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Committee On Negro Affairs To Hold State Wide Meet

N. C. C. TO DEDICATE NEW BUILDINGS

Ethiopian Ruler Broke But Too Proud To Accept Thanksgiving Gifts

LONDON, Dec. 2—(ANP)—Although Emperor Haile Selassie is so poor he cannot afford to buy coal these chilly days and is trying to sell his big 16 room house and his German-made car, he still retains his pride. Kindhearted English people who heard of his plight sent him food, wine, coal and even penny stamps to brighten his Thanksgiving—only to have the proud little king of kings, although appreciating the sentiments, become indignant over what he considers "undignified gifts."

"I am a poor man, yes," he told Miss Steedman, secretary of the Abyssinia association, when she visited him at his home in Bath, England, Wednesday. "But I am not an object of charity. I would prefer Ethiopian sympathizers sending their gifts to the association to aid refugees, most of whom have absolutely no means."

Selassie is still listed in the telephone book as Emperor of Ethiopia. His dignity is still as great as ever, and his beard remains its celebrated trim. But he himself has confessed his poverty.

The villa in which he lives with 22 members of his family, his bodyguards and his servants has 16 rooms. He bought it for \$22,500 when he came to England after fleeing Addis Ababa, and spent \$5,000 more for improvements before moving in. The amount was paid with silver banqueting plate brought from Ethiopia.

But the upkeep is too great. He wants to sell the house as soon as possible and without profit. He also wants to get rid of his motor car. The negus is anxious to move into smaller quarters since economy must be practiced. In a smaller house some of the refugees could be boarded out which would be far cheaper.

Evidence of forced economies are seen everywhere in the villa. Apart from the children's nursery, no fires burn regularly. There's no central heating plant and to save coal, the fire in the big drawing room is lighted only on special occasions. The emperor must move about with his coat wrapped tightly about him. And when Selassie's secretary travel to London on official business, he is forced to go third class.

"It must be realized that we have absolutely no income," he stated in a recent interview. "We must live on what capital we have. When one has small capital and no income—when it is all going and no incoming— anxiety is bound to happen."

"There is no secret about the money I was reported to have taken out of my country. When I left Ethiopia, I hoped I would soon return with assistance from the league of nations, and so I brought out only what I thought would be sufficient for my immediate needs.

"That little has gone in assisting my people who are now refugees from my own coun-

Raleigh To Act Host To Sunday Mass Meeting

The North Carolina Committee on Negro Affairs will hold a meeting in Raleigh, Sunday Dec. 13 at 3:30 P. M., according to an announcement sent out this week by Attorney Hosea V. Price, General State Chairman of the organization.

The meeting to be held in Raleigh is being called for the purpose of discussing the candidates for election to the United States Senate, and the House of Representatives. The National Housing Act as it affects or benefits the North Carolina Negro, will also be discussed.

The North Carolina Committee on Negro Affairs was organized in 1936 as the climax to a series of meetings held prior to that time, dating as far back as 1932. Under the leadership of Attorney Price the organization has grown in importance until it is recognized as a kind of melting pot for problems which confront the Negro in North Carolina. Other officers are Mrs. Irma N. Henry of Winston Salem who is secretary of Committee, and C. Spaulding of Durham is Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The scope of work undertaken by NCCNA is divided so to fall under four general subject heads: Education, Economics, Social and Civil Welfare and Politics. Each of the above components is headed by a Chairman who seeks, with the aid of his associates, to carry out the objectives of the organization as follows:

(a) "To urge equal educational advantages and facilities for Negroes in elementary, secondary, college, graduate and professional training in North Carolina."

(b) "To encourage Negro business and to urge the appointment of qualified Negro workers both in white collar and unskilled jobs in Municipal, county, state and Federal Government set-ups."

(c) "To provide equal accommodation and facilities for Negroes in all penal or disciplinary institutions, to safeguard the Negro's rights under social security legislation; Mothers' pension old age pension; etc."

(d) "To encourage and stimulate the exercise of the franchise by Negroes throughout the State by larger participation in all civic endeavor; and to centralize all civic organizations throughout the state by encouraging affiliation with the North Carolina Committee on Negro Affairs; to the end that the Negroes of North Carolina will present a solid front for the solution of our common problems."

In order to reach a fruition of these objectives NCCNA is working feverishly towards its goal of establishing affiliated units in each of the one hundred counties of the State and "locals" in every principal city in these

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Celebrities To Gather Here For Dedication Program Sunday Dec. 4

The dedicatory program of the nine new buildings of North Carolina College begins here Sunday morning at eleven o'clock with an address by Dr. Mordcaai W. Johnson, president of Howard University. Music for the morning program will be furnished by the college chorus under the direction of Mrs. C. Ruth Edwards.

Sunday afternoon at three o'clock Honorable Clyde R. Hoey, Governor of North Carolina will deliver an address. Greetings will be had from Honorable Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; President Frank P. Graham, Greater University of North Carolina; Dr. Mordcaai W. Johnson, president of Howard University; Honorable Victor S. Bryant, Member of North Carolina Legislature and Claude A. Barnett, President of the Associated Negro Press.

Greetings will also be had from Dr. N. C. Newbold, Director of the department of Negro Education of North Carolina; President David D. Jones, Fennet College; President Robert P. Daniel, Shaw University; President Frank L. Atkins, Teachers College, Winston Salem; Dr. C. Spaulding, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company; and Dr. W. G. Pearson, Principal Hillside High School.

Naming of the new auditorium with tribute by Dr. R. L. Flowers Vice-President of Duke University will follow the part of the program devoted to the greetings.

Music for this occasion will also be furnished by the college chorus. Benediction will be by Rev. Miles Mark Fisher, Pastor of White Rock Baptist church.

On Monday evening the celebrated tenor Roland Hayes will sing in the new auditorium. Mr. Hayes needs no introduction to an audience anywhere. His rise from a lowly farm boy to a top place in the musical world is well known to all music lovers. Mr. Hayes has sung before the crowned heads of Europe and has gained world renown as a singer of unusual ability. His recital Monday evening at 8 o'clock will be the first in the new auditorium.



ROLAND HAYES, Celebrated Tenor who will be heard in a recital in the North Carolina College new auditorium Monday evening at eight o'clock. Indications already point to a sellout for the appearance of Mr. Hayes at the local institution.

NEGRO MECHANIC AIDS IN CAPTURE OF DARING TRAIN BANDITS

DEMING, New Mex., Dec. 2—(ANP)—Sam Webb, 65-year-old Negro mechanic of El Paso, was the central figure in the Thanksgiving Day capture of two train bandits aboard the Southern Pacific's crack Apache Limited. As the pair ran through the front coach, Webb stuck out his foot, tripped one of the outlaws, whose head struck a seat as he fell.

Trainmen and others among the trains 150 passengers—all of whom had been robbed of their cash and valuables—leaped into the melee, beat the bandits into submission, but before being overpowered a bullet from one of their guns had ploughed into the body of Switchman W. L. Smith of El Paso, injuring him fatally.

The outlaws, dressed in the gaudy costumes of dude cowboys, staged the holdup in typical frontier style and after being placed in custody of Sheriff R. G. France, identified themselves as Henry Lorenz, 22, of Manitowoc, Wis., and Harry Dwyer, 27, a Canadian. Dwyer was the man tripped by mechanic Webb. Scene of the holdup was Mount Riley, near the Mexican border, about 40 miles from El Paso. Both passengers and crew were high in their praise of the heroic and quick-witted action of Webb which resulted in capture of the bandits. Both were so badly beaten they could barely talk. Conductor W. M. Holloway was in charge of the train.

Rev. T. A. Grady Barely Misses Lead In Second Week's Balloting

The second week of the Carolina Times Minister's Popularity and Christmas Gift Contest ended with Rev. J. H. Thomas, Pastor of the Mt. Vernon Baptist church still leading by a small margin. The sudden jump of Rev. T. A. Grady, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist church from seventh place to second place was the most startling development of the contest for the second week.

Considering the seventh place position which Rev. Grady held the previous week, he outdistanced all other contestants in vote getting for the second week of the contest. Whether he can continue at such a rapid pace will have to be determined when the count is made for next week.

While Rev. Wm. Fuller, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist church did not report as large a number of votes as Rev. Grady for the week he did garner enough to advance to third place with a total of 825,000 votes, or only five ballots from the second position and only eleven ballots from the top place held by Rev. Thomas.

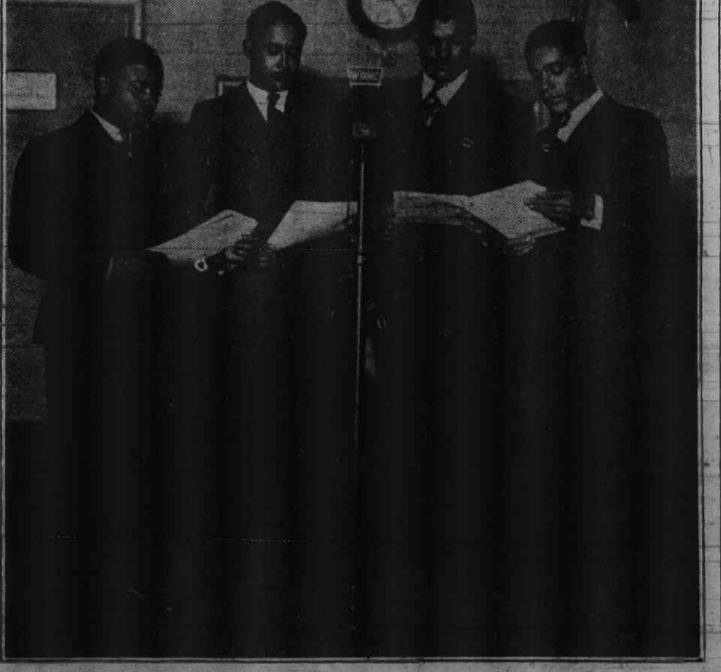
When it is considered that Rev. Grady even came closer to tying Rev. Thomas for the second position, some idea of how

RELATIVE STANDING OF CONTESTANTS IN CAROLINA

TIMES POPULARITY AND CHRISTMAS GIFT CONTEST

Rev. J. H. Thomas	260,000
Mt. Vernon Baptist	
Rev. T. A. Grady	830,000
Ebenezer Baptist	
Rev. W. M. Fuller	895,000
Good Hope Baptist	
Rev. A. S. Croom	800,000
Union Baptist	
Rev. Miles M. Fisher	795,000
White Rock Baptist	
Rev. J. A. Valentine	725,000
St. Joseph A.M.E.	
Rev. S. P. Perry	720,000
St. Marks A.M.E. Zion	
Bishop H. L. Fisher	605,000
Holy Tabernacle	
Rev. E. O. Langford	605,000
St. Matthew C.M.E.	
Rev. C. E. McLester	595,000
Second Baptist	
Rev. Thomas Moore	545,000
Congregational Christian	
Rev. Kenneth Lassiter	540,000
Union Grove	
Rev. W. Geo. Avant	505,000
Pine St. Presbyterian	
Rev. E. Wimberly	495,000
Mt. Gilad Baptist	
Rev. W. F. Cox	400,000

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The photo above is that of nouncer, the group is making a statement. The quartet heard great progress, and forms the nucleus for the best and most popular live talent show in this area.

Reading left to right they are: Theodore Freeland, Baritone; Isaac Johnson, 2nd Tenor; Jas. Holmes, 1st. Tenor and Norfley Whitted, Bass.

The quartet's melody whiffed has been praised by many radio announcers and voice critics as being one of unusual tone, and possessed with the qualities for reading.

JESSE WILSON, FORMER DURHAM CITIZEN PASSES IN PITTSBURGH

Funeral services for Jesse Wilson, former Durham citizen will be held at the home of his sister, Miss Janie Wilson of 614 Massey Avenue Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Wilson died at the government hospital of Pittsburgh, last Monday, after an illness of a long duration. The body arrived here Thursday morning at 7:55, and was accompanied by his youngest brother, John Wilson.

Three other brothers survive him namely: Willie H., Egbert, Hal, and Linwood. One other sister, Mrs. Dicey Nevins of Monroe also survive him.

Mr. Wilson was a graduate of North Carolina College for Negroes in the class of 1921.

Interment will be at the Beechwood Cemetery, Fayetteville Road with the Rev. Miles Mark Fisher in charge of the ceremonies.

FUGITIVE LEAPS FROM 75 FOOT BRIDGE, CAUGHT BY POSSE

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 2—(ANP)—Leslie Cox, who escaped last Friday from a deputy Federal marshal while being returned to Goldsboro, N. C., is seen trial for the murder of Highway Patrolman Ike Moore, was recaptured Mon. morning at a post.