



JEROME HARRIS

Durham Man Makes Success Operating Shoe Shine Parlor

It was back in 1920 that a young man, Jerome Harris, landed in Durham fresh from Troy, North Carolina, where he had lived for several years after leaving the farm in Wadesville, where he was born and reared.

Soon after his arrival in Durham he got a job as a truck driver for a local ice company, and worked there until 1927, when he decided to go into business for himself. With only \$10 capital, Harris rented a place and opened a shoe shine stand at 514 East Pettigrew St. the same spot in which he is now located and in which he is rounding out his 38th year.

From the outset, Harris set a high standard for a shoe shine stand. He allows no loitering, profane language nor loud and boisterous talking. Because of the high class and business like manner in which he operates his place of business, Harris has gained a reputation of having one of the best and most successful small businesses in Durham.

When he started out nearly 40 years ago, he only had one shoe shine stand which accommodated two persons. He still has one stand, but it can accommodate ten persons at one time. Even so, his customers quite often have stand in line before they can get waited on.

In addition to shoe shines and dying shoes of all colors and shades for both men and women, his establishment, which is known as Jerome's Place, carries a full line of candies, smokes, soft drinks, newspapers and magazines.

Harris is married to the former Miss Emma King of Greenville. They have one adopted son, Willie Earl Harris, age 11.

E. B. PALMER WRITES ON NEGRO TEACHER DISMISSAL IN NO. CAR.

Recent developments in the problem of teacher dismissal in North Carolina have indicated some relief in the once rapidly developing trend to displace Negro teachers in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Past reports indicated approximately 500 Negro teachers faced loss of jobs as a result of the adverse practices of many local school districts. Though the figure may have been reduced slightly, the majority of cases still hang in the balance.

What is the True Situation Today?

Today, another angle is being pursued. Some areas are testing the "test"—what happened in other sections which have attempted to avoid complete compliance with Title VI. In these situations contracts are still being withheld until after June 30 at which time students must have applied for reassignment. Teacher assignment or release to be made thereafter in July.

While a great number of teachers in the state anxiously await the verdict of those authorities who already know the outcome, others are even less fortunate, for they have already been informed of their non-re-employment.

The NAACP through its attorneys, C. O. Pearson, Julius L. Chambers and the North Carolina Teachers Association recently filed a suit against the Pitt County Board of Education in the dismissal of Mrs. Martha Moore of Greenville, North Carolina. On Friday prior to the Monday court date, Mrs. Moore signed a contract with the Pitt County School System for 1965-66.

In Lenoir, North Carolina, the Board of Education was advised of legal inquires and proceedings. Many of the 15 Negro teachers previously notified of release, were re-employed to teach in integrated schools. Some still have not been re-employed. The same is true of Asheboro, North Carolina.

The unfortunate part of the problem is that many teachers in other sections of the state are not truly aware of their own pending situation. While they have been recipients of contracts, they are not aware that such contracts can be broken up to thirty days prior to the opening of schools. Such has been the experience of the teachers in Red Springs where contracts were issued and recalled.

The critical areas newly being affected in particular seem to be Hendersonville, Robeson County, Tryon City, Caswell County, and Wake County. Some contended that Wake Co. is not being affected. One situation in particular causes a question to be raised. If Berry O'Kelly, a Negro school with a staff of twelve, has been completely closed and the staff advised that could "apply" in the county, are they involved?

Superintendent of Public Instruction of North Carolina, Dr. Charles Carroll, in a June news release pointed out the fact that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 did in fact mean the desegregation of facilities and that locals had to comply in order to accept federal funds. Dr. Carroll's position in this regard has gone a long way in alleviating the potential of the problem.

The National Educational Association adopted a resolution, called a meeting of representatives of Southern states in Atlanta in which guidelines were adopted, is in constant contact with U. S. officials with regard to problems of dismissal of teachers, and has been requested to send an investigating team into North Carolina in order to determine advisements on procedures in the problem.

It is likely that the NCTA and NAACP will be joined in the suit in Asheboro, by the U. S. Justice Department. The FBI has and is making investigations were complaints have and are being made.

Vice President Hubert Humphrey has indicated the inquires will be made by his office into the areas where discrimination is being practiced and is bitterly opposed to any action which involves unprofessional practices and or unfair treatment of its members. The Negro teachers of North Carolina are third largest group in membership. Support is pledged to

North Carolina and the nation in this plight. Joseph Duncan, North Carolina State Director of ATA, has stated that ATA is in sympathy and agreement with the actions as taken by NCTA.

Concern is raised by a motion which is being advanced that Negro teachers come from inferior schools by and large and therefore are inferior in preparation. The soundness of this allegation is highly challenged. The state schools of North Carolina (Negro and white) have for the most part met the accreditation standards of the State of North Carolina and the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. The curriculum of these and private schools must include state prescribed subject areas in order that individuals might "qualify" for state certification. These are the institutions which are preparing most of the state's Negro teachers. Many of these institutions in state and across the nation have had integrated faculties.



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SPOKESMAN for the nation's top civil rights leaders, Clarence Mitchell, is welcomed by ranking Democratic and Republican members of a House Labor subcommittee as he testified for a higher minimum wage covering more workers. Left is Rep. Alphonzo Bell (R-Calif.); at right, Rep. Roman C. Pucinski (D-Ill.).



HOWARD E. FERRELL

FERRELL AND WILLIAMS WEDDING BE HELD IN PATERSON, N.J. JULY 17

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Edward Ferrell of 1204 Hanover St., announce the engagement of their son, Howard Edward Ferrell, to Candis Williams, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams of Warrenton. Miss Williams is a senior at

Opening of Lighted Field Announced

The City Recreation Department will conduct the Official Opening of the newly lighted athletic field at Lyon Park Monday, July 12, 1965, 7 p. m. The field will be used primarily for softball and baseball.

Councilman J. S. Stewart will be the principle speaker for the occasion. The Master of Ceremonies for the program will be W. L. Bradsher, principle of Lyon Park School. Other persons on the program will be Rev. A. L. Thompson, Pastor of First Calvary Church; Roger Brown, Director of City Recreation Department; Edwin E. Stancik, chairman of the Recreation Advisory Committee; Willie Haskins chairman of the Neighborhood Recreation Council; Willie Jones, former Neighborhood Council Chairman. Edward Boyd, Director of Athletics City Recreation Department, will introduce the participating teams.

The Elites versus the Twins in the first game which will begin at 7:30 p. m. The second game between Borden and the Vikings will get under way at 9:00 p. m.

--Parker

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Harris, Janie Evans and Mrs. Tilley. Mrs. Coronio Umstead thanked the hostess.

VISIT RELATIVES IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mrs. Margaret P. Parker, Miss Vivian Parker, Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Parker and family spent the week end visiting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hedspeh, Miss Arvela Parker, Mr. and Mrs. William Perry of Washington, D. C.



SCOPE WORKERS participate in an outdoor workshop discussion during a six-week orientation session held at Morris Brown College in Atlanta last week. More than 500 university instructors and students from throughout the nation attended the orientation under the auspices of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's Summer Community Organization and Political Education Project. The SCOPE project is headed by Hosea L. Williams, a key aide to SCLC President Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The volunteers will work for 10-weeks in SCOPE voter registration campaigns in six southern states. (SCLC Photo)



UN PRESIDENT NAACP LIFE MEMBER—Alex Quason-Sackey, second from right, smilingly accepts plaque denoting Life Membership in NAACP from U. S. Ambassador Franklin H. Williams Booth, left, president of New York State NAACP, and UN Under Secretary Ralph J. Bunche look on. Presentation was made at luncheon in the delegates dining room at the United Nations with Ambassador Williams as host. The \$500 membership was a gift of New York State NAACP.

--Mabrey

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matches stamped with the couple's names, to the guests. Miss Jannett Moore received gifts which were displayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit N. Nixon.

Mrs. Mabrey is a graduate of Winston Salem State College and a former nurse at Johnston County Memorial Hospital. Mr. Mabrey is a graduate of Modesto Junior College, Modesto, California and is employed by the Navy Department as a Health Physics Technician in Washington.

Mrs. Jean B. Nixon of Smithfield, directed the wedding. Dr. Thomas S. Cheek, also of Smithfield, assisted with plans and preparations for the reception. The newly-wedded couple will reside at 2722 Stanton Road, S. E., Washington.

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