

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE TO DOGGETT GROVE

### Durham Negro Wins Soap Box Derby; Goes To National Meet

#### IS FIRST NEGRO BOY TO WIN IN SOAP BOX DERBY

Derby Is Among The Outstanding Sporting Event Among Boys Of U. S.

#### ALL EXPENSES ARE PAID

Harold Hayes of Durham, crossed the finish line ahead of all other contenders Sunday, July 28, and thereby won the soap box derby, which is the outstanding sport event among boys in the United States.

He therefore won the right to represent Durham in the National Meet in Akron, Ohio, August 18. According to information coming from national headquarters Harold is the first Negro to ever win the derby race and thereby win the right to represent a city in the All-American Derby. He won over six Negro boys and 37 white boys.

Harold left Durham August 15, in company with the Burthay Brothers, his sponsors. The Herald-Sun and Carpenter's Motor will bear the expenses. He also received a trophy, a gold watch, and \$25.00.

Sincere congratulations are in order to Harold Hayes for his magnificent racing. To the officials of the Durham Derby for their fairness in permitting him to enter the race and also for the way that the entire affair was conducted. Durham has set the pattern for a large number of our cities and sections to follow. Ability, honesty, and competence knows no race, color, or creed and in an hour of national and international disorder it is encouraging to see some people that are not talking, but practicing democracy, justice, and fairness. Durham has set the pattern, so has Harold Hayes, others must follow.

#### Harris Herald Contest Begins

With this issue of the Harris Herald we are carrying a letter writing contest. It begins in the August issue and runs until the November issues. Three prizes will be given.

First \$2.50; Second \$1.50, and Third, One year's subscription to the Harris Herald.

The rules are easy and simple.

1. Just complete this sentence. "We should subscribe to and support the Harris Herald because"

2. Letters must not exceed 200 words.

3. Each entry must also include \$1.00 for one year's subscription to the Harris Herald.

4. The contest closes October 31, and no letters will be accepted after that date.

5. The winning letters will be published in the November Herald.

6. A group of impartial judges will select the winners.

7. No member of the Herald staff may enter the contest.

Come on friends! Let's go. Win yourself a prize.

#### NOTICE

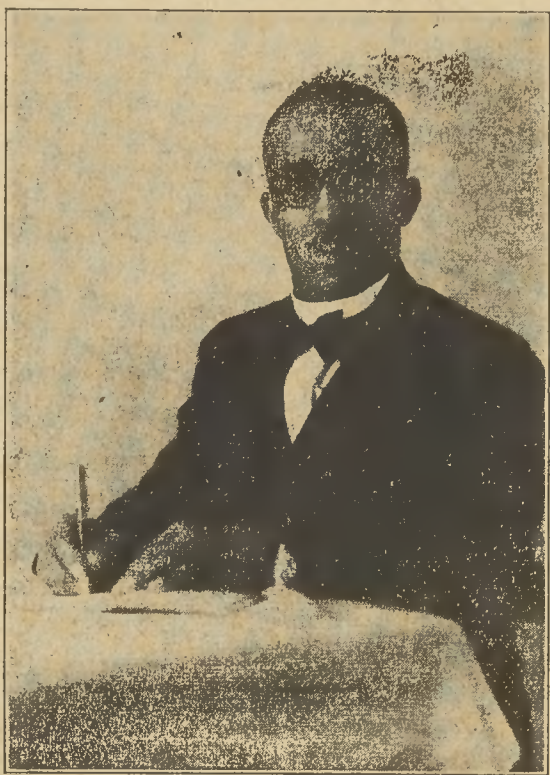
The article "Around The Nation's Capitol" in our last issue was written by Mrs. Pearl Lewis Reeves, secretary to Dr. H. T. Medford and was not written by Dr. H. T. Medford as stated. Dr. Medford was away in St. Louis, Mo., filling a speaking engagement at that time. We regret the error very much.

Due to the growth of our correspondents staff of the Harris Herald, some news was crowded out of our last issue, however we hope that it will not happen again.

#### Growth Of The Harris Herald

January issue—68.  
February—125.  
March—175.  
May—252.  
June—281.  
July—309.  
August—325.

#### TO PRESIDE



Shown above is Dr. I. L. Houston, Troutman, N. C., Presiding Elder of the Lincolnton district who will preside at the Conference which convenes with Doggett Grove A. M. E. Zion Church Sept. 5-6.

### Union Silver Circle Singing Convention Met In Henrietta

#### DEATHS

Mr. E. D. Hopkins of Sandy Mush died Monday, August 5th, and was buried Thursday, August 8th, with Dr. I. L. Houston, P. E. delivering the eulogy and Rev. W. L. Goode host pastor. Mrs. Bessie McIntire sang a solo and the choir sang "I'll Be Satisfied". Mr. Hopkins was 73 years of age and a member of Doggett Grove church.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eliza Hopkins, two daughters, Mrs. Carrie Mills, and Mrs. Matlou, two son-in-laws, three grand children, five great grand children and a host of relatives and friends. The floral offering was large and beautiful.

Palbearers were his fellow trustees: H. W. Ford, S. M. Goode, J. H. Green, Johnnie Mosley, B. T. Harris, and J. L. Ford. Flower girls were Mrs. Roseulla McIntire, Essie Ford, Ader Ahrens, Matak Camp, Annie L. Goode, and Ida Goode.

Rev. L. B. Burge of Spindale died Sunday, August 4th, and was buried Wednesday, August 7, at Wells Spring Methodist church with Rev. W. L. Johnson officiating. Rev. Burge was 90 years of age and a member of New Zion Baptist church of Spindale.

Rev. Burge was among the earliest settlers in Spindale and was a large property owner. His death is mourned by a large number of people.

Rev. Burge is survived by his widow Mrs. Hessie Burge one son and one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

#### Bro. S. B. McKinney Presides Over Very Interesting Session

The Union Silver Circle Singing Convention met with Zion Hill A. M. E. Zion Church July 27-28 with the President Bro. S. B. McKinney presiding. The session on Saturday night consisted of a welcome address by Hazel Phillips and a response by Robert Wilkerson. The reports of the delegates, some blackboard instruction by Prof. H. H. Hudson and collection concluded the Saturday night session.

**Sunday Morning**  
The Union Sunday School was taught by Rev. J. D. Gladden. With a large Attendance, and a collection of \$1.07.

Devotional services were conducted by the pastor and the organist. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Gladden. Collection was \$27.00.

**Afternoon and Final Session**  
The following classes furnished the music for the convention: Zion Hill, Haynes Grove, Hope-well, Doggetts Grove Jr., Russell's Tabernacle, and Mt. Pisgah. The church rally came to a close and the amount of \$90.00 was raised for the convention.

Visiting ministers were Revs. J. D. Gladden, N. L. Cannon, and W. L. Goode. They made remarks. Thus ended a fine session of this convention.

S. B. McKinney, President, G. M. Lily, Sec'y, D. L. Miller, Treasurer, Hazel Phillips, reporter.

International diplomacy seems to be full of cutups these days. Now it is Palestine the boys want to partition.

#### MILLER REUNION AT INMAN, S. C.

By Jessie Lee Miller

The above organization met at the home of Bro. William Miller, August 11th, 1946. After devotional service the reunion was organized with the following persons elected as officers:

President, C. C. Miller; Vice president, Sister Lory Burchette; Secretary, Sister Ella Miller; treasurer, Sister Zula Miller.

The president made remarks. The program committee remained the same. An offering of \$6.00 was taken in order to begin a treasury. The committee on time and place reported that the next reunion will meet with Mrs. Ella Miller in Zions Grove section the third Sunday in August 1947.

Remarks were made by Mrs. Reeves; Mrs. Susie Miller; Mrs. Ager; Mrs. Ryce; Miss Mable Miller; Mr. and Mrs. Janie Mooney, and Mrs. Cerlesteen Miller. "Blest be the Tie That Binds" closed the meeting. Benediction by Sister Lory Burchette.

#### Promoted



JESSIE LEE MILLER

Shown above is Jessie Lee Miller, Zion Grove Agent-Correspondent of the Herald who has been promoted to District Circulation Manager of the Herald for Western North Carolina. He is a member and official of Zion Grove Church. He was graduated from elementary school in 1933, and entered New Hope high school under the principalship of Prof. T. C. McDougal and was a leading student in that department. He joined the Herald staff March, 1946, and his interest and ability has been much in evidence since that time. The Herald is happy to have him as a member of its staff.

#### BOSTIC NEWS

Mrs. Earline Whiteside (Staff Correspondent)

It was a pleasure to have Rev. Burgess of Morning Star Church and some of his members visit us at New Vernon Baptist Church Sunday, July 21. His sermon was an inspiration to us all. We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Rhonie Freeman of Shelby, N. C. with us in the service.

The revival meeting will begin at New Vernon the fourth Sunday in August.

Mr. Leroy Logan, son of Mrs. Bessie and the late Mr. John Logan of Bostic was married recently to Miss Hattie Allen of Rutherfordton.

Bill Hampton is on the sick list, but he is improving.

Mrs. Bessie Gray of Marion was the week end guest of Mrs. Gertrude Johnson.

Mrs. Bessie Logan and Mrs. Mamie Lattimore have our sympathy in the loss of their brother Mr. Logue Logan of Brevard.

Bostic Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church has Sunday School each Sunday and preaching the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Rev. W. R. Bomar, pastor.

We wish to thank our white friends of this community for their fine cooperation in buying the Harris Herald, that we may continue to be successful with this fine paper.

#### DR. I. L. HOUSTON ATTENDS REVIVAL DOGGETTS GROVE

Has Been Presiding Elder 20 Years, And Is Outstanding Churchman

Dr. I. L. Houston, P. E., of the Lincolnton District, who resides in Troutman, N. C., attended the revival meeting at Doggetts Grove A. M. E. church last week. Dr. Houston not only visited the meeting, but he took an active part in it and made his presence felt during his stay there. In an interview with the popular presiding elder of the Lincolnton District he stated that he could have gone elsewhere for his vacation but he chose to come to the Doggetts Grove section, because of the fellowship and kindness that he always finds there. Dr. Houston is also tremendously interested in the A. M. E. Zion Church and is making a great contribution towards its advancement.

Dr. Houston was also requested to deliver the eulogy of Mr. E. D. Hopkins who died recently.

This writer is convinced that Lincolnton District is safe under the guidance and administration of this outstanding churchman, who has served over 20 years as presiding elder in the Western North Carolina conference after serving efficiently in the pastorate for a number of years.

#### ZION GROVE NEWS

Jessie Lee Miller (Staff Correspondent)

Mrs. Rachel Edwards of Madison, N. C. is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lynch. Mrs. Edwards is the sister of Mr. B. M. Lynch, and Mrs. Carrie Miller of this vicinity.

Mrs. Mary Briscoe spent several days in Montreat, N. C. visiting her grandson Henry Briscoe and many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James Carson has just returned to Black Mtn. N. C. after spending several days with home folks.

Miss Bessie Miller and Mrs. Mardra Reeves of Charlotte spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. Ella Miller and family. Miss Miller is employed at the quarter Master Depot Co. in Charlotte.

Revival meeting was conducted at Zion's Grove Church August 11-16 with Rev. W. R. Bomar visiting minister.

Mrs. Sallie Miller is in the Rutherford hospital. She entered August 7. Mrs. Miller is member of Zion's Grove Church. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Vester Miller and Miss Vader McEntire were married on July 31. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McEntire, the groom is the son of Mr. Walter Miller, after spending a brief honeymoon in Montreat, N. C., they returned to Washington, D. C., where they will make their home.

Miss Lizzie Briscoe spent the week end with her brother in Montreat, N. C.

#### LATE NEWS ITEM

Word has just been received from Philadelphia, Pa., as we go to press that Mrs. Othetta Wilkins of that city, but formerly of the Doggett Grove community, was stabbed by her husband James Wilkins last Sunday and that she died a short time later. No further details were given.

Mrs. Wilkins is survived by her husband James Wilkins, one daughter Alberta, the following sisters: Mrs. Mamie Ford, Vienna Miller, Mrs. Adeline Green, Mrs. Laverne McKinney; Mrs. Osie Wright; Miss Mae Willie Camp; Mrs. Flettie Smith; Mrs. Vera McKinney, and four brothers: Mr. John H. Camp, Ben Camp, Junior Camp, Harrison Camp, and a host of relatives and friends. She will be buried at Jerusalem Baptist church, Harris, Sunday afternoon, August 25.

### Local And Personal Items Of Interest Gathered In County

#### Host Pastor



Rev. W. L. Goode, pastor of Doggetts Grove A. M. E. Zion Church near Forest City, N. C. where the Lincolnton District Conference will meet on September 5-6.

#### SPINDALE NEWS

Services at New Zion Baptist Church is very good. Rev. R. B. Sullivan is pastor. He told of a family reunion held at his home the 4th Sunday in July with all of his eight children present. Visitors are always welcome at New Zion Church.

Miss Wilmer Forney, of Union Mills, became the bride of Mr. Emanuel, Davis of Spindale July 18. They were married in Gaffney, S. C.

Mrs. Mary Sue Young underwent an operation at the Rutherford hospital. We wish for her a rapid recuperation.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Whiteside wish to announce the arrival of a daughter, Dortha Mae Whiteside, born at the Rutherford hospital July 13. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

Mrs. Gertrude Roberts of Baltimore, Md. is visiting her father. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Elliott has returned to their home in Detroit, Mich., after visiting Mr. Elliott's parents, also Miss Mary Lou Hamilton of New York visited her parents here.

We regret the passing of Rev. L. B. Burge, who was one of our most outstanding citizens. He was buried at Wells Spring Methodist church.

Mrs. R. G. Waddell has returned to Spindale after spending three years in High Point, N. C. She and her son Troy Waddell are running and ice cream parlor and sandwich shop. We wish for them much success.

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### AROUND THE NATION'S CAPITOL

By DR. H. T. MEDFORD

Washington, D. C.

The writer spends a week-end occasionally with a friend, on his farm down in Maryland, several miles from Washington, D. C. We are told all through that Section, which is mostly Catholic, that a partition, three or four feet high, runs through the center of each Church from front to back, and that Negro communicants must confine themselves to one side of the fence while in the Church, also they enter and leave the Church by a door that leads to a segregated side of the Church. Any ministering the priest does, which requires separate actions, he ministers to the whites, and then turns to the Negro side and serves them. When the Church has a picnic, the Negro members must go to one place and the whites to another. In other words, complete Race segregation in a church called

Bishop G. J. Branch, Goldsboro, N. C., one of the Bishops of the United Holy Church of America, Inc., kindly sent the editor his official yearbook for 1945. It contains valuable information about his denomination. He also sent a copy of his denominational paper, "The Holiness Union" of which he is business manager. The yearbook and the paper shows that great progress has been made in his progressive church and congratulations are in order to all of the officials and members.

Miss Elizabeth Sadler, editor of the High Land High School paper of Gastonia, and a member of Neelys Grove Church writes that she is enjoying the Harris Herald very much and finds it interesting and helpful to her in connection with her school paper.

The fact must be emphasized that Mrs. Earline Whiteside, correspondent of the Herald from Bostic, bids fair to become one of the most valuable members of the Herald Staff. We are grateful to her for her interest and fine work.

James Webster has moved into his new home in Spindale.

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Baker of Spindale visited them recently, the sons reside in New York.

Wesley Ford, a government employee of Washington, D. C., and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ford of Sandy Mush visited them recently. He also called by the Herald office and spent a while with the editor and family.

Mrs. Mae Belle Roberts, daughter of Mrs. Caroline Lynch, of Spindale has returned home from New York and is at home with her mother.

Miss Mattie Lee Roberts returned home from visiting in Washington, D. C., recently.

Mrs. Lucille Mosely of Doggetts Grove spent a week at White Lake, in Company with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Robbins and family of Harris. She reports a fine, profitable and enjoyable trip.

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### SESSION WILL OPEN ON SEPT. 5 FOR 2 DAYS

Dr. I. L. Houston, Presiding Elder, To Preside And Rev. W. L. Goode Host Pastor

#### IMPORTANT MEETING

The Lincolnton District Conference of the Western North Doggetts Grove A. M. E. Zion Conference will meet at Doggetts Grove A. M. E. Zion Church near Forest City on Sept. 5-6. With Dr. I. L. Houston, presiding elder. Dr. Houston has served as P. E. for over 20 years having served on the Lincolnton District for about ten years and during that time the Lincolnton District has made great progress.

A large crowd is expected to attend this important meeting. They will come from Gastonia, Lowell, Bessemer City, Cherryville, Shelby, Henrietta, Lincolnton, Charlotte, Troutman, Kings Mountain, and other sections of the state. Some ministers scheduled to attend in addition to the Presiding Elder Dr. I. L. Houston are Revs. E. L. Goode, J. Wesley Ward, S. I. Clement, McCorkle, C. H. Daniel, A. C. Duffie, A. W. Williams, J. D. Gladden, A. N. Gibson, C. L. Johnson, J. C. Crawford, and many local preachers and scores of laymen. All of whom will make a great contribution toward the progress and advancement of the conference. Many missionary workers and some visitors are also expected to attend.

This District Conference in addition to hearing reports from its members will review its accomplishments for the year, and will also put some emphasis on the sesqui-centennial which is the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the A. M. E. Zion church which takes place in New York City Sept. 8-22.

All persons that possibly can should attend the district conference of the Lincolnton District at Doggetts Grove Church Sept. 5-6.

Rev. W. L. Goode of Lowell, N. C. has been pastor of the Doggetts Grove circuit for two years and during that time great progress has been made. The mortgage on the church has been paid off and other improvements have been made. Rev. Goode is working hard in order that everything will be in readiness for the conference.

### COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

The revival meeting will begin at Jerusalem Baptist church, Harris, Sunday, August 18. Rev. E. O. Bass, pastor, assisted by a visiting minister will conduct.

Revival services will begin at Hopewell A. M. E. Harris church Sunday, August 25. Rev. W. L. Goode, pastor, Rev. J. C. Crawford visiting minister.

The Annual Home Coming of Hopewell Church will be Saturday and Sunday, August 31 and Sept. 1. The entertainment will begin Saturday afternoon 2:00 p. m. several choirs will sing on Sunday and also a sermon by some minister. The entire affair is sponsored by the choir of Hopewell church.

The annual singing convention of the Green's Creek area will meet with Greens Creek church Sept. 7-8, with Prof. H. H. Hudson as supervisor.

The Gold Hill Baptist Association will meet with Greens Creek Church August 30-September 1. This is an important meeting and will be attended by people from a large area. Rev. H. B. Furger-son is moderator.

A school for bus drivers will be held at the Rutherford County Garage on Monday, at nine-thirty o'clock. Persons not already certified will not be able to drive buses unless they attend this school and pass the examination.



DR. H. T. MEDFORD

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