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DUNBAR NATIONAL BANK TO CLOSE

Decision To Close N. Y. Institution Startles Negro Financial Circles

NEW YORK CITY, April 27.—(ANP)—The business and professional people of Harlem were surprised last Tuesday to learn that the Dunbar National bank, the nation's outstanding inter-racial institution, will close its doors if the stockholders ratify the announced decision of the board of directors to withdraw from business in Harlem.

The bank, organized in 1928, by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has assets of over four million dollars and deposits of about three millions. At last Monday's meeting of the board of directors, Mr. Rockefeller's desire to withdraw from business in the Harlem district was made known. Since he is the principal stockholder of the bank, the directors decided upon liquidation, their action being subject of ratification by the stockholders at their meeting to be held on May 25.

Most of the bank's mortgages have been made on Negro properties, hundreds of owners having been thus given financial aid, the courtesy of bank officials and employees to the colored patrons has become a tradition of the district.

Regretting the necessity of closing the Dunbar, President C. C. Hitt said, "It is a matter of personal regret on Mr. Rockefeller's and my part. I have formed some wonderful friendships up here, which I hope will be continued. I've never been shown such courtesy any place."

At present, Dr. R. R. Moton, president-emeritus of Tuskegee Institute, is the sole colored member of the board of directors. Former colored directors were Fred R. Moore and Roscoe C. Bruce. Colored bank officials include Robert P. Braddish, manager 1674th street Branch

and assistant vice president and G. Russell Waller, Jr., Assistant cashier.

There are about 30 Negro employees, including the officers, tellers, stenographers, bookkeepers, janitors, etc. All will lose their jobs when the closing order becomes effective. The bank has approximately 14,000 checking, thrift and Christmas Club accounts. The directors said that all depositors will be paid in full, and they may withdraw their funds at their convenience.

Explaining the action, the board of directors' statement said, in part: "At the time that Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., built the Paul Laurence Dunbar Apartments, it was thought that there was need for greater banking facilities in Harlem. Therefore, because of Mr. Rockefeller's interest in the problems of the community, he organized the Dunbar National Bank, which took space in the Dunbar Apartments.

"In recent years, the city, with the aid of the Federal Government, developed a Low Cost Housing Project on land adjacent to the Dunbar Apartments. With the Government's entry into this field, Mr. Rockefeller felt it appropriate for him to retire from it. He consequently foreclosed his mortgage on the Dunbar Apartments, bought them in at the foreclosure sale, and not long after resold them to a purchaser who he felt would maintain them in the interest of the tenants.

"The decision to liquidate the Dunbar National bank was not unexpected in view of Mr. Rockefeller's withdrawal from ownership in the Dunbar Apartments and the fact that several

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ACCIDENT VICTIM IN CRITICAL CONDITION

While on her way to work at a local tobacco factory Tuesday about 7:30 A. M., Mrs. Diana Harris, 53, was critically injured when the taxicab in which she was riding crashed into an electric light pole. The accident occurred when the driver, Otis Amey, made an attempt to avoid hitting another car.

Latest reports from Lincoln Hospital show the Mrs. Harris is still in a very critical condition. She suffered a fractured skull and jaw as well as probable internal injuries. She has not regained consciousness.

The driver was only slightly hurt and was discharged from Lincoln Hospital after being released emergency treatment.

CHICAGO SLAYER FIGHTS GUARDS AS HE FACES ELECTRIC CHAIR

CHICAGO, April 27.—(ANP)—Paying the extreme penalty for the robbery-murder of a rzyx woman and her daughter last December, J. C. Scott, 28, six feet, two inches tall and weighing over 200 pounds, was electrocuted at the County Jail Monday midnight, but he went to his death fighting.

During the evening, Scott had played Rummy with his guard, had ordered steak dinner for his last meal, but changed his mind after it was brought to the death cell, saying, "It looks good, but I have no appetite." He continued his card game, however, and cracked jokes as guards shaved his head, slit his trouser leg for the electrodes. He remained calm while the black death mask was adjusted.

But as they started toward the electric chair, Scott went suddenly berserk, put up a vicious fight before the 100 startled witnesses, and was overpowered only by the combined efforts of the four guards. Breathing heavily, he was thrown into the chair, mumbling, "Please I want to see it all." Three minutes later he was dead, the 36th man to die in Cook county's electric chair.

WHOLE STATE OF TEXAS TO COMBINE FOR BUSINESS LEAGUE MEET

DURHAM, N. C., April 27.—(ANP)—C. C. Spaulding, president National Negro Business League, announced today that the Houston, Tex., Negro Chamber of Commerce would be host to the 1938 convention of the league, which will be held August 17-19. Charles A. Shaw, secretary of the Houston Negro Chamber of Commerce, has reported that reception to the visiting businessmen and women of the race will be state-wide.

The Dallas Negro Chamber of Commerce, along with local business groups, in all sections of Texas, will cooperate with Houston. Plans for the convention included a session at Prairie View college, a motorcade to Dallas, and a closing entertainment on the historic and popular beach at Galveston.

Wilson Physician Freed Of Abortion Charges Tues.

WILSON, April 27.—Dr. A. W. Mitchner, well known physician of Wilson, was freed of abortion charges here Tuesday in recorders court by Judge C. B. McLean. The charges brought against Dr. Mitchner were in connection with the death of a white baby found here under a tree on Hines Street several weeks ago.

Dr. Mitchner was arrested last week and placed under a \$2,500 bond at the preliminary hearing. Three other persons were also arrested in connection with the case and placed under bond of \$1,000 each for their appearance in the next term of Superior Court.

Those being held under bond are Mrs. Mittie Lucas, mother of the baby, Mrs. Mary Fuller, colored midwife and Jesse Hamilton, former police officer of Wilson and alleged father of the child. Solicitor Den Gilliam of Tayboro has reduced the bonds from \$1,000 to \$500. Only Mrs. Fuller had given bond up until

Wednesday, and the other two defendants are still being held in jail. According to evidence produced at the hearing the three went to Dr. Mitchner in January and the physician prescribed medicine for Mrs. Lucas who was pregnant at the time. Expert testimony showed that the medicine was harmless.

Dr. Mitchner is well known in medical circles in North Carolina and is highly respected here and in other places where he is known. He is receiving congratulations from his friends on having been freed of the charges.

WELL KNOWN MORTICIAN JOINS CAROLINA STAFF Johnson Ray, well known mortician who has formerly been connected with the Scarborough and Hargett funeral home has recently been added to the personnel of the Carolina Funeral Home.

Mr. Ray is a well known citizen. Continued on page eight

"GUIDE RIGHT"



ATTY. R. J. REYNOLDS, Director of the national "Guide Right Week" of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, April 24-30, during which guidance clinics, forums, mass meetings, and other projects will be held. A graduate of Howard College, and now only 32, Attorney Reynolds lives in Topeka, Kans., where he has headed the NAACP branch for five years, and the Lincoln-Bonglas club for four years. The Guide Right movement has been conducted annually by the Kappa Alpha Psi since 1923, and seeks to direct young people into the best fields of study for their future vocations. The drive is on in eighty college communities this year.

SATTERFIELD-DAVIS DRAMATIC CLUB MEETS

The Satterfield-Davis Dramatic Club of St. Joseph Church held a call meeting, Wednesday night April 27th at the home of Miss Mary Holloway, Mebane Street. Committees were appointed and arrangements were made for a "Mothers' Day" program to be presented at the Allen Christian Endeavor League, Sunday May 8, 1938. At the close of the

meeting, Miss Holloway served refreshments. Miss Lucille Gaines will be hostess to the club, Wednesday night, May 4th.

C. J. Gates Is Employed In Attack Case

MT. OLIVE, April 27.—Attorney C. J. Gates, prominent Negro Durham lawyer, has been employed as private prosecutor in the case against Ossie McCullen, 29-year-old white man, charged with the rape of Miss Agnes Williams, 22-year-old Negro woman of Mt. Olive, it was learned here today.

Attorney Gates, who is well known in legal circles of North Carolina, is expected to come to Mt. Olive sometime next week to confer with Miss Williams, and to make other arrangements for the prosecution of the case which is scheduled to come up at the May 30th term of Superior Court.

McCullen is alleged to have raped Miss Williams after he forced his way into the home of the young woman on the night of April 14. He pleaded "not guilty" to the charges at the preliminary hearing, and was freed under a habeas corpus writ signed by Judge W. C. Harris. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Miss Williams, at the time of the heinous attack on her, was working as a cook in the home of I. F. Wellington of Mt. Olive. She is the daughter of a well known minister of Henderson, and is well thought of there and in Mt. Olive.

Attorney J. Faison Thompson has been employed to represent the defendant in the case.

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TO SPEAK HERE



MRS. RUTH MORGAN, Corresponding secretary of the North Carolina Inter-Denominational Ushers Association who will deliver the main address at the regular monthly meeting of the Durham Ushers Union, Sunday May 8. The public is cordially invited to hear one of North Carolina's leading church women.

GUILFORD COUNTY RALLY FOR OXFORD ORPHANAGE

CLOSES THURSDAY AT GREENSBORO

(Special To Carolina Times) GREENSBORO, April 27.—The Trinity AME Zion church Thursday night will be the scene of the closing of a rally which has been conducted in Guilford County for the aid of the Colored Orphanage at Oxford. Rev. W. F. Witherspoon, prominent minister of Greensboro is pastor of the church.

The "roll call" will be conducted by Mrs. Blanche Carr Sterne, superintendent of the Guilford County Welfare department. Various organizations of the churches, schools and social organizations are expected to make their report at the time, as well

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Local Lawyer To Campaign For County Office

(By W. A. Tuck)

A statement given to the Carolina Times here Thursday by Attorney M. H. Thompson, candidate for the office of County Commissioner, was to the effect that he will not withdraw from the race for that office. Attorney Thompson stated that he was full y aware of the fact that the law makes it prohibited for a County Commissioner to engage in the practice of law. "I am not yet a county commissioner, and until I am elected to that office, I shall not worry about whether I intend to continue as a practicing attorney."

Thompson stated that he attempted to persuade several well qualified citizens of the race to enter the campaign for the office, but met with little success. "I feel it is high time for our people to become more political minded, and interest themselves in affairs of vital interest to their own welfare. I am fully willing to make whatever sacrifice is necessary towards that end," he stated to the representative of the Carolina Times.

In the meantime L. E. Austin, editor of the Carolina Times, and candidate for the office of education stated that he intends to wage an earnest campaign for the office which he seeks. "The matter of education, whether rural or city, is an important factor in the development of good citizenship. I feel that Negro representation is badly needed, not only on the county board of education, but on the city board as well."

According to advance reports this year's registration of Negro voters will be the largest in the history of Durham. Already there are more than 3,500 Negroes registered and it is hoped by the time the books close the end of next month that there will be 5,000. Plans are already being formulated to set in motion machinery that will result in at least that many placing their names on the books.

Other Negro candidates who will take part in the June primaries are William O'Kell and F. K. Watkins. Both are running for the office of Justice of the Peace.

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DOINGS OF USHERS

By RUTH BUCHANAN

ROXBORO

Watch out ushers for announcement of a great day to be held in Roxboro in the near future. R. J. Bolton, prominent churchman and civic leader has already advise the state president that he will have the largest gathering of ushers ever held in that part of the state. Mr. Bolton is a live wire and when he says he is planning a big day, you may as well look out.

Get ready for Goldsboro, is the only cry of usherdom now. The largest annual meeting in the history of the organization will be held there in August. Already plans are going forward to entertain the many delegates from all over the state.

DURHAM

The Durham Ushers Union will hold its regular monthly public meeting at the St. Mark AME Zion church, Sunday May 8th at 8 o'clock P. M. Mrs. Ruth 8th at 3 o'clock P. M. Mrs. retary of the state association will deliver the address for the Mother's Day program which will be held at that time. Every body is cordially invited.

REIDSVILLE

The Ushers Union of Reidsville will have a big get-together meeting at the St. Paul M. E.

church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, May 15. Ushers of the state are asked to make plans now to journey to Reidsville on that Sunday. The president of the state association will be present and is desirous of having as many visiting ushers as possible to meet with the Reidsville Union.

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8th Annual State-Wide Music Festival Closes Successful Meet Here Fri.

The state-wide music contest for this year was held in this city, Friday, April 22nd at the Hillside School. The first session, consisting of solos, trios, and junior mixed choruses was held in the morning.

The choruses were served dinner in the cafeteria of the school by directors of the cafeteria assisted by the Home Economic departments.

In the afternoon, the contest was resumed, featuring the mixed quartettes and boys and girls glee clubs.

The night session was held in the Auditorium of Pearson Elementary school. There were renditions of piano solos, quartets, numbers and mixed chorus numbers, followed by the traditional rendition of a spiritual sung by a number of schools jointly. The scene that was displayed was a very striking one, as the representatives of the several schools situated themselves upon the stage and began to sing. "Lord I'm Seeking for a City", directed by Prof. Montague of West Virginia State college.

This event was initiated by

Miss T. H. Caggett. A number of years ago, Miss Caggett is directress of music in the city schools and the Hillside high school. The festival has been very successful during the past years. The high schools from all over the state have cooperated extensively. There is a spirit among the contestants of eagerness to win, but also an enthusiasm for the other competitors, shown by the applause in which they shower them as they proceed to and from the stage.

High schools were represented from Albemarle, Rutherfordton, Raleigh, Hickory, Belmont, Oxford, Wilson, Goldsboro, Durham, Kinston, Burlington, Dunn, Salisbury, Reidsville, Gastonia, Lenoir, and Franklington.

Dr. J. M. Hubbard, prominent dentist of this city awarded the trophies. The solos were awarded trophies: first, Soprano, Albemarle, first; King Mountain, second; Alto, Durham, first; Elmwood, second; Tenor, Wilson, first; Oxford, second; Barlowe, Salisbury, first; Hickory, and Seaford tied for second; Bass,

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Kinston, Raleigh, and Burlington tied for second; Unchanged voice, Durham, first; Hickory Gastonia tied for second; Girls Trio, Wilson, first; Raleigh, second; Girls Glee Club Class B Hickory, first; Salisbury, and Wilson tied for second; Boys Glee Club, Class B, Hickory, first; Wilson second; Mixed Quartette, Oxford, first; Wilson, second; Girls Glee Club Class A, Durham and Oxford tied for first place, Goldsboro, second; Boys Glee Club, Class A, Durham, first; Oxford, second; Male Quartette, Durham, first; Raleigh and Wilson tied for second; Piano solo, Durham, first; Franklington, second; Mixed Chorus, Class B, Burlington tied with Hickory for first; Wilson and Albemarle tied for second; Mixed Chorus, Class A, Durham, first; Oxford, second. Grand trophy was awarded Wilson.

Much credit is due Kemp Long of this city for the efforts shown by him in the winning of the Unchanged Voice solo. Kemp is a young fellow and should be given

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Interracial Commission Will Meet At Wilson May 4-5

(By L. E. Austin)

WILSON, April 27.—The annual session of the North Carolina Commission on Interracial Cooperation will be held in Wilson, Thursday and Friday, May 4 and 5, according to an announcement made by L. E. Reynolds, chairman of the commission this

This year's session will have many prominent speakers of both races, including Governor Clyde R. Hoey and President Frank Graham of the University of North Carolina. Other speakers include Dr. Walter B. Rugeley of the state department of health, George S. Mitchell,

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