

Daniel Chapel Community Rated Highest in Halifax County Improvement Contest; Eastman Gets Nod for Second Best

HALIFAX—Daniel Chapel Community made the highest score in the Halifax County Community Improvement Contest in 1958. It received a blue ribbon and \$150.00 cash from the Peoples Bank and Trust Company at the Award Program held in Daniel Chapel Church on the night of March 31.

T. H. LeCroy, Farm Relations Officer of the Peoples Bank and Trust Company, Rocky Mount, made the presentation to Mrs. M. R. Scott, Vice President of the

club before an audience of over 100 people.

Other communities receiving cash awards were Eastman, red award and \$100.00 by Samuel Mills; Dawson, white award and \$50.00 by Andrew Mitchell; Eden, white award and \$50.00 by J. W. Williams.

Progress reports were made by Mesdames Victoria Pittman of Eden; Horace Turnage of Dawson; Gussie Scott of Eastman; Mary R. Scott for the adult and Miss Mary

Joe Gray for the teenage Club of Daniel Chapel.

Greetings were brought by the Executive Vice President H. C. Durham of the Enfield Branch, Peoples Bank and Trust Company. He was highly impressed over the progress reports and said that the bank will sponsor the program four more years.

The invocation was given by Rev. F. L. Bullock, Pastor of Daniel Chapel Church. C. E. Bailey, Principal of McDaniel School, welcomed the group to the community. D. J. Knight, County Negro Agricultural Agent, gave the purpose of the program which is to improve Rural Family Living through Better: Educational Projects; Recreational Projects; Community Improvement Projects; Farm Improvement Projects; Home Improvement Projects and Youth Program. Free refreshments were served to the group by the bank.

Members who served on the various committees that made the program possible were: County—M. H. Shugart, Chairman, Mrs. Es-

telle White, A. S. Hardee and Mrs. Annie S. Hyde; Division—D. J. Knight, in charge, Miss R. V. Whitworth, H. P. Richardson, Miss W. Y. Williams, I. H. Hilliard and Miss Gloria Cotten; Local—Mrs. Leana Harvey, Chairman; Program—Mrs. Alberta H. Eason; Refreshments—Mrs. Nannie T. Francis and Mrs. Thelma Scott.

Farm leaders who would like to enter the Farm, Home and Community Improvement Contest in 1959 should contact their agricultural worker or county agent before April 15.

Sound management, based on record-keeping, has been cited as the key to profitable dairying.

Average per acre yield of lint cotton in North Carolina has only increased from 285 to 332 pounds in the last 30 years while yields of many of the basic crops have doubled.

Planned corn acreage for 1959 is up 12 per cent over last year in the United States.

SEIN' STARS....

By DELORES CALVIN

NEW YORK—Sidney Poitier reminiscing about his life, remembers when it wasn't too long ago that he was just a nobody... Just recently celebrating his 32nd birthday, Sidney has come a long way... and seems like he'll be going to even greater glories when he's finished with "Raisin In The Sun" (he's due to leave the case in June for another film)... Always a race-conscious boy, he has had his share of ugly prejudices... Born in Miami, he finally found his career in New York... Once, while in Johannesburg, South Africa, on location with the late Canada Lee in "Cry The Beloved Country," Sidney and the cast were forbidden first class accommodations and were guests of a plantation where they were virtually prisoners, unable to travel around or even venture out after dark. In Africa, Sidney feels he ran against the worst prejudices—but in Hollywood he's become good friends with so many of the young stars—Tony Curtis especially (he starred with him in "The Defiant Ones" which won them both an Oscar Nomination)—that many times he forgets he's a Negro—it's wonderful to feel so integrated, he says...

"The rums" are still flying that Lena Horne and Ricardo Montalban aren't on such good terms but if so, there's no evidence of it in "Jamaica," their hit musical... Now in its 17th month on Broadway, "Jamaica" has made a lasting success for such stars as Ossie Davis, "Cicero"—who thought he was Governor after the hurricane struck... Josephine Premice, who may not be beautiful but she's certainly got a lovely pair of legs—and as "Ginger" she spices the play perfectly... The 10-year-old boy who plays Lena's brother pals around with Montalban and lovingly calls Lena "my crazy sister"... As Savannah, Lena has managed to portray a zesty, effervescent character out to get her man—but wanting it all HER way... and we wonder how it will all come out when film and gets hold of it and starts casting... we wish they'd keep the original cast as they did in "Auntie Mame" and others—as this cast couldn't be beat!

Geoffrey Holder, bald giant of a dancer who resembles Yul Brynner and whose appearance attracts just as much attention, brought his dance group to their favorite Village hangout, The Village Gate, where they just do it mostly for the art... Dizzie Gillespie's mother, a lovely old lady in her seventies, was given the keys to the city in his hometown in Mass. when he played a recent engagement there...

In an effort to prove that Negro players can work successfully blended with white ones, there's a two hour show coming up at the Majestic Theatre this April 20th—where players of both races will perform without any color references... It's an experiment which we are hoping will prove highly adaptable and result in many of our good Negro artists getting better and meatier roles... The idea is to see how the public will react—and it's a good angle to first invite the actors themselves, the press and members of the industry for criticism before trying out before a paid audience... Titled "Integration Showcase," the show, sponsored by Actors Equity and the League of N. Y. Theatres, scenes will be from: "The Madwoman of Chailot," "The Caine Mutiny Court Martial," "Room Service," "Volpone," "Leonard Sillman's New Faces" and others... This covers drama, comedy, musical comedy and ballet...

Deep River Boys at the Barclay Hotel in Toronto and turning away customers... The owner Al Siegal hasn't made such a mint since he took over in June... Sarah Vaughn spent Holy Week in Chicago playing Mister Kelly's and whereas most places were hurt by this slow season, Sarah did good business for her boss... Cab Calloway getting set for a South American tour this month... Eartha Kitt rehearsing for her first record under Kapp label this week...

Langston Hughes, whose "Simply Heavenly," an off-Broadway production, was the last time the great poet was represented downtown, was in the limelight again when his operatic version of "Street Scene" by Elmer Rice was revived at City Center... It was such a success the backers wish for a chance to bring it to Broadway...

Mahalia Jackson warbling at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, a treat for New Yorkers... Juanita Moore, who has the heavy part played by Louise Beavers years ago in "Imitation of Life" here with Lana Turner to make personal appearances for the New York opening of the film at the Roxy April 17th...

Kroger Official Replies To Trade Commission's Charge

Paxton C. Judge, Division Vice-President of The Kroger Co. in Roanoke, when asked to comment on the Federal Trade Commission complaint against The Kroger Co. replied by quoting Kroger's President, Joseph B. Hall:

"We are shocked by the astounding charges that Kroger's acquisitions dating back 51 years are now deemed to be in violation of law. When Kroger has expanded by the purchase of food stores as it has from time to time, such acquisitions have been made a matter of public record."

Certainly the Federal Trade Commission Staff has known of these transactions for many years. Now to charge that they are illegal deeds, and in most instances decades later, is completely at variance with the principles of American justice and fair play. Kroger's growth has always followed lawful patterns.

"This complaint appears to us unwarranted experimentation with the antitrust laws. Moreover it seems to be completely inconsistent with the basic tenets of our free enterprise system."

We are confident that the final

Peach Crop Normal

RALEIGH—North Carolina peach growers reported the condition of the peach crop at 87 percent normal on April 1. Current condition report is 2 percentage points below April 1, 1958 and is 21 percentage points above the 1948-57 average.

Reported condition indicates prospects are good to excellent for above average production, barring a freeze or other casualty.

The condition of the crop as of April 1 in the eight Southern States is as follows: South Carolina 88, Georgia 84, Alabama 84, Mississippi 72, Arkansas 88, Louisiana 81, Oklahoma 74, and Texas 74 percent of normal.

DR. DAVID RUTSTEIN

Harvard Heart Expert Will Address Honor 'Med' Students

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Dr. David R. Rutstein, noted authority on cardiovascular diseases, will deliver two lectures at Howard University Saturday.

At 11 a.m. Dr. Rutstein will deliver the annual Alpha Omega Alpha Lecture in the Medical School auditorium, Fifth and W Streets, northwest, and at 6:30 p.m. he will address the annual initiation banquet of Alpha Omega Alpha at Baldwin Hall, Fourth and College Streets, northwest.

At the public meeting Dr. Rutstein will speak on "Factors Affecting Lipoid Depositions in Human Aortic Cells in Tissue Culture." His evening talk is titled "Doctor of the Future—Physician or Expert?"

Dr. Rutstein, who serves as professor and head of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at the Harvard University School of Medicine, is considered one of the outstanding researchers on diseases of the heart. He serves as a special consultant to the U. S. Public Health Service

and a member of the World Health Organization's Expert Committee on Cardiovascular Diseases and Hypertension. He also heads the U.S.-United Kingdom Rheumatic Fever Study.

Saturday's programs are being held in conjunction with the annual induction of Howard students into Alpha Omega Alpha, the national honor society in medicine.

KING AT BISHOP

MARSHALL, Texas — President M. K. Curry, Jr. announced Wednesday that Dr. Ernest C. Estell, Sr., Pastor of the S. John Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, and President of the Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of Texas, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., famed leader of the Montgomery Non-Violent Protest Movement, and pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, would give the baccalaureate and commencement addresses to the Spring graduating class at Bishop College on May 17 and 22, 1959 respectively.

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