

# THE GREENSBORO SCENE

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### Sit-down Movement Started by College Students

The biggest news this week on the local scene has been the "Sit-down" movement initiated by some A&T College students in an attempt to obtain lunch counter service for Negroes at F. W. Woolworth's store and other downtown stores that serve food. Started last Monday, the movement gained momentum daily with students from Bennett College and the Women's College joining the effort.

The students arrived at the stores early in an orderly fashion and take seats. There they read, studied or talked quietly among themselves. They were neatly dressed and refrained from any boisterous activity. As yet, have not been served.

### Hecklers on the Scene

They were joined by members of the Ku Klux Klan and a number of white teenagers who are trying to block their efforts. It was stated, though, that "we (the Negro students) will continue this fight until satisfactory adjustments are made." On Saturday, the demonstrators could claim what might be termed a step towards their goal. The two stores, F. W. Woolworth and Kress, closed their doors abruptly in what was stated as being "in the interest of public safety."

### Bomb Threat

A telephone call to Woolworth's and the Greensboro Daily News stating that a bomb had been placed in the Woolworth store resulted in its closing. Shortly afterwards, Kress also closed their doors.

Not desirous of closing the doors, but in obtaining equal rights at the food counters, the Negro students nevertheless, rendered shouts of joy and formed a cheering section. They then assembled en masse on South Elm Street and began marching in the direction of A&T College's campus.

### Grand March

The more than 300 young college students, including some students from the Dudley High School, participated on their way while police (obviously obtained for such an event) prevented many white persons from following the cheering marchers.

For more than an hour following the closing of the two stores and the mock parade, large crowds milled about Elm Street, tying up traffic for several blocks. The Greensboro Branch of the NAACP stated that they had no prior knowledge of the movement and that the beginning, however, that they were behind the students in their efforts and would assist them to the limit.

### Big Nite at the Coliseum

Monday proved to be a big night at the Greensboro Coliseum and Memorial Auditorium when the world famous Harlem Globetrotters played at the Coliseum and "Look Homeward, Angel," bowed at the auditorium.

An amazing throng converged on the two places, disrupting traffic and delaying both performances for more than an hour. The sport fans were attracted to the coliseum by the international fame of the Globetrotters who played, playing to a completely "sold-out" house, displayed their unique qualities of court efficiency and the fact that they are one of the best basketball teams to ever play.

Known chiefly for their zany antics on the basketball court, the Globetrotters beat the opposing San Francisco All-Nation's team 97-63.

### Harlem Gangs Theatrical

On Thursday, we had the pleasure of being in Philadelphia to see the opening of "The Cool World" prior to its Broadway appearance. The production, presented by Leslie Woodruff, is the novel by Miller,

by Robert Rosen and Warren Miller based on the novel by Miller. It deals with two juvenile gangs in Harlem and explores the life of a Negro boy named Duke Curtis who has filled his fantasies on the ownership of a gun. To Duke, the gun is a symbol of the power and freedom he needs to break away from poverty of Harlem and the frustration of being a Negro.

### First Night Grotto

It seems that all these many things act a fear will happen on opening night did. An actor reaching for a cigarette found himself holding a handful of tobacco and breakaway bottles refused to break. Actors slipped and fell around the turntable set. Nevertheless, there were some good scenes among the poor ones and several fine character performances.

### Negro History Week

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### A&T College's observance will feature lectures, films and exhibits by prominent persons in the fields of history and international relations.

Wednesday, February 10, at 8:00 p.m., Jean Leona Destine and his Haitian Dancers are scheduled to give a dance recital in the Richard B. Harrison Memorial Auditorium.

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Philadelphia's "nite life," the staff is completely Negro and so is the show. Eddie Jones, the Maître-D, said he "hopes this club will appeal to one and all."

If the large crowd that was there is any criterion, that could be the development. There is plenty of entertainment, in addition to the bright lights, early dance and her "Three Ladies" are in action in the Hideaway Room, Harold Corbin is at the keyboard in the Rocking Chair Lounge and Howard Reynolds handles the piano lulls in the Velvet (main dining) Room.

### Staged by Charlie Simmons, the floor is headed by blues singer Mildred Anderson; exotic dancer Flash Gordon and the Copper Tones, a fancy-stepping line of eight beautiful girls.

The Marlon Blackwell outfit plays for the show and dancing.

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SUPPORT FROM THE TOWN—North Carolina College students who staged sit-down strikes at several downtown Durham store lunch counters received close support from several Durham residents on Monday, as this picture indicates. Taken at the S. H. Kress Co. lunch counter, it shows the Rev. J. T. Powell, pastor of Emanuel Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church (second from right) scaled with students. —Photo by Jordan.

## The Proposed Bond Issue

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sue and appeal to the City Board of Education to present a program to the people that will assure every child in Durham that he will be given the opportunity to be exposed to the very best education the city has to offer. Negro citizens of Durham need to be reminded that Hillside School is unaccredited while Durham High School is accredited and that any program that intends to perpetuate such a condition is unfair, undemocratic and unchristian.

### Group to Talk

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However, there were reports from unofficial sources that some students who took part in the movement were not satisfied with the method by which negotiations to settle the issue had been made. The feeling was, on the part of these students, that the college administration and faculty should not be a party to the negotiations to represent the students, since the movement was inspired and carried out solely by students.

But the NCC statement released to newspapers Thursday made it clear that the college "could not and would not assume responsibility for the action of students who did not follow negotiations procedures" which established the student-faculty group to represent the students.

At the same time, the NCC statement condemned the practice of segregation as "undemocratic, unchristian and morally indefensible." Faculty and staff members of the NCC negotiating committee are D. G. Sampson, chairman, Mrs. Carl Bowie, Walter Brown, Norman Johnson, Miss Sybil Jones, Charles E. King, Miss Louise LaFramboise, B. T. McMillon, J. L. Stewart, and Mrs. Marian Thorne.

Student representatives are Pauline Wynn, Leonard Davis, Lonwood Davis, Augustus Davis, Cynthia McDonald, Reginald Jones, Betty Verbal, Cornelius Toole and Mildred Malette.

The initial reaction by Negro residents of the city to the student movement was one of silent pride. On Monday, first day of the sit-down strike, a woman, when told by a reporter what was happening, said "Praise the Lord."

It is thought that many Negro organizations in the city have sent congratulations to the students or have passed resolutions praising their reaction. The Durham Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, passed a resolution at its meeting Monday afternoon praising the students for the movement. It said in part:

"The... Alliance... pledges to give moral, spiritual and financial support to the Christian movement of the students of North Carolina College and others in the sit-down strike at the lunch counters of the F. W. Woolworth Co. here and other lunch counters in the city of Durham."

The message was signed by the Rev. J. A. Brown, vice president, and the Rev. V. E. Brown, secretary.

Several townspeople joined the students when the strike began Monday. The Reverend Melvin C. Swann, and Joseph T. Powell and insurance salesman John Clark and newsmen Alexander Barnes were among those identified with the students. Swann reportedly was served a cup of cold coffee at the Kress counter before it closed.

A Duke University student, Carl Ray Hickey of Baltimore, one of the four who took part in the strike with NCC students, told the TIMES he was "attempting to make a Christian witness."

## Mack's Quacks

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come a little more strict, don't feel bad because you won't be only one. After this week, I have a feeling all of us will be home in time to see The Late Show on Saturday nights. Like I said, special consideration should be made for things like NCC vs. A. and T. Game on Saturday night.

Yes, going steady and teen curfew are our major problems today. The question has been asked, if the "going steady" rise in fact, has any connection with the international problem of Birth Control. If the rise in population is thus influenced it would be wise to take heed.

Well, parents I hope you're satisfied and I hope I'm not lynched when my dear friends going "steady" read this.

### AROUND THE TOWN

Nothing, but nothing seems to be happening! So because of space and no news, I extended the "Teen Problems" and I'm getting this section.

Misses Wenda Logan and Andree McKissick were hostesses for "The Preteens" of the Junior Mothers Club, on Saturday at the home of Wenda. Mrs. Josephine D. Clement was guest speaker on Etiquette. Members who were present are: Sybil Ray, Jan Stauback, Addison Booker, Wenda Logan, Andree McKissick, Clayton Wade, Jacqueline Henry.

If you'd like for me to write about some special topic, if you have any news, or if you'd just like to criticize, please phone me—2-6576. That's about all the news for this week. See you next week!!

## Monthly Meeting - Letter Of Ushers

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Raleigh, of which I am also a subscriber.

The thing that interested me most is the last edition — I am glad to say — was accreditation of A and T College. In fact I was so interested that I had to go and show it to all the rest of the guys of color who are living in my barracks, some who are already planning to go there when they finish their Air Force duty.

Before closing, I must add with honesty that I am very very glad to see Mr. Hodgkin out of office. Best wishes to the college and at the same time to the one and only paper that added the STIM-TLE to its means of obtaining its accreditation.

For the sake of all, do keep the good works high as ever.

Yours truly,  
 A. 2c Harold Leath

## Little Rock Chapel Hill

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tion which was started in the community following the Supreme Court's decision in 1954.

Money raised by the group will be used to help defray expenses of a suit filed on behalf of Stanley Vickers, sixth grade student of Carrboro, whose request for transfer from the all-Negro Northside school to the all-white Carrboro school was denied twice last summer by the Chapel Hill school board.

### AME Founder

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minister, the Rev. Melvin Chester Swann, will take part in the Philadelphia observance of the birth of the church's founder. Swann will occupy the pulpit of the Tyree AME Church, of Philadelphia, on Sunday.



The observance gets underway in that city on Sunday at 9:30 with a radio address by Dr. George A. Singleton.

Pulpits of A. M. E. Churches of Philadelphia will be occupied by Bishops, general officers and pastors of metropolitan churches throughout the denomination.

A variety of services are scheduled for churches of the city through Tuesday, Feb. 16.

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