

ROCKY MOUNT NEWS and VIEWS

OPERATION CITIZENSHIP ROCKY MOUNT—MORE AND MORE the challenge comes to people of color—especially the ministers, teachers and other professionals—to arise to the occasion and help lead our people of the abyss of second-class citizenship into the promised land of complete American democracy as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

The March 6-9 convention of the Southeastern NAACP Regional Conference at the YMCA in Greensboro offers another opportunity for our leaders (ministers in particular) to avail themselves of the special training and briefing from civil rights experts on effective methods in political action, registration and voting and legal procedure in court actions to obtain our rights.

With hundreds of adults and youths coming to our state from South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi and Tennessee, as well as Virginia and other states, for this Thursday thru Sunday conference it would behoove us here in Tarheelia to at least turn out in a large number to let them know (or make them think, at least) that we have great interest in working for complete freedom for all Americans, too.

Yes, we know there are many, many teachers who are really afraid to be seen at an NAACP meeting because of cowardice and others for fear of the "snooters" among them who would tell the "cup" about it. But THANK GOD for the courageous few among them who are NOT afraid to stand up for freedom and be counted in the fight, even if they have to carry the "free-loaders" on their backs! You know the "free-loaders" are those who say "I'll get as much benefit as you will when complete equality comes."

But all of the ministers who are paid by colored congregations have no boss except their churches. Therefore, they can attend all NAACP meetings and can take the lead in promoting this program in all communities; and if he does not he is the same as any other worker who steals his pay by laying down on the job and failing to do a full day's work for a full pay envelope. He is a thief, a deceiver and a false leader if he fails to exert himself to the fullest in the defense of his flock. He should remember what he preaches: "The Good Shepherd gives His life for His sheep."

If we do not have 200 ministers of our own state present to hear Rev. Odum, NAACP Church Secretary at the conference on March 6th in Greensboro, Kelly Alexander and staff will be sadly disappointed and a million colored Tar Heels will be cheated.

Please send us carloads of youth for the Saturday and Sunday sessions presided over by Miss Louis Baldwin and Herbert Wright. If we fail to start the youth out with the feeling of first class citizenship they'll be in it fits in this modern era. Let's be real Americans who know our rights and share our responsibilities as well.

CURSE OF EXCESSIVE DRINKING ROCKY MOUNT—We listened Sunday to a radio message on the excessive use of alcoholic drinking by the Rev. Joseph C. Manning, Catholic priest, who spoke of many a Glass Darkly. Priest Manning cited the instance of Jesus turning water into wine at the marriage feast to show that alcohol, properly used and in moderation, was not, in itself, a bad thing. He discussed the excesses to which men and women go in its use as the really damning thing which causes most of the trouble.

Manning said that more homes are broken because of the curse of drinking to excess; and that many young women seem to drink up the drinking young husband. He warned against such fallacies. Manning declared "It is getting so jingling commercials (about drinking) are liable to become the bottle hymn of the Republic."

Speaking of the "bottle-neck" which causes the contention of broken homes and neglected wives and children, Manning said, "It is quite a trick to hold a job and a bottle—both at once," and added, "you may throw a wedding ring into a puddle, but it doesn't dry up the puddle." He concluded: "There cannot be found a better set of tools to dig a man's grave than a bottle opener and a corkscrew."

TALKING BACK TO WHITES It is good to see the national NAACP board send a protest to the Little Rock, Ark., school board regarding the suspension of 16-year-old Minnie Jean Brown, allegedly because she dared to "talk back" to a white girl student following some minor incident between the two at Central High School where the nine colored youths have been continually harassed by a few white students.

The board has allowed as how ALLAN MIMS, INC. FORD SALES AND SERVICE 225 TARBORO ST. Telephone 2-2191 ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

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GOLDSTON — PITTSBORO — SILER CITY By D. W. Headen — P. O. Box 55 — Goldston, North Carolina

PITTSBORO NOTES BY JULIANNA M. HORTON PITTSBORO — On Sunday night, February 23, 1958, the Youth Council of Mitchell Chapel Church presented Rev. Lindsay Walden, 12-year old preacher, as guest speaker. Rev. Walden text was taken from 1 Samuel 16:1-13 and theme, "Are you a Child?" His message centered around the story David defeating the Giant. He made mention of facts that you may be a child in two ways: a child of God and a child by birth.

HORTON SCHOOL NEWS The faculty and student body welcome Miss Ellen Walker, Mr. Herman Boone and Mr. Melvin Williams, all students at North Carolina College, Durham, to our school campus and its facilities during their practice teaching period. Miss Walker is majoring in Physical Education, minor Education; Mr. Boone is majoring in Physical Education, minor Biology; Mr. Williams is majoring in History—minor Biology. Miss Walker and Mr. Boone are working with Mr. E. Elliott, Physical Education instructor. Mr. Williams is working with Mr. B. Leach, Social Studies instructor.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BALL The George Washington Ball which was to be held last Friday night will be held this Friday night, February 28, 1958 at 7:30 p. m. at the Horton High School.

ST. MATTHEWS By MRS. MARIE M. RIDDICK The services at St. Matthews began as usual Sunday morning at 9:30 with the Sunday School opening. The regular morning worship was held at 11 o'clock. We were very much impressed with the high-powered message brought to us by Evangelist E. J. Odum, who preached from the subject, "Ability of Men."

CLINTON NEWS H. M. JOHNSON RIG WILLIAMS DOROTHY SAMPSON CLINTON — Dorothy Sampson was honored with a party Sunday afternoon at 3:00 at her home on Williams St.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORTS Members of the Pleasant Grove High School students council attended an annual meeting at Harpogrove High School, Wednesday February 19. The theme of the meeting was "Through Student Councils, Better Americans."

LOUISBURG NOTES CHURCH ACTIVITIES LOUISBURG — Church club No. 2 of the Mitchell Chapel Baptist Church met recently at the home of Mrs. Sallie Rowell with the chairman in charge.

THE OLD TIMER "The dictionary is the only place that 'Success' comes before 'Work'."

Washington Junior High School Happenings

Editors: Joseph Gordon, Fred Powell, James Holliday, Thomas Beckwith and William H. Young

MRS. EARP'S ROOM 102 The first grade in Mrs. Earp's room is quite busy working with number groups. Pupils are learning to group in pile of 5's and 10's. Jacqueline Ashburg worked very hard and led the class with the largest number of Home coming tickets sold in the class. Valenia Dolberry was second and Ronald Coley was third.

THE POSTMAN LEARNS A LESSON PRESENTED "The Postman Learns A Lesson" was the name of the play given by the second grade in Mrs. S. J. Roberson's room on Tuesday, February 11th at an assembly program.

AN OPEN LETTER ROOM 308 Dear Parents, Our thanks to you for helping us to receive the February P. T. A. attendance award.

Apex News By MRS. E. H. WILLIAMS At the third Sunday morning's worship service, Rev. J. M. Burrell, pastor of the Christian Home Church in Apex, preached a very inspiring sermon. The minister read from the 10th chapter of St. Mark verses 17-21.

Goldsboro News By HENRY C. MITCHELL GOLDSBORO — A Night of Fun, sponsored by the School Street School Parent and Teacher Association, was held at the school Monday night, February 17th.

Cary School News By MISS MAE N. HOPSON CARY — On Sunday, February 16th, Union Bethel A. M. E. Church opened the morning services at eleven o'clock. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Hunter, brought to us an impressive message. The service was well-attended. The welcome mat is always out at our services.

Jeffrey's School The seventh and eighth grades presented a very timely and appropriate program during Negro History Week. Harry Ray, an eighth grade student, was moderator. The theme was "Out Of The Dark."

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