each individual member of the City Council, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to you on your willingness to lend your services in this important work and to extend our very best wishes and assure you of our support in every way possible.

Dr. Trent was born in Charlotte, N. C. December 30, 1873, the son of Edward Trent and the former Malinda Johnson and the grandson of Harriet Massey whose influence had a great effect upon William Johnson Trent.

He represented to her the hope of the Negro race.

His household consisted of his mother, his grandmother, and uncle and an aunt. He heard the tales that were not old then of slavery life in the Waxhaw Community from whence the others had come. The mother worked then as a servant, the grandmother took in washing.

Upon looking today at Dr. Trent who looks much younger than he is it is difficult to realize that so much has happened in the span of his lifetime.

When he was twelve years of age his uncle Ben Miller gave him a book which was his first book and it is still one of his treasured possessions.

He entered Livingston College as a student in 1890 and during the summer months he worked on various jobs for the continuation of his education.

He made rapid progress and each job was an advancement over the previous one. He through his hard work and conscientious efforts he graduated as valedictorian of his class.

He was then employed as secretary of the YMCA who wanted him to administer the spiritual needs to 1,100 Negro soldiers of the third North Carolina Regiment. The assignment was not a long one since the preliminaries for peace began in August. He was at Knoxville for a while then went to Macon. While with the troops he saw president McKinley and old General Joe Wheeler.

He was then elected president of Greenville Junior College at Greenville, Tenn.

At Greenville he dined for the first time in the South with a white man when was invited to the home of the superintendent who insisted that he must pass a teacher's test. His grade was higher than the white teachers said the superintendent.

In 1904 he married Miss Annie Bell Mitchell who was teaching in Asheville. There was one daughter in the present Mrs. Alana Trent Johns who is a music teacher at Alabama State College, Montgomery, Ala. Mrs. Annie Belle Trent died in 1907.

In 1909 he married Miss Maggie Tate of Charlotte, N. C. who was also a teacher. There were two children born to them, William Trent Jr., now executive director of the United Negro College Fund and Estelle who is a Red Cross worker in Japan.

In 1911 he was elected executive secretary of the YMCA in Atlanta, Ga. He remained there for 14 years until he was notified of his election as President of Livingston College.

During his administration he has fostered good relation with the community at large. He began to build good will and spiritual values in his faculty and students. He also made plans to build buildings of brick and mortar on the Livingston Campus.

In 1934 his wife's death was a great loss, however, he continued his work with much success and in 1942 he was able to go before the G. E. B. and report that Livingston was out of debt.

Other construction in the \$600,000 program during the Trent Administration included the remodeling of Power Hall in 1946 the addition of a second story to the Carnegie Library in 1948 the construction of a gymnasium the installation of a health department in the new building the purchase of a home for the president the purchase of another home for a faculty member and the erection of the teachers' apartments that were named for Dr. Edward F. Moore who taught Latin and Greek at Livingston for 14 years.

Significantly faculty and students insisted that the gym carry the name of Trent.

Name the gym for Dr. Trent was an appropriate honor for the president of Livingston who played a role in the first Negro College football game ever held in America. That historic game was played between Livingston and Hildreth University of Charlotte (now the Johnson C. Smith University). In 1925 he married Miss Mattie Covington of Rockingham, N. C.



VIRGIN ISLAND LEGISLATORS — Native Legislators of the American Virgin Islands, 16 in number, are presently in New York conferring with mainland Virgin Island organizations on the revision of their Organic Act. The group will soon tour the United States to get a reaction from native Virgin Islanders concerning the projected move to drop the Island tag which separates them from the United States.