

## PLANS MADE FOR COUNTY FAIR THIS FALL

### Negro Newspaper Week Is Observed Throughout Nation

#### SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES JOIN IN CELEBRATION

Marks 121st Anniversary Of The Establishment Of First Negro Newspaper

#### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Schools and colleges throughout the Nation observed the 121st anniversary of the founding of the first Negro newspaper, "Freedom's Journal," in 1827 by John Russ-worm, according to officials of the National Negro Newspaper Committee.

Some of the schools which had special programs were Bluefield, W. Va., the University of Chicago, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., and Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.

#### RUTHERFORDTON PERSONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Janette Logan (Staff Correspondent)  
The following persons are sick, Mrs. Louise Alexander, Mrs. Lilly Long and Manor Miller. We wish for them all a speedy recovery. Mr. Calhoun Smith is also doing fine considering his age. He is honored and respected by both races here.

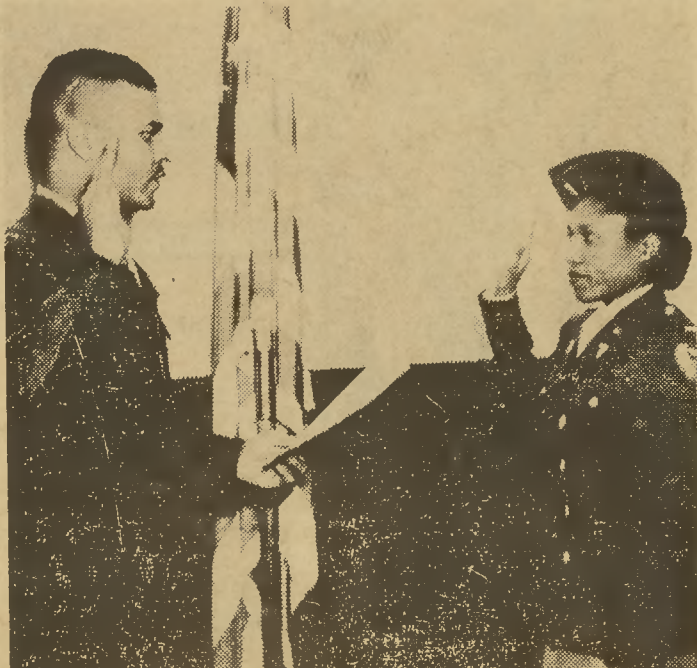
#### Green Creek Community News

Leroy Holbert (Staff Correspondent)  
Mrs. Mary Willie Bryant celebrated her 72nd birthday, February 23. She is one of the oldest members of Green Creek Baptist church.

#### EDITOR ROBINSON ON WBBO PROGRAM

Editor Milton B. Robinson, of the Harris Herald, will be heard over Radio Station WBBO next Thursday afternoon from 5:05 to 5:15 p. m. He will give a news broadcast of wide interest to Negro listeners in this and adjoining counties. Mr. Robinson will present a ten-minute program of late news events pertaining exclusively to Negro activities in this area. Tune in next Thursday, March 18, and hear Mr. Robinson on WBBO, 780 on your dial. —(Editor, the Courier)

#### First Negro Nurse Commissioned



LOCKBOURNE AIR FORCE BASE—Lieutenant Nancy C. Leftenant, stationed at Lockbourne Air Force Base, recently received a Regular Army commission in the Nurse Corps. She is the first Negro to attain this honor. Photo shows Lieutenant Leftenant being sworn in by Lieutenant Owen E. Hauge, Adjutant, 332nd fighting wing, Lieutenant Leftenant is a graduate of Lincoln School of Nursing, Bronx, New York. (U. S. Air photo from public information Division)

#### Masonic Lodge Officers For 1948 Elected

Watkins Star Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Forest City Names New Officers  
The Watkins Star Lodge No. 751, A. F. and A. M. Forest City held their regular meeting last Tuesday night. Among other business was the election of the officers for the year 1948.

#### CHICAGO—"A Negro will be vice-president of the United States in the next twelve years" predicts sociologist and best-selling author Carey McWilliams in April Negro Digest, and adds that "other Negroes will be in the cabinet and on the supreme court bench."

"Since Negroes have the balance of political power in a close election," the Negro Digest declares, "it is not far-fetched to assert that a Negro with important labor connections will be occupying the office of vice-president in 1960."

#### Dr. Carson Holds Great Conference

Dr. W. D. Carson, P. E. Lincoln-ton District A. M. E. Zion Church held the first conference for this year at Doggett Grove Sunday Feb. 29. His theme was "What will you do with Jesus, who is called Christ?" Dr. Carson preached a great sermon that was enjoyed by a large crowd. The public collection was \$35.00 besides \$20.00 presiding salary, total offering was \$55.00. Communion was given to about forty persons.

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#### THE MONTH

By M. B. Robinson

THREE NEGROES were sworn in for jury service in Laurel, Miss., the first time in over forty years that Negroes have served on the jury in Miss.

JACKIE ROBINSON, first Negro to play in organized baseball and outstanding first baseman with the Brooklyn Dodgers and star of last year's world series, has signed a contract to play another year with the Dodgers. His salary last year was \$5,000. This year it will be \$15,000.

THE NEGRO POPULATION of the South is declining according to figures just released by the Bureau of the Census. The Nation's colored population gained more than a million and a half persons in the past seven years, however.

Last year's census showed 9,530,000 colored persons in the South, as compared with 10,007,323 in 1940. The total colored population of the nation in 1947 was officially announced at 15,017,000.

"I AM ROUNDING OUT about thirty years here" thus spoke Lee Bright, of Forest City recently to this writer. Mr. Bright has been all of that time a valued and dependable employee of the Florence Mills. Not only has he worked all of this time, but he has saved something for the "rainy day" also. Mr. Bright is a member of Wells Springs Methodist church, Forest City.

ANOTHER PERSON who has made a fine record for long and faithful service is Conley Hamilton, for over twenty-five years employed at the Alexander Manufacturing Co. Mr. Hamilton has the unusual distinction of having lost just a few days work during his long period of service there. Through the years he has also faithfully provided for the welfare and comfort of his mother, with whom he and his recent wife, the former Miss Bulener Petty, stay. Both of them are regular attendants of Doggett Grove A. M. E. Zion church.

TWO OUTSTANDING Negro leaders who for a half century have contributed greatly toward a better way of life for all of us, celebrated their birthdays in February.

Dr. Emmett J. Scott, one time secretary to the late Dr. Booker T. Washington, celebrated his 75th birthday in Washington, D. C. The other one is Dr. W. E. B. Dubois, ex-Editor of "The Crisis," former professor at Atlanta University and a determined leader for human rights, celebrated his eightieth birthday with a party at the Roosevelt Hotel, New York, N. Y.

THE NATIONAL BAPTIST Convention, Inc., has voted to purchase the Woodman's Union Building at Hot Springs, Ark., to be used as a bath house, hospital and nurse training school. The building will cost \$175,000 with the Southern Baptist convention giving an initial gift of \$20,000. Dr. D. V. Jamison, is convention president.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Roberts, Cliffside visited Mr. and Mrs. John Withrow of near Sandy Mush last Sunday. Mrs. Roberts is the former Miss Sarah Lee Mosley.

The first subscriber to the Herald for this year was H. M. Sims, Forest City. We hope to add at least 1000 more subscribers to the Herald this year.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order to Rev. J. W. Ward, Jr. and the members of Waddell Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, Shelby, for their program that is given over Station WHOS every Sunday morning from 10:00 to 10:30 A. M.

IT HAS BEEN REPORTED that Rev. A. M. Means, former pastor of New Zion Church, Henrietta and Oak Grove Church, Forest City, was in bad health and in an institution. It was a pleasure indeed to see him in Shelby re- —Turn to Page Three

#### EDUCATOR GIVES MESSAGE OF FAITH

Prof. J. O. Gibbs Speaks On Race Relations and Race Improvements

The following is an address made by Prof. J. O. Gibbs, of Grahamtown school at the First Baptist church on March 3rd:

As I understand it, this week has been set aside as a week of prayer and the general theme is a message of Faith. One of my favorite passages of scripture is the definition of faith as given by the Apostle Paul: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen."



Among the things that we should have faith in are our religion, our homes, our government, our army, our navy, and our fellowmen. In our modern world, there seems to be two problems that are basic of all evils, namely the problems of living together and the problem of making a living. The question is constantly raised: How can people of diverse features, cultures, interests and standards live together not merely tolerating one another but cooperating with one another in promoting their common good? This problem becomes even more acute when divergent groups within the same geographical boundary try to live and work together; as it is in America. Fortunately, America and particularly we in North Carolina have done much to reduce this problem.

We are indeed proud of the splendid record of North Carolina. We are proud of our farms. We are proud of our factories. We are proud of our schools. We are proud of our churches. We are proud of the fine race relations that exist. But in spite of the many brilliant records that our great state has made there are many shadows that cast darkness over our progress.

It is about some of these shadows that I shall speak briefly with the hope that we upon whose shoulders rest the responsibility to erase them may put forth a more united effort to accomplish this great task.

First and foremost among these shadows is our health. Everyone has been stung and stunned by the fact that more North Carolinians, that is a greater per centage were rejected from the armed services than from any other state. Another shadow is the continuous flow of ungrounded propaganda circulated among both races to stir racial animosity.

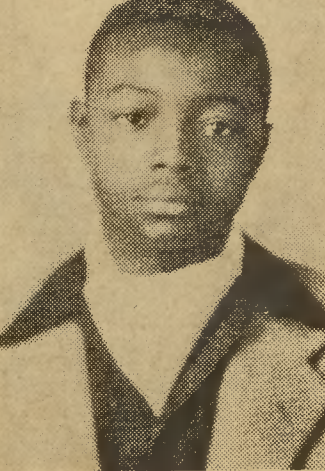
And still another shadow is the occasional miscarriage of justice against Negroes involving Negroes and whites in our courts.

There are numerous other evils that overshadow much of the progress that our state has made. I am not so cynical or pessimistic as to doubt that our progress and our good have by far overshadowed our short comings and our bad traits.

In the light of the many good things that have been done in Rutherford County and more particularly by civic groups and various auxiliaries of this church, I suppose that we may continue to strengthen the ties that bind us particularly religious education. For example I firmly believe that mission schools for adults and —Turn to Page Three

#### Doggett Grove Young Mens Club Is Organized

Club Is Formed For Advancement of Young Men of Community



One among the most outstanding organizations among young men in this section is The Young Mens Club of Doggett Grove. This club was organized Dec. 1944 by Rev. W. L. Goode and has continued to be progressive until the present time. Not only does this group help Doggett Grove church in a material way, but they are willing to help any worthwhile cause that arises in the community.

#### Farmers Urged To Move Scrap

Another call for scrap iron and steel is going out to farmers. The current short supply of scrap and the outlook for this winter seriously threatened the maintenance of maximum steel production. Yet such maximum production is essential to curb inflation and to support the foreign aid program as well as the domestic economy. Farmers are urged to carry out a determined and thorough search for undiscovered scrap and for obsolete equipment and to move it promptly into market channels. No matter how small the amount of scrap on any one farm, the total of small lots from many farms will make a worth-while contribution. Every ton of additional scrap counts in the present situation.

#### Crash Victim Is Improving

Ozzie Ford, who suffered a broken leg in the auto crash that took the lives of Wilford and Ervin Camp and injured three others is improving at this writing. He has improved to the extent that the cast has been removed from his leg and he is well on the road to recovery.

#### Red Cross Goal Is \$75,000,000

The annual Red Cross drive is now on, and the goal is \$75,000,000. This is a most worthy cause and everyone should give.

#### AROUND THE NATION'S CAPITAL

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

We, as a race, I am sure, are glad to hear of the President's determined stand on his Civil Rights program. He is to be commended for the staunch position that he has taken. There are those, however who feel that he has thrown the "political fat" into the fire, but it is my prediction that the November election returns will reward his courage and vindicate him. It is true that we of America, cannot, as a nation, remain "The Arsenal of Democracy" with racial bigotry, hatred, placation of a people and other ostracisms rampant within our borders.

It is encouraging to know that the Historic John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church is free of its \$50,000 obligation. Dr. Stephen G. Spottswood, the pastor has successfully led the good people of —Turn to Page Three

#### COMMITTEES ARE NAMED FOR FAIR ASSOCIATION

Meeting Held In New Hope School In Rutherfordton To Plan For Event

S. M. GOODE PRESIDENT

The Rutherford county Negro Fair Association, held a meeting Thursday night March 4, in the dining room of New Hope high school, Rutherfordton. The president, S. M. Goode presided. The purpose of the meeting was to plan for the fair this fall. The following committees were appointed:

#### GRAHAMTOWN SCHOOL

Louise Jones (Staff Correspondent)

Grahamtown basketball team defeated Tryon team at Grahamtown Feb. 19, 9 to 4. The members of our team were Marie Brooks, Lillie Wells, Patricia Petty, Mamie Thompson, Lola Mae Morris and Eugenia Hill.

#### Temple Gospel Chorus Busy

The Temple Gospel Chorus, of Forest City, featured artists over station WBBO every Sunday morning from 10:00 to 10:15 has a crowded schedule.

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#### Doggett Grove Men In Wreck

Larnzie Doggett and step-son Jubber Lee Carson escaped serious injury in an accident with a young man (a Robinson) last Saturday night. According to Mr. Doggett's statement given to the HARRIS HERALD, he and his son were on their way to Forest City and saw their car coming at a fast rate of speed. He pulled off the road and stopped. However, when the car was near them the driver pulled directly into them. Both cars were damaged badly. The occupants of the other car were injured and required medical attention as did Mr. Doggett and son.

#### CORRESPONDENTS WANTED

It is the aim of the management of the HARRIS HERALD to serve the best interest of the people in our several communities and places.

At the present time a few more Staff Correspondents will be accepted for some sections that are not now represented in the Herald. If your community isn't represented in each issue of the Herald, write or have someone to write the news so it will appear along with scores of others.