



New York — Juanita Hall and Pearl Bailey, stars of the Carmen Jones film which is drawing rave notices all over the country, are returning to Broadway on December 30 in "House of Flowers" at the Basin Street nitery. Here they are shown at the recent Calvert Distillers cocktail party for the Carmen Jones company with Joe Adams, Dorothy Dandridge and Brock Peters.

## Sampson County Named 'County Of The Year'; Wins Poe Award

GREENSBORO — Sampson County was named today as winner of the Clarence Poe, "County of the Year Award" for rural progress in the state during 1954.

The award is given annually to the county in which the Negro rural population has contributed the most impressive gains to the overall development of the county.

Sampson County won out over four other counties, Guilford, Wayne, Duplin and Pender, in the finals of the campaign which included the participation of 60 counties in the state.

The award of \$500, given by the prominent publisher of a farm journal at Raleigh, was begun in 1952 and previous winners include Hertford and Orange Counties. A and T College was designated as the sponsoring agent.

The announcement was released by Dr. W. E. Reed, dean, School of Agriculture at A and T College and chairman of the state committee, which last week visited each of the five counties for an on-the-spot evaluation.

The winning county, the largest in the state by land area,

with a Negro population of 18,000, in the unanimous opinion of the committee, "had demonstrated the most impressive gains in agriculture production and marketing, improved home-making and family living, community improvement and development providing, opportunities for rural youth, all on the highest plane of inter-racial cooperation and understanding."

The award is to be presented by Dr. Poe, at a public program to be held in the county later this month or early February.

Those composing the state committee in addition to Dr. Reed are: S. B. Simmons, assistant supervisor, Vocational Agriculture; Dr. J. E. Jeffries, specialist, Agricultural Stabilization Administration; A. W. Solomon, field representative, N. C. Farm Bureau; R. E. Jones, state agent, A and T College Extension Service and E. F. Corbett, publicity director, A and T College, all of Greensboro; Mrs. Lucy F. James, Durham supervisor, Vocational Home Economics and Mrs. Ruth Lawrence Woodson, supervisor, Negro High Schools, both of Raleigh.

## A WORD ABOUT SCOUTING

BY HENRY W. GILLIS  
District Scout Executive

Our Annual Council Divisional Banquet was the best held yet in the Oconeechee Council. We are glad that it happened in Durham, N. C. It shows the great work being done by the Durham Scouters and Den-Mothers. Cumberland Division won the President Cup for the year (Donated by the Council President W. D. Campbell). Wake Division beat Durham out by two. 90 Scouters from Wake attended the Banquet and 88 attended from Durham. "EVEN IF YOU ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, YOU'LL GET RUN OVER IF YOU JUST SIT THERE." The Dodgers said we will get them next year.

February 6-12, 1955 will be the 45th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. On Sunday February 6, we are asking every minister to say a few words about Scouting in his church. The 12th Scout Law is Reverence. A Scout should be reverent and faithful in his religious duties. Also in Church Sunday, the Scouts could usher, pass out programs, etc. Our future lies in our Youth, give them a chance to act.

Many store windows are open to Cubs, Scouts and Explorers to display Scoutcraft and other Scouting skills that the Public would like to see. Will we see your unit somewhere? Prizes for the best Conservation displays will be awarded. Send your store window address to the Council Office. Scouts in school can raise and lower the Flag during Boy Scout Week, wear their uniforms all the week. Let the World know who you are.

Durham Divisional Meeting will be held Thursday night, February 10th, at the S. L. Warren Library on Fayetteville Street at 7:00 p.m. R. Kelly Bryant, Jr., Chairman, presiding. ALL OPERATIVE COMMITTEES, CHAIRMEN AND THEIR MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BE PRESENT AND ON TIME.

Next week we will have another unit leader in this column. Help us to help ourselves attend the High School and N. C. College Basketball Games.

## NCC Teacher's Poem Accepted For Publication

DURHAM — Miss Mary L. Bohanon, director of the Thespians, North Carolina College's dramatic group, has had a poem accepted for publication in the National Anthology of Poetry for the fourth consecutive year.

D. Hartman of Los Angeles, California, editor of the anthology, says Miss Bohanon's poem "Faith" will be one of some 450 poems chosen from over 4,000 manuscripts submitted by poets, teachers, librarians, and others.

Other poems already published and composed by Miss Bohanon are "A Prayer," 1951; "The Plea," 1952; and "Second Advent," 1953.

## Life Is Like That

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was right. In suggesting that Job should repudiate God and toss religious faith overboard, she was wrong. That was no way out.

If you lose home or business, neither a paralyzing despair nor an aggressive, active bitterness will help you. If one man or one woman has "let you down," neither holling up in a cave of perpetual brokenheartedness nor going bitterly forth with the tar brush of hatred to paint a mark of vileness and uncleanness upon all men and women will help you. If misfortune overtakes you, death takes loved ones or health fails, neither burying yourself in a grave of hopeless sorrow nor waving a sword of disbelief and anger in the face of God will help you. Either course of action is foolish, vain, and suicidal.

But there is such a thing as profiting by sorrow, disappointment, frustration, suffering, trials, losses, persecution and

## A. M. Rivera, Jr., Courier Reporter, Forum Speaker At N. C. College

DURHAM — A. M. Rivera, Jr., Carolinas Correspondent of the Courier newspaper was the Forum Speaker at North Carolina College at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31.

Rivera discussed the impact of the Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in the public schools.

The correspondent returned to Durham recently after a nine thousand mile tour of 12 southern and border states.

Interviews with a cross-section of ordinary citizens and high state officials were discussed by the correspondent at the Monday program in Duke Auditorium.

The public out to hear the speech participated in a question and answer period following the talk.

## Born With Heart Outside Body

MUSKOGEE, OKLA. — Doctors at the Muskogee General Hospital, where a six-pound baby boy was born with his heart outside his body, took only an hour to transfer the organ into the chest cavity.

The birth was the first of its kind recorded here.

## Instructor At A&T Succumbs

GREENSBORO — Jesse R. Spight, head of the A and T College tailoring department since 1951, succumbed on last Tuesday, Jan. 18, in a Durham hospital following a brief illness.

A native of Sapulpa, Okla., the deceased is a graduate of Hampton Institute, receiving his B.S. degree in 1938 and the M. A. degree in 1950. He has had special training at the American Gentlemen's School of Designing in New York City.

Prior to his coming to A and T College, he headed the tailoring department at The St. Emma Military Academy, Rock Castle, Va., from 1945-1951.

His body lay in state in Harrison Auditorium on the A and T College campus on Saturday, January 22. Funeral services were conducted from Our Lady of the Miraculous Catholic Church here on Saturday. The body was interred at Minor, Va., on Sunday.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Julia Ball of Minor, Va., a 20 months old son, Richard, one brother and three sisters.



Mattiwilda Dobbs, the Atlanta born coloratura soprano who has made musical headlines in Europe and New York, will appear in recital at A and T College on Wednesday, February 23. The affair is scheduled for the college gymnasium beginning at 8:00 P. M.

## Tarboro Citizens

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Larkins is to serve as general coordinator of the project. This meeting was conducted as a result of a program introduced in this County in October by the State Board of Public Welfare through the Edgecombe County Public Welfare Department.

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money. Misfortune had taken one leg from him. But the one leg left became in his thoughts the symbol of everything worth having—Independence, power of locomotion, and the possibility of noble and useful manhood. A right attitude had turned a calamity into good fortune.

And, so, our sorrows may be-

come our joys; our misfortunes, our good fortune. But this can only happen in the face of right attitudes and faith in God. Then, can we say, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted." Then shall we learn that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

Why do I say it can be done? Well, because it has been done. The psalmist did it. He said, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted."

Some years ago a Sunday-school teacher on a Sunday before Thanksgiving passed out paper and pencils asking his boys to write down what they were thankful for. One was thankful that he had made the football team. Another was thankful for a good home. Another for his new bicycle. But the answer that touched the teacher most was this one from a one-legged boy in the corner who wrote simply; "I am thankful for one good leg."

One good leg was all he had saved out of an accident and it was more precious to him than the two legs had been. His handicap summoned him to a new courage and with the aid of a crutch he could get among his mates as before, go to school, share in sports, and earn a little

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