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## HERALD OBSERVES FIRST ANNIVERSARY

### Dr. Charles S. Johnson Elected President Of Fisk University

#### FIRST NEGRO TO SERVE AS HEAD OF THIS COLLEGE

Has Been a Member of the Faculty of Fisk for Some Years

**SUCCEEDS WHITE**  
For the first time in its long history, Fisk university, located at Nashville, Tenn., and one among the outstanding universities in the United States, has elected a Negro president. His name is Dr. Charles S. Johnson. Dr. Johnson has been for a number of years a member of the faculty of Fisk university and for the past several years head of the social science department of Fisk. Dr. Johnson was chosen among a group of distinguished Americans to go to Japan to help formulate and establish the educational system of Japan. He has also been elected to go to Europe to a great meeting. The election of Dr. Johnson as president of this important and progressive educational institution succeeding Dr. Elsie Thomas, white, is another strong link in the educational chain of America. Congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Charles S. Johnson, an American educator and leader.

#### Outstanding



**MRS. EARLINE WHITESIDE**  
Mrs. Earline Whiteside joined the staff of the Harris Herald as representative from Bostic June 27, 1946, and has rendered efficient and prompt service since that time. Considering the number of subscriptions secured, the number of papers sold, and the all-around goodwill created for the Herald, places her among the best three correspondents of this paper. Not only that, she has done all of this work without any charge whatsoever. Mrs. Whiteside is a high school junior and is a credit to her community, family and host of friends. She, too, sends greetings to all of the readers of the Harris Herald.

#### HOLD RUTHERFORD POLK SINGING CONVENTION

Convention for Two Counties Held Oct. 12-13 With Green Creek

The Rutherford and Polk county singing convention met Oct. 12-13, with Greens Creek Baptist church with Mr. S. B. McKinney, presiding and Harold Green host. A topic "Christian Missions in Our Singing Convention" was discussed by several of those present. On Saturday night a Literary program was rendered by the young people. Rev. G. W. Driskell, pastor preached a fine sermon from the theme "Singing Unto the Lord" he delivered a fine message. The following classes did some excellent singing on Sunday: Greens Creek, Doggetts Grove, Jr., Ruth, Jerusalem, Gold Hill, Union Grove, and Doggetts Grove, Sr. The next convention will meet with Union Grove church near Landrum, S. C. The total amount of money raised in the convention was \$49.59. Thus closed a great session of the annual Rutherford and Polk counties singing convention. Officers are: S. B. McKinney, president; Mrs. Myra McNear, secretary; Mr. Calvin Smith, treasurer and H. H. Hudson, supervisor.

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

##### Editor-Publisher



**M. B. ROBINSON**  
Shown above is M. B. Robinson, editor-founder and general manager of the Harris Herald.

##### Short Items of Interest to All Readers of Harris Herald

Mr. and Mrs. Echos Wilkins has just returned home from a visit to Philadelphia, Pa. They report a pleasant and safe trip to "The City of Brotherly Love".  
Rev. F. T. Williamson, pastor of Mt. View Baptist church near Rutherfordton kindly gave us one of his anniversary programs which was celebrated Sunday Nov. 10. The pastor preached in the morning with a sermon by Rev. R. B. Sullivan, D. D., Greer, S. C., in the afternoon. Dinner was served on the grounds. Several visiting choirs were present.

Miss Lillie Bright and Glynn Petty recently returned from a visit to New York City. They visited their cousin Miss Maude Wilkerson, a valued employee of the New York Telephone Co. They found Miss Wilkerson doing well and also hundreds of other negroes working side by side with other races in peace and harmony. Miss Wilkerson was so pleased with a copy of the Harris Herald shown her by Miss Bright that she subscribed for one year.

It has been interesting to see the large amounts of money made by the people of all ages this fall picking cotton. Not only are people making plenty of money, but for the most part they are putting it to good use by buying winter clothing and other things of value.

If and when the broadcasting station is built by the officials of the Forest City Courier as stated in our last issue, our quarters here that are able to broadcast should contact the proper persons so as to get the proper connections before some quartet comes from outside of this county and section and get a choice spot and leave our boys on the outside as usual.

#### HOLLIS NEWS

**Marion Brooks (Staff Correspondent)**  
The youth of Brooks Chapel church sponsored a wiener roast Sept. 7th at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Brooks. \$8.45 was raised. Ice cream was also served. The Union Singing convention will meet with White Oak church Dec. 8th at 1 p. m. You are invited to attend.  
Sons were born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Roberts Shelby, R-5 and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Flack. Mr. John Blount is very ill at this writing. We hope for his speedy recovery.  
Mr. W. M. Oates is also sick. We gave him a day's work Nov. 20th.  
The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brooks is home from overseas. The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morris is now overseas.  
The W. S. O. C. will sponsor a rally at Brooks Chapel church Sunday, Dec. 1st.

#### Giving Thanks

Jessie L. Miller  
For the hay and the corn and the wheat that is reaped,  
For the labor well done and the barns are heaped,  
For the rain and the dew and the sweet honey comb,  
And the rose and the song that the harvest brought home,  
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!  
For the trade and the skill of the wealth of our land,  
For the strength and the cunning of the working man's hand,  
For the good and artistic our poet has taught,  
For the friendship and hope that after has brought,  
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

#### COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER GIVES REPORT FOR OCT.

District Health Department Has Had Busy Month In Rutherford

The major activity of the health department for the past month outside of regular routine duties has been the examination of school children, says Dr. J. T. Ramsaur, health officer for Rutherford-Polk District. This procedure is carried out with the main objective of finding major defects in physical and mental condition of school children which are hampering their normal development and preventing their absorption of the education afforded them, he says.

The ideal school examination would include all the pupils in the schools every year, but this is impossible because of the limited time for such examinations, and the small number of examiners. Nor is it necessary for all the students to be examined. Children in glowing health, who are not absent from school because of illness, and who are learning their lessons with a minimum of difficulty are screened out and only those who show signs of ill health, or are backward in their studies are examined. This screening is done by the teachers in the schools. They examine each child as to weight, height, vision, hearing, and skin diseases. They also check their teeth, tonsils, and record what they find on a card. They make notes on this card concerning mental development, and ability to learn. They observe the nutritional status of the child. Then they refer the children which are handicapped by their defects to the health department for further examination.

The health department at an arranged time goes to the school and examines those children referred to them by the teachers, usually in the presence of the teacher. Defects are noted, and suggestions are made to the teacher, the child, and to the child's parents for correction of these defects. Frequently the nurse calls on the parents in regard to a child's health, and helps them to arrange for correction either through one of the regular clinics or through their family physician.

The health department sponsors three clinics for children with handicaps. Tonsils and adenoids are removed every other week at Rutherford Hospital through the courtesy of the staff there. Those who can do so pay a cost price, and the fund for Crippled Children generously provided by organizations through the County pays for those who can not. The cooperation of the Hospital and the people of Rutherford County with the health department in carrying on this work while activity is commendable. Another clinic is held once a month by Dr. Cherry of Asheville in orthopedics, and still another is held by Dr. Brackett of Hendersonville in ophthalmology. These are also carried out on a cost basis. There is a definite need for a dental clinic but the nature of dentistry, since each case requires considerable time, has been so far too great an obstacle to surmount.

This month nine hundred and thirty students have been examined. This represents almost 25% of the children enrolled in the schools. Of these 107 had defective vision, 177 defective teeth, 299 enlarged tonsils, and 124 were nutritionally deficient, though this number is not a fair representation of the nutritional deficiency that exists. Rutherford County is no worse than any other county in its food habits, but it is also no better. Its percentage of nutritional deficiencies runs right along with the national average, which comes pretty close to being a national disgrace. The final results for all the children in the county have not been tabulated, and when this is done there will be a report on this grave problem that confronts us, along with suggestions that it is hoped will

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#### Crowned



**MISS HAZEL PHILIPS**  
Shown above is Miss Hazel Philips prominent member of Zion Hill A. M. E. Zion church, Henrietta and church organist who was crowned Miss "Zion Hill" recently after winning first place in a contest conducted by the pastor. She reported \$125.58. Second and third places were won by Mrs. Laura Una Wilkins and Mrs. Alder Hart, who reported \$36.00 and \$35.00 respectively. Miss Philips is also staff correspondent of the Harris Herald and one among the leading staff members of this paper. She has rendered excellent service to the Herald and is a representative that any paper should be proud to have on its staff. She is a graduate of New Hope high school, Rutherford, N. C. and is a young woman of ability, poise and tact. She sends greetings to her host of friends and admirers on the first anniversary of the Harris Herald.

#### Miss Marion Brooks Leading Correspondent

Miss Marion Brooks joined the staff of the Harris Herald last January and has shown her interest in the Herald since that time. She is a representative of the Hollis community. She is also a church worker and civic leader and her membership on the staff of the Herald has been helpful and beneficial.

The above references also apply to the following representative of the Herald (whose pictures we were unable to get for this edition): Mrs. Eugene Whiteside, Uree, N. C.; Mrs. Mae Etta Hill, New House; Leroy Holbert, Greens Creek; Mrs. Emily Mosely, Gaffney, S. C.; Mrs. Maebelle Dixon, Belmont; Mrs. Eunice Tuggle, Ellenboro; Mrs. Bernice Cannon, Forest City; Mrs. Janette Logan, Rutherfordton; and Miss Evelyn Lois Robinson, Harris, N. C.

To these and the other correspondents mentioned should go a large amount of credit for the success of the Herald for the past year. Without their help and cooperation it would have been impossible to have published the Herald. To everyone of the members of the staff the editor wishes to sincerely thank you.

#### Personal Items From Bostic

**Mrs. Earline Whiteside (Staff Correspondent)**  
Mr. Clarence Allen died Oct. 4th after a serious illness of only 4 hours. He was taken to the Rutherford hospital, but didn't recover. His passing is mourned by this entire community. He leaves a widow Mrs. Lucile Allen, a mother, Mrs. Milbra Martin, four small children and other relatives and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted at Bostic Chapel church with the pastor, Rev. W. R. Bomar in charge. The Ministers and Deacons union met Oct. 16-27 at New Vernon Baptist church with a large attendance.  
Rev. R. B. Burgess pastor preached a powerful sermon at New Vernon church Oct. 3rd. To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown was born a baby girl recently.

#### HAS OVER 400 SUBSCRIBERS IN 18 STATES

Only Negro Newspaper Between Charlotte and Asheville

##### FINE COOPERATION

Thursday Nov. 28 marked the first anniversary of the Harris Herald. Since the establishment of this newspaper one year ago we have worked hard in order to make this paper (the only Negro paper between Charlotte and Asheville) grow. Today our subscription list numbers 400 and our gross circulation is 1000. We have subscribers in 18 states from Rhode Island to California and Michigan to Georgia.

When the editor first mentioned establishing the Herald, many said that the paper couldn't be published, but the past year has shown that it could be.

We are happy to have had the co-operation of the business men and also scores of civic-minded people in this county. They have helped to make it possible to publish the Herald.

We are indebted to the local members of the staff who have worked hard to help us get this paper out. They all deserve your thanks. In this anniversary issue will be found greetings from the representative persons and businesses of Rutherford county for which we are appreciative.

We have been criticized in some quarters in connection with the publishing of the Herald, however we have endeavored to serve our readers and the people of this county and our beloved western North Carolina.

Finally we feel that if nothing else has been accomplished by the publishing of this paper, in Rutherford county, we have at least improved the relationship between the races and tried to show the better side of Negroes. To everyone that have helped us, many thanks.

#### BROOKS CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS

The Brooks Chapel school is getting along fine this year under the leadership of Mr. Robert Vinson, Winston-Salem, N. C. principal and Miss Lottie Daniels, of Westminister, S. C. and Mrs. M. S. Gardner, Ellenboro, N. C. Attendance has been good, with few cases of whooping cough reported.

Our substitute supervisor Miss Allen, of Asheville, organized a "Mother's Health Club." This club decided to sponsor a lunch room. The teachers and parents are co-operating fine toward building a lunch room. At the present time we have 150 quarts of fruits and vegetables and \$28.00 to buy crackers, dishes, and other needed articles.

Our health educator of Rutherford county Miss Carson, met with the club and gave some helpful suggestions. She is a very efficient worker and the teachers and parents wish to express their appreciation for her service.

It is hoped that the children can attend school regularly so as to make their grades and get promoted.

#### Miss Brooks Thanks Friends

As a member of the staff of the Harris Herald, I wish to thank the many friends and relatives for their fine co-operation for the Harris Herald. My time has been limited, but your help and subscriptions have all been appreciated. In order to build a great paper we must all work hard, and I thank you for what all of you have done toward making the Herald what it is today. I shall be glad to write your subscriptions any time that you want them written.  
Marion Brooks,  
Staff Correspondent,  
Hollis, N. C.

#### NEGRO CAPTAIN AMONG GRADUATES

Raleigh Man Receives Commission at Carlisle Barracks

Carlisle Barracks, Penn.—Captain Elliot M. Johnson Negro infantry officer, was among the 135 officers who received diplomas from Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson at the graduation of the third class of the army information school here on Nov. 6. Secretary Patterson spoke to the class which for twelve weeks had pursued courses in army public relations and information-education. Among the prominent military guests at the graduation ceremony were Lieutenant-General A. C. Wedemeyer, commanding general of the Second Army, Major General T. J. Hanley, commander of the 11th air force, Major General M. C. Stayer, USA retired, formerly assistant commandant of the medical field service school, located at Carlisle barracks prior to the army information school.

Capt. Johnson, whose home is at 1215 New Bourne Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina, entered the army in August, 1941, at Fort Bragg. Commissioned at the infantry school, Fort Benning, Ga., in May 1942, he was assigned to the 795th tank destroyer battalion serving with that unit April 23, 1944 when he was transferred to the 4225th quartermaster truck company.

When Capt. Johnson was assigned to the information school as a student in the public relations course he was with the 3825th quartermaster truck company at Camp Campbell, Kentucky. Following graduation he returned to Camp Campbell. The army information school began operations on February 27, 1946. A new school, it typifies the new policies of the post-war army. The school trains public relations officers, who interpret the workings of the army to the public, and information-education officers, charged with carrying out the army's policy of making the "American soldier the best informed soldier in the world." Students of this school are carefully selected for aptitude and interest in the work for which they receive this training.

#### War Department Releases

All of us appreciate the great record that the negro soldier of America made in World War II. For the releases that have appeared in the Harris Herald we are indebted to the war department, public relations division, of Washington, D. C.

#### BROOKS CHAPEL CHURCH NEWS

Rev. C. E. Strickland, Pastor  
Marion Brooks, Reporter

A successful year at Brooks Chapel Methodist church has just closed under the administration of Rev. Strickland. Our annual conference was held at St. Mark church, High Point, with Rev. R. B. McRoe, host-pastor. Miss Marie Brooks and Mrs. Clara Brooks were chosen representatives from this church. They brought back excellent reports. We are happy to get our pastor back for another year.

We are planning on building a new church under the leadership of Rev. Strickland. A fine song service was held at our church Sunday, Nov. 10th, rendered by the Junior Four quartet of Forest City, offering \$25.83.

We extend a hearty welcome to all of you to attend our services at all times. Preaching on the 2-4th Sundays at 12:00 p. m. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m.

#### Congratulations

Sincere congratulations! To editor M. B. Robinson o the Harris Herald for his leadership in building the Harris Herald to the point where it is today. We the people of Rutherford county feel that we are greatly indebted to him for his efforts in our behalf. The service that editor Robinson has rendered to and for us in this section of North Carolina will be a plant bed for coming generations. His name will be on the pages of history as the founder of "The Harris Herald" the first negro newspaper in Rutherford county and in this section of the State between Charlotte and Asheville, N. C.

We are happy to have given him our best support, because he is doing a good work for the benefit of all of us. We wish him much success in this great undertaking.

#### In Memoriam

In loving memory of our daughter and sister, Marie P. Forney, who passed away Nov. 13, 1934. We are lonesome, because God has taken her away from us, but her memory will live in our hearts until we meet her in heaven.  
Sister and brother—Mary L., Ruth, Odessa, John, and mother Mrs. Mary Hamilton.  
New York City, N. Y.

#### PERSONALS FROM DOGGETTS GROVE

**Mrs. Annie L. Goode (Staff Correspondent)**  
Elder G. W. Rice, Greensboro, filled his regular appointment at Mt. Pisgah Holiness church Nov. 10th. He preached two fine sermons that were enjoyable. He was accompanied by Bros. Thigpin, Goush and Thompson.  
Rev. E. L. Goode filled his regular appointment at Neelys Grove church, Cramerton, N. C. last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Roberts, Winston-Salem, visited Mr. and Mrs. Odell Goode Nov. 10th. The Junior Four quartet, of Forest City rendered a program at Doggett Grove church Nov. 10th.

The 4th Sunday in October Mrs. Annie L. Goode attended morning services at Pleasant A. M. E. Zion church, Gastonia, N. C. Rev. A. C. Duffie is the efficient pastor.

Mrs. Ida Byers of Cleveland, Ark., who spent the summer with her sister Mrs. Adline Adams, Grover, N. C. has returned home. She was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. Adams who will spend the winter with her.

While in this state Mrs. Byers visited relatives in Salisbury at Livingstone college and her granddaughter, Miss Mitchell, at Socca college, Concord, N. C.

Rev. C. B. Littlejohn, of Spindale visited Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Goode Nov. 12-13th.

A shower was given Nov. 8th to Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Mosley at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Withrow. The young couple received 27 presents. About 50 persons were present. Refreshments were served and all had an enjoyable time.

#### Hard Worker

Among the 20 or more members of the Harris Herald none of them work harder for the success of the paper than Jessie L. Miller, staff correspondent from Zions Grove community, and district circulation manager. He succeeded his late father Jessie Miller and has literally carried the good news about the Herald into scores of homes and places that otherwise would have never seen or heard about it. It has been a pleasure to work with Mr. Miller who is a good church worker, working newspaper man, and an ideal fellow to work with. He is a former student of New Hope high school, Rutherfordton, N. C. and made a fine record there.

#### PERSONAL ITEMS FROM HENRIETTA

**Hazel Philips (Staff Correspondent)**

We are doing fine at Zion Hill A. M. E. Zion church under the leadership of Rev. J. D. Gladwin, pastor. We appreciate his service very much and hope that he is returned to us for another year.

Rev. J. T. Laster, pastor and the members of New Zion Baptist church are getting along fine. They just closed a successful rally for the church.

Rev. Felix Gray and his members of St. Luke Holiness church, of Forest City rendered service at Zion Hill recently.

Miss Hazel Philips was crowned "Miss Zion Hill" recently when she won first prize in a contest conducted by the pastor of Zion Hill church. Mrs. Laura Una Wilkins and Mrs. Alder Hart won second and third prizes respectively.

Mrs. Nancy Dewberry also had on a contest at Manning's Chapel church. Contestants were Dolly M. Dewberry, Mae E. Petty, Glendora Roberts, Mae Lou Petty and Louise Cannon. Mae Lou Petty won first prize.

Pvt. Conell Dewberry is home on furlough.  
Mrs. Kittie Carpenter, widow of the late Esaw Carpenter was buried at the local cemetery last week.

Cpl. Richard Sims, Camp Lee, Va., visited his family recently. Pfc. Charles Camp is home on furlough.  
Mrs. Bessie Perry, Kanapolis, N. C., visited her aunt, Lizzie Humphries.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Hart visited Mrs. Ella Hart, of Shelby recently.

The Tobe Hartwell Gospel Singers were at Zion Hill church in a program recently.

The New Zion Missionary society rendered a program at Oak Grove church at Forest City recently.  
Hazel Philips visited Mrs. Gertrude Johnson of Bostic recently. Miss Addie Sue Logan has been to the hospital for an operation. She is doing fine at this writing. Misses Geneva Baxter and Lillian Harris spent a few days in Boiling Spring recently.  
Mr. Lawrence Gorden was burned at his home Monday morning Nov. 11th. He was rushed to the hospital and died that night. He was a faithful and earnest member of Zion Hill church, where he was laid to rest Sunday Nov. 17th at 3 p. m.