

ROCKY MOUNT

ROCKYMOUNT NEWS and VIEWS

NEEDED: A HARRIET TUBMAN
ROCKY MOUNT — History records that the famous colored woman Harriet T. Tubman, who was both engineer and conductor of the famous Underground Railroad from which she captured and led to freedom more than three hundred slaves — never took "no" for an answer, once she set her heart and hand to a task of freeing slaves.

It is written that even when a slave became scared and panicky and wanted to turn back, Harriet would stick her trusty pistol in his or her back and tell the weakening slave to go forward as she directed or be killed on the spot. We did not read that she had to kill any to prevent their falling into the hands of the enemy and thereby disclosing her plan of operation.

When we see so many weak-kneed, colored educators, preachers and Cadillac drivers (most of them are not paid for yet) we wish it was possible for a modern Harriet Tubman DRIVE the Negro to the freedom he WANTS but is AFRAID to STAND UP and

bring up our pockets and bring up our fight for us WE MUST have it. Let us turn out STRONG, RAIN OR SHINE to show the legislature that WE ARE MOVING ON the Freedom anti-NAACP bills. Yes, we need a Harriet Tubman to MAKE the timid ones among us march up and pay this money for Freedom and democracy for all.

Some among us will have been to the mountain-top with the Prayers Pilgrimage in Washington, D. C. and then on to Raleigh to help keep the fire of freedom burning by the weekend. Won't you join us and help save the day for NAACP in Tarheelia with your presence and your dollars — and not just one dollar, too! Freedom is NOT cheap and we MUST stop playing for cheap. It takes MORE than mere nickels, dimes and the odd change to purchase Freedom. It takes dollars, more dollars and more registered voters who will take the time to vote without expecting to be paid by the candidate.

pastor of Hart's Chapel where the deceased had been a member for 23 years.

Immediate survivors include nine children, 30 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. The children are: Mrs. Clar Cox, Elm City; Mrs. Elmore Samter, Rocky Mount; Mrs. Ruth Hinton, Tarboro; Miss Ora Mae Stator, Tarboro; Mrs. Josephine Battle, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jesse and William Stator, Tarboro; Willie C. Stator, Tarboro and Charlie Gray Stator, Newport News, Va.

DOUGLASS FAMILY VISITS
Brief visitors here last week were three generations of the Dr. Junius D. Douglass family of Henderson, but formerly of Dr. Junius D. Douglass Sr., Dr. J. D. Douglas Jr., and Dr. Douglas III and his wife Mrs. Douglas. Also Mrs. J. D. Douglas, Sr. and grandson, Alonzo.

The senior Douglas is this city's pioneer race druggist and his name still lives in the minds and hearts of all citizens who knew him when here — and even since. The store he built to fame is still called "The Douglas Corner." Mr. Douglas says he is 83 years old (also he looks only 65) and has practiced pill-pushing 53 years since he left the Lehigh Medical School in Shaw University, Raleigh, in 1904. Prior to that he had finished South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, in 1909. Douglas is a native of the Bennettville, S. C. area. Mrs. Douglas is a native of Edgecombe Co.

AVAILABLE TEACHER
Had a pleasant chat with Mrs. Carrie J. Younger, Rt. 1, Box 21, Hobcock, N. C. (telephone 3137), who reports that she lost her teaching contract a few days before school because her husband had signed a NAACP school petition circulated in the county. Some principal who believes in democracy will be glad to contact Mrs. Savage, who still has not lost her faith.

The Rev. J. Williams, AME minister of Bethel, was a visitor in the city last week.

ELKS ORATORICAL WINNER
The winner of the 3rd district IBOPEW (Elks) Oratorical Contest at Robersonville's East End High School May 6th was Edward Johnson, senior student from Raleigh Johnson Branch high school. Waldon, representative of the Progressive Elks Lodge No 1280 Jack Faison, exalted ruler, Seaboard N. C.

Second place winner was Bobby Hardy, Bethel. Other speakers were Aulander Andrews, East End School; and Pauline Gainer, also of East End School. Roundtree will represent the district at the State Association in Kinston on May 21st. Should he win there he will compete for the regional honors and a \$1000 Elks scholarship against similar winners from South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and the Bahamas Islands. J. B. Harren, Rocky Mount, was director of the district three contest. N. W. Slade is principal of East End School, host to the contest.

Dr. A. H. George, dean of theology at Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, was guest speaker at Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church Sunday. He was accompanied by Mrs. George and Miss Carol Wilson, sister of Mrs. Melva Costen.

Dr. Frank Staehause and Arthur March, Presbyterian, USA, missionaries from Africa and Pakistan, respectively, spoke to Presbyterians of this area last week on the needs, hopes and aspirations of those whom they have served in those areas. It was pointed out that the so-called primitive people keep abreast of racial happenings in America through their radio and newspapers; and they no longer think that all Americans are Christians as they once did.

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The Adkins High School Concert Band received a "B II" or "Excellent" rating at the State Band Festival which was held in Greensboro, earlier this month. The band, placed in the B group by its director, J. R. Banks, played two selections: "Concert Overture in G Minor" and "The French Quarter." Before an estimated audience of 4,000 students. Many compliments were received by the group for their splendid performance.

The Science Club of Adkins High School held its First Annual Science Fair, Wednesday May 3 from 2 to 4 p. m. The purpose of the fair was to create a more vivid knowledge of the importance of science in our everyday living. The activities included an assembly program and a discussion on "The Importance of Science in My Career." A visit to the Auto Mechanics Shop where exhibits were displayed, a social hour and awarding of prizes. Approximately twenty projects were entered by the Adkins students.

An essay and poster contest were sponsored at the J. H. Sampson School last week in observance of "National Music Week." Particular emphasis also was given the music book shelf in the school library. Members of the committee were Mrs. J. H. Coddell, Miss A. J. Chapman and Mrs. L. G. Jarmon.

The annual Pre-School clinic for children starting in school in Sept. was held the first week in May at Sampson School. The primary dance group of the school entertained the tots and refreshments were served.

The Senior Class of Savannah High School presented its Annual play at 8 p. m. Thursday in the school cafeteria. The production, "Where There's A Will" was a three act play filled with thrills, fun and pathos.

Members of the cast were Alice Freeman, Flora Lee, Danni, Malco Daugherty, Bonnie Chapman, Wilbert E. Dawson, Vera Lee Adams, Mary Elizabeth Sutton, Kenneth Everett, Leslie Binson, Ralph White, Christine Stevens and Ethel Frizell.

The 1957 Lehigh County 4H Club Dress Revue with 24 participants was held Thursday night at the J. H. Sampson School Mrs. Victoria Black, Byrum is the County Home Agent.

Participating in the apron parade were Essie D. King, Addie Farrrow, Hazel Givens, Martha Suggs, and Sherbie Kinsey. Junior girl dresses were modeled by Bertha Davis, Margaret McLawhorn, Addie Parrow, Agnes Turnage, Iris Humphrey and Holland Hawkins. Modeling school girl dresses were senior girls Doris Iker, Irene Mairor and Shirley Miller.

Modeling dress dresses were senior club members Jessie Jones, Edna Dunn, Hatvie L. White and Ruby McLawhorn. Party and formal dresses were modeled by senior club members Mary Alice Coples, Evelyn Morris and Mary Sutton. Home Club members who modeled dresses were Mrs. Blanche Edwards, Mrs. Helena Aldridge and Mrs. Rosa Sutton.

Winners were: Aprons — Essie D. King; junior girl dresses Bertha Davis; school dresses, Irene Mairor; dress dresses, Edna Dunn; party dress, Evelyn Marsh; formal dress, Mary Sutton.

Judging the revue were Mrs. W. E. Loftis, Mrs. E. E. Barry, Mrs. D. M. Barnett and Murphy.

Prizes were donated by Kinston merchants.

Mrs. Marie Roland, her mother and William Anderson returned here recently after visiting relatives. Mrs. Laulah Dandridge and Delois Patterson in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Jessie Dove and his little daughter, Janice Cheryl of Washington, D. C. visited his sisters, Misses Elsie and Etta Dove of Oak

Attack On Church And Labor Leader's Home Inspire Civil Rights Efforts

By Harry Levette for ANP

LOS ANGELES (ANP) — Facts brought out by the bombing of a church in Bessemer, Ala., as well as the home of a Negro labor leader, of the United Mine Mill and smelter workers, to convince local Negroes that the enemies of the race will stop at nothing and that even in California similar deeds of violence are possible.

Local leaders immediately redoubled their efforts to take part in the greatest step in the fight for rights that has ever been launched.

A Los Angeles Planning Committee has been set up with Rev. Noris Curry of Phillips Temple C. M. E. Church acting as chairman, and Spencer Wiley of the UAW-CIO as director. The committee succeeded in getting the Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution proclaiming May 17 as a day of prayer.

A delegation under the leadership of Rev. M. F. Mitchell of Cosmopolitan Church will visit the City Hall to request a similar resolution from the City of Los Angeles.

Another delegation under the leadership of Rev. Arthur A. Peters of Victory Baptist Church is traveling to Sacramento May 6 to meet with the Governor, to request that May 17 be proclaimed a day of prayer throughout the state.

Rev. Curry stated that every minister in the community is being requested to take part in this Prayer Pilgrimage, either by sending one or more delegates from their church, or by making a contribution. The same request is being made of all the labor organizations, and the NAACP branches are wholeheartedly behind the project.

Spencer Wiley has completed arrangements for chartering buses and planes from Los Angeles to Washington. The buses will leave Los Angeles at 10 A. M. May 13. They will travel the northern route. Bus fare for the round trip is \$71. The planes leave Los Angeles 10 P. M. May 15. Plane fare round trip is \$159.50. Mr. Wiley asks that everyone interested in going to Washington call Miss A. C. Billow, AD 15188, as soon as possible.

able to be sure of reservations.

Rev. Curry, in addressing the NAACP meeting Sunday, stated: "We are going to Washington to relate prayerfully to the law, as our brothers in the South have done so successfully. If the ministers will get behind this Pilgrimage, it will be one hundred percent successful. Time is of the essence. We need your help. If you cannot go yourself, please make a contribution — that will help others to go. Send contributions to Prayer Pilgrimage, 4361 S. Central Avenue, Los Angeles 11, California.

"This is one time we cannot fail. The eyes of the world will be upon Washington May 17; this is our big opportunity and we must succeed.

The Baptist Ministers Union has endorsed the Prayer Pilgrimage, as has the Inter-denominational Ministers Alliance and the Independent and Community Ministers Fellowship. Assemblymen Augustus Hawkins and Byron Rumford will act as hosts to the emergency civil rights conference in Sacramento May 6. Ministers from throughout California will be present and participate in the planning program, which other members of the committee call upon the Governor and state legislators.

Anti-Bias Group Steps Up Program With Firm Policy

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Recent steps by the President's Committee on Government Contracts to strengthen its compliance program and to open a regional office will result in greater progress toward the elimination of racial and religious discrimination in employment on Government contracts, the Committee said today.

Vice President Richard Nixon, Chairman of the Committee, has asked the heads of the 26 principal Government contracting agencies not to award additional contracts to contractors who have given "clear and convincing evidence" of their failure to comply with the nondiscrimination clause in contracts they have concluded previously. The Committee has announced.

The Vice President also asked that in determining the award of contracts to businesses and industries which have not had previous contracts, the Federal agencies "consider whether the prospective contractor has an employment record which indicates he will be able to conform to the requirements of the standard nondiscrimination clause."

The clause provides that there shall be no discrimination against employees or applicants for employment for reasons of race, religion, color or national

origin. The provision covers up-ships and on-the-job training and rates of pay, as well as initial hiring.

Earlier, during a series of meetings the Committee held in Chicago April 30 and May 1, Mr. Nixon announced the establishment of a regional office in Chicago, to cover the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. The four-state region was selected as the location of the Committee's first office outside of Washington because the area has the largest concentration of Government contract work in the Midwest.

The office will serve the Committee as a working liaison with Government contracting agencies, Government contractors, labor organizations and social agencies concerned with the elimination of discrimination in employment.

The Vice President announced that Miss Margaret Garity will be Regional Director. Before joining the Committee in Washington in September, 1955.

Hopping About TARHEELIA

By Jay Bee Aytch

FREESTATERNS TO OMAHA
ROCKY MOUNT — Representatives of the Freestaters Church in the United States of America commonly called northern "hoppers" converged this week on Omaha, Nebraska, for the General Assembly of the Church which is composed of a ministerial and a lay commissioners from each of the denominations Churches throughout the USA, Alaska, Hawaii and other foreign countries where missionary work is maintained.

RICHARDSON AND MILLER
Representing the Cape Fear Presbytery were the Rev. Backmon R. Richardson, pastor Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro, and Elder John Maxwell Miller of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Wilson, N. C.

Also going from Cape Fear and

this city was the Rev. James H. Costen, young minister of the Mt. Pisgah, Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, whose native home is Omaha, and whose mother, Mrs. Mary L. Costen resides at 2717 N. 28th Avenue, Nev. and Mrs. Costen (formerly Miss Melva Wilson) left Sunday for Spaulding, S. C., where Mrs. Costen and the two children will visit in the home of her father, John T. Wilson while her husband is away.

Mr. Costen will join his father-in-law (Wilson) and the Rev. Franklyn Johnson, commissioners from Fairfield, S. C. Presbytery, for the motor trip to Omaha. They will be away two weeks.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION DINNER
The Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church Missionary Association conducted what was termed a very successful chicken dinner last week with the net proceeds amounting to \$113. The committee included Messdames Annie L. Neville, Chairman; Sallie L. Armstrong, Mary H. Walker (at whose home the dinner was held); Melva W. Costen, Ora H. Parker, Miss Katie Bunn and Mrs. Goffney.

MRS. MAMIE STATOR INTERRED
Funeral rites were said from Hart's Chapel Baptist Church Sunday, May 12 for Mrs. Mamie Stator of the West Edgecombe community. Rev. D. J. Lawrence is

'Tiddbits By Beth'
By Y. Elizabeth Dunn

A few months ago, WISP, a local radio station, went on the air for a week and then returned with a "new sound". This sound consisted of all Negro announcers and disc jockeys. This station is located in the heart of the business district and is on the air Monday through Saturday from 6:00 A. M. until midnight and on Sunday from 6 A. M. until 8 P. M.

To give you a greater insight into the lives of the four announcers who are employed daily, we are offering, with slight variations, brief biographical sketches of the radio station personalities which we received recently.

"Norman Stateman has been in radio for many years, starting in 1946 with WKNS here in Kinston. At that time he sold advertising, as well as produced shows. "He is said to be the very first Negro Disc Jockey in Eastern Carolina." From the beginning Stateman has been popular both with the Negro and White audience. He comes from Metuchen, N. J., has an extremely pleasant voice and excellent clear diction. In 1949 he went to WFTC where he became known as "Late-man Stateman".

"We find that his appeal is just as great though as our 'early man.' In 1953, from radio here in Kinston Stateman went to Raleigh as a reporter for "The Carolinian" with circulation in this section. The 31 year old announcer is married, has one child, has business school training and spent four years in the European theatre of Operations during World War II. In connection with his writing ability, he

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