

MARIAN ANDERSON THRILLS 75,000

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GIRL ASSAULTED

Victim Given Dope Before Being Attacked

Unconscious from shock and exposure, Hester Mack, 20, of 205 Cobb Street was found around twelve o'clock Wednesday midnight eight or ten miles out on the Cole Mill road lying between two haystacks after having been assaulted by an unknown assailant.

Apparently in a Stupor Medical examiners at Duke hospital describe her condition as fair but also add that she had been given some form of dope prior to leaving home causing her to be in a temporary state of amnesia. Impetus is given this belief because the victim has no knowledge of the incidents leading up to the attack. There were also scratches

and bruises found about her body.

Leaves Note
Miss Mack a recent graduate of Hillside class of 1938, was last seen at her home about eleven o'clock Wednesday morning where she previously left a note stating: "I am going on a long, long walk."

General Alarm
She was found by police officers after a general alarm had been sent out with regard to her disappearance. Police are working on several clues but as yet, they have found nothing specific. The victim herself being unable to lend any aid to the investigation.



INSTRUCTOR

MRS. ANNIE C. ALSTON prominent Civic Leader and instructor in the Hillside Park School under whose guidance the Knitting and Looping Department have shown remarkable improvement. Mrs. Alston was recently granted a lifetime certificate for her constructive work.

Bishops Council To Meet In June

PHILADELPHIA, (Special)—Thousands of African Methodist young people are preparing to come to Philadelphia, the birthplace of African Methodism in June to attend the 8th connectional Young People's Congress and Leadership training Institute which will meet in conjunction with the Bishop's Council of the A.M.E. Church.

This report was recently made to Bishop D. H. Sims, presiding bishop of the First Episcopal District and Episcopal host to the congress. The Bishop was pleased with the report and promised a perfect setting for the army of christian workers, church leaders, general officers and bishops who will assemble in the Oaker City the week beginning June 18th.

Among the many special features for the Congress, the most spectacular will be the historic parade—a conquering avalanche of million christian youth. Other features include a five hundred voice chorus; solemn commitment service at the tomb of Richard Allen; a post Sesqui-centennial Horns of Hattin devotional service each noonday. Courses in Leadership Training will be offered by leaders who are specialists in their fields.

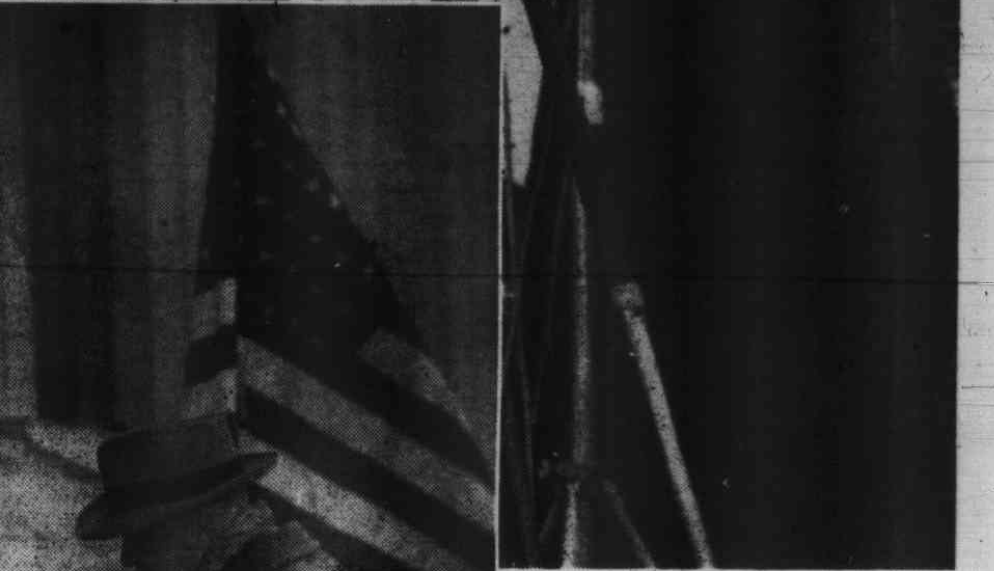
The program for the Richard Allen Youth Council will include an analysis of the problem touching Law and Order, Home and Family Life, Race Adjustment, the Liquor Problem, International Peace, Economic and Industrial Relations, the Personal Religious Living.

A clinic will beset up for ministers and adult leaders who desire an opportunity for fact Please turn to page eight

THRILLS 75,000



Denied the use of tax exempt Constitution Hall, property of the DAR Marian Anderson is shown as she lifted her voice in



Testing her voice at the foot of Lincoln memorial prior to her concert. With Miss Anderson are her mother and accompanist.

Lincoln Memorial Site Of Easter Concert

Introduced by Secretary of Interior

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special)—With the pathetic statue of the immortal Lincoln forming a protective background, Marian Anderson thrilled 75,000 persons Easter Sunday morning in an outdoor concert held at twilight.

A stiff wind was blowing during the entire presentation but the crowd would not demur, remaining throughout to applaud the singer enthusiastically.

Accompanying Miss Anderson was her mother and also her pianist. She was introduced by Secretary of the Interior, Harold L. Ickes. Other federal officials on the platform was included Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black and Secretary Morgenthau.

Miss Anderson was originally scheduled to sing at the tax-exempt Constitution Hall which is the property of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Nation-wide consternation was the result of her being denied the building because of her race. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt later resigned from that body because of the same narrow act. Use of the white high school auditorium was also rejected.

"You don't know what you've done for me," was Miss Anderson's method of expressing her gratitude to the throng for going with her "all the way."

Wearing a mink coat to keep out the bitter cold, Miss Anderson astounded the multitude with her skilled interpretations of the classical arias as well as the Negro spirituals.

The world will not soon forget this gesture of democracy on the part of the great contractor. A democratic spirit—she could not find in the capital of her own country.

NCC Alumni To Fete Pres. Jas. Shephard

ARDENT SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTION CAUSE FOR HONOR

The Alumni Association of North Carolina College is honoring its president and founder with a testimonial banquet Friday night, April 21, at the college dining hall. Every Chapter in the Association will be represented. Please turn to page eight

Fire Destroys Little River High School

An early morning blaze of unknown origin destroyed the Little River School about 12 miles from the city on Roxboro road about four A. M. Monday, April 10. The only theory that has been advanced as to the way in which the fire started has been that it was started by prowlers. The persons who first arrived at the scene have stated that when they first discovered the fire about four o'clock the roof was falling in and saving the building was a part of the question.

The origin of the fire takes on added mystery when it is realized that the building had been closed since Thursday afternoon for the Easter holidays and is not supposed to have been opened before Tuesday morning, so that it is possible and highly probable that the fire was not at all accidental.

School Resumed Thursday

In order that the 459 pupils might complete the remaining three weeks of the school term the classes were resumed on Thursday. The high school classes have been meeting in the three room home economics and agriculture building which was not damaged by the flames. Four unused rooms of the Mill Grove School have also been pressed into service and several of the County elementary schools will accommodate some of the Little River pupils.

The destroyed building was comparatively new, having been constructed in 1934 at a cost of \$36,203. According to Superintendent Luther Barbour the insurance which the county carries amounts to \$27,000 which will go far in the rebuilding of the school considering the fact that the cost of grading and the septic disposal system which made up \$8,000 of the original cost of the building, will be eliminated.

Gov. Asked To Act In Lynching

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Governor P. Cone, of Florida was urged to show "vigorous action" in bringing to justice the persons responsible for the lynching of Miles W. Brown, a white man, in Panama City, Fla. Saturday, April 1, the third victim of lynching mob this year.

The Florida governor was called upon to bring the lynchers to justice in a telegram sent him April by the Washington branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Signed by Dr. Herbert Marshall, president of the branch, the wire read as follows: "Senators Peppers and Andrews gave assurance during the anti lynching filibuster (in January and February, 1938) that Florida could well take care of the problem of lynching. Millions of Americans await your vigorous action to secure apprehension, conviction and punishment of the lynchers of Miles Brown."

Brown was taken from his jail cell by a band of men early on the morning of April 1st, dragged to the edge of town, and there shot in the back of the head.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY



PROF. W. G. PEARSON Principal of Hillside Park School was 90 years of age on April 11. As a token of appreciation for his service rendered over the years, the students and faculty, a splendid program, presented him eighteen dollars.

Scottsboro Case Eight Years Old

NEW YORK CITY—On the occasion of the eighth anniversary of the world famous Scottsboro case, Morris Shapiro, secretary of the Scottsboro Defense Committee, 112 East 19th Street NYC issued a statement reaffirming the committee's belief in the complete innocence of all of the Negro defendants and the deformation of all member organizations composing the committee to continue the work of winning the freedom of the five remaining SCOTTSBORO BOYS.

The statement follows in part: "April 6 to 9 will mark the eighth year of what has now become known as the SCOTTSBORO case. On those three days in 1933 nine Negro boys, single and in groups, were tried in the country court house at SCOTTSBORO, Alabama, in an atmosphere which the Supreme Court of the United States later characterized as 'marked by threats of mob violence. In those original trials eight of the boys were sentenced to death in the electric chair on the charge of raping two white women. In the case of the nine boys Roy Wright who was then 18 years old

the juror urged MERCY and recommended life imprisonment. A mistrial was declared in his case."

"In 1933 when the cases were tried for the second time one of the white women whom they were accused of assaulting, Ruby Eyles, took the witness stand for the defense and denounced her original testimony as a lie. In June of that same year, James E. Horton of Decatur, Alabama, who had sentenced Haywood Patterson to death for the second time, reversed his own decision and rendered an opinion which stated that the evidence 'preponderated greatly in favor of the defendants.'"

"The present status of the Scottsboro case in that four of the nine original defendants are free. The charge of rape against five of the boys—Ozie Powell, Roy Wright, Eugene Williams, Willie Roberston and Otis Montgomery were dropped in July 1937, and, except for Ozie Powell, these boys were unconditionally freed when the state of Alabama officially admitted that the evidence against them was doubtful.

It has recently issued a new pardon petitions addressed to Gov. Dixon of Alabama which

Ickes' Address Before Marian Anderson Fans

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Remarks of Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes in introducing Marian Anderson at the Lincoln Memorial concert held at 5 P. M. (EST), Sunday, April 9, 1939.

WASHINGTON—in this great auditorium under the sky all of us are free. When God gave us this wonderful outdoors and the sun, the moon and the stars. He made no distinction of race or creed or color. And 130 years ago He sent to us one of His truly great in order that he might restore freedom to those from whom we had, disregarded fully taken it. In carrying out this task, Abraham Lincoln laid down his life, and so it is as appropriate as it is fortunate that today we stand reverently and humbly at the base of this memorial to the great emancipator

of justice are urged to sign. Petitions may be obtained at 112 East 19th Street, New York City.

white glorious tribute is rendered to his memory by a daughter of the race from which he struck the chains of slavery.

Facing us down the Hall beyond the Washington Monument which we have erected as a symbol of the towering stature and fame of him who founded this Republic, there is rising a memorial to that other great democrat in our short history, Thomas Jefferson, who proclaimed that principle of equality of opportunity which Abraham Lincoln believed in so implicitly and took so seriously. In our own time, too, many pay mere lip service to these twin planets in our democratic heaven. There are those, even in this great Capital of our democratic Republic, who are either timid or too indifferent to lift up the light that Jefferson and Lincoln carried aloft.

Genius, like justice, is blind. For genius has touched with the tip of her wing this woman who, if it had not been for the great mind of Jefferson, if it had not been for the great heart of Lincoln, would not be able to

76 Congressmen Sign Anti-Lynch Petition

NEW YORK—Seventy six Congressmen have signed the Gavanan discharge petition to bring the New York representative's anti lynching bill (H. R. 807) to the floor of the House for a vote, officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced here today.

Representative Joseph Gavanan author of the bill who led the fight in the House in the spring of 1937 when his anti-lynching bill was finally passed said he felt confident that the full quota of 218 signatures, necessary to bring the bill to the floor, would be forthcoming within a very short period. Urge Senate Closure Vote

The NAACP urged individuals and organizations to send telegrams and cards to their urging them to vote for limitation of debate (cloture) when the Wag-

ner Van Nuys Capper bill S-846 companion measure to the Gavanan bill, comes up for a vote for cloture will help to prevent a filibuster, which southern senators have vowed they will bring to bear again in order to kill the bill in the Senate by preventing its coming to a vote on the floor.

19,000 Petitions Out
At the same time the Association announced that more than 19,000 petitions calling for support of a federal anti lynching bill, have been sent out and are being distributed by individuals and organizations all over the country. Already returns on these petitions are being received at the national office of the organization, 99 Fifth Avenue, New York. Officials said they want to have 1,000,000 names signed to these petitions by May 25.