

# John R. Larkins Of Raleigh Among Four To Get A & T Honorary Degrees

GREENSBORO — Four prominent leaders in business, education, social work and international politics will be awarded honorary degrees at the 60th annual commencement exercises to be held at A&T College, Monday, June 2.

Those to be honored are: E. R. Merrick, Durham, a graduate of the college, who recently retired as treasurer-vice president of the North Carolina Mutual, Life Insurance Company. He is a member of the college trustee board and has served for the past four years as treasurer of the Alumni Scholarship Fund; Paul R. Brown also, a graduate of the college and superintendent of the Morrison Training School at Hoffman, N. C., a State institution for neglected boys; John R. Larkins, consultant on Negro Affairs, N. C. Department of Public Welfare at Raleigh, and the Honorable Daniel A. Chapman, ambassador from Ghana to the United States.

Chapman will deliver the commencement address at the outdoor finals to be held on the College Quadrangle beginning at 4:00 P. M. on Monday. The ambassador is a graduate of the Ghana Agricultural College, where he served

for a number of years as faculty member, has done graduate study at Oxford University in England at New York and Columbia Universities, here. He played an important role during the transition of power from Great Britain when his country gained its independence in 1957.

Dr. E. Luther Cunningham, pastor of the St. Paul's Baptist



J. R. LARKINS

Church in Philadelphia will deliver the sermon at the baccalaureate services set for Harrison Auditorium on Sunday, June 1, beginning at 11:00 A. M.



**COMMERCE TEACHER LEAVING LIGON** — Mrs. Janice Wall Robertson, Ligon High School commerce teacher, is leaving Raleigh soon after spending 10 years as business teacher at both Washington High and Ligon High Schools. Mrs. Robertson has earned many national citations for her newspaper, the Ligon Tattler, which she directs along with her other duties. She will receive her master's degree in business education on June 1, at N. C. College, Durham, and will join her husband, Otis Robertson, in Baltimore, Md. shortly thereafter. Mrs. Robertson will become a teacher in the Baltimore system. The Robertsons have one child, Otis Michael.



**HEADS SHAW'S TRUSTEES** — Dr. William R. Strasser, president, Shaw University, has announced that Dr. P. A. Bishop of Rich Square, above, was elected chairman of the Shaw University trustee board in its annual meeting on May 5. As President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Dr. Bishop has served for a number of years as a member of Shaw's trustee board. He is also chairman of the State Convention's \$250,000 campaign for Shaw University.



**MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR** — Named "Musician of the Year" by the Tulsa (Okla.) Civic Male chorus is Mrs. Carrie Booker Neely, music instructor at Booker T. Washington High School and assistant supervisor of music, Tulsa public schools. The citation salutes Mrs. Neely for the musical influence she has exerted "far beyond our Tulsa community and for bringing about good will between racial and cultural groups in this city." (ANP).

**STRENGTH FOR THESE DAYS**  
from The Bible  
The Lord, He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee; He will not fail thee, neither forsake thee. (Deuteronomy 31, 8.)

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**CONGREGATIONAL NURSERY "GRADS"** — Sunday morning at the regular worship service the pastor, Rev. H. W. Cunningham, presented certificates to the "graduates" of the Congregational Day Nursery. The students are left to right, Sandra McNeil, Melvin Jackson and Patricia Freeman. Flowers and flower basket were presented to the church from the Nursery School.

## Shriners To Deposit \$50,000 In Negro-Owned, Operated Banks

DETROIT, Michigan — The Imperial Council, Ancient, Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine has announced it will deposit some \$50,000 in ten major banks owned and operated by Negroes on June 2. The deposits are scheduled simultaneously by Shrine officers. Observing the proceeds will be members of the Daughters of Isis and Prince Hall Grand Masters.

Booker T. Alexander, Imperial Potentate, Detroit, Mich., in announcing the program for dispersal of the Shrine Imperial Council funds said this was another step in the organization's "faith in Negro enterprise in our democracy." He further pointed out "this act would again attest to the fact that Shriners believe in community enterprise, live their faith in Negro efforts to achieve, and fully support all progress in betterment."

In announcing the date of deposits in these major banks, Mr. Alexander said that "concerted action on the part of Shriners' officers in various areas is an expression of our concern for the well being, growth and expansion of all these banking institutions. It is also a vote of confidence in the growth of community interest and development." He also pointed out that the participation of the Grand Masters of Prince Hall Masons and the Daughters of Isis emphasize the common interest in worthwhile projects.

Alexander recalled that the Shriners in their first effort on June 1, 1955 deposited some \$60,000 in 12 banks across the nation in a similar manner. At the time other national and international organizations were challenged to make their funds available through these institutions.

It was pointed out that the Imperial Council leading in this widespread dispersal of its funds was dramatizing in a special way the practical things Shriners can do to promote a cooperative spirit of working toward common goals and goals.

Meantime, Maceo C. Martin, Danville, Va., Imperial Recorder, in a letter accompanying the check, will tell banking officers "the Shrine Order would like to see this act multiplied many times over by other organizations and groups and individuals who can do it, as it comes to us a very tangible and substantial way to help lift ourselves from a very much undeveloped area, but one which counts heavily in the world evaluation of a people in this materialistic age."

Alexander said that deposits would be made in the Carver Savings Bank, Savannah, Ga.; Citizens Savings Bank and Trust Co., Nashville, Tenn.; Citizens and Southern Bank and Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; Consolidated Bank and Trust Co., Richmond, Va.; Crown Savings Bank, Newport News, Va.; The Douglas State Bank, Kansas City, Kansas; Industrial Bank, Washington, D. C.; Mechanics and Farmers

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Miss Zenobia Elaine Browning of E. 3 Washington Terrace, Raleigh and a graduating senior won the UBEA-SMEAD Award for outstanding achievement in Business Education at St. Augustine's College.

The award consists of a year's professional membership in the United Business Education Association, a special leather covered binder with winner's name imprinted in gold on the cover, and a current volume of "Business Education Forum", a national professional magazine for business teachers.

Miss Browning's other honors and activities are: Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Student Education Association. Winner of Gregg Speed Awards and who, in American colleges and Universities.

The award was presented by Mr. R. E. Ball, chairman of the department of Business Education at St. Augustine's College.

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