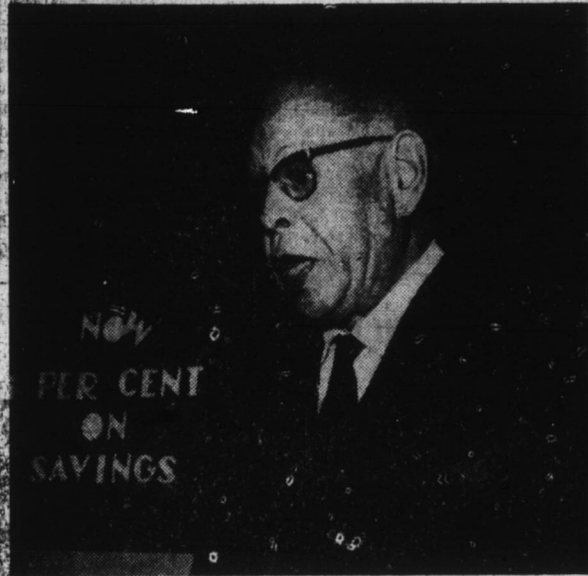


# Mechanics and Farmers

# Bank's Resources Are Now Over \$17 Million



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The 1964 stockholders meeting of Mechanics and Farmers Bank was held here Monday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 P. M. in the lobby of the bank with a large number of stockholders present including several from Raleigh and Charlotte. In addition to the main office located here at 116 Parrish Street and a branch office at 815

Fayetteville Street, the bank was announced by J. H. Wheeler, president of the bank. The president paid a glowing tribute to the long number of years of faithful service Mr. Harris had rendered the bank and to his keen intellect and fine character. At the request of the president, those present bowed their heads for a moment of silent tribute to the me-

emory of Mr. Harris. In his report to the stockholders, Mr. Wheeler revealed that the bank had increased its resources during 1964 from \$13,112,958 as reported as of December 31, 1963, to \$17,079,729.75 at the close of business December 13, 1964, representing a net gain in resources of nearly \$4 million

"This," said Wheeler, "represents the highest increase in resources for any 12 month period in the history of the bank." The president announced that in addition to the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Harris that there was one other vacancy on the Board of Directors. The stockholders authorized the Board of

Directors to fill both vacancies at its discretion. In addition to the report of the president, reports were heard from Vice President J. E. Strickland of the Raleigh branch; Vice President A. E. Spears of the Charlotte branch; Wm. J. Walker, Jr., of the examining committee; and Charles C. Spaulding, Jr., of the nominating committee.

Along with the general increase in resources of the bank, the report to the trust department also reflected an increase of from \$267,515.82 in deposits as of December 31, 1963 to \$279,124.13 at the end of 1964. All directors were re-elected. Those named: Dr. Clyde Donnell,

Chairman; E. R. Merrick, J. S. Stewart, J. C. Scarborough, Sr., J. J. Sanson, Jr., C. C. Spaulding, Jr., I. O. Funderburg, T. D. Parham, C. A. Haywood, A. T. Spaulding, J. H. Wheeler, J. E. Strickland, C. W. Williams and A. E. Spears.

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# North Carolina Teacher Seeks \$250,000 Damages In Lawsuit

## Final Rites Held for Rencher N. Harris, Former City Councilman

Requiem mass was conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. for Rencher Nicholas Harris at St. Titus Episcopal Church with the Rev. David Nickerson, rector, officiating. The first Negro member of the Durham City Council and the Durham Board of Education, Harris died at 5 p.m. Monday at Lincoln Hospital where he was secretary of the board of trustees. His health had been declining several months, and he had been taken to Lincoln Hospital early Sunday morning. Harris was elected to the City Council in 1953 and remained a member until 1957 when he chose not to run for reelection. In 1958 the council chose him for a position on the Board of Education in which he served until 1962, resigning due to illness.



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agent for Bankers Fire and Casualty Company, and progressed to managing underwriter, assistant secretary, secretary and vice president. See HARRIS, 4A

## Howard Univ. Professor to Speak at NCC

Dr. Hyman G. Lewis, coordinator and director of community research projects and professor of sociology at Howard University, will deliver a graduate sociology lecture at North Carolina College Thursday, January 14. The public is invited to attend the occasion, which begins at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the college's Education Building. Dr. Lewis' topic is "Child-Rearing Practices of Deprived Families." A native of Hampton, Va., where he completed his secondary work at the Union High School, the sociologist received the A.B. degree from Virginia Union University and the A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago. Beginning in 1934, he taught at Howard University, Talladega College, Hampton Institute. See PROFESSOR, 4A

NEW BERN—A lawsuit of vital interest to 100,000 Negro teachers in the South will be heard in U. S. District Court here January 11. It could mean security against firing for civil-rights activity. The suit was filed by Mrs. Willa C. Johnson, 36-year old English Teacher at Enfield, N. C. She was fired last June after she and her husband became active in successful efforts to register Negroes to vote in Halifax County.

She is supported in the court action by the Halifax Voters Movement and the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), New Orleans, a civil-rights group which has helped spark voter work in Halifax County. "This lawsuit will be taken as far as necessary to secure a full measure of justice," said John R. Salter, Jr., field organizer for SCEF. "It will be pushed with the greatest intensity." Mrs. Johnson has asked the court to order her back to work; enjoin the county school board and other officials from similar firings in the future, and grant her \$250,000 damages.

If she wins, Negro teachers all over the South would be protected against arbitrary firing for taking in civil-rights activity. Most Southern states have no "fair dismissal" laws; in fact, some states threw them out after the 1954 U. S. Supreme Court decision in the School Segregation Cases.

## Five Retire From N. C. Mutual Insurance Co.

Five veteran employees were retired from active employment with North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company on December 31 with a Special retirement program held in the Company auditorium: Mrs. Gazella P. Lipscomb, with a service record of 48 years; Mrs. Flossie H. Torain, 43 years service record; Ronald C. Foreman, employed 36 years; Mrs. Sophronia C. Green, with a service record of 26 continuous years, and Mrs. Eula P. Harris, holding a service record of 29 continuous years. J. W. Goodloe, Executive Vice President presented the employees to A. T. Spaulding, president of the Company, who awarded certificates to the honorees, and special gifts from the North Carolina Mutual Forum were presented by R. W. Dalton, president of the forum. Short speeches were



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years service record. Not shown is Mrs. Sophronia C. Green, with a service record of 26 continuous years.

made by each recipient. Several relatives and friends of the retirees were present for the program and attended the reception held in the Company Cafeteria following the program. Mrs. Lipscomb is a native of Durham, and after completing her education at National Religious Training School now North Carolina College, she was employed by North Carolina Mutual as stenographer in the Adding Department on March 3, 1916. In 1920 she was transferred to the Medical Department under the supervision of Dr. Clyde Donnell, Medical Director. For more than forty-four years, Mrs. Lipscomb served in this area as stenographer, Chief Clerk, Medical Assistant and retired as secretary to the present Medical Director, Dr. C. D. Watts.

Mrs. Torain, also a native of Durham, was educated at National Religious Training School, and joined the Home Office staff on July 26, 1921 as clerk in the Industrial Operations, Mrs. Torain was of great assistance in departmental training. Mr. Foreman was born and educated in New Orleans, Louisiana. His college training was in

See RETIRE, 4A

## Bennett College To Get New Dormitory

Greensboro.—Construction of a three-story residence hall to house 140 Bennett College students is expected to begin before the end of the school year, President Willa B. Player announced this week. The \$475,000 structure will be a "twin" to Laura Cone Hall and will be erected between that two-story building and the David D. Jones Student Union. Because of the topography of that area it is possible to add another floor. "We need the new dormitory," Dr. Player explained, "in order to reduce the number of three-story rooms now in use and because we will not be able to use Kent Hall for a residence any more. This is the oldest building on the campus and it will probably be renovated for use as teacher's offices, seminar rooms, and possibly some administrative offices." Normal enrollment of 600 is expected to be boosted to 625 with the occupancy of the new residence hall. A new \$100,000 infirmary, previously announced, is expected to be ready for use in September. President Player also announced that in addition to the annual summer institute in science and mathematics sponsored by the National Science Foundation, Bennett is planning two new institutes for this summer. "We are planning a six-week humanities institute which will accommodate about 80 high school students and a Scholars Institute for a selected group of 50 high school seniors who plan to attend Bennett," she said. This latter program will be geared to enable these students to enroll with advanced standing in

### UNITED STATES

# Court To Hear Local School Integration Case

## Says Advancement of Negro In Past Year, Greatest In 10 Years

Not since 1954 when the United States Supreme Court handed down its historic decision banning racial segregation in public education has the status of Negro American been so significantly advanced as in 1964. The legislative and political advances of last year, like the court ruling a decade ago, did not just happen out of the blue. They were, in fact the fruit of years of painstaking, often heartrending, efforts on the part of the civil rights movement, particularly of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The gains of 1964 were not limited to legislation and political action. In cases filed by the NAACP, the Federal courts and the National Labor Relations Board handed down important rulings re-affirming the Negro's right to equality in education and employment. The awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to Dr. Martin Luther King focused world-wide attention on and enhanced the prestige of the Negro's non-violent struggle for

## Funeral Rites Held For Mrs. G. W. Baldwin

The last rites for Mrs. Gwendolyn Meeks Baldwin of 2105 So. Alston Avenue were held at the Holy Cross Mission Chapel at 9:30 A.M. Thursday, January 7, with Father John Risacher officiating. Mrs. Baldwin died here suddenly at Lincoln Hospital, Monday. Mrs. Baldwin was the daughter of the late Walker Meeks and Mrs. Jennie Meeks and the wife of Chapin Baldwin. She was born in New York but moved to Durham with her parents during her early childhood where she lived up to the time of her death. In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by two

The Fourth Court of Appeals in Richmond will hear arguments on the Durham city schools integration suit Thursday from city school board attorneys and attorneys for the NAACP. The action follows an appeal by the NAACP of a decision by U.S. Middle District Court Judge E. M. Stanley who last summer rejected an integration plan outlined by the school board and ruled that students should be assigned according to attendance zones but given the right to transfer to other schools on a "first come, first served" basis. In the appeal the NAACP found three reasons for contention with the judge's mandate: —they question a "free choice" order without a directive that attendance zones be redrawn. —they question his judgment in ruling on the desegregation of teaching and staff personnel. —they feel his refusal to order the board to construct future facilities without regard to race will perpetuate segregation. Legal briefs were presented last fall by both sides in the case and at Thursday's hearing oral arguments will be presented. School board lawyers have contended that the transfer plan is "appropriate" relief, and, in re-



## Hillside Band to Perform at N. Y. World's Fair

The United States Commission—New York World's Fair, The Honorable Norman K. Winston, Commissioner, has invited the Hillside High School Band to participate in the Special Events Program at the United States Pavilion on Thursday, May 6, 1965. Also, the New York State Commission on the World's Fair has extended an invitation to the local musicians to appear in a performance on Friday, May 7 in the New York State Pavilion's 1965 Special Events Program. According to Hillside Band Director, See BAND, 4A

The above photo is that of the local of the National Society of Freshmen during the annual Phi Delta Kappa-Beta Zeta Christmas Party given for the Oxford. All of the young people in the foreground are pupils of the orphan-

age with the exception of Miss Claudine Rodgers, second from the right in the picture, who assisted with the serving.