

NEWS AND VIEWS

—BY—
J. B. HARREN

WE CAN HELP OURSELVES IF — ROCKY MOUNT — We see about us daily hundreds of little things which we, as members of the colored race can do to IMPROVE OUR LOT if we will only stop doing the things which DO NOT.

When you read all the things they say about us — That we are unclean, hoisterous, filthy of mouth, lazy; that we have low moral standards and go for the gaudy things of life rather than the really worthwhile things like educating our children and earning a moderate-earned home and saving some money — we CAN do much to remove this stigma. In fact, WE CAN remove the whole of these unfavorable complaints much of which is regretably true. WE CAN REMEDY THIS if only we will do it.

Let's be honest now and admit it. Many of us are not anxious to socialize with families with many illegitimate children where even grandmothers have never been married and the children do not even know who the father is; sometimes not even their mother knows; and in rare cases a child does not know his or her own mother. And this NOT slavery-time when they had to do this type of thing.

Certainly we can work hard at getting the message over through our churches, schools and clubs to our youths and adults in order to improve our personal conduct race-wide.

Father Theodore R. Gibson of Florida NAACP fame told the preachers at NAACP last week in Durham: "Negroes still look to you (preachers) to lead them in all avenues of advancement; and if you don't want your freedom — let me fight for it for you anyway." Gibson added: "This Heaven Story is all-right; but you've got to give these youths something better than that."

"Cubans and Kenyans are laughing at American Negroes because they — as foreigners, altho black as us, could come here and enjoy immediately what we could never enjoy in our native land in a lifetime."

Gibson sees the Holy Ghost as working through those brothers who use political expediency to gain the right and privileges of complete brotherhood among all races of men."

Having studied at St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, Father Gibson served parishes in the Eastern Tarheel area of Kingston where he holds cherished memories.

Hopping About TARHEELIA

By Jay Bee Aytch

GASTON CENTENARIAN, 107, AWAITS CALL

GASTONIA — We are doing this column from the home of 107-year-old JOHN HOOD and one of his daughters, Mrs. Thelma Hood Byrd, 302 N. Pryor Street here in the major textile city of Southeast.

It is indeed a rare privilege to converse with and listen to the history, experience and sage advice of one who has walked this earth of ours 107 years — since Sept. 3, 1855. Especially remarkable is this when the individual still has the mobility of his limbs and articulation of speech coupled with logical reasoning; and only a slight deficiency in hearing ability. That outlines John Hood, erstwhile former slave, farmer, preacher, school-teacher, chef cook, Gastonia's pioneer colored policeman and merchant during "two lifetimes."

Since retirement, "Preacher" Hood has spent a score of years, or more sitting in his familiar chair on the lawn of his home sharing the wealth of his experiences and history of events in Tarheelia and the Palmetto State where he had spent his entire life. Almost daily he has visitors stop by to hear him relate happenings of long, long ago. He can engage you in endless conversation on almost any sub-

ject. Today he recalled the Big Shake of 1886 and how the whites were not afraid of the colored people on that terrifying day when both races sang, prayed and mourned together and even embraced each other in fear.

Father Hood said there were fissures or crevices in the earth's surface as much as three feet wide and numerous smaller ones. Even the animals were calmer than humans were during the long series of shakes. The animals could not stand up; and the sheep lowed as chicks became excited and cackled.

50 YEARS WED
Mr. and Mrs. Stell Sloan of near-by Cramerton recently observed their 50th wedding anniversary with a re-enactment of the marriage vows at Neelys Drive A.M.E. Zion Church with the Rev. S. I. Clement officiating. Sloan is retired from a school janitorship after 34 consecutive years. Mrs. Sloan served the cafeteria department 14 years.

Riley Hill News

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SAMPSON COUNTY DEBS — The young ladies above will make their official debut to society on Friday evening, December twenty-eighth. They are, front row, left to right: Mellicie Allen, Paulette O. Bennett, Peggy Powell, Barbara Butler, Joyce Canty, Geraldine Culbreth and Emma Faircloth. Standing, left to right: Daisy M. Boone, Carolyn Williamson, Vermetta Sampson, Elizabeth Bethens, Linda Peterson, Esther Murphy, Emma Morrissey, Iris Jean James and Linda Foster.

Ridgeview School News

BY GLORIA JAMES AND MARGARET POPE

HICKORY — Thursday, Oct. 18, the first meeting of the Student Council was held with Mr. B. P. Brown as advisor. New officers of the year were elected. They are as follows: Shirley Robinson, president; James Kimball, vice-president; Dorothy Shade, secretary; and Betty Sue Turner, assistant secretary. Other members are: Truman Duke, Linda Clay, Xenophone Lutz, Jessie Ruff, Jerry Reid, Detroit Rhyme, Vernia Jennings, Kattie Roberts, Joann Roland and Louis Collins. The Council decided that the Boy and Girl of the month selections will be continued.

The assembly program was presented Friday by the sophomore girls in the form of a film entitled "The Hurrying Kind" the purpose of the film was to aid parents, teachers, students, and all other citizens concerned with the future of our nation in their effort to appeal to the nation's boys and girls of high school age to stay in school and graduate. The film points out that each young American owes it to himself and to his country to prepare to meet the demands and opportunities of the future, toward the achievement of this goal. Education and training are essential. Our schools provide the powers of tomorrow.

Washington Junior High School Happenings

BY JOSEPH THOMAS CLUB ORGANIZED

Realizing the importance of improving abilities in speaking, listening, writing, and thinking, a section of the ninth grade organized a "Better English Club." Along with special activities which promise to promote better automatic speech around the campus, the club chose as its special project for the year, reporting news happenings at the school.

Officers elected are as follows: president, Robert Watson; vice president, Joan Burrell; secretary, Brenda Morgan; assistant secretary, Plummer Vines, Jr.; treasurer, Dorothea McNeil. Reports for the months of November and December are Gloria Hodge, Joyce McNeil, James Watson, Vincent McCullough and Joseph Thomas.

The club is under the supervision of the instructor, Mrs. Hazel N. Logan.

Y-TEENS ORGANIZE
BY GLORIA HODGE
Raleigh Y-Teens of the Washington School organized October 17 under the supervision of Mrs. M. S. Davidson. Officers are as follows: president, Gloria Hodge; vice president, Joyce McKing; secretary, JoAnn Cannady; treasurer, Artis Johnson. The club has planned a very active schedule for the year.

Present plans include sending the president and vice president to the Y-Teen Workshop which will be held October 20, at the YWCA on East Jones St.

LIBRARY CLUB ORGANIZES
BY JOYCE MCNEIL

The Library Club of the Washington School organized recently under the supervision of Miss Alvey DeVane. Officers are the following: president, Brenda McCullers; secretary, Barbara Debnam; assistant secretary, Joyce Fleming; treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Thomas. The club has taken as its project beautifying the library.

STUDENTS PRESENT MUSICAL
BY STELLA CARR

Students of the Washington Junior High School, are highly entertained last Thursday with a musical program sponsored by the choral group of the school. The program consisted of religious, semi-classic, popular, and folk songs. Uniformly attired in black and white, the girls and boys of the choral group gave especially beautiful renditions of "One World," "Balm in Gilead," and "Fiesta," along with other favorite songs. Soloists for the occasion were John Leake and Joyce Hamm.

The program was under the supervision of the music instructor, Miss Genevieve McAlister.

CLINTON NEWS

BY H. M. JOHNSON

CLINTON — The Western Union Association will convene at the Littlefield Baptist Church, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26-27.

SWAN CLUB HOSTESS
The Swan Club met last week at the home of Mrs. B. C. Gadsden with the president, Mrs. L. S. Tilford presiding. After the regular opening session and the report of all committees were made, plans were outlined for "Debutante Weekend" as follows: Saturday, December 1, Dutch Picnic followed Dance Rehearsals, then a Music Hour in the evening and a Pajama Party Sunday, Dec. 2 - Breakfast, Church Service at Brown's Chapel Church and Tea in the afternoon.

Members of the club present were: Mesdames C. S. Alston, H. G. Colwell, J. S. Ezell, M. Fowler, B. C. Gadsden, A. J. Hall, C. W. Jacobs, L. B. Lee, R. M. Lewis, J. B. Moore, A. R. Swinson, M. B. Swinson, L. S. Tilford, B. J. Hill, P. S. White and N. W. Merritt.

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Surviving are one daughter, Miss Francis Faison of the home; one grandson, Reginald Lee Faison; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Johnnie Faison, Salemburg; two sisters, Mrs. Quessie Ashly, Clinton, and Mrs. Jamie Spruill, Newark, N. J.; two brothers, Dr. J. D. Peterson and Mr. Henry T. Peterson, Washington, D. C.; three step-sons, Mr. Enoch Faison and Mr. Benjamin Faison, Washington, D. C. Mr. Edward Faison, Clinton; one step-daughter, Mrs. Amy Newton, Washington, N. C.

Mr. Rudolph Holden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Holden left for New York.

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Out of town people here attending the funeral were: Mr. Ben Ashly, Jacksonville, Fla.; Arthur Peterson, Jr., Henry Peterson, John R. Peterson, Walden Peterson, Jay D. Peterson, Miss Clara Peterson, Mrs. Isabella Evans, Mrs. Amy Newton and Mr. Fred Pendergrass, and Mr. Enoch Faison, all of Washington, D. C.; Rev. and Mrs. B. B. Dunn, Kingston; Mrs. Janie Spruill, Newark, N. J.; Mrs. Lizzie Brewington Williams, Mrs. Emma G. Wilson, Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. William Simmons, Fayetteville; Mrs. Ruth Thompson, Seaside; Bishop McLaughlin, Elizabethtown; Elder Young, Henderson; Mr. G. W. Fleming, Raleigh; Mrs. Sarah Treadwell, Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. James Bell and Rev. F. D. Brewington, Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Forest Rowall, Marlboro, N. Y.; Mrs. Adelaide Williams, Kingston; Mrs. Helen Corey, Mrs. Amanda Jones, Ayden; Mr. Melvin Whittich, Hillsboro; Mrs. Everlina Faison, Miss Tina Faison, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Rosetta Newton, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. John Hines and children, New York; Mr. Morrell Faison and Mrs. Martha Turlington, Hackensack, N. J.

Mr. James Gerald died Monday night, Oct. 15 in an auto wreck. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Murry Gerald of Newton Grove. Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 19 at White Church the Rev. Robert Williams officiated. Surviving are his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Murry Gerald, Mrs. Bessie Dixon and Edna Gerald, Cheverly, Md.; Raylene Gerald, Newark, N. J.; Kate and Blonnie, Henry and Murry, all of the home.

Mr. Gerald was a graduate of Pleasant Grove High School. William Henry Gerald, who was in an auto wreck on Oct. 15 is a patient at the Sampson Memorial Hospital. We are happy to report he is improving nicely.

Princeton News

BY MRS. GOLDIE HARDY

PRINCETON — On Sunday, Oct. 20, the Missionary Baptist Church held its regular morning worship service with the pastor, Rev. Merritt of Clinton presiding. The male chorus was in charge of devotion. The pastor's text was from Matthew 23:23 Subject, "Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant." The sermon was enjoyed by all present.

Apex News

BY MRS. LOUISE COLVIN

APEX — First Baptist observed its 9th annual homecoming day Sunday, Oct. 21. The guest speaker was Dr. John L. Tilley of Shaw University. The Safford Highlight Gospel Singers of Brooklyn, N. Y. rendered the music. The program was well planned. Dinner was served and everyone enjoyed themselves. Finance taken in for this service was \$2,041.21. Other money taken was \$174.67. Many friends and visitors from other cities were on the occasion. The message delivered by Rev. Tilley was fitting for the occasion. Subject: "Coming Home." Funeral service for Mrs. Effie Herndon was incomplete at this writing. The family has the community's sympathy.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Minder Mangum is spending three days in Washington, D. C. with her children. She motored there with her son, Mr. Matthew Mangum, who was home for the weekend.

Mrs. Louise Colvin has gone to Columbus, Ohio to attend her aunt's funeral which was held Wednesday afternoon. She has the sympathy of her many friends who also wish for her a safe trip.

Misses Carolyn Mangum and Carolyn Richardson, both freshmen at North Carolina College spent the weekend home for the Homecoming observance at First Baptist.

GARNER NEWS

GARNER — The senior class of the Garner Consolidated School, held its annual "Ring Presentation" on Wednesday, Oct. 17 in the school gymnasium.

Mrs. Alice Solomon, Guidance Consultant, at Garner Consolidated School, gave the purposes of the ceremony. This was followed by ring presentations and the pledge led by Mrs. Laura Crumby, senior advisor. Two beautiful selections were rendered by "The High School Glee Club" with Mrs. Battle, our music instructor, at the piano.

This impressive ceremony was highlighted by a dynamic address given by Miss Thelma Cumbo, State Consultant in Guidance. Miss Cumbo was presented by Miss Bettie Clemons, a member of the senior class.

The title of Miss Cumbo's address was: "Our Rich Heritage-Foundations We Must Uphold." She elaborated on the famous Negro men and women who have made notable contributions to our American culture. Miss Cumbo stated that the house that one builds depends upon him. She stressed the importance of hard work, ambition, character, trustworthiness, perseverance and principle. Her address was inspiring, informative and challenging.

Mr. C. J. Barber, our most competent administrator, complimented Miss Cumbo on her excellent address and made worthy mention of all participants on the program. A number of the student's parents were present and they expressed themselves as having enjoyed the occasion immensely.

The October P. T. A. was also held in the school's gymnasium with an attendance of approximately three hundred parents and teachers. The budget for the year was formulated. Delegates were elected for District and State P.T.A.

We sincerely urge that all parents be present at the next P. T. A. which will convene on the first Monday in November at 7:30 p. m.

Holly Springs

BY MRS. THELMA MCCLAIN

HOLLY SPRINGS — Oct. 21 at 11:30 a. m. the regular morning worship service was held at the Christian Church with the pastor, members of the Holly Springs Rev. J. W. Albright in charge. Also School faculty attended this service. At 3 p. m. Sunday, Mrs. Doll H. Baker was funeralized at Johnston Piney Grove Church, Clayton. She passed in Chicago, Ill. on Oct. 15. Mrs. Baker is formerly of Clayton and Raleigh. Surviving are one daughter, six grandchildren, all of Chicago, Ill.; three sisters and a host of other relatives and friends.

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