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Sammy Davis Jr. Awarded 53rd Spingarn Medal By Wilkins

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Phila. Church Group Honors Retired Rocky Mt. Principal

O. R. Pope, Sr. To Be Saluted By Pa. Ushers Association

PHILADELPHIA — O. R. Pope, Sr., blind author of a best-selling novel and former superintendent of Negro schools in Rocky Mount, N. C., will be honored at the Marriott Motel on April 18 by the Elijah Hamilton Committee of the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Pennsylvania.

Pope, after thirty-seven years in the Rocky Mount School System, retired in 1949 and came to Philadelphia to begin a new career in teaching and writing. His novel, "Chalk Dust" has created a creditable stir among educators because of the way the author handled school and student relations in his book. "Chalk Dust" also stressed extensive community-school relations.

The ninety-two year old author lost his sight gradually after coming to Philadelphia, yet he continued speaking engagements, article writing and Sunday School teaching. He never missed a Sunday teaching his class at Camphor Memorial Methodist Church in West Philadelphia.

Approximately 800 people are expected to attend the testimonial for Pope. Many former students will be coming from Rocky Mount, Wash.

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Harris C. Johnson Files For Seat on Durham City Council

Harris C. Johnson, 41, announced last week that he is a candidate for an at-large seat on the Durham City Council.

Johnson's announcement, released last Saturday, calls for "new leadership on the Council, leadership with positive progress to solve many of Durham's long standing problems," he stated.

Johnson is a graduate of N. C. College and has done work toward an advanced degree. He is presently employed at the Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill in the occupational therapy department. He is also a member of St. Joseph's AME Church and is a past member of the Junior Stewarts Board.

Specific proposals made by Johnson in his bid for the council were:

"Clear personnel policies" for city employees including "a standardized, blanket policy for promotion, improved recreational facilities for annexed areas, Repeal of the recently passed Five Points Park ordinance."

"Firm regulations...dealing with sub-standard housing and violations of the housing codes." Three new city swimming pools, new playground areas and "a year-around program in little league baseball and football, especially in



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Problems of Strife In Community Will Top NCC Seminars

During the week of April 13-17, the Cultural, Reading Program Committee of North Carolina College will sponsor a series of seminars focusing attention on the many problems facing Durham and other communities. The theme for the week will be "Durham—Its Policies and Administration." This discussion should be of interest to the entire community. Hopefully, meaningful insight will be gained into many of the problems from viewpoints of both the black and white segments of the community.

The week of activities will begin on Sunday, April 13 with an address by Mrs. Fanny Lou Hamer of Ruleville, Mississippi. Mrs. Hamer is a leader in the Mississippi Freedom Movement and was an organizer of the rival faction which challenged the seating of the regular Democratic delegation at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago last year. Mrs. Hamer will speak at 4 p.m.

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NAACP Official Substitutes for Senator Brooke

NEW YORK—Sammy Davis, Jr., the film, stage and television star, put his humanist creed on record in quietly eloquent remarks accepting the 53rd Spingarn Medal before 800 guests attending a Palm Sunday luncheon in the Grand Ballroom of the Plaza Hotel here, March 30.

The coveted medal, awarded annually to a Negro American for distinguished achievement, was presented to Mr. Davis by an earlier winner of the honor, Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mr. Wilkins substituted for Senator Edward W. Brooke (R., Mass.) who was unable to remain for the luncheon because of rites in Washington for the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Mr. Davis was cited for "his superb and many-faceted talent...his commitment to the enduring values of the Judeo-Christian tradition - justice, freedom, equality and the brotherhood of all mankind, and...the tireless sacrifices he has made in the furtherance of these great goals through his generous and meaningful participation in the civil rights movement."

Of that participation, Mr. Davis said he was proud but, at the same time, "a little ashamed of the fact that I haven't contributed more." Among his contributions to the cause has been his service as chairman of the NAACP's Life Membership Committee since 1966, for which NAACP President Kivie Kaplan praised him in opening remarks.

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DEDICATION OF NEW PARSONAGE of Mount Olive AME Zion Church, will be held Sunday, April 20, at 11:00 a.m. The dedication sermon will be preached by the Rt. Rev. William A. Stewart, Bishop of the Fourth District of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. The pastor, Rev. E. H. Whitley, extends a special invitation to the general public of Durham to join the congregation in the historical occasion. The parsonage is located at 2929 Driftwood. Insets are Bishop Stewart, at left; Dr. C. E. Boulware, center, who will deliver the ground breaking address for the new church edifice to be erected at 1515 Club Boulevard and Rev. Whitley at right. (Photo by Purefoy)

W. Durham Baptist, Mt. Olive AMEZ To Erect New Edifices

Two additional Durham churches announced this week ground breaking ceremonies for the edifices as the result of the new east west expressway now under construction in the city.

Rev. F. D. Terry, pastor of the West Durham Baptist Church, stated here Monday that the building and site now being used on Thaxton Avenue have been sold to the state Highway Commission and that the congregation has until March 1970 before moving.

The new location of the church will be at the corner of Nixon and Nole Streets in the South Alston Avenue area. The site is composed of four acres which will provide ample space for parking.

In keeping with the church building relocations that have hit the city, R. E. H. Whitley pastor of the Mt. Olive AME Church, presently located at 123 Powe Street in the western section of the city, revealed that the present structure of his church will be demolished



REV. TERRY

which time the Right Rev. William Andrew Stewart, bishop of the 4th Episcopal District of the AME Zion Church will deliver the dedication message.

Speaker for the ground breaking ceremony is Dr. C. E. Boulware, member of the Durham City Council and professor of mathematics at N. C. College.

N. C. Watershed Projects OK'd

WASHINGTON — Two watershed projects that affect North Carolina are among the 96 for which President Nixon has approved financing.

The projects had been delayed since 1966 because former President Johnson felt the allocation of funds by Congress would have infringed upon executive authority.

President Nixon sent Secretary of the Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin a memo dated March 27 which said he had "decided that this administration will interpose no objection" to implement the projects.

Durham To Host Beauticians And Cosmetologists Sessions

The North Carolina State Beauticians' and Cosmetologists' Association, Inc., will hold its Annual Convention 1969 at the Durham Hotel, April 28 - 30.

Initiating the convention's activities will be the worship service at St. Joseph's AME Church on Fayetteville Street here Sunday, April 27, at 3:30 p.m. Rev. Philip R. Cousin, pastor of St. Joseph's will be the speaker. Music will be furnished by the church's Senior Choir.



REPORTS MADE ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO A&T FOUNDATION—Heads of student organizations at A&T State University last week turned in first reports and contributions to the A&T University Foundation to be used as scholarships for high ability students. Those turning in checks to Ellis F. Corbett center, associate director of Planning and Development are Harold Glover, Richard Newkirk, Miss Charley Flint, Willie Boykin, Herman Newborn, and Scott Toweh, Liberia, West Africa, International Students Ass'n.



Wilkins Pays High Tribute To Eisenhower

NEW YORK—Dwight David Eisenhower's action as President in sending troops to Little Rock to enforce court decreed school desegregation established him as "one of the saviors of our country," NAACP Executive Director Roy Wilkins said here following the death of the nation's 34th president, March 28.

The late President's "services to his country as military commander will be noted by every school child in generations to come," Mr. Wilkins stated.

"What must not be forgotten," it continued, "is that in 1957, as President of the United States, he called upon the American Army to enforce a decree issued by a United States court.

"If the court order had been successfully defied by a state, we would have ceased to be a nation and would have become a group of independent fiefdoms.

"In a very real sense, Dwight D. Eisenhower was one of the saviors of this country."

Rev. Cousin is widely recognized as a dynamic minister, leader, and citizen. He has served as President of the Durham Ministerial Association, is currently serving as vice-chairman of the Human Relations Commission of the city of Durham, and also as chairman of the Political Committee of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs.

The theme "Looking Upward" will highlight the conventions activities, and its motto, "External look, Internal Be Beautiful" will dominate the workshops and classes for the delegate-participants.

The 30th President's Banquet will be held at the Civic Center on Monday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker at the banquet will be Mrs. Laura Mack Sims of Charleston, South Carolina. Mrs. Sims, a teacher in the Charleston school system for 34 years is founder and owner of the Ebony Beauty College, and is listed in Who's Who in America.

A special feature of the convention will be the "Moon Show" which will launch the Annual Fashion Fair and Colifore Competitive Showing on Tuesday, April 29, at 8 p.m. Miss Perita Bates, guest artist, will reveal an array of creations called Symphony in Color, all of which takes place at the Civic Center.

Home Security Life Reports Big Gains At Stockholders Meeting

At its annual stockholder's meeting here Tuesday (April 1) Home Security Life Insurance Company reported new highs for 1968 in sales, insurance in force, assets and income.

Total life insurance sales reached \$190.6 million compared with \$178.7 million in 1967 and \$133.8 million in 1966. Direct sales contributed \$165 million to total sales while new reinsurance from federal government insurance programs amounted to \$25.5 million. Board Chairman Watts Hill, Jr. called particular attention to the 19.8% increase in ordinary life insurance sales.

The company's insurance in force climbed to 710 million, an increase of more than \$76.7 million over the previous year-end total. Assets increased 6% to 69.4 million and capital and surplus rose 8.3% to \$10.6 million. The net gain from operations was \$914,884 in 1968 compared with the record \$1,044,949 in 1967.

Total income from premiums and investments rose \$1.5 million to \$17.2 million. Premium income increased 9.7% to \$14.4 million while net investment income increased 8.3% to \$2.8 million. The net yield on the total investment portfolio rose to 4.42% compared with 4.33% the previous year and new investments were made at an average yield of 6.40% in 1968 compared with 6.08% in 1967.

During the year Home Security Life policyholders and beneficiaries received over \$6.8 million in benefit payments.

Re-elected to the Board of Directors were Dr. C.A. Adams, Bascom Baynes, Arthur W. Clark, D. St. Pierre Dubose, Mrs. Herbert J. Fox, B. W. Harris, Jr., George Watts Hill, Watts Hill, Jr. Dr. R. A. Ross and Walter Sledge.

Following the stockholders' meeting, the Board of Directors re-elected all company officers

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Teacher Rights Most Dynamic Legal Fields Announces NEA

Jabberwock For 1969 Held At Hillside

The Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority presented its Annual Jabberwock Friday March 28 in the Hillside High School Auditorium.

The presentation titled "It Was A Very Good Year" concerned the stages of life from infancy to old age and featured the dance group from Whitted Jr. High School along with the Sorority members and their children. Five door prizes of \$10.00 each were awarded to lucky ticket holders in the audience.

Close to ninety tenth grade girls from seven area high schools competed for a period of approximately eight weeks of competition culminated Friday night with the crowning of Miss Carolyn Lewis, a Hillside student, as the 1969 Queen. As a prize for her efforts, along with the title, Miss Lewis received a stereo high fidelity phonograph. The three top runners-up were Miss Pamela Harde from Durham High who received a three-piece set of luggage, Miss Tonia Butler

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SPEAKER — Alfred Lile, Assistant United Campus Christian Minister at North Carolina College, will address the Evening Worship Services of District No. 14 of White Rock Baptist Church, Sunday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. The services will be held at St. Joseph's AME Church.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by a choral group of North Carolina College.

Cases Reflect Changing Times In Rights Area

WASHINGTON — Teacher rights and professional negotiation between teachers and school boards are currently among the most dynamic and active legal fields, both judicially and legislatively, according to officials of the National Education Association.

"As teacher militancy and participation in racial and political issues and professional negotiation have increased, so have unfair reprisals necessitating legal remedies," explains Mary Ann Scott, director of the NEA DuShane Emergency Fund.

The number, type, and amount of cases handled by the DuShane Fund over the years, to ensure fair treatment of educators whose rights have been violated, reflect the changing times in the teacher rights area.

During the first eight years of its operation, the fund handled only nine cases and disbursed \$5,000. In fiscal year 1965-66, it handled 32 cases and disbursed \$17,737. During the 1968 calendar year (the 1968-69, fiscal year is not

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Judge Named

MEMPHIS, Tenn. Criminal Court Judge Arthur C. Faquin Jr. was named Thursday to succeed the late Judge W. Preston Battle as the presiding judge in the James Earl Ray case. The announcement was made following a meeting of the four remaining Criminal Court judges.