

# THE HARRIS HERALD

## PLAN NATIONAL NEGRO NEWSPAPER WEEK

### Mrs. Edna Garrett, Well-Known Harris Lady, Passes On

#### FUNERAL HELD AT DOGGETT GROVE FOR AGED WOMAN

Presiding Elder Delivers A Touching Eulogy—Floral Offering Beautiful

Mrs. Edna Garrett, for many years a resident of Harris, died early Saturday morning after an illness of 14 months. She was for many years a faithful member of Doggett Grove church where she was laid to rest Sunday. An unusually large crowd was present. The floral offering was large and beautiful.

Dr. I. L. Houston, P. E., Lincoln district, by request of the deceased, delivered the eulogy, text, 30th Psalm, 5th verse. Subject, "Sorrow and Joy." Among the many vivid sayings of the speaker, one was, "We care not how dark the night, we look to the coming of the morning." Continuing he said, "Dying will not be hard if living is good." Also, "Life would not be balanced if all was sorrow and no joys." The message was well received.

Rev. W. L. Goode was master of ceremonies. By special request Mrs. Bessie McEntire sang "Just a Closer Walk With Thee." Russels Tabernacle sang, "I Will Fly Away." Rev. Glenn McDowell made a short talk.

Mrs. Garrett was the widow of the late James Garrett. She is survived by one son, Homer, of Charlotte; three brothers, John, of New Jersey; Solomon, of Rutherford; Will, and a host of relatives and friends. She was faithfully cared for by Miss Juanita Harris.

Mrs. Garrett has been for many years a faithful and valued employee of the Stewart family of Harris. So well did she serve them until a nice, comfortable house was built for and given to her during her lifetime. The Stewart family also saw to it that she received the best of care and attention before and during her long illness.

The Foster funeral home of Gaffney was in charge of the body and did an excellent job.

#### LETTERS FROM HERALD READERS

##### Penn. Man Subscribes

Dear Mr. Robinson: Congratulations on establishing a newspaper in Harris. Enclosed is my subscription, \$1.00. I am going to try hard to get you some more subscribers.

As ever your friend,  
Wayne, Penna.  
J. H. SIMMONS,

##### Charlotte Lady Expresses Thanks and Subscribes

Dear Mr. Robinson: I received your copy of the Harris Herald and I was glad to hear from home. Yes, I am mailing you one dollar for my subscription. Please accept my sincere thanks for sending me the paper.

Very truly yours,  
MRS. KATIE WILLIS,  
1404 Reed St.  
Charlotte, N. C.

##### Washington Lady Likes Paper

Dear Mr. Robinson: I received your paper and was very glad to get it. I like the paper very much and am sending one dollar for my subscription. I enjoy reading the paper and hope you will continue it.

Very truly yours,  
MISS MAMIE HART,  
322 Elm St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

#### Growth Of The Harris Herald

January issue, 68 subscribers; February issue, 125 subscribers; March issue, 175 subscribers. Goal for this year, 1,000 subscribers.

#### Where To Get Your Herald

Aside from having newsboys in several sections of the county, the Herald can also be bought in Forest City at Miss Lynch's cafe and at the Herald office.

#### LIVING A BALANCED LIFE

By Jessie T. Miller, Staff Correspondent Harris Herald

If a man loves God with all his heart, soul, mind and strength and his neighbor as himself, I believe he lives a balanced life. I mean putting to test every force, every energy, every nerve and in fact everything within his powers to keep those two great commandments.

There lived a man in my section that could not walk, and he was dependent upon other people in getting to and from place to place. However, he could be placed in his buggy and his old faithful mule would carry him to town, a distance of three miles. He said, "I hate to travel alone. I am afraid, because when I meet a high powered car coming down the highway the chances are I may not get out of the road at all and if I do get out I pull out too far, so my predicament makes my life full of extremes."

How many men and women living today that have full use of their limbs, are active, can go places, and still don't think about living a balanced life? Anything that is not properly balanced will ruin its usefulness. May I illustrate? Take a love affair, if it is not properly balanced the chances are it will work hardships on one or the other. So it behooves everybody to live a balanced life.

Men that go through life making plenty of money, acting the part of a spendthrift and a prodigal and never give anything to church and religious causes soon come to want, and it is all because he is not living a balanced life. The philosophy of life is hard to understand as we meet it every day. We may be fault finders, we may be grumblers, it may seem that which is lovely and sweet turns its back on us and travels in an opposite direction and leaves us in despair.

The only safe way back to life and happiness is to live a balanced life. Living a balanced life is not a complicated matter to do when you are obedient to God's law. May I ask this question? How much have you gained by being disobedient? How far have you gone in life? My answer is nowhere. On up the road in life disappointments will come. Men and women in all walks of life have become cynical. The college degree, my high school diploma does not mean anything. I can boast of my wealth and property and standing in life, but it will change hands. So my advice to you is stay in line and live a balanced life.

I walked out this morning, February 22, and the beautiful rays of the sun shined so brightly until it made me believe that spring is just around the corner. I did not get too much overbalanced, because I realized that "old man winter" is still here. After this long and cold winter that has been unusual, most of us will, I presume, be glad to see the beauty of spring come in. Trees will begin putting forth their leaves. The chattering jay and the whistling quail will be singing such songs that will be worthy to listen to. The brilliant winged sparrow will be flying from tree to tree top in the orchard. The plaintive whippoorwill will have his say at night and early in the morning and mortal man will be looking for companionship, and when all this beauty comes to join you live a balanced life.

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#### PRESIDENT RECEIVES BRITISH LOAN RESOLUTION



AT A CEREMONY IN THE OFFICE OF RECONVERSION, President Truman is shown with Reconversion Director John W. Snyder (left) and O. Max Gardner (right), head of the Reconversion Advisory Board, as he was given a resolution heartily endorsing the financial agreement with Britain whereby that country gets a \$3,700,000,000 loan from the U. S. The President then made a statement in which he commended the proposed loan as "good business" for the nation and "a cornerstone in world structure for peace."

#### HARRIS HERALD'S MONTHLY SERMON

By Rev. J. T. Laster, Widely Known Minister Of The Gospel

Our Supreme Mission  
I made up my mind to be left behind at Athens all alone.—1 Thessalonians 3:1.

The Place  
Greece is no larger than the state of Massachusetts, yet how interesting and wonderful has been its natural history. The chief city of Greece is Athens. Rome was a pupil at her feet, and thus Athens became the teacher of the world. This beautiful city was the center of art, culture and philosophy. In the courts of the academy Plato taught. Here lived



REV. J. T. LASTER

Socrates, and here he died. Here Aristotle studied and taught. These great men had looked upon the matchless Acropolis, the Parthenon in its glory, the statue of Athena, unmarred by time, the splendid Temple of Jove, and mingled with the people of the Forum. Sculpture, paintings, and fine architecture were to be seen everywhere.

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#### Personal and Local Items Gathered From Rutherford County

##### PLAN OBSERVANCE CHURCH FOUNDING

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 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 manning 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 crusading emphasis of evangelism, religious education, missions and social service enterprise. Be it further resolved that we make an attempt to increase through saving souls and accessions to a number equalling as many or more as the present membership of the churches of this great negro autonomous race church. Resolved, finally, that we set our goal 1, to raise two million dollars for local church improvements, mortgage debt-paying and pay every church out of debt. 2 that we raise a minimum of one half million dollars, from members by devices of various kinds, including \$150 a year each two years and \$300 and use our own resources and reach other philanthropic persons and institutions who may be moved to help the educational and mission causes which we foster, to aid the common work of Christianity and citizenship throughout the world and especially people whose lives and environment our immediate.—Turn To Page Three

##### Rutherfordton News Items

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##### Negro Division Of Red Cross Drive Well Under Way

The negro leaders for the Red Cross drive have begun their work again this year in an all out effort to reach their goal in the 1946 campaign. The force is headed by J. O. Gibbs, chairman. Other workers and their sections are as follows: Mrs. H. I. Twitty, Wells Springs; George Earnest, St. Paul; Rev. W. R. Bomar and West Jackson, New Bethel; Prof. O. B. Pratt and S. L. Goode, Doggetts Grove and Harris; W. T. Thompson, Oak Grove; Will Bristol, New Zion; Mrs. Plato Bridges, Ellenboro; Mrs. Laurina Wilkins, Avondale and Henrietta. The allotted goal is \$275. However, the workers are confident that this amount will be oversubscribed.

The Whitmore quartet, heard over WSPA every Sunday morning at 10:15, will be at Zion Hill Methodist church, Henrietta, N. C., Sunday, March 17, at 2:00 p. m., sponsored by Mrs. Lee Wilkins. Admission, 35 and 50 cents.

#### Employment Service Manager Reports On Veteran Facilities

Many Veterans Qualified To Meet Requirements Of Employers In County

Mr. Earle W. Justice, manager of the United States Employment Service in Rutherfordton, in a recent interview, stated that Mr. Clyde C. Taylor has been appointed as Veterans Employment representative in the Employment Service office. Mr. Taylor's particular duties will be to render such assistance to veterans and employers as would best serve the interest of the veterans and of the public. It is hoped that all employers in need of workers of any type will contact the Employment Service office and give their orders for their workers, as the supply of unemployed workers is steadily increasing with the corresponding decrease of job opportunities.

Many of our veterans are qualified to meet the requirements of our employers and the cooperation on the part of the employers will enable the Employment Service to channel many of these unemployed workers into suitable employment. Mr. Justice states that the facilities of the Employment Service office are available to both white and colored, and that he is particularly concerned and interested in assisting those of the colored race in every way possible. Mr. Justice wants them to feel free to call at the Employment Service office at anytime, and they will be given every attention and courtesy.

We hope that our readers, both workers and employers, as well as the general public, will cooperate with Mr. Justice and his office in every way they can in order that we may solve this ever increasing problem of employment in this area.

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#### AROUND THE NATION'S CAPITOL

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

Judge William H. Hastie, dean of the law school, Howard University, was nominated by President Truman recently for governor of the Virgin Islands. Judge Hastie served as federal judge in these islands a few years ago. He was appointed to that position by the late President Roosevelt, and now President Truman nominates him to return to the islands as their governor. In both these positions Judge Hastie was and will be the first negro to serve.

Mr. Editor: Allow me in this way to express my appreciation for the honor you do me in carrying my cut in your paper in connection with the monthly column I propose to write for your paper. With more than thirty-five years' absence from most of that community, likely I have been forgotten by many, therefore to any such.—Turn To Page Four

#### Henrietta News

HAZEL PHILLIPS (Staff Correspondent)

Quarterly conference was held at the A. M. E. Zion church February 3. Amount raised included presiding elder's salary, \$41.00.

New Zion Baptist church Missionary Circle met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Camp February 3.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Belle Harris, Mrs. Sarah Bristol, Mary Lou Petty, Mr. Sam Friday and Mr. Will Bomer.

Robert Hamilton and Jack Dewberry have recently been discharged from the army.

Pfc. Virgel Petty is home on a furlough.

Fletcher Phillips spent the night with Mrs. Corine Sims February 23.

Rev. and Mrs. M. Lipsey, Mrs. Ada Hart, Mrs. Larunia Wilkins, Hazel Phillips, and Elizabeth Harrell attended the mass meeting in Kings Mountain February 22. Rev. G. M. Lipsey preached the sermon.

New Zion Baptist Missionary met at the home of Mrs. Minnie Petty February 17.

Mildred Bristol gave a party.—Turn To Page Four

#### Records Show Ninety-Eight Top Awards To Negro Troops

Washington, D. C.—As of January 31, 1946, an incomplete record of awards and decorations made to army personnel during World War II showed that 59 negro officers and enlisted men have been awarded the Silver Star while 34 have received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the War Department announced today.

While up to now no negro who fought in World War II has received the Medal of Honor, the highest and most rarely awarded decoration, five have received the Distinguished Service Cross, second highest award, made for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy.

The Silver Star is the fifth highest award granted to persons serving in any capacity with the army and cited for gallantry in action which does not warrant the award of a Medal of Honor or a Distinguished Service Cross.

The Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the air forces of the army distinguished himself by heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight. It is the army's sixth highest award.

Awards of the DSC, SS and DFC made to negro personnel of the navy and marine corps are not included.—Courtesy Carolina Times.

#### ANNUAL EVENT TO BE OBSERVED IN UNITED STATES

President Truman Writes Letter Commending Negro Papers Of Nation

The annual observance of the national negro newspaper week calls to all our attention the important part the negro newspaper has played in the development of our great nation and also the progress of the negro race.

President Truman's letter to Frank L. Stanley, president of the National Negro Newspaper Publishers association says, "I am glad that the national negro newspaper week will again be celebrated," and continuing he said, "We have recently brought to a successful conclusion a war which called forth the united efforts of all citizens in rallying negro Americans to that united effort, the negro press performed a significant war service."

The negro press has played an important part during the war effort, but the great task that lies ahead of us is even more important during this post-war period and the negro press will play its part as it always has. There are more than 200 negro newspapers in this nation and all of them deserve your unstinted support.

The Harris Herald, though a young member in the journalistic field, gladly salutes its co-workers and solemnly and earnestly pledges cooperation toward one common objective, that of building a better America and a greater negro race.

#### New House News

By MRS. MAE ETHEL HILL

Mr. Will Linder, who has been ill for some time, still remains about the same.

Mr. Rufus Jones, of New House, who served for two years and ten months, is now discharged from the army and is now making his home in Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Addie Gantt entertained Pfc. Clinton S. Hoyte with a party while he was home on furlough. He will return to camp soon.

Arthur Jr. Mintz, who has been very sick, has now recovered. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Hill.

Lola Mae Morris spent the weekend with Willie Pearl Johnson.

Mrs. Mary S. Gardner, of Ellenboro, and Mrs. Lottie L. Daniel, of Shelby, spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Hill.

#### Uree News

MRS. EUGENE WHITESIDE (Staff Correspondent)

Speaking for the Uree community, we are proud to know that we have some one to act as pioneer for our race and begin a negro paper in our county. I am hoping that the people of this community will do all that is possible toward the upbuilding of the paper. It is important that we cooperate with the editor and correspondents in every possible way to help our paper to grow and become more interesting from time to time. Many thanks to our editor-founder, Mr. M. B. Robinson.

Pfc. Leroy Whiteside, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Whiteside, is happy to have received an honorable discharge February 10, after spending three years in the army. The service days for Mt. Nebo church has been changed from second and fourth Sundays to first and third. Sunday school at 10:00 and preaching at 11:00. Come one and all.

#### FRATERNAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO CHURCHES PUBLISHES DIRECTORY

Bishop A. P. Shaw, president of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America, has planned to publish a directory of negro denominations and officials.

Life memberships are \$50.00 National convention memberships are \$7.00. The council is anxious to have at least 500 leading people to take out life memberships. Every church should enroll its pastor and one layman as representative. Full information may be obtained by writing to Bishop R. R. Wright, executive secretary, P. O. Box 5, Wilberforce, Ohio.



DR. H. T. MEDFORD