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# A.M.E. CHURCH GIVEN S.S. BOOK PLANT

## Million Dollar Concern Is Awarded Church Climaxing Five Year Possession Battle

Nashville, (ANP) — The A.M.E. church won its five year battle for possession of its Sunday School Publishing house here Tuesday when Judge E. Elmer Davies of the Middle Tennessee federal court dismissed the receiver who had been operating the plant.

The reign of Ira T. Bryant, who had served as secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School union for 28 years during which time he built the institution into a thriving concern and won a substantial financial position for himself, closed as the receiver handed the property over to a committee composed of Bishop Henry Y. Tookes of Florida, William Fountain of Georgia and Dr. A. L. Pinkston of Nashville who acted for the church.

While the actual court struggle for possession of the Sunday School union has been in progress for about five years, the trouble which revolved about the institution has been of much longer duration. Bryant was first elected secretary-treasurer in 1908 when the general conference met in Norfolk, Va. An able business man, he quickly developed the publishing house into a profitable venture. Backed by John M. Avery, one of the most influential laymen the church has produced, Bryant grew in power. Rallying a group of laymen he fought certain concentration of authority in the hands of the clergy. Bryant became a bitter critic of cant and hypocrisy in high places and used the machinery of the church publishing house to attack and smear ministers and bishops who incurred his wrath. The clerics writhed under the Bryant assaults and finally in 1936 defeated him electing E. A. Shelby in his place.

Bryant refused to recognize the election contending that only the

self-perpetuating board of directors which functioned under Tennessee law had the power to name the secretary-treasurer of the union which was a Tennessee (Continued on page four)

### Dentists' Speaker



DR. A. S. HUNTER

(Above) will present Clinic before the National Dental Association meeting at Richmond August 11-15. Dr. Hunter's presentation will be a Table Clinic featuring Dental Photographic Records and Basic Elements influencing successful results in obtaining same. The Peter B. Farnsey Dental Society composed of Richmond Race Dentists is acting as host. Quite singular this is the first time the National has held its meeting in Virginia since its organization, although the National is a direct outcome of an activity developed at Buckroe Beach years ago, a dream of the late Dr. D. A. Ferguson of Richmond, Va. Dr. Hunter is Chairman of Committee on Public Relations.

## O. P. M. EMPLOYMENT PICTURE IS UNTRUE . . . CHARGES N. A. A. C. P.

New York — Contrary to optimistic stories sent out from the Office of Production Management by Dr. Robert C. Weaver, Chief, Negro Employment and Training branch, Labor Division, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People learned last week that Brewster Aeronautical Corporation with plants named in the recent OMP and at Newark airport, N. J., has made no steps to drop its color bars. Brewster was among the plants named in the recent OMP

William P. Gaynor company. Van Osten was sent by the New York release as having hired a crew of sheet metal workers.

The NAACP is in possession of three affidavits attesting to the company's refusal to hire Negro workers.

Most flagrant refusal is in the case of Edwon Van Osten, 31, of Brooklyn, New York, who has nine years of experience as a sheet metal worker with the

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## Bishop R. R. Wright Named President At Wilberforce College

Wilberforce, (ANP) — Meeting in perfect unity the executive committee of the joint state and church boards of Wilberforce university, on Thursday named Bishop R. R. Wright as acting president for one year. The invitation, which was practically a draft, was extended upon the part of both the state and church forces and Bishop Wright is to head all departments.

The motion to invite Bishop Wright was made by Rev. Charles Isom of the state board and seconded by Bishop David H. Sims of the church group. Assurance was given Bishop Wright that he would have the unified support of both boards in working out a unified program for a great

This would appear to end the upheaval at Wilberforce which resulted in the dismissal of President D. Ormonde Walker and reappointments between the church and secular forces govern the institution. Bishop Wright is a former president of the institution and was serving on the trustee board.

### "On Leave"



J. Archie Hargraves, director of publicity and instructor of social science at A&T College in Greensboro has been granted a leave of absence to assume duties as a problem presentation specialist with the consumer division of the office of emergency management in Washington, D. C.

### Plans Cooperative



James J. Henderson, president of the Durham Business and Professional Chain, has announced that his organization is rapidly making plans for a drive to organize in Durham a "Consumer's Cooperative" in the attempt to keep in the pockets of the race the dollars spent weekly at white chain food stores. Monday's meeting of the chain featured a report from a committee sent to study the Cooperatives at work in Richmond, Va.

## Steel Company Wants No Germans, Italians or Negroes

New York — It has been reported to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that the Anaconda Wire and Steel company of Hastings, New York, has an open order with the Yonkers office of the New York State Employment Service asking for laborers with the following qualifications:

"Laborers—single men, 20-40 years; married men, 25-40 year; strong build, must weigh over 150 lbs. No Italians, Germans, or Negroes. Salary, 50c hour, raise in 3 months to 75c hour."

The NAACP immediately wired Richard Brookway, NYSES director, saying, "We vigorously protest not only the discrimination but the bracketing of Negroes with nationals of Germany and Italy with which the United States is virtually at war. We call upon the NYSES immediately to act and to advise us of action taken."

Mr. Brookway called the NAACP New York office on receipt of the wire today that he is sending a representative to see if the report is true and if so that changes be made.

## Boy (13) Drown

Goldsboro, (CP) — Randolph Williams, 13 of 628 Orchard St., was drowned Thursday about noon while he and his companions were swimming in Little river at the trellise, two miles west of town.

## Jackson Freed When White Girl Fails To Be Sure Of Identity

Recorder A. H. Borland dismissed the case which charged Gordon Jackson of Umstead St. with assault with attempt to commit rape this week. He was accused of attacking a 15-year-old white girl on Rigsbee Avenue on the night of June 30. In the courtroom the girls refused to identify Jackson positively as her assailant.

At the outset of her testimony the girl said that the defendant was the man who attacked her, and later said she had picked him out of a group of three Negroes, but when defense counsel pinned her down to answer to the question of whether she was sure beyond any reasonable doubt, she admitted that Jackson might not have been the man.

Prosecuting Attorney S. C. Brawley at once moved to nol pro the case, and Judge A. H. Borland ordered the defendant released.

The girl said she was walking north on Rigsbee Avenue, going to her home on Hunt St., when she heard some one whistle behind her. Looking around, she saw that she was followed by a Negro man, and began to walk faster, but he caught up with her and put both hands around her throat so that she could not scream, she testified. She said that he told her not to make any noise, and threw her down on the sidewalk. As she was falling she partially jerked away from him and screamed, whereupon he hit her on the head and ran, she said. The girl said she began to run home then, but met a patrol car before doing so, and the officers instituted a search for the man.

She said that the only time she saw the man's face was when she heard the whistle and glanced over her shoulder. The only distinctive feature she noticed was a big nose, she stated, but she described the clothing of her alleged assailant. It was about two weeks later that she identified Jackson in jail, she said, and in the meantime she had been shown by police three other Negroes, none of whom was the man.

## Negro Boys Want Trip To National Soap Box Derby

The officers of the John M. Avery Boys Club and other loyal Negro citizens of Durham are sponsoring an "ON-TO-AKRON" drive for the benefit of sending all of the Negro boys who took part in the local Soap Box Derby to the national event in Akron, Ohio, August 17.

It is generally known that the eight Negro boys who participated (Continued on page eight)

## Superior Court Awarded Money To Mrs. M. Bynum As Five-Day Hearing Ends

### Gates Presents Case For Courthouse Workers More Pay

Tuesday afternoon a Delegation representing the Negro employees of the Durham County Courthouse maintenance staff visited a meeting of the Durham County Commissioners. Seeking a boost in their wages because of the rising cost of living conditions. Their request was tabled, however, pending a talk with the group concerning improved cleanliness.

The board seemed favorably inclined to granting an increase, probably 10 per cent, but as first one member and then another called attention to various items of "housecleaning" which did not seem properly attended to, the commissioners decided to wait until they could receive some assurance from the workers that more pay would produce better results.

The workers who would be affected by a raise are Adolphus Davis, Otho Love, Chaney Lloyd, Dallas Cole, Morris McQuaig, and Raymond Long. Their present pay ranges from \$10 to \$18. The delegation included Davis who has worked at the Courthouse since it was built in 1916 and is the highest paid of the group, now working as fireman and boiler room attendant; Love, janitor of 23 or 24 years experience at the courthouse; Lloyd, veteran elevator boy; and C. J. Gates, local Negro attorney who presented the case for the workers.

**High Cost of Living**  
Gates stated that with living costs going up these employees were hard pressed to make their pay cover their expenses and asked an increase of five cents an hour.

Davis and Love said they had always given the best service they could in the many years they have worked for the county and felt that an increase would not be unjustified. Lloyd said a raise would bring them moer in line with similar workers in private employment.

The commissioners informed the delegation that they would take the matter under advisement, and later in the session it was brought up again.

Sentiment in favor of an increase was almost unanimous but so was the feeling that the janitorial staff was sufficient to keep the building in better condition.

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### "Miss A. and T."



Mrs. Leora Trollinger of Graham, N.C., who, last week, won the coveted title of "Miss A. and T. of the Summer School" in a campaign directed by Miss Ordie Roberts, director of physical education for women, A. and T. College, Greensboro, N. C.

Switzerland and the Reich sign a commercial agreement.

## J. U. LOWE OUTLINES PLANS FOR AMBULANCE DRIVE IN COUNTY

An intensified campaign is being launched among the Negroes of Durham County in the attempt to raise their quota of the amount pledged by Negroes of the State for the purchase of the airplane ambulance as a gift to the people of England, it was announced yesterday.

Chairman of the Negro division for Durham County is J. U. Lowe Sr. who was recently appointed by Dr. James Edward Shepard, head of the Negro division of the fund for the entire State. North Carolina Negroes have promised \$15,000 as their share in the purchase of the \$75,000 air ambulance which will go to Great Britain as a gift from the citizens of North Carolina.

In a meeting at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church last week

Superior Court Awards Money To Mrs. Mynum After 5-Day Hearing

At the close of a trial that required five days to try last week, a Superior Court Jury awarded \$10,218.10 to Mrs. Mattie Bynum of Third Street. The money which is in The Fidelity Bank in the account of Mrs. Joanna Leathers, was awarded after the jury found that she had left it to Mrs. Bynum without any undue influence being exerted.

The court found that Mrs. Bynum was the adopted daughter of Mrs. Leathers after the testimony of several important witnesses. These witnesses also stated that the deceased had said that the money should go to the plaintiff.

Mrs. Joanna Leathers died without making a will, however, and the bank declined to turn over the money. Named as defendant in the action along with the bank was Leon W. Powell, who had been appointed administrator of the estate of Mrs. Leathers.

On a minor issue the jury found that Mrs. Bynum had converted to her own use \$300 worth of furniture belonging to the deceased and would have to reimburse the estate in that amount.

The jury received the case about 4 o'clock Saturday and deliberated some three hours before reaching a decision.

Interested members of both races and of the legal profession jammed the court room each day of the trial.

Mr. Lowe explained the movement into the persons whom he had invited and appointed workers to aid him in the various communities. Samuel B. Walker will have charge in the East End community, the Rev. T. C. Graham is chairman of the West Durham section, Fred C. Brewster is in charge of Walltown, W. Fred Henderson will represent the committee in East Durham, Attorney M. Hugh Thompson is chairman in Hartt and Willie Jones was appointed chairman of the Lyon Park section. Other appointments are to be made for the outlying sections of the county, according to Chairman Lowe.

He has stated that the Negroes of Durham County will report not less than \$200 before

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