



These four young ladies became members of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority at initiation ceremonies held recently at A. and T. College. The pic-

ture was taken as the group came off "pro" of the Gamma undergraduate chapter. They are from left to right: Misses Deloris Reeves, Alexandria,

Va., Velma Massenburg, Henderson; Pauline Robinson, Tampa, Fla. and Gwendolyn Judge, Tampa, Fla.

**-DURHAM SOCIALS-**

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Dalton is a graduate of North Carolina College and a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He is employed at the North Carolina Mutual.

**Mrs. Ann Webb Given Surprise Party**

On June 14, Mr. Charles Webb entertained at a surprise birthday party for his wife, Ann at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Perry, 708 Linwood Avenue. Mr. Webb was able to really surprise his wife since all the fixings were done elsewhere. The Perry home was beautiful throughout with lovely assorted flowers and roses from the garden. Mrs. Webb received many beautiful and useful gifts and had a grand time opening each and admiring same.

Friends in to help make this a memorable day for her were Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Garson McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. James Price, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Justice, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Willoughby, Mr. and Mrs. Davorn Exum, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Alston, Mrs. Hattie Meadows, Mrs. Dora Michaux, Jene Turner, Carol Willis, Butch Stanback, Andrew

Dr. R. P. Randolph left Saturday for a few days in New York.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Manley left Tuesday for Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Manley will take over the presidency of Spelman College on July 1.

**Gourmets Hold Final Session**

The Gourmet Bridge Club met Friday evening with Mrs. Nola Cox at her home, 2111 Fayetteville Street in their last meeting until Fall. Mixed spring flowers were arranged throughout the home. A most delicious menu served buffet style was enjoyed before play began. After five progressions, scores were tallied and prizes awarded to Mrs. Alma Thompson and Miss Felicia Miller.

Other Gourmets enjoying the final summer meeting were Mrs. Vie Turner, Mrs. Julia Garrett, Mrs. Bettie Goodloe, Mrs. Henrietta Williams, Mrs. Dessie Turner, Mrs. Martha Donnell, Mrs. Nell Hunter, Mrs. Bess Whitted, Mrs. Mollie Lee, Miss Helen Edmonds.

**Lads Leave For Camp**

Mrs. Mabel Mabry accompanied a party of youngsters to Camp Atwater where they will spend the month of July. Mrs. Mabry will visit an aunt in Boston before returning to Durham. Durham lads attending Camp Atwater are Eric Michaux, Jene Turner, Carol Willis, Butch Stanback, Andrew Whisenton and Sonny Mabry.

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weight champion's makeup. Because so little has been written about Carter all these insights make interesting reading.

**-Drownings-**

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man, who drowned in Kerr Lake at Buggs Island last Saturday while fishing.

McNeill, who also could not swim, was reported to have waded out too far in the lake while fishing. His body was recovered late Saturday afternoon in a section of the lake known as Island Creek. The body was taken to a funeral home at Clarksville, Virginia before it was transferred to a Durham funeral parlor.

McNeill lived at 1313 Fargo Street, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eula McNeill and three children.



Latest addition to the public relations department of the Long Meadow Farms is W. F. Neal (above), teacher in the Whitted Elementary School of Durham. Neal who is married and the father of an eleven months old daughter, is a graduate of Elizabeth City Teachers College and New York University where he received his M. A. in education. He is the first member of his race to be employed in a similar capacity in any dairy located in Durham County or vicinity.

**-East Cedar-**

(Continued from Page One) first day's meeting. Rev. T. E. Parker, Jr., is scheduled to speak at noon while Rev. L. E. Daye is slated to deliver a ser-

**-Art Contest-**

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receiving "honorable mention" in the nation-wide competition, Miss Martin also received a cash award of \$20.

Miss Martin was awarded the master of arts degree in education at the recent 42nd commencement of the North Carolina College at Durham. She lives in Henderson at 728 Pinks-ton Street.

**-Yanks-**

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great pride in his trade, applies himself to it very seriously and loves all efforts expended in training and fighting. His trouble since turning professional in 1948 has been that he is very good—but colorless. Garlington reveals this and many other heretofore unknown personality and biographical facts in the light-

mon at 7:30.

The association's doctrinal sermon will be given by Rev. L. M. Gooch on Thursday afternoon at the 2:30 session.

Other participants on the opening day's program include K. T. Ferrell of Henderson Grove and Rev. D. J. Marrow.

The program of the women's auxiliary, to be held on Thursday, will feature an address by Mrs. M. A. Horn, president of the Women's State Convention. Mrs. Horn will speak during the 2:30 afternoon session. Others to be heard on the women's auxiliary program are Mrs. Odella Montague, Mrs. Emma Peppers, St. Paul; Mrs. Veelliot Bullock, Lawson Chapel; and Mrs. Ludie Green, Pine Grove.

**-NAACP-**

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vide increased financial support for the NAACP were approved by the convention. All units of the Association were asked (1) to increase membership by at least 25 percent,

(2) to make a special effort to secure annual memberships of \$5 to \$50, (3) to secure more life memberships of \$500, (4) to promote fund raising events for the national treasury, (5) to increase the sales of NAACP Christmas seals, and (6) to the Fighting Fund for Freedom.

**-Missouri-**

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his address of presentation of the 38th Spingarn Medal to Paul B. Williams, famous architect. "It is by our deeds," he said "that America will convince watchful people everywhere that we not only preach democracy and believe in it, but practice it, because we are convinced its benefits are for all the people."

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**-Group-**

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Rev. Perry's actions have resulted in a decline of prestige and morale of the church and a loss of membership, and calls for relief from the Board of Bishops in the form of a new pastor to "restore the morale and prestige of Saint Mark Church to its former high state."

See page eight for full text of the complaint.

**-Morganton-**

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the motion by Dr. W. H. Patton, Jr. Opposing the proposal were Alderman Dick Greer and Moran Wilson.

A committee of three persons, one a Negro, was named to screen applicants for the jobs. Rev. R. K. Diggs, local minister, is the Negro named to serve on the screening committee. Others include Town Manager Claud Helms and

Police Chief J. A. Conley. Some 12 or more Negro residents appeared before the board to support the proposal.

**Eastern Star Holds Meet In Apex**

On Sunday, June 28 the Mt. Olive Lodge Number 36 and the Randolph Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star Number 185 of Chapel Hill, N. C. held their anniversary service at the Hamlet Chapel C. M. E. Church at 3 P. M. Music was furnished by the choir of the church. Rev. T. R. Cole offered prayer. The welcome address was given by Mrs. Mae L. Cotton. Mrs. Lina Foushee gave echoes from the Eastern Star. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. R. Manley. Dinner was served on the church grounds.

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**AME Zion Group Petitions Bishop For New Pastor At St. Mark In Durham**

**Charges Rev. S. P. Perry Attempts To Rule By Threats And Violent Abuse**

In a recent letter addressed to the Rt. Reverend S. G. Spottswood, Chairman, and the Board of Bishops of the A. M. E. Zion Church, a group composed of some of the leading members of St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church have petitioned for a new pastor. Below is a copy of the letter addressed to the Board of Bishops.

**GREETINGS:**

We, the undersigned members in good standing of St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Durham, N. C., Central North Carolina Conference, Ninth Episcopal District, and representing a large number of St. Mark members similarly situated, respectfully submit the following complaint and petition for your consideration and adjudication:

For the past sixteen years the Rev. S. P. Perry has served as pastor of St. Mark Church. When he came to us, and during the early part of his administration, St. Mark occupied a place in the front ranks of the Churches in the city of Durham, N. C. Its service and influence were known and respected by the religious and civic institutions of our area.

Great crowds of eager and earnest worshippers attended our services, both morning and night, and our entire program was operated with gratifying success.

Some years ago Rev. Perry inaugurated a move to build a new church to cost approximately \$200,000. At first the members were enthusiastic over the project but during the entire sixteen years of his administration we have raised only \$74,000.00 for this purpose.

In the meantime, however, Rev. Perry has changed from a gracious, congenial and inspiring spiritual leader to a scheming, self-willed and intemperate boss-type of minister, and has consistently attempted to rule his members by threats, intimidations and sometimes violent public abuse, one outburst of which was delivered in the presence of Bishop R. L. Jones on a recent occasion.

As a result of Rev. Perry's continued ungenerous attitude, selfish acts and intemperate words the morale of the Church is probably at the lowest point in its history. Its former glory and high prestige have faded away, and the uncouth demonstrations have made us the laughing stock of Durham.

Many of our best members have gone to other A. M. E. Zion Churches, and some have gone to other Denominations, rather than submit to this form of ministerial tyranny. Our regular Sunday morning congregations have been greatly reduced, and many times we have only thirty-five or twenty persons attending our night services.

Since Rev. Perry launched the project of a new Saint Mark Church the following new Churches have been built and completed in the city of Durham:

- Ebenezer Baptist
- First Calvary Baptist
- Morehead Baptist
- St. John Baptist
- Presbyterian
- St. Joseph A. M. E.

New Educational Building, and remodeling of Church.

These projects have been completed at the cost of many hundreds of thousands of dollars while we have dragged along for sixteen years raising only \$74,000.00 because of inefficient and ineffective administration.

This Committee, respectfully presenting this appeal, and the members we represent, have been loyal Zionites all our lives. Some of us have been members of St. Mark Church for more than forty years and have served in official capacities for many years. It is not and has never been our desire or intention to leave St. Mark Church, regardless of unfavorable conditions.

But we would like to see some action that would restore the morale and prestige of St. Mark Church to its former high state.

We have made several appeals to Bishop R. L. Jones begging him to remedy our situation but thus far we have had no favorable results.

We have sent two appeals to you, our Board of Bishops, but you have not seen fit to favor us with a reply. It may be that our previous appeals to you were not in order; but according to the 1948 Book of Discipline, Page 58, Paragraph 85, we know that this complaint and petition is regular and in order.

Therefore, we respectfully ask that you consider our disturbed condition and in some way arrange that we have a new Pastor in the reasonable future at St. Mark Church.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Your Committee,  
WM. STEWART  
S. H. HOPSON  
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