

Dr. H. L. TRIGG QUILTS St. AUGUSTINE'S PLANS AID FOR MISSISSIPPIANS



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On Friday, January 14 between 3:15 and 4:00 P.M., the Scarborough Nursery School Rhythm Band will be telecast over Station WTVD, channel 11 in a program of song and band music. Those participating in the program are, Jeanya Cobb, Olivia Cogdell, Stephanie Wilson, Christine Caffey, Thomsine Bass, Brenda Scarborough, Ann Ratliff, Ruby Divine, Patricia Williams, Shirley Womble, Valena McKenzie, James Younge, Diane Swann, Margaret Barnes, Gwendolyn Goldston, Brenda McClain, Mary Elizabeth Davis, Glenda Faye Rich, Patricia Davis, Benetha Belton, Willie Brown, Larry

Dunn, Carolyn McCoy, Cynthia Bradley, and Diane Peary. The above pictures are majorettes of the band, they are, Back row, Thomsine Bass, band leader. Front row, left to right, Brenda Scarborough, Jeanya Cobb, Olivia Cogdell, Stephanie Wilson and Christine Caffey.

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Local Bank Reports Important Gains

The 47th Annual meeting of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank was held in the lobby of the bank located at 114 E. Parrish Street here Monday evening January 10, with a capacity number of stockholders present.

The meeting was presided over by J. H. Wheeler, president who reported that during the year 1954 the entire personnel has given its best toward the operation of the bank for the maximum benefit of stockholders and depositors. He paid a high tribute to the Board of Directors, for the enthusiastic and competent manner in which it has gone about its work under the chairmanship of Dr. Clyde Donnell.

Said he, "In many ways, our institutions through its directors, officers and employees, is making an important contribution to the civic and cultural life of Durham, Raleigh, and the State of North Carolina. Two of our directors are members of the Board of the Durham United Fund. One of them is chairman of the Board of Lincoln Hospital and several others are members of the Hospital Board. One of our directors is a member of the North Carolina Recreation Commission and president of the John Avery Boys Club, Inc.

Another is president of the 4-H Club Foundation of North Carolina, Inc., and treasurer of the Hammocks Beach Corporation, a division of the North Carolina Teachers Association. Still another is an efficient member of the City Council of Durham. Another is chairman of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs and three of our directors are members of the newly organized "Durham's Committee of 100". Mr. G. W. Cox is chairman of the Daisy E. Scarborough Home Foundation a charitable organization founded by Mr. J. C. Scarborough.

Dr. L. E. McCauley is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Richard B. Harrison Public Library and is also chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Shaw University. One of our directors is a member of the Board of Trustees of A and T College and within recent weeks, Mr. A. T. Spaulding has been appointed as one of the seven members of the "Regional" Sub-Committee for North and South Carolina in connection with the Voluntary Home Mortgage Credit program set up by Congress under the Housing Act of 1954. One of our officers was a colonel in the 1954 United Fund Drive in Durham and another officer at the Raleigh Branch held a similar position with reference to the United Fund Drive in Raleigh. Almost every member of our staff is contributing some time and effort in the church, civic and fraternal affairs of the cities of Raleigh and Durham.

Depending upon the law school to which they wish to apply, college seniors, juniors, and in some instances sophomores are eligible to take the tests. Dr. Johnson said that each applicant should find out as soon as possible from the law school of his interest whether he should take the examination. Application blanks and a Bulletin of information describing registration procedures and containing sample tests questions should be obtained four or five weeks in advance of the testing date, according to Dr. Johnson. This material may be obtained by writing The Admissions Office, Howard University, Washington 1, D. C. of The Law School Admission (Please turn to Page Eight)

In referring to the establishment of a Fayetteville Branch, Wheeler stated that since its opening January 15 of last year the branch has proved an important addition to the services the bank offers.

Said he further, "Although the total assets of the bank are only slightly more than they were a year ago, it is noteworthy that we have experienced an increase of approximately \$170,000 in balances on account of deposits." (Please turn to Page Eight)



The above photo shows J. H. Wheeler, president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, making his report at the annual stockholders meeting held in the lobby of the bank on last Monday evening. Seated at the table with back to camera is I. O. Funderburg, cashier. —Photo By Stanback

Negro Bank To Provide Funds For Race Group

NEW YORK — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People this week initiated a plan designed to make financial assistance more readily available to Negro farmers, business men, professional men and homeowners in Mississippi where certain white banks and businesses have conspired to foreclose mortgages, deny normal extensions and refuse credit to members of the NAACP or to any other Negro demanding the right to vote and the implementation of the Supreme Court's May 17 decision banning segregation in the public schools.

The NAACP plan, approved by the Association's Board of Directors, provides for the strengthening of the resource of the Negro-owned Tri-State Bank of Memphis through substantially increasing its deposits thereby making available more money for commercial loans to the Mississippi victims.

Expressing the hope that the plan would expand the assets of the bank by at least \$250,000, the NAACP made an initial deposit of \$20,000 of its reserve funds in the Tri-State Bank. In a letter to Dr. John E. Walker, president, transmitting the deposit, Roy Wilkins, NAACP administrator, said that the NAACP expects the loans to be made on "a strictly business basis with applicants meeting the usual requirements of the bank in such matters."

Dr. Walker gave assurance that "any funds put in the Tri-State Bank of Memphis to aid Negro victims of economic reprisals in Mississippi" will be made available for loans to them. He further promised to "give special attention to applications from Negro homeowners, farmers, business and professional men who have been denied credit because of their views."

Details of the plan were worked out in Memphis by Mr. Wilkins in collaboration with Dr. Walker and other officers of the bank. Under the plan the NAACP will seek to get organizations, fraternal orders, insurance companies, business and individuals to make sizeable deposits in the bank.

In addition to efforts to enlarge the resources of the Tri-State Bank, the NAACP is investigating the national conduct (Please turn to Page Eight)

Tit For Tat

PRINCETON, N. J. — A Gallup Poll reveals that half of all U. S. men have had a fist fight since they were 15, but only one woman in ten has engaged in a hair pulling match. Seventeen percent of men admit they have hit their wives, and 18 percent of women say they have struck their husbands.



Dean William Stuart Nelson of Howard University will be the vespers speaker at North Carolina College on January 16 at 4:30 p. m. in Duke Auditorium. An internationally known religious educator, Dr. Nelson formerly held the presidency at Shaw and Howard Universities. His speech at NCC, where he has been a constant visitor for many years, will be open to the general public.

Marian Anderson's Debut At Metropolitan Opera Acclaimed By Critics

NEW YORK — Marian Anderson's debut at the Metropolitan Opera House as the first of her race to sing in that staid hall was an occasion you had to be there to really get the full scope of the wild excitement and joyousness running over—so tremendous an emotional impact did it carry.

People had come from as far west as California to see the event. Moreover, tickets had been bought so fast that not even the Met's sumptuous opening could compare with the way Marian Anderson's ticket sold. And the day of the opera when standing room was sold to the devotees—well you know you've read about people standing in line for an opening early in the morning. They queued up for Marian Anderson's opening at 5:30 in the morning on a cold bitter raw day and as many as thirty were still there at noon.

And in the distinguished audience, there was the Duchess of Windsor heading the list. There was too Miss Anderson's family in a center box of the great Diamond Horseshoe—her mother, two sisters and her husband.

And now the great moment had arrived. It was a short role—for she was on stage only one half of an act. If you don't know this opera—it was Verdi's "Masked Ball" and had not been played at the Met for six years—well Miss Anderson was the Sorceress, Ulrica—a grim, rather awesome creature stirring her witches' brew. The curtain parted and there she was peer-



MARIAN ANDERSON

ing and stirring most awfully. The audience then and there went wild. This well-bred distinguished audience just got up and applauded, cheering, whistling. Mr. Dimitri Mitropoulos, of Greek background, the conductor, just stopped the orchestra so that Miss Anderson could get all of her applause. And it kept up for many, many minutes before it finally subsided, so that she could go on to sing.

Naturally Miss Anderson did just as she had promised she would. She sang magnificently. That she was a little shaky could easily be understood, for the ovation she had received could hardly have left her unmoved. But she gave an unusual inter-

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Eight Killed In Head-On Collision; Automobile Skids Over 1,000 Feet

FINCASTLE, Va. — Five Negroes and three white persons are dead as a result of a head-on crash which occurred on a hill on Highway 220 when a speeding automobile hurtled out of control of the driver.

The speeding southbound car, carrying five Negro men, left skid marks for 1,000 feet up the hill, making it apparent that the driver fought desperately to bring the machine under control.

The thunderous crash was due to "wanton excessive speed," state police said as they called it a "tragic and appalling thing." Never in its history has Virginia had such a costly two-car collision.

In the runaway car were five

Negro men. They were William Henry Clay Jr., 20, of Route 1 Troutville, owner of the machine, and Gilbert Wiley, 21, also of Route 1, Troutville. They died instantly.

George Vincent Brown, 21 of Fincastle, lived only a few minutes. Robert Petters Jr. 16, of Fincastle, died later in a Roanoke hospital. While Joe Louis Willis, 16, of Fincastle succumbed eighteen hours after the wreck.

Two of the occupants of the other car, Julian L. Willis, 64, of Fincastle, and his wife, Berta, 63, were killed instantly. Wilmer Rea Willis, 39, their son, died an hour later.

20-year old, William Clay (Please turn to Page Eight)

Walter White Granted Three Months Leave

NEW YORK — Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has been granted a three months leave of absence to regain his health, Dr. Channing H. Tobias, chairman of the NAACP Board of Directors, announced today.

Upon recommendation of Mr. White's physician, the Board voted to grant the leave at its regular monthly meeting here on January 3. Action followed a motion by Arthur B. Spingarn, the Association's veteran president, who reported the doctor's recommendation that (Please turn to Page Eight)

Howard Univ. Designated For Law Test Center

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Howard University has been designated as a testing center for the nation-wide administrations of the Law School Admission Test, Dr. George M. Johnson, dean of the School of Law at Howard, announced today. The examination will be held Saturday, April 23.

Depending upon the law school to which they wish to apply, college seniors, juniors, and in some instances sophomores are eligible to take the tests. Dr. Johnson said that each applicant should find out as soon as possible from the law school of his interest whether he should take the examination.

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President Of Raleigh School Quits Under Fire From Trustees



REV. WM. H. FULLER



ATTY. M. E. JOHNSON

CITIZENS' DAY TO BE OBSERVED BY LOCAL NAACP BRANCH SUN.

The Durham Branch of the NAACP will hold a mass meeting in connection with its annual Citizens' Day at the Mount Zion Baptist Church on Fayetteville Street Sunday, Jan. 23, at 4 p.m. Citizen's Day was inaugurated in 1939.

There will be a special program consisting of music rendered by several local groups. The activities of the NAACP in 1954 will be reviewed and the new officers for 1955 will be installed. The inaugural address will be delivered by the new president, the Rev. William H. Fuller, the pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Out-going president, Attorney M. E. Johnson, has expressed, on behalf of himself and the local NAACP unit, the hope (Please turn to Page Eight)

RALEIGH

Dr. Harold L. Trigg, president of St. Augustine's College, is reported to have tendered his resignation to the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting held on the campus of the college here last Tuesday, January 3, following what turned out to be a stormy session when it was reported to have been charged that the president had not only packed the faculty with members of his family but was padding his financial reports as well.

Efforts on the part of representatives of the press to get at the bottom of the meeting and give the public first hand information of what actually went on in the meeting came to a dead end when several members of the Board, who were questioned on the matter, would disclose little or no information. One member, who would not permit his name to be mentioned stated that the story was worth exploring.

Under Dr. Trigg's leadership St. Augustine's has grown from worse to worse until threatened collapse of the school has been feared for sometime by both alumni and friends. Reliable sources say that the faculty meetings are dominated by the president and that any member who shows any signs of independent thought is immediately slapped back on his or her heels by Dr. Trigg.

One informant stated that during the fury of the storm which engulfed the Trustee meeting Dr. Trigg walked out of the session after offering his resignation. Another stated that he was asked to resign which in the true sense amounts to being fired.

It is further reported from a reliable source that Dr. Trigg has stated that he will make a statement (Please turn to Page Eight)

CBS To Feature Dr. Carver Sun.

NEW YORK — A dramatic incident in the life of the famed scientist George Washington Carver will be re-created on CBS Radio's "Hallmark Hall of Fame" Sunday, Jan. 16, 6:30 to 7:00 P. M. EST. Edward Arnold, the program's host, will pay tribute to botanist Carver for his human and his scientific contributions to world well-being, in a drama entitled "The Courage of Carver." Bill Frogg produces and directs "Hallmark Hall of Fame." Script is by Thomas Calhoun.