



BANQUET SCENE of first annual Human Relations Institute sponsored by White Rock Baptist Church in church's Baraca Room February 11. Dr. Franklin H. Littell, professor of church history, Chicago Theological Seminary, addressed some 300 persons at the banquet.



SPEAKER—Dr. Luther H. Holcomb, vice chairman of the Equal Opportunity Commission, Washington, D. C. is shown here addressing Race Relations Sunday audience at White Rock Baptist Church here February 13. Speech was part of the last day's program in three day Human Relations Institute.



TYPICAL PARTICIPANTS in one of five study sessions meeting for two days include the above ministers and laymen: left to right: The Rev. Henry Elkins, director of the United Campus Ministry, North Carolina College at Durham; the Rev. David Curry, pastor, First Presbyterian Church; unidentified person; Nathaniel B. White, chairman of the Steering Committee of the Institute; Ezekiel Clemons, member of the White Rock Board of Deacons; Ned Johnson, member of the White Rock Board of Deacons; and the Rev. Sylvester Shannon, student, Duke Divinity School.

Old Comic Books Are Guarded

By CARL P. LEUBSDORF
WASHINGTON — Batman, Superman and other heroes of the golden age of comic books are being kept behind locked doors in the Library of Congress.

But, as Batman's sidekick Robin would put it, Holy Thesis! They're off limits to the kids and are for scholarly research only in the quiet library where the "quiet" means no laughing as well as no raising. A mess you're a sociologist, a reporter or a graduate student writing a dissertation, you can't get near the library's 12,000 or so comic books.

The comics, dating from the late 1930s to the present, are kept in gray boxes on dusty shelves in two locked corridors of the library's stacks. The collection includes about 2,500 titles and may be the world's largest.

"We don't know of any other library that collects them," says John H. Thaxter, assistant chief of the library's serial division.

They are still coming in — 136 different titles at present — under copyright laws that require that the library receive two copies of every copyright periodical published.

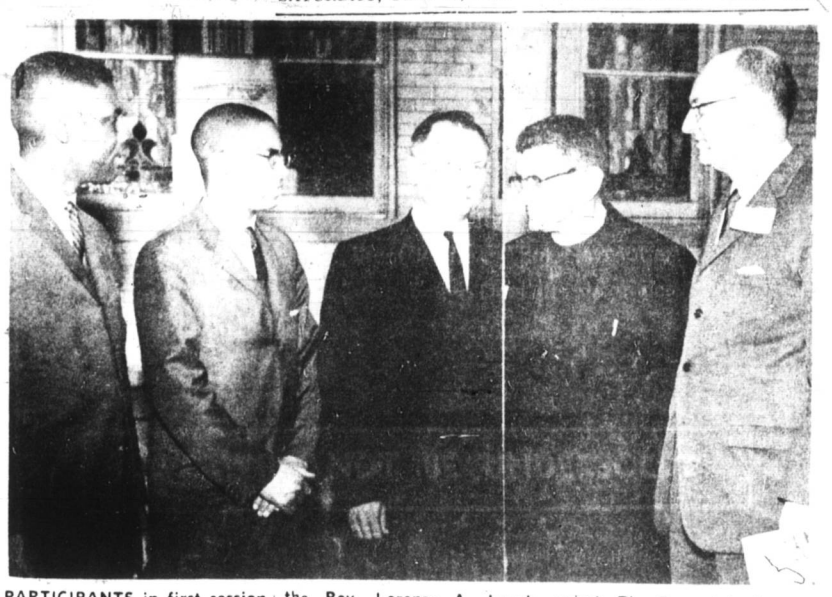
Unlike magazines, there are no bound volumes available, so the library has to take special care of the yellowing, cracking old comics. In addition their value is growing — a copy of the first comic in which Superman appeared sold last year for \$100.

"We're giving serious thought to microfilming some of the earlier editions," Thaxter said.

The oldest comic book listed in the library's files is a January 1938 edition of Detective Comics. Although earlier comic books had reprinted newspaper funnies, Detective Comics became the first one with original material when it was first issued in 1937.

A year later, Action Comics came along and gave birth to Superman, followed by Batman who started in Detective Comics but got his own book in 1940.

There seems little difference between the Batman of 25 years ago and the masked figure who darts twice weekly across television screens.



PARTICIPANTS in first session for rabbis, priests, and pastors at Human Relations Institute at White Rock Baptist Church on February 11. Left to right—The Rev. F. D. Terry, pastor, West Durham Baptist Church; the Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch, pastor, White Rock Baptist Church; Dr. Franklin H. Littell, chief consultant and principal speaker for the Institute; Father Eugene H. Livelsberger, priest, The Emaculate Conception Catholic Church; and the Rev. Richard L. Jackson, president, Durham Ministers Association and pastor of Durham's United Church of Christ.

Gen. Telephone Issues New Directories

General Telephone Company of the Southeast this week will issue about 54,000 new Durham directories in preparation for Sunday morning's scheduled cutover of tons of highly diversified equipment in its Main (Holloway Street) Office that will result in approximately 7,000 number changes.

Roughly 6,500 home and 500 business listings are slated to change at 2:01 a.m. on February 20, the final step in a year-long \$2 million rehabilitation program designed to bring fast, economical and substantially improved service to municipal subscribers.

Division Manager D. N. Warden said the introduction of so much intricate instrumentation in such a relatively short period of time makes the wholesale number change unavoidable. However, he assured customers that the company is making every effort to anticipate and smooth out problems beforehand. He stated that any difficulties arising after the cutover will be corrected with a minimum of delay and inconvenience to the public.

Besides a growing need to phase out aging predecessor company equipment as rapidly as possible, General decided to rework Main Office facilities at this time in order to apportion more evenly the constantly increasing flow of telephone traffic routed through the Holloway Street installation.

The company has wrestled with the problem of overburdened facilities almost from the very moment it assumed ownership of Durham's telephone communications system in 1955. During the following decade, General found it necessary to construct three satellite offices to lighten the traffic load on the three overworked original offices.

And a final solution to the dilemma is not yet at hand, what with the city considering long-range plans to expand its boundaries and entice more and more industry and attendant manpower to relocate here. Two additional satellite structures will be activated in the near future. The "F" office presently is under construction near the heart of the burgeoning Research Triangle Park, while a "G" installation will be started later this year at the intersection of Humphrey, Neal and Bennett Memorial Roads.

Beginning Sunday, numbers prefixed by 383 or 681 will be abolished. Thereafter, only 3 codes—682, 684 and 688—will be operative out of the Main Office. Some 688 listings won't be changed but those starting with 688-5, 688-8 688-9 and 688-0 will.



STUDENT SHOWS ART WORK—James Newton, North Carolina College senior art major, holds a critique of one of his works of sculpture with two ladies present at the opening of a Student Art Exhibition at the college Sunday. In the center is Mrs. R. D. Newman, and on the right Mrs. Hilda Johnson.

At Home In Capital



Seated comfortably on a living room chair, Mrs. Robert C. Weaver smiles cheerfully during a recent interview in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Weaver, wife of the new Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, was a teacher and speech therapist at Brooklyn College in New York before moving to the capital. (UPI Photo)

DBPC to Give Banquet Here On March 1

The Durham Business and Professional Chain, working in cooperation with the Housewives League and the Chain Investment Corporation, will sponsor a banquet at the Station Club on March 1. A fellowship hour at 6:30 p.m. will precede the 7:30 banquet, an annual affair by the organization.

The guest speaker for the occasion will be Randall L. Tyus, special assistant to the administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Tickets for this affair are available to the public and may be purchased from any member of the Durham Business and Professional Chain.

The Durham Business and Professional Chain is an organization composed of several businesses owned and operated primarily by Negroes in our community. Its primary purpose is to establish programs and projects which will help raise the standards of these businesses owned and operated primarily by Negroes so that they may be able to compete more successfully for the consumer's dollar in the total economy.

After they have read a book, some people have a way of making you feel illiterate when you confess that you haven't read it.



MRS. GINYARD STUDENT TO ATTEND PHYS. ED. MEETING

Mrs. Janice Ginyard, president of the Women's Athletic Association at North Carolina College, will represent the organization at the annual meeting of the American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation in Chicago, March 18-22.

Headquarters for the sessions will be the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

A resident of Durham, Mrs. Ginyard is a senior physical education major.

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Gregory In Canoe For 'Fish In'



Comedian Dick Gregory cancels scheduled appearances in Miami, Montreal and New York to go fishing in the Nisqually River at Olympia, Wash. Gregory and two Indians caught two steelhead trout in defiance of State law and a court injunction prohibiting net fishing off Indian reservations, during a 'fish-in' demonstration. No one was arrested, and Gregory said that he'd stay as long as it takes to fight the Indians' cause. It has been their right for many moons to fish in the Nisqually.

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'Y' to Teach Creative Dancing

Classes in Creative Modern Dance will be offered this spring at the Harriet Tubman Branch YWCA, a United Fund Agency. This class will be taught by Mrs. Nettie Robinson, a North Carolina College senior who has had extensive training in creative dance techniques.

Ballet Classes will also be offered at the YW this spring for children ages four years and over. Miss Pam Parker a Duke University student will teach this class.

For further information regarding these two classes and other spring classes call the YWCA, 684-0191.

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