



Here are a few scenes from the 41st annual Grand Conclave of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity held in Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27-30.

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The center photo shows the mammoth gathering, one of the largest in the history of the fraternity. Fraternity "big-wigs" renew acquaintance of long standing in the lower left photo. They are from left to right, Jesse B. Blayton, Atlanta banker and keeper of finance; Herbert E. Tucker, Boston Attorney and first grand basileus; Mrs. Blayton, who heads the Blayton School of Accounting in Atlanta and Walter H. Riddick, Norfolk, Va., Mortician and keeper of Records and Seal. A workshop, lower right, on public school integration was

Prayer Saves Her Career Says Miss Ruth Brown

CHICAGO, Ill. Prayer proved to be the deciding factor that saved the life and salvaged the career of Ruth Brown, so states the young rhythm and blues singer in a by-line article which appears in the February issue of TAN.

The recording star's career, definitely on the upswing, was tragically interrupted by an automobile accident which came near ending her career and life the night before she was to make her first appearance at the Apollo in New York. This appearance would have been the fulfillment of her long cherished dream. Instead, the 20-year-old Virginia lass found herself encased in plaster casts in a Chester, Pa., hospital where she remained for 14 months.

While in the hospital Ruth lost the love of her trumpet-playing husband and also found herself faced with the grave possibility of never walking again. Such a disappointment and frustration, as being denied a top-flight singing career after almost reaching the top, would have killed a weaker person.

"The year that followed was a dark one," she said. "The only brightness that entered my quiet room was the peace of mind that comes with earnest prayer."

When she finally left the hospital, with her legs encased in steel braces, walking on crutches, and bolstered only with warm determination and prayer, Ruth began to inch her way back up the ladder to success. Handicapped, she immediately appeared on the stage and also made a recording. Ruth was told that she must wear her braces for at least a year, but with exercise and prayer, and to the amazement of her physicians, she was able to discard them within four months.

POLIO VACCINE



The trial polio vaccine was developed by Dr. Jonas E. Salk with the support of a March of Dimes grant. Miss Ruth Hightower is shown working in one of the stages (mincing monkey kidneys) preparatory to production of the vaccine. 1,830,000 children took part in 1954's field test of the Salk vaccine. Your March of Dimes gifts help support the development of vaccine to prevent paralytic polio.

Judge William H. Hastie Among 16 Named To NAACP Directors' Board

NEW YORK Judge William H. Hastie of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals; Walter Reuther, CIO president; Arthur B. Spingarn, New York lawyer and president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People since 1940; and Dr. Channing H. Tobias, religious leader and chairman of the Association's Board of Directors, are among 16 candidates elected to three-year terms as members of the NAACP Board.

Sealed ballots cast in a referendum of NAACP branches were opened and counted and the results announced here today at the Association's 45th annual meeting in the Wilkie Memorial Building, 20 West 40th Street. The meeting was attended by 160 state and local NAACP leaders from all sections of the country.

Newly elected members of the Board include the Right Reverend Stephen Gill Spottswood of Washington, D. C., bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; Dr. George K. Hinton, New York City, executive secretary of the Catholic Interracial Council; and Dr. A. M. Mackel, Natchez, Miss., former president, National Dental Association.

Re-elected to the 48-member board along with Mr. Spingarn, Dr. Tobias, Mr. Reuther and

Judge Hastie were Dr. Joseph Berry, Tuskegee, Ala., Veterans Administration physician; Judge Hubert T. Delany, New York City Domestic Relations Court; Prof. S. Ralph Harlow, retired professor of religious education, Smith College, Northampton, Mass.; Rev. James Hinton, president, South Carolina state NAACP; Dr. H. Claude Hudson, Los Angeles, president, Broadway Savings and Loan Association; Mrs. Daisy Lampkin, vice-president, Pittsburgh Courier, and former NAACP field worker; Carl Murphy, president, Afro-American newspapers; A. Maceo Smith, executive secretary, Texas State NAACP; Dr. U.S. Wiggins, Camden, N. J. physician, and president, the New Jersey State NAACP.

There were nineteen candidates for the sixteen offices. NAACP branches throughout the country made their selections during November and December. The sealed ballots were opened and counted today.

Win The World Today Is Goal Set In Theme At World Assembly Meet

WASHINGTON, D. C. America and Africa mobilized "with an idea to win the world today"—this theme struck fire at the World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament this morning at a session chaired by Dr. Frank N.D. Buchman, as statesmen and youth voiced their irrevocable commitment to answer divisive materialism in the world and remake men and nations under God.

"Change is coming fast," Dr. Paul Campbell, formerly of the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, told the Assembly. "The way we have lived has had its day. We are going to be changed either by Communist revolution or the renaissance of Moral Re-Armament."

"MRA offers the millions across the world today an ideology superior to Communism because it promises and is creating change on a world

scale. It is economic change, it is political change, it is change between the races, and it is change between the nations. And we have the evidence here day after day.

"We have a chance together to be a force which can fundamentally affect the course of history. It will come through a very simple decision—the decision which will transform us from people of good will and good works and complete ineffectiveness, by and large, into men and women who are effective for change in people and a change in our society."

A Cabinet Minister, Michael Ogon, Under Secretary of Lands in Eastern Nigeria, brought the six hundred delegates from 40 nations to their feet as he pledged that God-led African statesmen would carry the answer for Red China into the fourth-coming Asian-African international

conference in Indonesia.

"We have an explosive ferment in our people," he said. "But it is not too late. Leaders who live MRA can make democracy work and will save Africa. In the war of ideas today only an idea that reaches the heart will satisfy Africans." He told of task forces which Dr. Buchman, initiator of MRA, had sent across Africa and Asia.

The Tolon Na in his colorful robes, leader of one and one-half million Muslims and Gold Coast Member of Parliament, told the audience of his coming to Washington because of his conviction that America "can give this ideological answer to my country and the world. MRA settled a political crisis in our new-born parliament," he said. "It is doing for Africa what Abraham Lincoln did for America. As one of her leaders I have accepted it as my duty to

make my country what it should be under the direction of God."

Eighteen youth from eight nations under the leadership of Stewart Lancaster, Louisville, Kentucky, gave rapid-fire content to his words: "We have given our lives to remake the world. That comes first. We make no resolutions but have decided to give everything, no longer out for ourselves."

Among them, Saami Contractor from Bombay declared, "MRA unites East and West because it changes both."

And Korea war veteran Van Wishard of Washington said, "Dr. Frank Buchman has offered our generation an ideology above class, race and point of view. It is the only relevant way to usher in peace, prosperity and renaissance."



NCC COED ON TV — Miss Barbara Jean Ray, senior soprano with NCC's 85 voice mixed choir, became the first NCC coed to appear on Durham's new television station WTVD recently.

Miss Ray, accompanied by Hubert Walters, Greenville senior pianist, appeared in a United Fund sponsored program to help needy Durham citizens.

A former resident of Raleigh, Miss Ray is now making her home in Brooklyn, N. Y. with her mother, Mrs. Beatrice P. Ray of 845 Lafayette Avenue.

No.1 Volunteer BASIL O'CONNOR

PRESIDENT, THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS

PRESIDENT OF THE NIPP SINCE ITS FOUNDING, HE HAS FOUNDED POLIO FOR 30 YEARS — A HALL OF FAME MEMBER. HE IS LEADER OF THE 8,000,000 VOLUNTEERS IN THE 1955 MARCH OF DIMES — SERVING WITHOUT PAY HE HAS DRAWN TOGETHER THE LAYMAN AND PROFESSIONAL IN THE BATTLE AGAINST POLIO.

HE FIRST BECAME INTERESTED IN POLIO WHEN FRED WENT TO WANA SPRINGS, GA. HE HELPED FOUND THAT FAMOUS POLIO TREATMENT CENTER, NOW IS ITS PRESIDENT.

AFTER 23 YEARS FIGHTING POLIO, HE SAW HIS DAUGHTER — MISS SENEZ OLIVER — STRUCKEN IN 1930. SHE RECEIVED SAME TREATMENT MARCH OF DIMES HAS HELPED PROVIDE FOR MORE THAN 234,000 OTHER VICTIMS; NOW HAS RECOVERED.

MR. O'CONNOR HAS BEEN DECORATED BY U.S. AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS FOR HIS HUMANITARIAN WORK.

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1925 FOUNDED THE NIPP
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12 Bennett Girls To Attend Meet

GREENSBORO Twelve Bennett College girls, accompanied by Miss Thelma M. Tull, physical education instructor, will attend the conference of the Women's Sports Day Association at N. C. College in Durham, January 14-15.

The girls, all members of the Women's Athletic Association at Bennett, will vie with representatives of the five other member schools in relay games, soccer, volley ball, ping pong and badminton.

Members of the WSDA include N. C. College, A and T College, Virginia State College, Hampton Institute, Howard University and Bennett. Mrs. Katharine Bennett of Virginia State is president and Miss Barbara Bryant of A and T, vice president.

The association holds two sports days each year. Bennett will be host to the mid-winter meeting, March 2 and 3.

Representing Bennett at the Durham meeting will be: Lila Barber, Secretary, Trenton, N. C.; Dorothy Robinson, vice president, Southern Pines, N. C.; Marie Hawkins, treasurer, Louisburg, N. C.; Emily Montgomery, business manager, Mooresboro, N. C.; Tiny Gaddy, assistant business manager, Winston-Salem; Ruby Wright, chairman of activities, Camden, S. C.; Clementine Kearney, assistant chairman of activities, Louisburg, N. C.; Mildred Battiste, Kingstree, S. C.; Audrey Mead, Bristol, Tenn.; Henrietta Brevard, Camden, S. C.; Sarah George Chadbourne, N. C. and Estella Bernice Lowe, Reidsville, N. C.

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