

Scenes At 35th Anniversary Celebration Of Largest Race Bank



Celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham last Monday evening was an impressive affair with many notables from both races in attendance. In the extreme left of the first picture, C. C. Spaulding, president of the bank is caught by The Times cameraman glancing at a copy of the program. Next to Mr. Spaulding is J. Frank Jarman, manager of WDNC, through which facilities the program was broadcast. Standing in front of Mr. Jarman is J. H. Wheeler, cashier of the bank. Before the mike is Miss Irene Fitzgerald, daughter of the late R. E. Fitzgerald, first president of the institution. At the extreme right is Norfley Whitted WDNC conductor under whose direction the program was broadcast. Mr. Whitted is receiving much praise for the splendid manner in which the program was carried out. He has been connected with WDNC for more than five years. The photo in the center is that of the Honorable Gurney P. Hood, North Carolina Commissioner of Banks, delivering an address at the celebration. The picture at the right shows part of the tremendous crowd in the bank's lobby just after completion of program. Photo By Hunter—Times Staff Photographer

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Mrs. Estelle Freeland Winner In Popularity Contest

GATE CITY READY FOR USHERS

ANNUAL SESSION OF USHERS ASSOCIATION TO OPEN AUGUST 20-22

The 1943 session of the North Carolina Interd denominational Ushers Association which convenes in Greensboro August 20-22, at the Trinity AME Zion Church will be one of the largest ever held in the history of organization, according to a statement released this week by L. E. Austin, president of the convention.

Added to the large number of delegates who attended the convention last year in Oxford will be representatives from many new usher unions that have recently joined this rapidly growing organization.

The North Carolina Interd denominational Ushers Association, during the past several years has developed into one of the most powerful and influential organizations in North Carolina. Its membership is composed of ushers of all denominations and its area extends over the entire state and includes both city and rural churches.

Last year the organization gave \$1000 to the Oxford Colored Orphanage, which amount represented the largest single donation ever given the institution by a Negro organization.

The meeting this year in Greensboro will open with a gathering of the officials of the convention Thursday evening at 8:30. The convention proper will get under way Friday morning at ten o'clock promptly, and will close Sunday afternoon at 5:30.

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Chairman Asks For Single Bargaining Unit At Reynolds

Winston-Salem—Aug. 11—Frank Hargrove, Chairman of the Tobacco Workers Committee, CIO, issued this statement this evening:

"Through Donald Henderson, UCAPAWA-CIO President, I have confirmed my belief that the matter of the Reynolds' elections will be settled with reasonable promptness by the National Labor Relations Board.

"It might, however, take several weeks. Since the Company and AFL entered protests of the elections already held, we took this opportunity again to enter a strong plea for a single bargaining unit at the Reynolds plant, feeling, as we have always felt that through one unit the workers can most effectively and fairly carry on collective bargaining.

"The Board well understands that interest is high in Winston-Salem and that final settlement of the case should be made at an early date.

"In view of the two to one for CIO in the elections, there can be no doubt of the outcome, whether the final arrangements is for a one or a two unit system."

Negro Policemen Sworn In By High Point Police Chief



The above photo shows High Point's Negro policemen being sworn in by Chief W. G. Friddle in his office at the city hall. On the left is Officer V. Allen Steele, in the center is Officer Oriel Leake and at the right is Chief Friddle who is administering the oath. As evidence of the fine sentiment and interracial

good-will prevailing in High Point, on the question of Negro policemen, the esteemed High Point Enterprise had the following to say:

"We congratulate officers Steele and Leake upon their appointment after much careful planning and we trust that their

Beauticians Popularity Contest Closes With Avalanche Of Ballots

Final tabulation in the CAROLINA TIMES Beauticians Popularity Contest this week showed Mrs. Estelle Freeland, of the Bull City Beauty Parlor the dark horse winner of the \$50 War Bond and title of Queen of Beauticians for the city of Durham, for the fiscal year. Mrs. Freeland nosed out Miss Sarah Dodson by the narrow margin of only 108,000 votes. Mrs. Freeland had a total of 8,363,000 votes and Miss Dodson 8,255,000. See BEAUTICIANS Page 5

CIO VICTORY PREDICTED IF ANOTHER ELECTION IS HELD FOR RJR WORKERS

Local Bank Heads Honor Founders In Radio Show

In one of the most impressive programs ever held in Durham the Mechanics and Farmers Bank was host to its customers and friends here Monday evening August 9 from five until 10 o'clock, in the lobby of the bank. The occasion was in celebration of the 35th anniversary of the institution and its remodeling program which has just been completed. It also honored the founders of the bank who 35 years ago started it with only \$10,000 paid in capital. The bank now has resources of nearly two and a half million dollars.

The lobby of the bank was beautifully decorated with flowers sent by various other banking institutions in Durham and friends.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the North Carolina Mutual Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. B. A. J. Whitted. The program was broadcast over station WDNC with Norfley Whitted, the south's premier Negro announcer in charge.

Highlighting the program was the address of the Honorable Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of banks in North Carolina. Mr. Hood commended the fine manner in which the bank had every operation conducted in a most efficient manner. (Continued on page five)

Young Business Man Elected BTU Head



James T. Hawkins, well-known young business man of Durham, who on last Thursday August 5 was elected president of the North Carolina Baptist Training Union which convened in High Point.

Mr. Hawkins is a graduate of North Carolina College for Negroes and polemararch of the Durham Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Winston-Salem—Aug. 11— "There is no doubt that the CIO will finally come out top in Reynolds," William Berry, UCAPAWA-CIO International Representative said today, in explaining developments since the election at Reynolds on August 3 and 4.

The vote was two to one favor of CIO, with exact turns as follows:

Unit 1, prefabrication vote 3,598 CIO; 236 No union and 20 AFL.

Unit 2, manufacturing vote 2,829 CIO; 2,856 No union and 115 AFL.

Total: 6,427 CIO; 3,092 No union, and 135 AFL.

Because of the unit system of voting, the CIO did not get clear majority in unit 2, where no group received a majority of the votes.

The Company protested the vote in Unit 1 and the AFL protested the Unit 2 election. Since the Company and AFL entered these formal objections to the elections the CIO took this opportunity, DeBor explained, "to enter again strong plea for a single bargaining unit, feeling, as we have always felt that through one unit the workers can most effectively and fairly carry on collective bargaining."

In a formal petition to the Board on August 9, the CIO gave the following reasons for seeking "a more appropriate bargaining unit."

1. The work is all interrelated "and every operation contributes to the production of the product." See CIO VICTORY Page 5