

ROCKY MOUNT NEWS and VIEWS

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20,000 VIEW XMAS PAGEANT

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C. — A crowd variously estimated at from 20 to 30 thousand people braved the near-freezing weather to view the 19-th float religious Christmas parade here December 12th. Rocky Mount was one of the cities which caught on to the idea said to have originated in Henderson, N. C., calling for a revival of the true meaning of Christmas. That of emphasizing the Virgin Birth of Christ, rather than the customary commercial angle seen each year.

SEMI-INTERRACIAL

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Ministerial Alliance (white), there were five floats built and entered in the parade by colored churches. They were interspersed throughout the line of march with St. James Baptist Church in second position. Others were Saint Mark's AME North End Baptist and Mount Pisgah Presbyterian Churches. The St. James choir and BTW high school choral group marched on foot and sang Christmas songs, all of which was reverently received by the throngs along the two-mile parade route.

WILL BE REPEATED

This new type of parade met with hearty approval from almost everyone and it is expected that it will be repeated next year. The cost of floats was from \$50 up and all were good.

BETW. PLAYERS PERFORM

The Booker Washington Theatres presented their Christmas play Sunday night to an overflow audience in the school auditorium. Dedicating their new gymnasium Friday, the locals divided honors of a twin hill cage game with Maggie L. Walker basketeers of Richmond.

It appears that BTW now needs to enlarge its auditorium which has been too small for many years. When Prof. C. R. Rose was principal years ago, he had to place a heavy admission charge upon children to make room for adults at public programs.

AUDITORIUM OUTGROWN

Completely out-grown for many years, the auditorium will only seat the student body and a few adults or, seat adults and leave the children out of any public program if there is normal adult attendance. BTW has just dedicated a new gymnasium and several classrooms. A belated course in typing and other business instruction has been added at BTW to the delight of the students, many of whom have longed for it for years. A class of thirty adults now forming for a typewriting course of twelve one-evening-a-week lessons was over-subscribed by 60 odd the first day, according to school officials.

MRS. DAVIS AT HOLLAND

Principal Boyd L. Ancrum and staff held open-house and dedicated the new buildings at the Annie W. Holland elementary school Sunday with Mrs. H. S. Davis of Oxford, president N. C. Council Colored Parents and Teachers as featured speaker for the occasion. School officials were also on the program sponsored by the Holland PTA.

Mrs. Nora E. Bailey and Rev. W. D. Burgess concluded a "United States" rally Sunday at the Faith Presbyterian Church on

Highland Avenue. Robert Hall of Dee Cox, salesman, chairman and for eight years an ardent worker in the cause of Alcoholics Anonymous, spoke to interested persons at Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church Sunday evening regarding forming a unit here.

HIT AND RUN PREACHING

Many churches in Eastern Carolina are dying spiritual deaths because of the "hit and run" type of pastoral service they receive with ministers having a regular "charge" at which he preaches in the morning and then faces off to call to another church and rehearses a hurried sermon to collect two salaries in one day. Red Hill near Whitakers is one such church in need of relief.

ROCKY MOUNT NAACP HEARS MCLEAN

The Rocky Mount NAACP Chapter held its 19th annual election meeting December 9th and re-elected with opposition, the entire roster of old officers which includes Cordele Jones, president; Elmas Braswell, vice-president; Mrs. Lucy Shine, secretary; Mrs. Emma Leonard, treasurer; J. H. Richardson, chairman board and J. B. Harren, legal redress chairman.

FIELD SECRETARY SPEAKS

Special guest for the meeting was Charles McLean of Winston-Salem, field secretary of NAACP working in North Carolina since September. Mr. McLean came in from Tarboro, Roanoke, Plymouth and other eastern North Carolina communities where he reports increased interest in N. A. A. C. P. activity with a 72-year-old mother joining in in Edenton.

RECREATION LAGS

McLean outlined suggestions for simulating a membership drive on the local level to be started after the first of the year. Informed that the 12,000 colored citizens here had only one full-time recreation worker, the field secretary was surprised that it could be taken with so much complacency. He suggested action to improve the situation. Many communities are calling for new NAACP units and efforts to have old ones reactivated. Bertie county is organizing three units and Windsor and Washington (N. C.) are reviving theirs.

TO HONOR CHANCE AND WILLIAMS

The local NAACP voted to hold a celebration New Year's night to honor Prof. W. Claude Chance, Sr. and John D. Williams of Parham and Spring Hope respectively, for their part in winning the two outstanding railroad and bus transportation suits in the U. S. court. Chance, a retired school principal of many years service and Williams, dynamic young proxy of Spring Hope NAACP have both done much to further the cause of democracy by securing the right of franchise for many citizens in their home communities.

The banquet and program is set for the night of January first with Spring Hope and other eastern Carolina NAACP branches participating in doing honors to the two most outstanding civil rights heroes in the state. Attorneys who fought the cases are expected to be there for the occasion.

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CASWELL NOTES

YANCEYVILLE, N. C. — The Caswell County Training School Basketball team has opened its 32-33 basketball season with a successful win over Burlington 62-31. With the high scorer being "Sonny" Johnson with the 20 points followed by Howard Bigelow with 13 points. The team would like to have games with other schools in Carolina and Virginia. If any coaches have any open dates please contact Mr. J. Roach, Caswell County Training School, Box 56, Yanceyville, N. C.

The Caswell County Training School has been successfully moving along this year. The Band and Glee Club have made a great deal of progress. A Boys Glee Club has been organized under the direction of Mr. E. L. Reid. The Christmas program will be held December 14, at the Caswell County Training School at 6 p.m. in the School Auditorium sponsored by the Glee Club.

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HOMETOWN NEWS

Danville Minister Accepts Caswell County Church Post

Orange C'nty News Notes

By WILLIAM HENRY JORDAN

Mr. Dan Faustino, the second son of George Frank Faustino of Washington, D. C. visited his father and other relatives the past week.

Mr. Robert O. Fuller of Monroe Green School community and Miss Minnie Francis Jackson of Mebane will be married Wednesday December 19, 1952 at Gladstone, N. C.

Mrs. Luis MacAdoo of the Monroe Green School community went to Washington, D. C. last week to visit her daughter, Miss Marlene MacAdoo who is working in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Thomas Curry of Monroe Green School community and Miss Adele Cobb will be married December 25th at the Gaines Chapel Methodist Church, West Endland, N. C.

Mr. William Ed Faustino is in his home town, Sweet Little town Boy, MacGinty, Ladies Ensemble.

Part 3 — In Gwinnett Ter. Was Two My Lord A. G. Mc Clark, And I Ain't Got Weary Yet, Lieu

Treinen Young, At Last, John H. Chadwell, E. Evans, and Mrs. E. L. Gadswar.

Sopranos are Madeline E. H. Webster, G. L. Evans, N. S. Shaw, Mrs. Esther Webber, and Mrs. G.

L. Evans.

Guest soloist was Mrs. E. G.

Saunder soprano.

Part 4 — Keeps Green The City, Haydn's Awake Her

The Heavens Are Telling, e. The Lord Is Great.

Part 5 — Great and Marvelous

from The Holy City, Gaud, O

Divine Reception, Gomond, G. L.

Evans, sang and J. D. Chadwell, tenor, I. Woodley As I Want

Me, N. C.

Part 6 — As Torrents in Sun

and Rain, Sweet Little Town Boy,

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