

Raleigh Briefs

WASHINGTON SCHOOL XMAS PARTY

The principal and faculty of the Washington Jr. High and Elementary School enjoyed themselves during a Christmas party held Monday evening December 16 at Robert's Recreation Center on E. Martin Street. The exchange of gifts and serving refreshments were the principal features of the affair.

PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR SPEAKS

The Reverend Robert L. Shirley, minister, Davie Street Presbyterian Church delivered the Christmas message at the regular noon meeting of the Wednesday Luncheon Club of the Bloodworth St. YMCA, Wednesday, Dec. 18. Rev. Mr. D. N. Howard, acting chairman, presided at the event.

POPE-DUNN WEDDINGS

Miss Eva Dunn became the bride of Mr. Eugene Pope at a ceremony performed by Justice of the Peace, James A. Shepard at the bride's residence, 424 S. Bloodworth St., Thursday evening, Dec. 12. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pope are life-long residents of this city and will continue to make their home here.

YM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Bloodworth St. Y. M. C. A. will sponsor a Christmas program at the "Y" Sunday, December 22 at 4:00 p.m. Featured items is a full length Christmas movie and a Christmas Carol sing. During the fellowship hour following the program, refreshments will be served. "Y" members and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

SOCIAL ACTION CLUB TO MEET

The Social Education and Action Club of the Davie St. Presbyterian Church will hold its weekly meeting in the Church edifice, Thursday evening, Dec. 19, at 7:30. Several matters of great interest are on the program agenda for discussion and action. All persons interested in community betterment are invited to attend this meeting.

LOCAL COLLEGES WILL BE ACCREDITED

The effect of the blow caused by the recent announcement that St. Augustine's College and Shaw University were not approved for accreditation by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges at its recent meeting, will be softened by the announcement made by officials of these two schools to the effect that all signs point to full recognition of these schools by 1961. Dr. James A. Meyer, president of St. Augustine's College says that he is confident that his school will be able to meet all the requirements for full accreditation by that time. Mr. D. H. Kook, Administrative Assistant to the president of Shaw University has made a similar statement.

INTEREST GROWING IN "X" DANCE CLASSES

The dancing classes conducted at the Sojourner Truth YMCA are

meeting with growing acceptance by both the pre-teen and teen age girls of this city. These popular classes offering instruction in ballet, tap and modern dance technique, are held each Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 and on Saturdays from 9 until 11.

In addition to the Raleigh students, girls come in each week from Sanford, Tarboro, and Rocky Mount to attend these classes. Parents who wish to register their girls for the dance courses may contact the instructor, Miss Shirley Baggett at the YMCA on Wednesday afternoons or Saturday mornings.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE TO PARTICIPATE

The Raleigh Ministerial Alliance will participate in a Community Carol Sing to be held at the State Capitol, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 22, at 5:00 p.m.

LIBRARY SUPERVISOR READS CAROLS

The faculty and student body of the Lucille Hunter School were entertained with a reading of Dickens' Christmas Carol by Mrs. Mary P. Douglas, Library Supervisor for the Raleigh Public Schools at the regular chapel assembly Wednesday morning, Dec. 18. Mrs. Nelson Harris' 4th grade students will be in charge of the Christmas program at the Friday, Dec. 20, assembly exercise.

YMCA CHRISTMAS BREAK-FAST

A Christmas party honoring the dormitory men of the "Y" will be held at the Bloodworth St. YMCA Sunday morning, Dec. 22 at 9 o'clock. A round table discussion on the true meaning of Christmas will be held.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AT CROSBY-GARFIELD SCHOOL

Christmas activities at the Crosby-Garfield School this year will include a Christmas program by Mrs. L. M. Bryant's 2nd grade students Wednesday morning of this week and a Christmas musical program by the music groups of the school Friday morning, Dec. 20.

"HID AWAY" IN RALEIGH

The Rev. Mr. Theodore H. Brooks, popular superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage in Oxford, N. C. was literally hid away in Raleigh last Friday night, Dec. 6, so that he would not be on the scene and get wind of the surprise birthday party being planned for him that night by his wife.

Mrs. Brooks enlisted the aid of Mr. Robert L. Shepard, orphanage trustee, to get her husband out of town before the party. Mr. Shepard obliged by driving Reverend Brooks of Raleigh and entertaining him here at the home of friends until time to return to Oxford for the party.

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS GROUP TO GIVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Religious Emphasis Committee of the Sojourner Truth YMCA will hold its annual Christmas party at the "Y", Monday evening, Dec. 30. The public is invited to attend this religious ceremony which will emphasize the place of Christ in Christmas. Mrs. Harnet Jones is chairman of this group.

CHAVIS PARK CHORAL CLUB TO SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The Chavis Park Choral Club has been selected as the group to render Christmas songs at Community Christmas tree on the Capitol grounds the evening of Dec. 30 beginning at 8:00 P. M. This is the only Negro group that has been selected to sing there during the current Christmas season.

RALEIGH BRIEFS

The "Y" group is also engaged in making trays favors to be used in brightening up the service trays at the hospital. "Y" Teen carriers will gather at St. Agnes Monday evening, December 23rd and sing Christmas Carols for the patients there.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO SPEAK

The Reverend J. W. Larkins, District Superintendent of the A.M.E. Zion Church has been selected to deliver the Christmas sermon for the December 16 meeting of the Raleigh Ministerial Alliance at the Bloodworth St. YMCA.

Rush Memorial A. M. E. ZION Church News

By Mrs. Annie H. Thorpe

Our services last Sunday began as usual at 11 o'clock with the professional by the choir singing "God of Our Fathers" etc., on entering the choir left the doxology was sung, followed by the pastoral prayer and choral response, "Hear our Prayer Oh Lord."

Our last hymn, No. 88, "While Shepherds watched their flocks by Night," was sung, lived by our pastor, Rev. W. D. Carson. The responsive reading was for the 49th Sunday, "The Prince of Peace" and was led by Rev. A. A. Hockaday, our Junior Church pastor, who is a student at Shaw University.

Scripture lesson was also read by him from the 17th through the 19th was offered by Bro. Neil Sanders. Our 2nd hymn, No. 373, "Walk in the Light," was sung while the congregation sat in devout meditation.

The pastor then chose his text from Rev. 2:28 "And I will give him the morning star." Many important points were brought out and we witnessed one of the most powerful gospel messages that ever a little child could enjoy.

We continue to pray for our pastor that God may continue to bless and keep him, strong, that he may continue to feed us with such rich sermons and gospel food.

We are again inviting you to come and hear him. Don't miss this fine opportunity, because "Opportunity" knocks out once.

At the close of a great conference at our church on Sunday, Dec. 15 everyone was in a joyous mood because our beloved pastor, Rev. W. D. Carson, had been reassigned to serve us another conference year. But before another week began the Angel of Death had again invaded our ranks and claimed another class leader, Trustee and Bro. S. H. Clay.

The very atmosphere of sadness met us as we entered the sanctuary. The call to worship was sounded, and the choir led the professional singing "Marching to Zion" and "Kneel and Prayfully" around the altar. Our last hymn, No. 318 "O Love that will not let me go" was sung, lived by our pastor. The responsive reading was for the 49th Sunday, "The way of Holiness" led by Rev. Mr. Hockaday of Shaw University.

Scripture lesson was also read by him from the 106th Psalm comprising 10 verses. The soul stirring prayer was offered by Bro. Neil Sanders. Our 2nd hymn, "O Love that will not let me go" was sung, lived by our pastor. The responsive reading was for the 49th Sunday, "The way of Holiness" led by Rev. Mr. Hockaday of Shaw University.

This was indeed a great, powerful message, that set our souls on fire. We pray continually that God will continue to bless and strengthen Rev. Carson. If you haven't heard him, we invite you to avail yourself of this fine opportunity.

Roxboro News

ROXBORO — "Bud" Thomas, Frank Johnson, Pernel Florence and Johnny were dropped from the High School basketball squad due to low scholarships.

A student must maintain an average of "C" in order to participate in athletics and other extra curricula activities at the school.

Little River boys and girls basketballers took the measure of the P. T. H. S. teams here Tuesday night girls 35-42 Boys 43-35.

Pvt. Clay Woody, Jr. Assigned to Duty in Hawaii. Pvt. Clay Woody, Jr., 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Woody Sr. of West Barton St., Roxboro, has been assigned with the 125th Infantry Division U. S. Army Garrison Schofield BKS, in Hawaii serving in the Medical Department.

Pvt. Woody was employed by the W. Ames Steel and Co. Jersey City N. J. He is a 1956 graduate of Person County High School.

Pvt. Woody entered the Army in May, 1957 and received an eight-week basic training course at Fort Gordon, Ga. and six-weeks of medical training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

After serving 17 months of overseas duties he will have a 47-day leave in the states.

REVEREND NOYCE URGES CONTRIBUTIONS Speaking before the Social Action Group of the Davie St. Presbyterian Church Thursday evening, Dec. 5, the Rev. Mr. Gaylord B. Noyce, pastor of Raleigh's United Church made a strong plea for contributions to the Joseph H. Holt School Fund. Rev. Noyce pointed out that the struggle now being carried on to break down segregation in the Raleigh public schools was a fight for the freedom of minds of all men and was therefore non racial. The audience responded with a collection of \$42.25.

The Reverend Mr. Robert Shirley, pastor of the Davie St. Church announced after the collection that at least \$35.00 of the collection would be donated to the Holt Fund. The information now is that \$10.00 has been turned over to the fund.

Suitcase Stuff

By "Skink" Browning

There are very few Negro high schools in North Carolina now that do not have ample facilities for basketball . . . and a very few that have ample facilities for football.

Not too long ago colleges and high schools alike in North Carolina belonged to the same athletic association . . . paid the same fee and played for the same championship honors.

Frank Burnette of Durham and the late Charlie "Mac" Williams of Raleigh are responsible for the inauguration of the present Piedmont Board of officials . . . They took nothing and parlayed it into a respectable and profitable profession.

Shaw University and A&T College were the first Negro colleges to play a night football game in North Carolina . . . It was played in Greensboro's Memorial Stadium back in 1931.

"Red" Streeter, A&T's great All-CAA and All-American End back in the late twenties and early thirties, seldom wore a helmet in a football game . . . Ditto for Mel Wheabee, All-American quarterback for Virginia Seminary.

When Dr. Artie Graves, now a member of the faculty at A&T College, went to coach football at Shorter College, in North Little Rock, Arkansas, a few years ago, he was promised \$125 dollars per month . . . He wound up drawing \$25 dollars for nine-months service, and was lucky to get that . . . the school just didn't have the money to dish out.

Charlie Bynum, the New York Infantile Paralysis Foundation Executive, was once vice-president of Tuskegee Institute . . . Also assistant football coach at Langston University . . . Also a great baseball player in his high school days . . . He is a graduate of Lincoln University and the University of Pennsylvania, and hails from Kingston.

McCoys Bluff of Bahama, N. C. was called on the carpet by the members of his church for committing the sinful acts of swimming and darning . . . He was booked to be "turned out," but an apology and a promise to refrain from his sinful diversions, saved his soul.

Winston - Salem has the best YMCA building in North Carolina . . . also the best recreation facilities.

Charlie Davis, the likable husband of the attractive desk clerk at the College Motel in Greensboro, was smelling real sweat when he came around to take her home last Sunday night . . . Marie checked the smell of his perfume and dug the chicken like grin on his face, then asked, "Where have you been?" He answered, "Nowhere, but out looking for you." She said, "Come on and we'll go home and see can you find me."

Memos of Old New York: When you had to walk from the 125th Street Subway up "On the Hill"—there was no Eighth Avenue Line . . . when "Happy" Rhyme ran an upstairs after-hours "Spot" on 145th and Lenox Ave. . . .

When the Old Sugar Cane Cabaret was at 135th and Lenox and Small's Paradise was downstairs beneath its present location.

Q. R. Hays ran a drug store around the corner and the Chelsea Bank was across the street at 125th and 7th with grass in the yard surrounded by a wire fence.

The Lafayette Theater was the Uptown vaudeville house and Negroes were only shoppers on 123rd Street.

The "F" clanked over 8th Avenue and the Florence Mills Apartments on Edgecombe Avenue, were the Negroes' finest.

The Hooper's Club was beneath the Lafayette and "Tabs" restaurant was on the corner . . . Caesar Holstein's Turf Club was the Mecca for the "Hay Poxy" in 137th Street and Al Monroe's Uptown House was for the "Small Settlers" in 136.

The Renaissance Casino was the popular dance spot for fraternities, sororities and clubs, also the home of the Great Renaissance Big Five Basketball Team with "Fats" Jenkins and George Fial. Forwards: "Slim" Sanders and Willie Smith, centers: "Kid" Slocum and Zack Clayton, guards.

Fletcher Henderson, Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington were the popular band leaders and Gene Austin was singing "My Blue Heaven."

Florence Mills was starring in "Shuffle Along" and Ethel Waters was the Prima Donna in Atlanta.

The YMCA was on the right hand side of the street leaving Lenox and Negroes lived principally between 110th and 145th Streets.

Cary Notes

By MAE N. HOPSON

BARNETT-FERRELL VOWS SAID

CARY—Miss Kathryn Ferrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ferrell, Sr., became the bride of James Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barnett of Apex, in a ceremony Saturday evening.

Rev. Isaac Lee officiated at the wedding at home. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a ballerina gown of chantilly lace and tulle with a fingertip veil of illusion attached to a crown studded with pearls, and she carried a cascade bouquet of white carnations.

Miss Ruth Brown of Morrisville, was maid of honor. She wore a street-length dress of yellow chiffon with lace trims, and carried a bouquet of white and pink carnations.

Eddie Branch, of Apex, N. C. was best man. The bride's mother wore a sky blue crepe dress with pink and white carnations.

A reception followed at home. Mr. Barnett is a graduate of Berry O'Kelly High School, and is a student at B. O. K.

Out-of-town guests were from Apex, Morrisville, Franklinton, Durham and Raleigh. The couple will make their home in Raleigh.

Durham News

By Mrs. Ida Lee Scurlock

2916 Mulberry Street

DURHAM—The Mount Gilead Baptist Church Sunday School of Orange County will give a short Christmas program and treat on the fourth Sunday of this month. Deacon James Scarlett is superintendent, and Mrs. Ida Scurlock is secretary.

The West Durham Baptist Mission Circle No. 6 met last Monday, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. P. Williams.

Sick and Shut-ins - Mr. Dallas Cole is home from Duke University Hospital and is making rapid recovery. Other people home from Duke Hospital are Mr. Howard, Mr. Albert Jones, and Mr. Pete Bagley.

Mrs. Dina Scurlock, recently released from the hospital, is making slow recovery. Mr. Tom Jackson is home from the veterans hospital, while Mrs. Gattis has returned home on Mulberry St. Mrs. Udie Bell Turner is also ill.

North Carolina had 10 national 4-H Club winners in 1957. Experiments have shown that trees used as windbreaks can reduce fuel costs as much as 22 per cent.

Horn and Hardarts Automats and restaurants were open to Negroes . . . but not Childs . . . There were no plush Negro-owned eating places . . . The Worlds Tea Room on Lenox at 142nd Street (upstairs) was the swanky Harlem Chinese emporium and the Bamboo Inn on 7th was the college boys' night life rendezvous . . . The Old Cotton Club was in its bloom, but its patronage was mostly downtown whites.

Home rent parties crowded the weekends with pig feet, pig tails, bootleg liquor and black jack . . . Piano players got seven dollars a night and all the pig feet and liquor they could eat and drink.

More men usually showed up than women, but there was always a gal present that could shake the shim sham shimmy to the tune of "Doing the Uptown Lowdown." A group of men would circle the shimmy shaker and when she went into her bumps and grinds some would clap his hands and yell, "Git it!"

And that was New York, some of New York a long, long time ago.

Highlights Of High Point

By Mrs. Odessa S. Tyson

Birthday Party

HIGH POINT—Mr. Edward Torrence of 201 Beach St. was delightfully honored on the anniversary of his 40th birthday by his wife Mrs. Mabel Torrence on Saturday night at the Catholic Center.

Guests numbering 110 were invited for 8:30 included many graduates of the honoree's William Penn class of '26 from many sections of the State. Some out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Lester, Reidsville, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Davis, Belmont, N. C. and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis, Belmont, and Miss Helen Davis, Belmont, N. C.

The honoree's table was centered with a huge sterling silver electric beverage dispensing fountain and a 2-tiered birthday cake with the appropriate number of candles and a "Happy Birthday to you."

During the entertainment period, games and dancing were enjoyed by all present. For refreshments the numerous guests served themselves from banquet tables bountifully supplied with a variety of dainties.

The honoree received many beautiful and useful gifts. Alumni Meets - The local chapter of the Winston-Salem Teachers' College Alumni met at the home of Miss Rose Jane Smith, 521 Ashburn St. Mrs. Mary Hunter Forbes, the president, presided over the business session.

The local chapter recently gave a clock to the Alumni Hut in Winston-Salem on the college campus. This year's plans include a donation to furnish a piano for the hut.

Miss Smith served a delicious chicken dinner to members present at the conclusion of the meeting. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ethel Bailing on Hay Street.

Deaths and Funerals - Funeral services for Mrs. Nora

Dunlap 1033 Loomard St. were held Sunday afternoon from the Ezell A. M. E. Zion Church in Fort Lawn, S. C.

Mrs. Dunlap died at 4:30 Thursday morning following 2 hours illness. She was a native of Chester County, S. C., though had lived in High Point for a number of years.

Survivors include her husband, John Dunlap; four daughters, Mrs. Mary Mc-Cullough, Mrs. Minnie Bennett, Mrs. Victoria Jordan and Mrs. Nannie Robbins, all of this city; four sons, Charlie Dunlap of High Point, John, Willie and Fred Dunlap of Detroit, Michigan.

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