

27,000 AT PRAYER PILGRIMAGE

W. S. Rams Take Top Honors At A A U Meet



The above photo shows part of the delegation from Durham and vicinity that attended the Prayer Pilgrimage in Washington, D. C. last Friday, at which time more than 27,000 persons from all over the United States gathered at the Lincoln Memorial to pray for Civil Rights. Over 100 persons from Durham and vicinity were in attendance.

Top Leaders United In Stand For Civil Rights

WASHINGTON, D. C. Gathered in solemn concourse before the beautiful and classic Lincoln Memorial here today, Negroes of America joined unitedly in prayer and plea for racial justice in the land of their nativity. They pledged themselves not only to pray for human rights but also to work ceaselessly through the electoral process, through the courts and through an appeal to the conscience of the nation for the elimination of racial discrimination and segregation.

Called to the nation's capital by three top leaders, 27,000 citizens from 36 states assembled at noon in front of the Lincoln shrine in a Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom. They came here to observe the third anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's historic ruling of May 17, 1954, banning racial segregation in public education, to call for enactment of pending civil rights legislation, to protest against mob violence and terror in the South, and to pay tribute to the memory of the Great Emancipator in the shadow of whose chaste memorial the meeting was held.

Prayer, Political Action Urged to Help Solve Racial Issues The prayers of the clergy for divine guidance in the struggle for human rights were reinforced by the pleas of veteran civil rights advocates for action on the political front to achieve the goal of equality of rights for all American citizens. In this plea, the three co-chairmen, A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, AFL-CIO; Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, president of the Southern Leaders Conference, were joined by other speakers, both clerical and lay.

Boycott Looms Landlord Refuses To Rent Pine Street Building To Negroes

R. Kelly Bryant, Jr., Secretary, Durham Business and Professional Chain, addressed a letter to the chairman of the Committee on Negro Affairs here last Wednesday, suggesting that Negroes of the city stage a boycott against the businesses occupying the building at 602 Pine Street near Pickett. who desires to sell to a Negro but is unable to do so because of the landlord's anti Negro policy. It has been closed for the past several weeks.

Robinson Named NCM Charlotte District Manager



R. C. ROBINSON CHARLOTTE R. C. Robinson, former Staff Manager of the Charlotte District, was recently installed as Manager succeeding the late E. A. Carter.

Robinson was employed by North Carolina Mutual February 9, 1931 as an Agent on the Charlotte District and was promoted to Assistant Manager in 1933 and assigned to Asheville, where he established a very outstanding record.

Installation was by Associate Agency Director W. A. Clement. In addition to the district personnel, special guests were Mrs. R. C. Robinson; I. P. Stanback, District Manager, Spartanburg; E. C. Murray, Special Representative, Greenville; J. T. Cary, Staff Manager, Greenville; Mrs. N. Young, Agent, Columbia; W. M. Gilliam, Assistant to the Agency Director; Dr. Nathaniel Tross, Editor and Publisher of the Charlotte Post; Mrs. Willie M. Porter, reporter for the Afro American; and Pinckney Robinson, son of Manager Robinson, and teacher in the Merrick-Moore School of Durham.

Shot, Winston Youth In Very Bad Condition

WINSTON-SALEM Twenty-one year old, Charles Lee Rorie, of 1349 Diggs Boulevard, was reported in serious condition Friday, May 17th at Kate Bittings Reynolds Memorial Hospital after being shot near the heart around midnight.

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City Attorney's Ruling On Athletic Park Blasted By Negro Leaders

A majority of Negro citizens questioned here this week were intensely opposed to the ruling of City Attorney C. V. Jones which he recently made in the question of the segregation policy now maintained at the city-owned Durham Athletic park by the Durham Sports enterprises, lessee. Reaction of the various persons questioned about the ruling ranged from sheer disappointment to disgust.

In his ruling which was requested by the City Manager, R. W. Flack, on April 26, following a letter written to him by a group of Negro leaders on April 23, Mr. Jones stated that, in his opinion, "any unlawful discrimination against any citizen of Durham in the enjoyment of the use of the park...are not the acts of the city."

In attempting to aid the city attorney in reaching a fair and unbiased opinion in the matter, Attorney F. B. McKusick of Durham addressed a letter to Jones on April 26, citing eight cases regarding the leasing and renting of city, county, state and federal facilities. In one of the cases which was brought to the court ruled that "citizens of the state have a right to use parks thereof without discrimination on ground of race; that these rights cannot be abridged by leasing parks with ownership (continued on page 8)

J. S. Stewart In Easy Victory For Council Seat

In a city election held here last Saturday, J. S. Stewart, Durham business man and chairman of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs, was elected to the city council over J. T. Taylor, N. C. College instructor. Stewart polled a total of 4,941 votes against only 2,809 for Taylor.

In addition to Stewart, other successful candidates endorsed by the Committee were: Mayor E. J. Evans, Councilmen Floyd Fletcher, J. E. Strawbridge, R. W. Grabarek, Ben R. Roberts and Charles L. Steel.

Taylor, perennial candidate for the Council and perennial opponent of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs, waged one of the hardest campaigns of his career but was unable to overcome the smooth working machine of the Committee, who threw against his inexperienced workers, persons, who over the years have gained the "know how" of getting out the vote. It will be recalled that Taylor ran unsuccessfully against Councilman Harris four years ago after the Committee had endorsed him. He also opposed unsuccessfully the location of a new fire station at the corner of Pekoe and Fayetteville Streets after the Committee had endorsed the site.



Mayor E. J. Evans (center) is shown in the above photo presenting a certificate of service to retiring councilman E. N. Harris, at the left, who completed four years of service on the Durham City Council this week; at the right is the successor to Harris' seat, J. S. Stewart, who defeated J. T. Taylor for the position in an election held here Saturday, May 18th.

Durham, Raleigh Ministers Call Upon Billy Graham To Blast South's Racism

In a telegram sent to the Rev. "Billy" Graham, world famous evangelist, Negro ministers of Durham and Raleigh have expressed their concern with his failure to blast the south's number one social evil—its attitude towards and treatment of Negroes. Said the ministers, "We are concerned that you have not seen fit to call men to repentance of their social sins in the south."

The telegram, sent by the members of the Durham and Raleigh Interdenominational Ministerial Alliances, which met at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church here Monday, and endorsed unanimously, was drafted by a committee headed by the Rev. Douglas E. Moore, pastor of the Asbury Temple Methodist Church.

In a series of questions to the noted evangelist, now campaigning in New York City, the members of the two clerical bodies asked the Rev. Mr. Graham if he had considered that, in his own native North Carolina, Negroes are segregated and discriminated against simply because the God and Father of the Son whose gospel he preaches "made their faces black," and that even North Carolina's representatives of government, state and national, have made flagrant attacks on the decisions of the Supreme Court against segregation and are waging all-out, uncompromising, no-quarter given war upon persons and agencies that would wipe out the evils of segregation and give full equality to all citizens of this country. Indicating that the governor

Riveras Attend V. P. Nixon's House Party

WASHINGTON, D. C. Among the 70 guests attending the first large gathering at the home of Vice-President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rivera, Jr., of Durham. The Riveras entertained the newspapermen who had accompanied them on their African trip, the newsmen's wives, and members of Vice President Nixon's staff. The housewarming for their attractive new home at 4308 Forest Lane, N.W., was scheduled from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. in the garden, but had to be held indoors because of inclement weather.

Other Negro guests included Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. Lautier, ANP; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson, Johnson Publications; Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Booker, Ebony and Jet, and Miss Ethel Payne, Chicago Defender. Vice President Nixon, himself, greeted the guests at the door, while Mrs. Nixon took others on a tour from top to bottom of the house. She wore a dark, dark blue dress with snow white puritan collar and cuffs. On display were Julie and (continued on page 8)

RALEIGH Paced by hurler Elias Gilbert, who tied Olympic champion Lee Calhoun in the 120's with a 14 flat dead heat, Winston-Salem Teachers won the Carolina AAU Outdoor Track and Field Championships at North Carolina State College Saturday night.

Stars from CIAA colleges placed in ten of the 16 events. Wilbur Ross' Ram harriers tallied 34 and one-half points to lead a 13 team field. North Carolina College and UNC were runners-up with 25 points.

Gilbert won the 220 low hurdles in 23.4. Teammates Charlie Lewis was first in the 440 dash with 48.5 and Fran Washington won the 440 hurdles in 55.4. Coach L. T. Walker's NCC mile relay team of Jim Lane, John Vasser, Lee Calhoun, and Vance Robinson, set a new record in 3:16.2. The Eagles' 1956 time was 3:20.4. Dazzling Dave Sime of Duke University electrified the crowd with his 9.3 run in the 100 yard dash.

Three equals the approved world record in the century. Three CIAA runners challenged the Duke star this year. They were Vance Robinson of NCC, 9.6, runner-up; Charlie Lewis of Winston-Salem, 9.9, third place; and Bob Dobbs of NCC, fourth place, 10.1.

The Eagles scratched Calhoun in the 220 lows to permit him to run the third leg in the mile relay which followed immediately after the low stick event. Robert Johnson of Fayetteville State Teachers won the broad jump with a leap of 24' 1 and one-half inches. Teammate Bill Betts was runner up with 23'3". Joe Lewis of Winston-Salem was third with 21' 11 and one-fourth inches. CIAA stars in other events were Charlie McCullough of NCC, jumping unattached, 6'4" for runner-up; Brown of Winston-Salem and Davis, unattached, tied for third place with leaps of 6'.

Jim Lane (48.5) and John Vasser (49.4) both of NCC, ran runner-up and third in the 440 yard dash.

Robinson (21.0) NCC, fourth. (Sime won the 230 in 20.4). Washington (23.8) Winston-Salem, was runner up in the 220 low hurdles; Middleton (37.8) Winston-Salem, in a three way tie for third place in the 440 yard hurdles; Brown (1.50) and Washington (15.1) both of Winston-Salem, third and fourth in the 120 highs.

Other teams and finishing time in the mile relay were University of North Carolina 3:19.6; Duke Athletic Association 3:20.6; and Winston-Salem 3:22.3. The Calhoun-Gilbert rivalry had been billed as one of the carnival's feature attractions. Neither had disappointed. Calhoun got a jet start but a jostled hurdle slowed him to Gilbert's tempo. Tors-for tors they hit the final tape.

Other team scores were: Duke AA 21; Clemon College, 14; Davidson, 11; Wolfpack Club, 9 and one-half; Fayetteville State Teachers College, 8; University of North Carolina Freshmen, 5 and one-third; and Camp Lejeune, 4 and one-third.

Last Rites Held For F. V. Allison In Emporia, Va.

Final rites for Ferdinand Vincent Allison, retired North Carolina Mutual Special Ordinary Agent, were conducted Monday, May 20, at Royal Baptist Church, Emporia, Virginia. He died in Richmond, Virginia, May 17. On January 1, 1918, Mr. Allison was employed by North Carolina Mutual and was retired February 22, 1955. His career was phenomenal. In spite of being an invalid during most of his service years, he was one of the Company's outstanding producers—managing a large Ordinary debit from his bedside. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth T. Allison, two daughters, Mrs. Rosebud Caben of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Christine A. Roberts, Emporia, Va.; one son, F. V. Allison, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Mutual Savings and Loan Association and five grandchildren.