

NEGRO HISTORY WEEK IS CELEBRATED

Harris Gin Company One Of County's Outstanding Concerns

HARRIS GIN CO. HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL HERE

Gin and Ice Plant Serves
Large Area and Affords
Employment to Many

AN OLD ESTABLISHMENT

The Harris Gin and Ice Co. located in Harris, the leading community of lower Rutherford county and is one among the progressive business organizations in Rutherford county. The above business was organized in 1930 and has for its manager R. L. Robbins. In an interview with Mr. Robbins recently we found that the Harris Gin and Ice Co. is filling an important place in the life of the people of lower Rutherford county.

The past year over 1600 bales of cotton were ginned by their up-to-date cotton gin. Aside from ginning cotton for people over a wide area, they serve the people in other ways. Feeds and seeds are furnished to many farmers.

They have one of the largest ice plants in this section with a daily output of 20 tons of ice. A large fleet of trucks travel over a wide area carrying "Harris Ice" to hundreds of satisfied customers.

A majority of the farmers in this section feel that their fertilizer supply isn't complete without buying some guano from the Harris Gin and Ice Co. This Company represents four large guano companies, and has hundreds of regular customers who come year after year to buy.

Assisting Mr. Robbins, who is a member and official of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church and a public spirited leader is Miss Mae Miller, secretary-bookkeeper, Lemuel Robbins, Edgar Silver, Roney Huntzinger, Nathan Henson, Mr. Morrow and during rush times others are hired.

Finally, we feel that this community is much more progressive, because the Harris Gin and Ice Co. is located here.

Personal Items From Montreat

Jessie Lee Miller
(Staff Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wilkins have moved to Montreat, and we are glad to have them as new neighbors.

Janie Mae Briscoe visited Dovie Wilkins January 16.

Little Margaret Wilkins was the guest of Lemont Baxter recently.

Mr. Bob Neighbors entered the hospital recently and we hope for a speedy recovery.

Jessie Lee Miller was the dinner guest of Mrs. Bessie Borney Jan. 12.

Rev. Mrs. Rachael Hines is new pastor of Old Fort and Montreat and we are glad to have her for pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Lynch, of Rutherfordton spent the day recently with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkins. Mr. Lynch thinks that Montreat is a fine place to live.

The first quarterly conference met January 10-11 with Rev. A. C. Cook, presiding. A wonderful time was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Briscoe spent the day recently in Chester, S. S.

Hamrick and Bradley Dry Cleaners

The Hamrick & Bradley Dry Cleaners, Young St. Forest City, have joined the host of others that advertise in the Harris Herald. This Dry Cleaning firm has the latest equipment and courteous and trained employees to wait on their many customers that come there for quality cleaning.

Rev. Ferguson at Oak Grove

Rev. H. B. Ferguson, pastor of Rock Hill Baptist church, Asheville and Gold Hill church, Rutherfordton, is at the present time also serving as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Forest City. Rev. Ferguson succeeds Rev. J. T. Laster, who for several years was pastor of the church.

Geo. W. Carver Day Celebrated in Japan

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN KOBE, Japan-Soldiers stationed at Camp Carver, Kobe, Japan, recently observed "George Washington Carver Day" in honor of the great Negro scientist and founder of the Carver Foundation, Tuskegee, Alabama.

The program, held at the Tomotachi Service Club, included music by the 15th Army Band, a summary of the life of Doctor Carver by First Sergeant Nolan Bailey, Louisville, Kentucky, and an address by Lieutenant Colonel Judson M. Smith, former commanding officer of Camp Carver.

Miss Gladys Martin of New York City, club director, presented a portrait of Doctor Carver to Major Lemoine E. Isanti, present commander of the post.

Formerly known as West Camp, the installation was renamed Camp Carver on February 12, 1947. Prior to the renaming, a contest was held among the men of the camp, and the name of Doctor Carver was chosen from a list of twelve prominent Negroes.

The list included the names of Marian Anderson, Paul Robeson, Jesse Owens, Dorie Miller, Jackie Robinson, Joe Louis and Doctor Charles R. Drew.

In choosing the name, George Washington Carver, the soldiers paid tribute to one of the great scientists of modern times. In 1923 Doctor Carver was awarded the Spingarn Medal, an award made each year to the Negro who has made the most significant achievement in fostering better race relations and in 1932 he was awarded the Franklin D. Roosevelt Medal.

In 1940, Doctor Carver donated his life savings, thirty-three thousand dollars, to establish the Carver Foundation in order to further his research. He died at Tuskegee, Alabama, on January 5, 1943.

Rutherfordton Personal Items

Mrs. Janette Logan
(Staff Correspondent)

All of us should rejoice in the fact that the Harris Herald is being published and it is the duty of all of us to work hard and help the editor to keep this fine paper going. Any one that has news for the Herald please call 4387 and I shall be glad to send in your news.

All of us enjoyed a white Christmas and at this time snow is still on the ground, and the children are having a good time.

We recently lost one of our best members at Gold Hill church in the death of Sister Tabbie Lynch. She was a fine member and we shall miss her.

Rev. H. B. Ferguson is still carrying on as pastor of Gold Hill church. Our preaching days are the first and third Sundays. All are invited to attend.

The Needy Worker club will hold its sixth anniversary at Gold Hill Baptist church, Sunday March 21. All of you are invited.

Peoples Temple Church in Fairview is progressing nicely. You are cordially invited to attend. They have a fine speaker.

February Birthday of Fredrick Douglass

February is the month of the birthday of Fredrick Douglass. Mr. Douglass was born a slave in Maryland, but owing to his desire of improve his lot in life he made good use of his time. His many accomplishments in life are known to all of us. He became Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, Minister to Hayti and held many positions of honor and trust among his fellow countrymen. He and Abraham Lincoln were great friends.

Other outstanding leading persons born in this month were Joseph C. Price, Abraham Lincoln, and George Washington.

Minister Injured

As we go to press the sad word comes that Rev. E. L. Goode, of Doggett Grove community was injured in an automobile accident near Kings Mountain last Sunday night. Other details are not available.

**SPORTS
OUT OF
ADAM'S HAT**

IN OVER 11 YEARS OF COMPETITIVE SWIMMING HE WAS BEATEN ONLY ONCE!

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GREATEST BACKSTROKE SWIMMER OF ALL TIME — HOLDS EVERY WORLD BACKSTROKE MARK AS WELL AS 36 AMERICAN MARKS IN THIS TYPE OF SWIMMING.

Negro Race Has Contributed Much To Development

Zion Grove Community News

Jesse Lee Miller
(Staff Correspondent)

Mary Miller was confined to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Charlotte, December 22. At present she is improving nicely and is expected to return home soon. She is a Junior at New Hope high school.

Mary Briscoe, a former resident of this community, is spending a few days with relatives and friends. She is to return to Black Mountain, N. C. very soon.

Mr. Rufus Wilkins spent the Christmas holidays at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilkins. He returned to Livingstone College Salisbury, N. C. January 4th, to resume his studies. He is a freshman and is getting along nicely in school.

We are getting along nicely in our Sunday school and church work under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. F. C. Kennedy. Rev. Kennedy came to us from the Asheville District, and we are glad to welcome him to the Hendersonville district. With his assistance we are expecting to accomplish great things in the future.

Our first Quarterly Conference was held January 17-18 — Presiding Elder Cook presiding. We had a fine meeting and everyone was benefited. Dr. Cook came to us from the Asheville District also.

The Holy communion was administered to a sick member of this community, Mr. Floyd Gray. Mr. Gray is getting along fine and has improved a great deal.

Rev. Bass Improves

According to latest reports Rev. E. O. Bass, pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church and other Baptist Churches is improving nicely after undergoing an operation at General Hospital, Spartanburg, S. C. His many friends wish for him a speedy and complete recovery.

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THE MONTH

By M. B. Robinson

The Rutherford County Negro fair under the leadership of S. M. Goode, president, is making great progress. A recent business meeting and social was held at Grahamtown High School, Forest City. Some new shareholders joined and a great time was had by all. Prof. J. O. Gibbs, principal was host to the meeting.

One of the most outstanding things to happen recently was the announcement of Henry Wallace, for President of the United States. Mr. Wallace will not be elected for the following reasons:

1. He speaks too much in behalf of minority groups and Negroes.
2. He has been too critical of the American foreign policy.
3. His main backers are the Communists and radicals. He will not be elected, however, his following may keep President Truman out.

Reports have it that George Rogers, prominent business man of Grahamtown, Forest City, is doing fine in his new building that houses his new lunch room. He has demonstrated that "He can, who thinks he can."

It has been said by some competent authorities that J. Y. Brooks, of near Ellenboro is one among the outstanding farmers in Rutherford county. It is planned to present to our readers some of his many accomplishments in future issues of the Herald.

If you are planning to get a new Easter suit, see Goler Harris, owner and manager of the Harris Tailor Shop, Harris. He does first class work at prices that are certain to please you.

Every parent that has children riding the Harris school bus should thank Robert Green, bus driver for leading the drive to get a heater for the school bus.

The citizens of Memphis, Tenn. failed to have the Freedom Train visit their city recently, because the near-sighted officials of the city wanted the citizens to view the priceless documents on a segregated basis. The promoters had the train visit other cities and pass by Memphis.

Sincere congratulations to the Kiwanis club, of Ashoskie, N. C. for the timely assistance that they gave to a Negro family of fourteen recently. As much praise should be given them for this humanitarian act as the criticism that was heaped on them last year for trying to deny Harvey Jones his new Cadillac won from them in a drawing. Jones got \$3200.00 cash, however.

Did you know that the Harris Herald is read by a majority of the people of Rutherford county? Not only is the news items read, but all of the advertisements as well. They would read yours too if they appeared here.

Mehary Medical College, Nashville, Tenn. is nearly broke and there is talk of making it into a regional college for Negroes. It has been for years one of the two medical colleges for Negroes in the United States. The reason why it will not be able to operate is that it is operated for the most part with funds given by several foundations: Carnegie, Rockefeller, Kellogg and Rosenwald. They will cease supporting it after July 1, 1948. Their reason: since the school is a segregated one, and they don't believe in segregation, they are going to discontinue their aid and in their words "Let those in the South that believe in segregation support the school."

The National Association For The Advancement of Colored People operated the past year with a deficit. Funds received from all sources were \$328,762.19 and the amount spent was \$410,949.87. This is according to a report made recently by the secretary, Walter White. Many people that do not understand the fine work that

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Makes Fine Record



Shown above is Sgt. R. B. McEntire, of Harris. Sgt. McEntire is in the army at Fort Benning, Ga. He has been in service for about four years and has made a fine record.

Personal Items From Uree Section

Mrs. Eugene Whiteside
(Staff Correspondent)

Let us thank God for the year that has passed, and for the new year for none of us know what it holds in store for us. All of us should work hard and put selfishness behind us, realizing that God made all of us regardless of race, color or creed. We should humble ourselves as children and let our lights shine in order that the lost may be saved.

The Harris Herald is a progressive paper and all of us should work hard to help improve it. Mr. Robinson is editor-founder of the Herald, but all of us must do our part if the paper is to be as great as we would like for it to be. The Herald is the only Negro newspaper in Rutherford county. Every Colored family in this county should have it in their home. It is our duty as a Race to subscribe for this paper and ask others to do the same. This paper started as a Monthly, but in a course of time with the proper co-operation it will become a weekly. Let all of us help by subscribing for this paper today.

The Golden Symbol Quintette, Conover, N. C. appeared at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Uree, Friday night, January 23, sponsored by the teachers of Uree school.

Mr. Colon F. Williams son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Williams was married recently to Miss Eunice Hamilton Logan, daughter of Mrs. Alice Hamilton Proctor.

Mrs. Randell in Georgia

Mrs. Marion Randell, former correspondent of the Harris Herald from Hollis, is in Columbus, Ga. at the present time. We hope to have her to write again for the Herald.

AROUND THE NATION'S CAPITAL

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

These lines are being written in Pensacola, Fla., where I am attending our Fla. annual Conference. It is our first time in this city. We haven't seen statistics relating to the population, but in the matter of race, it seems that the city of seventy thousand is about forty per cent Negro, who live in almost every section of the city. In a number of places, Negro residences are seen in the same block with whites. On Belmont street where the writer was domiciled; Negroes owned the nice well kept cottage residences, on one side of the street and on the opposite side were what is usually called "shot-gun-tenants-houses" in the South. They were rented and occupied by white families. What was more striking, we were told that some years ago the same "shot-gun-houses" were rented and

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Facing the New Year

By Jessie Lee Miller

The New Year has arrived and all individuals must begin to think in terms of real leadership.

No doubt there are hundreds of people in Rutherford county who will look to 1948 with bright hope and inspiration. This is a good time to check on ourselves and see the progress that we have made. Every man and woman should desire to make progress, and self improvement is the first step in that direction. Attending church and Sunday school is one good way.

A good plan is to put a list of the things that you want and need to do, and do them. There are some clubs and organizations that one wants to join. Now is the time. We can make this Nation a great place if we want to work hard ourselves.

We are having ideal weather at this time. It is cool enough for one to step, and sleep lively. We are free from zero weather. Visitors to Chimney Rock next summer can go to the top of Chimney Rock in an elevator. This will be good for old and also fat folks who dislike climbing steps.

Personal Items From Bostic

Mrs. Earline Whiteside
(Staff Correspondent)

The New Vernon Glee Club presented a program at Ellenboro church the first Sunday in February.

The following were married in this community recently. Mr. Wesley Logan to Miss Dovie Carpenter, Mr. Luke Littlejohn to Miss Ella Mae Bostic, Mr. Lemuel Toms and Miss Beatrice Laster.

Mrs. Sue Bell Whiteside has returned home from the Rutherfordton hospital and is doing fine at this writing. We wish for her a speedy and complete recovery. Others on the sick list are, Mrs. Sellers, and Mrs. Janie McCoy.

Mrs. Earline Whiteside enjoyed a pleasant week-end recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reid McEntire in Alexander.

Preaching every Sunday at New Vernon Church, Rev. R. B. Burgess, pastor.

Personal Items From Ellenboro

Eunice Tuggle
(Staff Correspondent)

Everyone here enjoyed a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Brooks were Mr. and Mrs. Leck Lattimore, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lattimore, all of the Mauney section.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Harvey, of Charging Falls, Ohio, are spending a few days with Mr. Harvey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Harvey, of this section.

There is no one on the sick list at the present time.

Personal Items From Harris

Mrs. Luvenia Wilkerson has been sick for a few days, but according to reports she is better now.

One of the heaviest snows in several years fell here this week. It measured about eight inches. Sgt. R. B. McEntire, of Fort Benning, Ga. spent a few days with home folks here recently. Mrs. Mrs. Carrie Harris, Miss Mattie McEntire, Roy Lee and Rev. Green accompanied Sgt. McEntire to Spartanburg, S. C.

Personal Items From Little Africa

Miss Elvora Wiggins
(Staff Correspondent)

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Mr. Frank Copeland was married to Miss Hildona Wilkins, of Landrum, S. C.



EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF NEGRO IN NATION

Contributions Made By Negro
Citizens in America Is
Stressed During Week

MANY PROGRAMS HELD

Negro History Week calls to our attention the fact that the history of the American Negro has been among the greatest strides made by any people in the history of the human race. The Negro came to the United States in 1619 and in all fields of human endeavor, he has made remarkable progress since coming here.

In hundreds of schools and colleges Negroes all over America will celebrate Negro history week with songs, speeches, plays and different kinds of ways. We do have a glorious and outstanding history, that we may justly be proud of. In spite of opposition, criticism, and odds of all kinds, we have continued to make progress. Negro History Week was begun by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who realized the history of the Negro was so successful until a week of each year should be set aside for observance of our achievements.

Finally all Americans should be happy of the contributions that Negroes have made toward our American way of life, and all should work hard in order to encourage these 15,000,000 Americans to continue to make worthwhile contributions to the great United States of America.

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A fine program was given at Fairview church January 25. Temple Gospel chorus, Forest City, rendered music.

Mr. Robert Splawn visited his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. William Splawn, Campobello, S. C.

Miss Mattie Copeland visited her aunt, Mrs. Evia Copeland in Spartanburg, and Mrs. Daisy Wiggins, and husband visited her sister-in-law Mrs. Eddie Wilkins, of Chesnee.

Mr. William Splawn visited Mrs. Carrie Copeland in Chesnee.

Mr. Mack Landrum visited Miss Leather Wilkins recently.

Mr. Procter has returned to his home after being in the hospital.

Mr. Hubert visited his brother Mr. Taft Wilkins, of Chesnee.

Mrs. Susie M. Burgess visited her mother in Grambling recently.

Miss Esnell Blackly visited her teacher in Asheville recently.

Miss Mabel Wiggins went to her school after the snow.

Miss Ruth Fillson visited her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Fillson.

Mr. Taft Wilkins visited his sister Daisy Wiggins recently.

Mr. John Wiggins was attacked by an unknown assailant when he went to feed his hogs.