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Union Silver Circle Singing Convention Held In Cliffside

HAYNES GROVE CHURCH HOST TO EVENT JAN. 26-27

Seven Choirs Participate In Big Convention Held In Cliffside

GREAT PROGRESS

The Union Silver Circle Singing Convention convened at Haynes Grove Baptist church at Cliffside on January 26-27.

We were informed that the convention was moving along fine under the supervision of convention officials.

Dinner was served, after which the afternoon session began. The seven choirs that made up the convention were enjoyed. The choirs were: the Jerusalem, Russell Tabernacle, Zion Hill, Doggett Grove, Jr., and Haynes Grove. Illness prevented Hopewell and Mt. Pisgah from singing.

The offering amounted to a grand total of \$57.05.

Inspiring talks were made by the Revs. G. M. Lipsey, W. L. Goode, Tom Gaston, R. B. McEntire and Osie Ford and Corelius Miller of Shelby.

Editor Robinson made a short talk.

We chatted with the following officials of the Convention: Bros. S. B. McKinney, president; S. M. Goode, vice president; G. W. Lily, secretary; Clyde Camp, assistant secretary; D. L. Miller, treasurer; H. H. Hudson, supervisor.

DR. EICHELBERGER IN FINE ADDRESS

"The Negro Must Solve His Own Problems, But He Must Pay The Price"

Dr. J. W. Eichelberger, secretary of Christian Education of A. M. E. Zion church, in an emancipation celebration address in Detroit, Mich., on January 1, made some timely remarks that we would like to pass on to our readers.

Among other things he said "The Jews were emancipated from the Egyptian bondage 40 centuries ago and the Jews will lay aside everything in order to celebrate that glorious event."

Continuing, the speaker said "The negro must solve his own problems, but he must pay the price. He must build himself an economic security. He must establish credit, for without credit he cannot expect to keep pace with the business world. He must meet his obligations, and if he cannot on the specified day, make your appearance ahead of time and state the reason why and ask for more grace. He must own homes and real estate, and create business enterprises through co-operation."

Harris News

EVELYN ROBINSON
(Staff Correspondent)

Work has started on the Jerusalem Baptist Church. The church will be built of cement blocks, costing approximately \$3,000. Rev. E. O. Bass is pastor. J. H. Camp and Boston McKinney are prominent officials.

As we go to press Golar Harris has improved and is now able to do some work.

Mrs. Carrie Harris, who underwent an operation at the Rutherford hospital a few days ago, has returned home and is doing nicely.

Mrs. Emma Garrett's condition is about the same. Ceif McDowell has moved into his new cement block house here. We welcome them to our community.

Mr. McCoy has moved into the house formerly occupied by George Rogers. A welcome is extended to him.

R. B. McEntire is building a new home out of cement blocks. He hopes to complete it within a few weeks.

Rev. W. L. Goode filled his regular appointment at Hopewell Sunday.

Othnell Harris has received a discharge from the navy and is now at home with his parents.

Issue Proclamation Sesqui - Centennial Of A. M. E. Zion Church

A. M. E. Zion Church To Observe Its 150th Anniversary This Year

Whereas, the A. M. E. Zion church was founded in New York City, 1796, and whereas, this was the first negro organization in New York and in the United States save one other attempt, and whereas this organization has spread throughout America to Africa, South America and the Southern Islands and is now approaching its 150th anniversary in 1946 and whereas this great church has been a blessing to hundreds of thousands of race people in creating living, soul saving and practical race work such as education, home building and general social uplift and political and business leadership, and whereas, it has led the race in establishing character, erecting churches and institutions, and making opportunity for the better life, and whereas, this is a day of reconstruction and looking forward toward the expansion of freedom under its new interpretation and Christian evolution, the issue from the bloodiest war of history, and whereas, the needs of our church are growing increasingly great for the meeting of these institutions to meet the expanding demands and competition of our time upon the helpful influence of this most useful negro Christian organization. Be it resolved, that we celebrate the 150th anniversary including a period of two years approaching thereto in—

In Manila



SGT. VERNON J. WILKINS
Sgt. Vernon J. Wilkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilkins, of Avondale, entered the army March 1, 1945, at Fort Bragg. From there he went to Fort Benning, Ga., and was then transferred to Fort McClellan, Ala., and from there to Camp Claiborne, La. He landed in Marseille, France, October 24, 1945. He is now serving in Manila.

Sgt. Watkins is a former student of Grahamstown high school and at the time of his induction was employed in Portsmouth, Va., as a first class welder, where he had been for four years. His address is: 440778395, New York, N. Y.

Editor



Shown above is M. D. Robinson, editor-founder of the Harris Herald, and crusader for human rights and privileges.

News Items From Henrietta

HAZEL PHILLIPS
(Staff Correspondent)
A. M. E. Zion church reorganized for the new year January 13. All officers remained the same. Some new members that joined the church were given offices.

Mrs. G. M. Lipsey, president of the party body (missionary) organized today, January 27. They are planning to do great work.

Hazel Phillips, Mrs. Mary Proctor, Miss Vivian Hart and Miss Ada Gordon organized clubs on January 27.

The choir, the pastor and some members of the church attended the singing convention at Haynes Grove on January 27.

Mr. and Mrs. John Staley, of Spindale, visited Mrs. Dovie Wilkins on Sunday evening, January 13.

Miss Jessie Jeffries has returned to Washington after visiting her brother, Johnnie Jeffries.

Mrs. Ruth McDowell, of New York, was recently married to Hasket Brown of Gaffney, S. C. They will make their home in Washington.

Rev. and Mrs. Lassiter, of New Zion Baptist church, visited Mr. and Mrs. Smilie Wilkins on January 27.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McDowell, Mrs. Mary Wilkins, Mrs. Inez Wilkins, Hazel and Fletcher Phillips were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilkins on January 13.

John William Bristol has been discharged from the army.

Miss Addie Sue Logan spent the week-end with Miss Leala Burton of Asheville on January 5 and 6.

Mrs. Belle Harris has been ill for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bristol and children, of Caroleen, visited Mr. and Mrs. David Bristol and Mrs. Wilkins on January 27.

Pfc. Gentle N. Dewberry is back in the U. S.

Pfc. Robert Jr. Hamrick has returned home from overseas and—

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HEALTH OFFICE HAS BUSY MONTH

Closing Of Schools Eases Burden Of Health Department

There were reported to the health department during January one case of typhus fever, one of scarlet fever, and one of septic sore throat, all the patients being white children, says Dr. B. E. Washburn, county health officer. The case of typhus is the first to be reported from this county, although a number of cases have occurred in an adjoining county. This disease is spread through rat fleas.

Only one school was visited during January, due to weather conditions. At this school, Golden Valley, 21 pupils were seen and six of these were referred to the eye clinic and four for tonsil operations. Two children were vaccinated for smallpox, 30 were given diphtheria toxoid, and 33 completed whooping cough vaccination during the month. At two tonsil clinics held at the Rutherford hospital, 15 children had operations. The health department was visited by Mr. J. T. Barnes, of the division of vocational rehabilitation, and arrangements were made to hold an orthopedic clinic in Rutherford on the first Friday of each month. The first clinic is being planned for March.

There were 18 new cases of venereal disease treated during January; 14 of these were for gonorrhea, nine being white and five colored. The four new cases of syphilis were colored. An unusually large number of specimens were taken for blood tests on returning veterans in order to check the results of treatments they received while in service.

There were 25 markets which attained Grade B, between 80 and 90 per cent, which is satisfactory as regards sanitary conditions, while 11 markets scored Grade C, or between 70 and 80 per cent. It is pleasing to report that the average score of the markets of the county continues to improve, be—

ANNIVERSARIES AND YOUTH

By J. O. GIBBS

Negro History Week is observed along with National Boy Scout Week, both of which are celebrated during the second week of February. Hundreds of churches, schools and civic organizations celebrate these anniversaries in various ways. Negro History Week for example, may be observed by giving programs in which biographies of famous negroes either



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the past or present generation are presented. It may be observed by dramatizations of the negro in works of art, science, music, religion or any other field in which the negro has achieved any degree of success. It may be observed by the display of exhibits, or by the making of field trips, pilgrimages or shrines. Churches may observe the anniversary by rendering special services designed for the occasion.

Boy Scout week may be observed through various types of programs in which the value of

Allen Choir To Sing At Forest City Sunday Afternoon



The Allen School choir, Asheville, will present a program of music at the First Methodist church, Forest City, next Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock. This program will be in observance of Race Relations Day in the Methodist church. The Allen choir is directed by Miss Isabelle Jones and is composed of 30 voices. The choir has sung over the radio, and in most of the leading churches in and near Asheville, and for a number of clubs.

Personal And Local Items Of Interest Gathered In County

Mrs. Rosa Mae Stevenson, of Washington, D. C., spent the week-end with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Junnie Webster.

Verlie Dover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Dover, went to Winston-Salem on January 22 to take an examination in nurse training.

Booker T. Humphries has been discharged from service and was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Littlejohn and Mr. and Mrs. Junnie Webster.

J. C. Webster is home after spending five months in Providence, R. I.

Pvt. and Mrs. Rice are parents of a daughter.

Have you subscribed for the Harris Herald yet? The following mailed the coupon recently: Miss Mae Willie Camp, Shelby, N. C. Can we at home afford to do less than subscribe?

Earl Justice, manager U. S. Employment Service office, Rutherford, is offering some fine advice to our readers in a series of articles. Read them.

Odell Hamrick, of Cliffside, is not only a successful building contractor but an outstanding church worker also.

Rev. W. L. Goode, pastor of Doggett Grove Circuit, is a very successful minister and is greatly loved in that community.

Robert Lee Webster, of Cliffside, is not only a useful member of Haynes Grove church, but is also interested in the civic welfare of the people.

Bub Davis, Forest City, proprietor of Midway barber shop, is one of the busiest men I've seen. He is interested in any worthwhile movement for the advancement of his race.

Jessie T. Miller, staff correspondent of the Herald of the Zions Grove community, has already shown marked ability as a writer and paragrapher.

Miss Marion Brooks, staff correspondent of the Hollis community, is wide awake and is interested in the success of the Herald.

Rev. A. M. Goodwin, pastor of St. John church, Rutherford, is a new resident of this county and is one of the finest ministers we know.

Zion Grove Community News

JESSE T. MILLER
(Staff Correspondent)

"Civilization Begins and Ends With the Plow!" It will always be remembered, being spoken by the first president of the United States, George Washington. He was first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen. He was also a farmer.

I don't believe any sane man or woman will refute this fact: if the American farmer cannot get sufficient labor and farm equipment and the proper legislation at Raleigh and Washington whereby to till the soil and get a reasonable profit for the sale of farm commodities, we will soon, and very soon, have no civilization.

It is an established and undisputable fact that practically everything we use comes from the soil directly or indirectly, and certainly George Washington was right when he said "Civilization Begins and Ends With the Plow."

I sit and listen to the radio and read the newspapers and learn that the head authorities are calling strikes in many of the Northern manufacturing centers and the entire United States. Many of these strikers have large families. The war is over, and it seems to me if many of those strikers would get out of those large congested places and go back to the farm and exercise a little more of that old time willingness to work and make something to eat, then they would think less about strikes.

There are today more consumers of produce than there are producers. The farmer has never been known to strike when things were against him. Even when Uncle Sam was taking their last boy to help win the war, the farmer carried on. This American way of life is fine, as relates to agriculture. But I've been told that—

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RECEPTION WAS GREATER THAN WE ANTICIPATED

Scores Of People Over State And Nation Have Expressed Felicitations

SUB. LIST GROWING

The Harris Herald was presented to the public Saturday, January 12. The public's general response and reception of the paper was even greater than anticipated. It is heartening to note the attitude of our citizens of both races toward our county's newest and only negro newspaper. All of us realize the tremendous responsibility that is ours and see in the Herald great possibilities for helping solve our problems.

Scores of people, whom we do not know personally, after reading the Herald, expressed their interest in the paper and stated that they would work for the paper's success.

Our subscription list is continually growing, indicating that our friends not only wish to buy one copy but numbers of them are subscribing in order that they might help a worthwhile movement to grow and also that they may continue to get the News pertaining to their race and community. Our agents and correspondents in several sections of the county are wide-awake and energetic. Many of them are serving as correspondents, and many of them are getting subscriptions. They deserve and should receive your support.

The outlook for the growth and future development of the Harris Herald is very bright. On all sides interested persons gladly offer suggestions, give advice, promise aid and in general offer to help in any possible way.

AMONG OUR CHURCHES

NEW BETHEL CHURCH

We, the members of the New Bethel A. M. E. Zion church of Forest City, under the leadership of our new pastor, Rev. Bomar, are planning to make this year a success. We are glad to welcome the pastor's family.

A large number attended a quartet singing which featured the Golden Bell Singers of Charlotte Friday night, Jan. 18.

The Golden Bell quartet has been asked to return here soon and bring with them the junior Golden Bell singers. Be sure and hear them.

The junior choir sponsored an entertainment on January 22.

ST. LUKE CHURCH NEWS

By Mrs. Bernice Cannon
Our pastor, Rev. G. Gray, is with us another year, and we are progressing nicely. Services every Sunday at 3:00 p. m. and preaching every second and fourth Sundays. An all-night meeting was held recently.

The next meeting will be in Shelby at Mt. Sinai church, Rev. G. F. Boyd, pastor, on Feb. 2.

We have another church in Henrietta, Mannings Chapel. The pastor is Rev. N. L. Cannon.

A new church has been built in Rutherford, Michael's Chapel, with Rev. E. S. Cannon as pastor.

Service men visiting us recently were Sgt. James H. Simmons and Cpl. Leonard Simmons, and Pfc. Lemuel Elliott.

"Shed Off"

Text: "Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; be ye therefore wise as a serpent and harmless as doves." St. Matthew, 10th chapter, 16th verse.

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Bits Of Negro History

1. Who was Richard Allen?
2. Who was James Varick?
3. Two negroes were once United States senators from Mississippi. Who were they?
4. Of what state was Frederick Douglass a native?

(Answers on page four.)

AROUND THE NATION'S CAPITAL

By DR. H. T. MEDFORD
Washington, D. C.

Editor Robinson: I herewith submit the first installment of my impression of happenings around the nation's capital, which I hope to continue for each issue of Harris Herald in the future. I congratulate you upon launching a new paper in this community. I am sure such a publication will mean a great deal for all of its readers in the western section of the "Old North State." We wish you much success in this valuable venture.

Things are a bit exciting at this time (Jan. 20-28) in the United States congress here. The Fair Practice Employment bill is before that body, and infamous filibuster is on. Easland, of Miss., Johnson, of South Carolina, aided by some other Southern and Western senators. As is generally known, the bill proposes to make it



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