

ROCKY MOUNT NEWS and VIEWS

CRIME RESPONSIBILITY

ROCKY MOUNT — Recently we are hearing a lot about the high crime rate among Negroes over the nation. Pro-segregationists and pseudo-liberals are pointing the finger of scorn at colored leaders and advising them to do something about reducing crime among our people before demanding equality of treatment as American citizens.

They were not allowed to have any moral standards, even if they wanted to. They were not allowed to be legally nor religiously married. They were put together like so many cattle and forced to breed for the profit of their owners. Stealing was encouraged—in many instances taught—by their white masters due to little food.

Following slavery, poverty, due to inadequate profitable employment caused a continuation of these conditions on a modified basis. Then it was that Negroes were previously had been subjected to the sexual desires of white and Negro men at will, (during slavery) were forced to submit to obtain food and raiment. This was the easy way out for many—the accurate way.

During the last thirty years, many Negroes, unwilling to bare the burden of doing more work less money than whites receive; have rebelled and resorted to crime in order to live. They have adopted the law of the jungle—regarding the sexual desires of white and Negro men at will, (during slavery) were forced to submit to obtain food and raiment. This was the easy way out for many—the accurate way.

NATURE AND HUMAN NATURE

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where they made a tour of the 'Restored Area' of Williamsburg. Some of the famous places visited were the House of Burgesses where Patrick Henry made his famous speech against the Stamp Act, The Governors Palace and gardens, the jail where Blue Beard was held prisoner, the Black Smith's shop, the wig makers shop, the windmill and the mare.

The group visited Hampton Institute on the return trip. Those making the trip were Jeanette Ashby, Priscilla Battle, Wesley Brown, Louise Burney, Marsha Baker, Doris Clark, Willie Cronin, C. J. Coehead, Diane Caroway, Mildred Carney, Renee Cordell, Joyce Dunn, James Davis, Velma Dove, Secrete Dixon, James Faison, Blanche Graham, Thelma Gray, Linda Grace, Dempsey Hardy, Thelma Howard, Alton Jackson, Evelyn Jones, Bertha Kornegay, Charles Leonard, Moses Lofton, Clifton Watsook, Lillian Buford, James Maughburn, Sadie Payton, Jerry Pich, Daphne Simmons, Elizabeth Stanley, Charlene Sanders, Charles Sandoz, II.

The students were accompanied by Mrs. Florine Tillman Roper of Wash. D. C., who was visiting here and Misses Frances Croom and Velma T. Dunn, advisors. Students of Adkin High School who accompanied the outstanding work during the 1957-58 school year were honored during a special assembly held on Wednesday at the school. Miss Eddie Jean Baker, student council president, presided.

Other recipients of awards were: Citizen Citizenship Award, Roger Stevenson; C. H. Bynum Citizenship Cup, Jimmy Hall; American Legion Citizenship Cup, Lewis Rowland; C. B. Stewart Citizenship Award, Otis Clark; Citizens Welfare League Citizenship Award, James Gray; Foxman Award for most likely to be an Atkinson; Erskine Award for most useful girl, Desatla McAllister; Kingston Teachers Union Scholarship, Eddie Jean Baker; PTA Award for outstanding home economics student, Miriam Moseley; Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship, Miriam Moseley; Alpha Kappa Alpha Scholarship, Eddie Jean Baker.

Several other students received certificates of merit in various subjects. Mrs. Lenovis King was hostess on a recent Saturday to the Entre Nous Club members. Her home was attractively decorated with gladioli and other spring flowers.

Four progressions of pinocle were played and high scores were Mesdames Harvey Beech and Edna Murray. Mrs. Robert Crews received the consolation prize. The business session preceded the social hour and Mesdames Elmo Chapman and Dennis Tillery were chosen as Entre Nous representatives to attend the N.C. Federation of Women's Clubs, scheduled to be held in Bricks, N. C. in June.

A repeat with chicken salad as the main course was served. Invited guests were Mesdames, E. S. Houston, Frank Moore and Banks. Members attending were Mesdames Alexander Hill, William Lawson, Russ Patterson, Jr., Robert Currey, James Henry, Harvey Beech, James Cobdett, Joseph Stanley, Dennis Tillery, Edger Murphy, Elmo Chapman.

Members of the graduating class were Katherine Dove, Pezearie Rouse, Margaret Mumford, Hattie White, Evelyn Koonce, Mattie Fisher, Winnie Bryant, Peggy Bryant, Cassie Midway, Bettie Grimes, Rosa Murphy, Annie Coward, Laura Daugherty, Mary Waters, Annie Wilgins, Elaine Smith, Henry Dixon, George Rouse, Thurman Sanders, Raymond Barnes, Claudine Jones, Annie Barnes, Rosa Jones, Mary Grady, Ross Dixon, Francis Granger, Shirley Washington, Robert Moore and James Harn. Also Alice Brock, Levey Brown, Morris Clark, John Cobb, Mary Dixon, Isabel Jones, Madeline Jones, James Melvin, James Miller, Ella Morris, Robert Murphy, Priscilla Rouse, James Russell, Theodore Smith, Charles Whitfield and Linwood King.

At a recent meeting the J. H. Sampson PTA elected officers for the 1958-59 school year. They are President, Mrs. Barbara Street; Vice President, Mrs. Dorothy Cassidy; Secretary, Mrs. Esther Jones; Asst. Sec., Mrs. Leona Taylor; Treas., Mrs. Della Lofton.

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MINISTERS LEAD VOTING STATESVILLE — Stopping here to chat briefly with mortician T. V. Mangum, local NAACP proxy (founder and former president of N. C. NAACP Conference), we learned that a vigorous campaign was underway to try to elect the Rev. A. D. Gibson, A.M. Zion pastor, to the Iredell County Board of Education. We could not remain long Saturday to get the results.

Mangum was high in his praise of the Revs. G. E. Cox, Mooresville, A. Kenny, Troutman, Willson Lee, Statesville, and Quincy Caldwell, Mooresville, who along with their congregations and pushed the registration and voting campaign over the county Ward No. 2 in the city boasted 1157 eligible voters. There were 22 cars and 30 workers to get out the voters on election day (May 31), and the campaign was carried on three radio stations. The campaign for a colored board member was reportedly endorsed by many prominent whites.

In GASTONIA, we found placarded autos with colored workers hauling the people to the polls for the various white candidates. Colored councilman Nathaniel Barber has one more year to serve before another race to retain a Negro on the councilman's board. In CHARLOTTE, N. C. NAACP proxy Kelly Alexander was busy at his desk and on the phone with matters pertaining to the local school assignment procedure as he told us of the opposition NAACP

and others motored to Sanford Sunday to attend the 14th anniversary of the Silverton Gospel Singers. Congratulations to the 43 boys and girls who graduated from the Cary Elementary School last Thursday evening. Among these were Helen A. Reeves, Sarah A. Bugh, Kenna B. Perry, Joseph Dixon, and Shirley Shaw.

ASBURY The funeral service of Mr. Frank Wood, who died last Wednesday, was held Friday, May 30, at the Christian Church with Rev. J. M. Burrell officiating. Regular services will be held Sunday at Lincolnville AME Church. The public is invited. After spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. Leco Brown has returned to his home in Newark, New Jersey.

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Dr. La Fayette Parker, dean of Fayetteville State Teachers College, addressed the 44 members of Woodington High School's graduating class on Tuesday night in the school auditorium. "The Place of the Negro in This Modernistic World" was the subject of Dr. Parker's address.

Dr. J. C. Finney, professor of education at North Carolina College addressed the 49 graduating seniors at the Savannah High School on Monday night. Using the class theme of "Pick Your Peak and Climb," he invited the seniors to listen to him in the role of a guide as they attempt to look at the distant peak from the broad plain of life. He urged "Confidence in Yourself, courage and endurance to become a first class citizen and adhere to a good cause."

Other graduates were Wilbert Coward, Ada J. Dove, Edna M. Coward, Ada J. Dove, Edna M. Dunn, Henry Edwards, Daisy Flowers, Cleford Fothergill, Anna M. Gooding, David Gooding, Richard Grady, Clara M. Hall, Walter Hines, Coy Jackson, Orelia Jackson, Cars Jones, Jessie L. Jones, Leslie L. Jones, Martha J. Jones, Willie Louist, r. Henry Loftin, Jimmie McBynum, Bryant Lee Miller, Elwood Miller, James Mills, Silver Moore, Betty Mae Moore, Lonnie Nobles, Courtnia Patterson, George Payton, Queen Perry, Coy Phillips, Jr., McKay Plumber, Bessie L. Simmons, Walter Stewart, Jr., Franklin Russell Styles, Emma Thompson, Mildred Waters, Mildred White, Pauline White, Gracie Williams, Jessie Jane Williams and Swannie B. Williams.

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