



LINDA GLENN HONORED — A birthday party was given in honor of Miss Linda Faye Glenn at the home of her cousin, Miss

Celia Pope, at 634 Nazareth Street, recently. Shown in photo, from left to right, front row: Cecelia Glenn, Bonnie Ballentine, Eleanor Glenn, Helen Gilbert, Milton Eastline, Linda Faye Glenn, Dunita Ballentine, Floridene Williams. Second row, left to right, Luke Williams, Mary Garvin, Bernard Upchurch, Paul Pope, Marie Pope, Ronald Forbes, Brenda Hill, Thomas Glenn, Gwendolyn Matthews, Elaine Carter, Mark Hal Pope and "Butch" Leach.

## History Of Negroes In NC Legislature, US Congress

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Dr. Nelson Harris of Shaw University, Raleigh, will campaign in Wake County for a seat in the state legislature. To acquaint its readers with the participation of Negroes in the North Carolina Legislature and U. S. Congress, the CAROLINIAN will publish a series of articles dealing with this subject. The sixth of these featured stories appears in this issue.

Fifty-seven years ago, a Negro congressman, George H. White, from North Carolina made a valedictory speech upon his retirement from the U. S. Congress. "It would have been an excellent one had the note of bitterness not been so strong," remarks a UNC professor, Dr. Samuel Denny in his book on the Negro in Congress from 1870-1901.

"This, Mr. Chairman, is perhaps the Negro's temporary farewell to the American Congress; but let me say Phoenix-like he will rise up some day and come again. These parting words are in behalf of an outraged, heart-broken, bruised and bleeding, but God-fearing people, faithful, industrial, loyal people, rising people, full of potential force."

Coming to the end of his address, Congressman White added: "The only apology that I have to make for the earnestness with which I have spoken is that I am pleading for the life, the liberty, the future happiness, and manhood suffrage for one-eighth of the entire population of the United States."

The handwriting was on the wall for Negroes in Congress, and George H. White ended his career in Washington. White spent his retirement in Philadelphia and practiced law until he died on December 28, 1912.

GEORGE H. WHITE was the last Negro to serve in the U. S. Congress. Born a slave, White was a native of Rosedale, N. C. He graduated from Howard University in 1877 and began practicing law in the state in 1879. From 1880 to 1884, he was a member of the legislature in N. C.

Being the only Negro in Congress, White became a bitter and uncompromising spokesman against racial discrimination. His critics said:

"No matter what the topic under discussion might be, White, like Cato of Rome, could always bring it around to a discussion of Negro rights."

From his training as solicitor of the second judicial district in North Carolina, he became an easy, fluent, and effective orator.

A NEGRO NAMED James E. O'Hara became a U. S. Congressman as early as 1883 and served two terms. He had served earlier in N. C. legislature in 1866-1869.

O'Hara was admitted to the bar in 1873 after studying law at Howard University. He became chairman of the board of commissioners of Halifax County, 1872-1876.

## No Prejudice Among Disabled, Prominent Physician Declares

NEW YORK — (AP) — Racial and class prejudices that bite deep into lives of so many Americans are non-existent among the severely handicapped, a prominent medic declared in a speech here last week.

Making the declaration was Dr. Howard A. Rusk, director of the Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, New York University-Bellevue Medical center, and an associate editor of the New York chapter of the Military Chaplains association of the United States.

Dr. Rusk told the chaplains that in the eight years since the institute was first established, he had never heard "one single word of prejudice" voiced by patients, although some 15,000 of them received service. He added that none had private accommodations, and none cared if his neighbor was "black, white, poor, rich, Catholic, Protestant, Jew, a doctor of philosophy or a field hand."

Disability and crippling, he said, forged a common denominator for human understanding, and an antidote for prejudice.

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