

Mechanics And Farmers Bank Is Saluted On Golden Anniversary

DURHAM — Durham's Mechanics and Farmers Bank observed its 50th birthday on August 1 and was enthusiastically saluted by three national conventions, local dignitaries, church and fraternal interests.

Dr. Clyde Donnell, chairman of the bank's directors, John H. Wheeler, president, and I. O. Punderburg, cashier, accepted tributes from the bank's friends.

More than 300 persons attended a Thursday morning breakfast honoring the bank and its staff from Durham and Raleigh branches.

Earlier, during a presentation ceremony part of the National Bankers' Association, Sam T. Castleman, senior vice president of the Wachovia

Bank of Durham, presented Wheeler a special plaque attesting Wachovia's high regard for the courteous and efficient service Mechanics and Farmers has rendered since 1903.

Afterwards, Wheeler presented Ernest S. Booth, retired senior vice president of Wachovia and Castleman's predecessor, with a citation for his "38 years of outstanding and unselfish service to the whole banking profession."

In remarks typical of tributes paid Mechanics and Farmers, Castleman said "Cooperation between Mechanics and Farmers has been a two-way street. We cherish this association because it is one of the longest and most enjoyable in our banking relationships."

Lavern Baker Scores With A New Act

NEW YORK (AP)—When singer Lavern Baker appeared at Herlem's Apollo theatre recently, she unveiled a new act that drew terrific audience applause. Before her late manager, Al Green, died six months ago, both had discussed the idea of her broadening her repertoire in order that she might work in some of the high-class supper clubs around the nation.

Since his death, she had worked out several ideas with her new pilot, Al Wilde, and music arranger Phil Moore. Rather than break it in at a night club, she decided to give Apollo audiences, considered the most critical in the country a chance to put their stamp of approval on it.

WEARS \$1,500 GOWN
In a \$1,500 gown purchased from Wilma's, the Tweedie — Dee girl came onstage in a powdered wig and Martha Washington type gown. After warming up the audience with two songs, she then stripped off part of the gown and was left standing in a modern evening dress. After three more songs that fitted her attire she again zipped off another round of clothing and stood

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CONTINENTAL FEATURES

Consultants Named For Bennett's Annual Faculty-Staff Conference

GREENSBORO — Consultants for the annual faculty-staff fall conference at Bennett College, September 4-11, will be members of the college's team which participated in the Danforth Foundation's Campus Community Workshop at Colorado Springs, Colorado, it was announced this week.

Theme of this year's sessions will be "Strengthening the College Program through Faculty-Staff Effort." Members of the

Danforth team are Dr. Chauncey G. Winston, Mrs. Louise G. Street, Francis L. Grandison and James C. McMillan.

Discussions will center around six core areas in the instructional program. They are: freshman English, freshman social science, general education, general science, humanities, religion and philosophy, introduction to education and child psychology.

First general session will be held

at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 5 and at 7 p.m. there will be divisional meetings on Saturday; the conference will be closed by a picnic supper to be held on the lawn of the home and on Sunday, they will attend the morning service at St. Matthews' Methodist Church, in whose original edifice the college had its birth.

On Monday, the first sessions of the core groups will be held and the same schedule will be followed on Tuesday with an inter-core meeting of all conferences set for 7 a.m. On Wednesday, at 11 a.m. the faculty and staff will hold a joint meeting with student leaders and both groups will attend a banquet at 7 p.m. in the dining room of the David D. Jones Student Union.

A work-study program in the library, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 11 will close the conference.

Dr. John F. Potts To Address Allen-Benedict Summer Grads

ADDRESS ALL'N-BENEDICT COLUMBIA, S. C. — Dr. John F. Potts, president of Voorhes Junior College, Denmark, S. C., will deliver the commencement address at the fifth joint Allen-Benedict summer convocation Thursday, August 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Benedict Auditorium.

An estimated 160 seniors will receive degrees from the two institutions, according to W. E. Johnson, director of the Allen-Benedict Summer School.

Party Friday evening, August 5, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson, and the Senior Dinner Wednesday, August 13, in the Benedict Dining Hall, at which time the Rev. E. E. Gaudin of Newberry will be featured speaker.

The summer term closes Friday, August 15, following final examinations.



Dr. J. A. Bacoats, Benedict president, will award degrees to the Benedict graduates. Dr. Frank R. Veal, Allen president, will present degrees to the Allen graduates.

Other commencement activities at Benedict include the Senior before her critics, this time in a flapper dress.

As a finale, she did the Charleston with her partner, comedian Harold Cromer, short half of the defunct Stump and Stumpy team that brought down the house. Visibly nervous later in her dressing room, she expressed satisfaction that the act had come over well, with Wilde and Moore concurring in the observation.

TO WED SOON
Wilde said his future plans for Miss Baker include calling in a well-known Broadway comedy writer to build an act around her which will make use of her long dormant talents as a comedienne. Currently on a theatre tour, she will take a short vacation next month and prepare for her marriage to comic Slappy White. They will honeymoon in Europe.

TO HEAD FRONTIERS OF AMERICA — Don L. Crawford, Dayton, Ohio, was elected president of the national organization during its recent 17th annual confab. Crawford, succeeded Dr. Bernard Harris, Baltimore, Md. (Associated Negro Press Photo).

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