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For Her Work With Youth

Althea Gibson Joins Durham Tribute To Mrs. Bessie A. J. Whitted Sunday

Tennis queen Althea Gibson joined some 700 Durham citizens in a "This Is Your Life" tribute to Mrs. B. A. J. Whitted here last Sunday night.

Queen Althea praised Mrs. Whitted as an exemplary leader for the youth of our land.

Also joining in the tribute were Mrs. Jean M. Capers, Cleveland, Ohio, City Councilwoman, Durham Mayor E. J. Evans, Durham City Councilman J. S. Stewart, and some 700 other local citizens.

Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, NCC professor of History, wrote the script and narrated the program sponsored by the Junior Mothers Club.

Mrs. Ruth Spaulding Boyd, Club President, told the honoree "We are the ones enjoying the most active years of your leadership in youth activities. We pass on to our children the noble heritage which you have given us."

Mayor Evans who in 1958 presented a special recreation award to Mrs. Whitted said, "Your ac-

tivities in behalf of Durham youth have endeared you to all our citizens."

Mrs. Whitted, regarded by many as the Pearl Mesta of Durham, is perhaps the city's best known hostess.

Joining in the tribute to her were scores of Durham organizations and friends of long standing like Mrs. Martha "Party" Donnell and Buster McDougald.

Prior to her recent retirement as cashier of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Mrs. Whitted was said to have handled more money than any other Negro woman in history.

Since retiring she has founded a "Youth Wants to Know" program which monthly attracts several hundred Durham youth.

Following the program in Duke Auditorium Mrs. Whitted was honored at a special reception at the Alconquin Tennis Club.

Mrs. Alma Ruth Wade was Chairman of the special committee planning the event for Mrs. Whitted.



"MRS. BESS" AND TENNIS QUEEN—Mrs. B. A. J. Whitted and tennis queen Althea Gibson were caught by the photographer as they renewed an old acquaintance during a program honoring Mrs. Whitted in Durham Sunday.

Sports World Tongue - Althea

Althea Gibson said here this week, "Sports is a world language that the world appreciates and understands."

The lanky champion from Wimbledon and Forest Hills came to Durham for a special program honoring Mrs. B. A. J. Whitted, noted Durham recreation and youth leader. "Mrs. Whitted has done a tremendous job for youth. Durham should be very appreciative of her contributions," Miss Gibson said. The tennis star was accompanied by Dr. Walter Johnson of Lynchburg, Va. He was one of her early sponsors.

"I'm going to spend a week with Dr. Johnson and then I'll decide what I'll do about earning a living," Miss Gibson said.

She came to Durham after a South American tour. "Everywhere I've gone I've had the feeling that audiences liked me."

For youth aspiring to careers in sports, she had this advice: "Get the best guidance you can from the best source that you can contact. Love your sport and work at it with an intensity and the consistency that show your love. You must have basic ability, of course, and you must be always trying to improve the ability that you have."



Bertie Man Picked Hampton's Most Outstanding Alumnus Of The Year

BRICKS—Maurice W. Coleman, at the annual state convention of the Hampton alumni association last week.

The award was presented by N. B. White, a vice president of the Hampton national alumni association at the climax session of the two-day convention.

Established seven years ago by the North Carolina Hampton alumni organization, the award is given annually to the member of the state association considered to have made the most outstanding contribution during the year.

Coleman was cited for his work in improving the overall status of the rural communities in Bertie County.

Bertie was selected as the "County of the Year in Rural Progress" last year by a group of agricultural agencies and the Progressive Farmer magazine.

Coleman graduated from Hampton in 1937 and went to work as a teacher of Vocational Agriculture in Bertie County. In February, 1941, he became County Agent, replacing J. C. Hubbard who was transferred to Durham.

He is a former president of the North Carolina Extension Workers' Association, a Mason and a Shriner. He is married to a Hampton alumna, and they have two sons currently enrolled at Hampton.

Selection of the Hamptonian of the Year was the highlight of the two-day convention which saw several key national alumni and Hampton Institute officials gather at Franklinton Center for the meeting.

In addition to top alumni officers from the state organization, present were Hugh V. Brown, of Goldsboro, president of the national alumni; S. J. Henderson, of

MRS. BESS CUTS HER CAKE—While Junior Mothers Club officers Mrs. Ruth Spaulding Boyd and Mrs. Alma Ruth Wade looked on approvingly, Mrs. Whitted finally gets her cake.

The cake was part of many honors bestowed on the affable Mrs. Whitted by Durhamites who joined in the Mothers club celebration for her.

NAACP Attacks Civil Rights Bill Of Sen. Johnson

WASHINGTON D. C.—NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins and other spokesmen representing organizations affiliate with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights have joined in calling upon Congress to reject the so-called Civil rights bill introduced by Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas.

Testifying before the subcommittee on constitutional rights of the Senate Judiciary Committee here Wilkins declared that "it would be better to have no bill at all than to have the Johnson bill."

The Texan's proposal, he said, "suggests that constitutional rights may be bargained away under a so-called conciliation program."

Wilkins reiterated the NAACP endorsement of the bill introduced by Senator Paul Douglas (D., Ill.), which "recognizes the necessity of supporting affirmatively the 1954 ruling of the Supreme Court and in its Title VI authorizes the Department of Justice, on its own initiative, to seek preventive relief to protect the constitutional rights of citizens in all civil rights situations, not merely in voting cases."

The NAACP spokesman also

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Victim Father Of 17

Backyard Mishap Kills

Funeral services for Alexander Cates, 55, father of 17, are scheduled to be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at Red Mountain Baptist Church.

The Rev. James Stewart, Red Mountain pastor, is to officiate, and burial services will be held in the church cemetery.

Cates died in Duke Hospital early Wednesday from severe burns suffered in an accident at his home on last Friday. His wife, Mrs. Mary Cates, who was also injured in the accident, was described in "fair" condition at Duke hospital this week.

The Cates' lived at Rt. 1, Rougemont, with their 17 children.

According to Sylvester Brooks, a neighbor of the Cates, the accident occurred when Cates was attempting to show his wife how blasting power was used to burst chunks of wood.

Brooks said he had taken his wife out into the backyard where he sifted some power into a wedge driven in a log, and ignited it.

The powder apparently exploded in Cates' face, causing severe burns over most of the upper portion of his body.

His wife was also caught in the blast and burned.

Brooks said she was expecting another child.

Holmes In NCS Honor Society

Irwin R. Holmes, Jr., a 1953 honor graduate of Hillside High School, has been elected to membership in Eta Kappa Nu Honorary Society at North Carolina State College in Raleigh, according to an announcement received recently by Hillside Principal H. M. Holmes.

The former Hillside student is a junior in the School of Electrical Engineering and was elected to membership in the honorary society on the basis of high scholarship, leadership ability, and integrity of character.

Durham Youth To Join March For Integration

A contingent of young people from Durham are expected to join the Youth March on Washington for Integrated Schools Saturday.

Officials of the Durham NAACP Youth chapter have been at work for the past several weeks collecting signatures for a petition and arranging to transport youngsters to the nation's capital.

At least one busload of Durham young people will leave the city around three a. m. Saturday for Washington.

National sponsors of the March said from New York that approximately 15,000 youngsters from all over the country are expected to converge on the nation's capital for a "demonstration of the where the nation's youth stands on a basic issue of democracy."

Four of the marchers, two white and two Negro, are scheduled to present a petition to President Eisenhower, outlining a concrete program for effecting speedy integration of public schools.

The schedule calls for the youths to assemble on the mall between the Washington and Lincoln memorials, then proceed to Sylvan theater where they will be addressed by some of the leading spokesmen for human rights, including Dr. Martin King, A. Philip Randolph and editor Ralph McGill.

Finals Speaker

Federal Judge William H. Hastie of the U. S. Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, will deliver North Carolina College's 48th Commencement address in the Men's Gymnasium at 11:00 a. m. on Tuesday, June 2.

Bishop Bertram W. Doyle of the 8th District Methodist Episcopal Church, Nashville, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon at 3:00 p. m. on Sunday, May 31.



FALKNER

Falkners' Bid Expected To Liven Vote

GREENSBORO—The entrance of Waldo Falkner in the race for city council is expected to heighten interest in the coming elections, scheduled to be held here, Monday, April 27.

Falkner, 55, bondsman, of 133 North Dudley Street, formally filed as a candidate for the city council on April 2.

Deadline for filing for the race was Wednesday of this week. Falkner is a Greensboro native, attended city schools, Tuskegee Institute and graduated from Fisk University.

He is a member of St. James Presbyterian Church, Omega Psi served in the YMCA membership campaigns of which he has been chairman. He is the father of three children and his wife is the former Margaret Evans of Salisbury, North Carolina.

His late father, H. H. Falkner, was state senator from Warren County in 1889 and his mother was once supervisor in the Guilford County Schools.

Units One, Nine To Host State Beauticians Meet

Chapters 1 and 9 of the North Carolina State Beauticians and Cosmetologists Association will be host to the 20th annual convention which will be held in Durham April 25th through 29th, 1959.

The Convention will open with a program Sunday afternoon, April 26, at 3:30 p. m. at the St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church on Roxboro St.

The welcome address will be delivered by Mayor E. J. Evans. Afterwards Mrs. Katie Wickam of New Orleans, La., National President of the N. B. C. A., will deliver the main address.

The public is invited to attend this program.

Monday morning registration will take place in the Durham Business Center on Fayette Rd. where the convention headquarters will be held.

The State President, Mrs. Willie Smith, of Greensboro, will conduct the business session on Monday morning at which time delegates and convention committees will make their annual reports.

Monday night a banquet honoring the State President will highlight the convention.

At Conference On Race Issue

Mrs. Ludmila Van Sombeek attended the Institute on Human Relations and Intergroup Understanding at the Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, with her Bahá'í friends of that city. Many educators, experts, and minister participated in the program.

President R. P. Perry presided and gave a warm welcome to all. He also introduced Mrs. Arnold Hedgeman, former Assistant to the Mayor of New York City who gave a fine address.

Earn Cash FOR YOUR CHURCH

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The Carolina Times

Participants in the Carolina Times church bonus have a double opportunity this week.

Stores taking part in the bonus plan are offering several bargains to prospective shoppers this week. In addition, cash register tapes or sales slips from these stores are good toward a \$50 bonus to be given by the TIMES at the end of April.

Thus, shoppers at stores advertising in this week's TIMES have a chance of saving money and of earning extra cash.

The bonus is available to any church of church group in Durham. Interested groups should save all purchase slips or cash register tapes from firms which are currently advertising in the TIMES.

The slips or register tapes must be turned in to the TIMES office each Saturday by six p. m.

To be counted, slips or tapes must bear the date of the current week. They must also come from merchants who are advertising in the TIMES during that week.

The group turning in slips or cash register tapes totalling the

largest sum will win the bonus. This weeks purchase slips or cash register tapes from the following merchants are eligible:

- A and P Super Market
- Winn Dixie Super Market
- Kroger Stores
- Alexander Motor Co.
- Colonial Stores
- Montgomery and Aldridge
- Kenan Oil Co.
- Mechanics and Farmers Bank
- New Method Laundry
- Speight's Auto Service
- Hudson Well Co.
- Rigsbee Tire Sales
- Sanitary Laundry
- Amey Funeral Home
- Cut Rate Super Market
- Hunt Linooleum and Tile
- Jackson's Grocery
- Mutual Savings and Loan
- Keeler's Super Market
- Burthley Funeral Home
- Southern Fidelity Ins. Co
- Durham Builders Supply
- Ward's Open Air Market
- 2 Spot Restaurant
- Liberty-Purity Market
- Henderson's Grocery
- Bates Gulf Service

Group Opposes Morehead School Use

Delegation Presents Request To School Board Asking Elimination Of Segregation For Use As Solution To Problem Of Crowded Schools Here

A delegation of parents presented a request for integration of Durham schools to prevent overcrowding in several schools next term.

The request was made before Monday night's meeting of the city board of education by some six civic and PTA organizations.

School board chairman Frank Fuller told the delegation that the city was "not ready" for integration.

Over 200 residents of the Pearson, Burton, Whitted and Hillside school districts, and representatives from Durham PTA Council, NAACP and Committee on Negro Affairs, were on hand to hear their statement read by D. Eric Moore, spokesman for the delegation.

The statement specifically asked that the Board not consider use of the old Morehead School to relieve overcrowded conditions in Negro schools. It asked that the board permit students, Negro or white, to attend any conveniently located school.

ed L. B. Frasier, president of the Durham PTA Council, an organization embracing the various Negro PTA units; W. J. Walker, president of the Whitted School PTA; F. W. Scott, chairman of the Pearson School Committee to Investigate the Morehead School use proposal; Mrs. V. W. Alston, President of the Burton School PTA, and Moore and W. A. Clement for the Education Committee of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs.

The appearance before the school board was triggered by that body's consideration of a proposal to reopen the Morehead school to relieve overcrowding at Burton and Pearson elementary schools.

School board chairman Frank Fuller re-emphasized at Monday night's meeting that the board had only three choices: (1) to operate double sessions at some of the schools; (2) to transport students across town to other Negro schools which have available space; or (3) to re-open Morehead school.

Tow of these remedies were tried last year to lessen overcrowding at Pearson School. Double sessions were inaugurated at the opening of the school term, but were later abandoned in favor of transporting

students across town after parents of affected children protested. The delegation's statement made it clear that none of these three solutions would be acceptable this year, and asked that the school districts be desegregated to solve the problem.

Concentrating first on objections to use of the Morehead school, the statement said that an investigation had disclosed that the building was unfit for use by school pupils.

Among the reasons cited for its unfitness were: (1) cracks in walls and in other places which indicate structurally unsafe conditions; (2) leakage through bricks and around window sills; (3) lack of fire escapes; (4) insufficient exits from top floor auditorium; (5) inadequate lights; (6) unsanitary conditions in toilets; and (8) fire-prone flooring.

Pointing out that the school board in 1956 decided the Morehead School was unfit for repair, the statement asked:

"What has happened to make this building become suitable for re-opening as a public school? ... The school board's reasons for abandoning this building are even more compelling now than they were three years ago."

Regarding the double sessions and transportation solutions, the statement had this to say:

"Recently Durham has gone through its second stage of federal court litigation, one of which is to bring to an end the racial segregation. This is the root cause of unequal treatment of elementary Negro pupils in Durham. Last fall, certain third graders were forced temporarily to attend double-session classes, and now those pupils are rooted out of their own neighborhood school and are being daily transported to the opposite side of the city where they are housed as educational slums.

"They are aware that ... they are assigned to W. G. Pearson School but that school is only a boarding station for them, for they are taught in Walltown School. Opportunities for parents to witness school-day activities of their children and to have school-day contacts with teachers are not available because of the distance.

The statement then requested that the school board take the initiative to solve the overcrowding problem in a "statesmanly" manner.

"Our ... is enrollment for the next school year (Please turn to page 8).