

QUARTERLY CONVENTION HELD IN BOSTIC

New All Negro Theatre Opens At Spindale Saturday Night

FIRST COUNTY COLORED MOVIE WILL OPEN SAT.

Three-Story Building Will Also House Offices and Other Quarters

\$30,000 STRUCTURE

Charlie Broun, Spindale businessman, announced the opening at 7 o'clock Saturday night of The Bells, Rutherford county's first all colored theatre, located on the Ledbetter road in Spindale.

The new \$30,000 theatre building, built of cement and cinder blocks, steel and concrete was finished up this week and everything is expected to be in readiness for the grand opening Saturday.

The three-story building, which was started in November of last year, is being finished this week by Grant Koone, local contractor and most materials used in the modern building were purchased locally from Rutherford county firms.

Besides the theatre, with a seating capacity of 300, the large building will house, on the first floor, a colored barber shop, beauty shop, grocery and snack shop. The four upstairs offices are being reserved for a colored physician since considerable work is being done at this time to secure the services of a colored doctor.

New, modern theatre equipment is being installed in the theatre during this week for the first showing Saturday night. Mr. Broun, who will manage the theatre and lease the rest of the building, will use all colored employees for the operation of the theatre, and all other quarters and office space will be rented to colored firms.

The new theatre building is located on the Ledbetter road in Spindale, opposite the State Prison Camp, and is expected to serve as a recreation center for colored people from all sections of Rutherford county.

Livingston Has Founder's Day

Livingstone College located at Salisbury, celebrated Founder's Day February 10th with suitable programs. Over \$70,000 cash was turned over to the treasurer of the college. Services began at 10:30 A. M. with appropriate services honoring the 95th birthday of the founder, Dr. Joseph C. Price. Miss Melva Harris, senior, gave the tribute in behalf of the student body. Music was furnished by the College Choral Union, and Rev. Walter L. Yates spoke for the faculty. Dr. W. J. Trent, President accepted the presentations for the College.

At the close of the above services the annual procession was made to the tomb of Dr. Price, where the class of 1949 placed a wreath on the grave of the beloved and honored founder.

A four year building plan was announced by President Trent, when completed will place Livingstone forward as one of our greatest Southern Colleges.

Negro On Raleigh School Board

F. J. Carnage, Negro attorney was chosen by the Raleigh City council to serve a six year term as a member of the City School Board. His appointment marked the first time in the city's history that a Negro has so served. Mr. Carnage was recommended by Mayor P. D. Snipes for the place to succeed Mrs. W. B. Aycock, whose term expired, and was unwilling to serve another term.

In speaking of Mr. Carnage, who is a native of Thomasville, Ga. Mayor Snipes said, "He has the respect and confidence of both races and is thoroughly capable, and I believe he will make a most successful board member."

15 NOMINATED FOR JEFERSON ANNUAL AWARDS

Big List of Individuals Nominated For Advancement of Democracy

NEW YORK—Fifteen men and women have been nominated for Thomas Jefferson Prizes for the Advancement of Democracy, according to the Council Against Intolerance, which sponsors the annual awards.

Ballots sent to 1,000 newspaper editors and heads of civic and educational organizations will determine the five individuals to whom the council will present "Jeffersons" in ceremonies on Jefferson's anniversary, April 13.

Pointing out the recipients of ballots may write in other names they deem worthy of a "Jefferson" the council announces the following nominations:

In Industry: Ted Cott—program director of radio station WNEW for initiating and maintaining programs including "Little Songs on Big Subjects" to educate American youth for tolerance.

Negro Scholarships Paul Genge—United States Air Force veteran, who with his pregnant wife refused a desperately needed apartment because the management excluded "persons other than members of the Caucasian race."

Walter S. Mack, Jr.—president of the Pepsi-Cola Company, which made college scholarships available for Negro students throughout the South and established interracial youth canteens in metropolitan areas.

In Arts and Sciences: Jack Kapp—president of Decca Records, which produced and published the American Folk Music Series stressing the contribution of peoples of all races, creeds, and national origins in the upbuilding of America.

Cornelia Otis Skinner—who with her maid, Esther Conway, used a theatrical tour through the South to challenge "Jim Crow" laws in buses, hotels, and restaurants.

Hospital Bars Color Line Sydenham Hospital—for eliminating the color line among doctors, staff, and patients in its medical service to the citizens of New York.

In public affairs: Alfred E. Driscoll—Governor of New Jersey, who introduced and fought for the new state constitution which forbids segregation in the militia because of religion, race, color or ancestry.

Mrs. Sally Nixon—widow of Isiah Nixon, who was killed after registering and voting in the Georgia primary, for pledging her sons, at their father's funeral, to follow his example upon reaching manhood.

Glen H. Taylor—United States Senator (D) of Idaho, who risked arrest and imprisonment for refusing to enter a meeting in Birmingham, Ala., through a segregated entrance.

"In the Land of Jim Crow" In journalism and literature: Carey McWilliams—for consistent championship of all minority groups and for his unmasking anti-Semitism in his recent book, "A Sank for Privilege."

Ray Springle—who disguised himself as a Negro in order to learn at firsthand and report to the nation on conditions "In the Land of Jim Crow."

Walter White—long-time head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who probed prejudice in his autobiography, "A Man Called White."

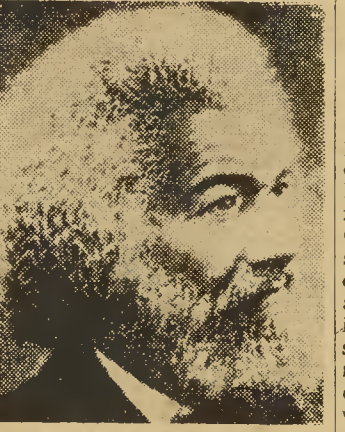
In education: Amherst Chapter Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity—for pledging a Negro student and for maintaining its pledge in the face of suspension by the national fraternity.

Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher—for her courageous fight to obtain admission to the University of Oklahoma Law School on equal terms with other students.

Mildred McAfee Horton—President of Wellesley, under whose administration inquiries about race and religion were dropped from the application blanks for admission to the college.

The Month Among Our Neighbors In This Area

Abolitionist



FREDERICK DOUGLASS, outstanding character of Civil War times, and a diligent and fearless champion for the rights and privileges of the American Negro. Well may we honor the memory of this great man, who was born in poverty and obscurity, but rose to a prominent and commanding place in the hearts of his fellow countrymen. He died 1895.

Local Incidents and Comments About A Number of Things of Interest

By M. B. ROBINSON

No race loving Negroes will appreciate the speech delivered recently by Dr. J. W. Holly, former President of Georgia State College for Negroes, before the Kiwanis Club in Albany, Ga. Dr. Holly, stated that "he protested the rape of my race by the Northern Press and other organizations." Continuing Mr. Holly, who was an eager supporter of the late Eugene Talmadge during his lifetime, singled out the National Association Advancement Colored People, C. I. O., and the Julius Rosenwald Fund as agencies that have done and are doing much to retard our progress. It is a fine thing that Negroes of this type who try to become Race leaders are passing off the scene. We are much better off without them.

We welcome among our many exchanges "THE CAROLINA TIMES" of Durham, edited and published by our friend Mr. L. E. Austin. "THE TIMES" is the State's oldest Negro weekly and presents State, National and International news of interest in a fearless and progressive manner.

All of us should be happy to congratulate the Boy Scouts of America on their noble achievements. Most of us learn more about this great civic organization that has done so much to help mould and build the lives of our young men. Rutherford county needs and should have more Negro Boy Scout Troops organized, and the time for us to begin is now.

The Royal Light Singers of Cowpens, S. C. and New Gospel Four of Harris rendered a program at Hopewell church Sunday night February 12. The program was sponsored by Miss Ruth McEntire, with free admission to all. Silver offering of over ten dollars was given, proving that churches can have quartet singings with free will offering taken up and still make money.

"Some people fail because they over-estimate the strength of their enemies, and under-estimate their own strength," said Bishop B. G. Shaw to a session of the Western North Carolina conference recently.

Bishop W. J. Walls was elected secretary of the A.M.E. Zion Church of Bishops meeting in their mid-winter meeting in Columbia, S. C. last week. Bishop James C. Taylor elected assistant secretary and Bishop C. C. Alleyne elected chairman. Bishop Walls is a native of Rutherford county, and so is Bishop H. T. Medford, former columnist of the HERALD, who made his first report as a Bishop at the Columbia meeting.

Friends, how do you like our new Church Directory? We have established this section because we want to place more emphasis on church attendance, and support. No single organization in the world has done more for human uplift.

FORMER PASTOR MADE PRESIDING ELDER OF DISTRICT

Rev. O. W. Newell, Former Pastor New Bethel Now District Presiding Elder

Rev. C. W. Newell, former pastor of New Bethel A.M.E. Zion church, Forest City and for one year a pastor in the Georgia conference has been promoted to Presiding Elder.

At the Georgia conference last November, Rev. Mr. Newell preached the opening sermon. He was transferred to the South Georgia conference stationed at Athens, and also made Presiding Elder of the Athens District.

Rev. C. H. Daniels is another former pastor of New Bethel who has been made a Presiding Elder. He also serves in the South Georgia conference.

OPEN CHARLOTTE A. M. E. Z. CHURCH

Charlotte A. M. E. Z. Church Opened To Public on February 9th

Clement Memorial A.M.E. Zion church, corner of Ninth and Carwell street in Charlotte, was the scene Wednesday, February 9, of a special session of the Western North Carolina conference, with Bishop B. G. Shaw presiding. The church is named in honor of the late Bishop G. C. Clement, of Charlotte.

Clement Memorial was recently purchased from a White Baptist congregation at a cost of \$60,000. The church is modern in every respect, having a main auditorium with a seating capacity of several hundred people, twelve or more Sunday school rooms, a nursery, a \$25,000 pipe organ and an up-to-date cafeteria that will serve meals at any time of the day. The church will be a seven day a week church, with a community center and Boy Scout troops.

Rev. W. J. Powell, for the past five years pastor of Rudisill Chapel church in Cherryville was appointed pastor of the new church. A recent purchase of Clement Memorial brings to around thirty A.M.E. Zion churches in Charlotte.

Persons attending the conference from this section were, Revs. A. C. Cook, A. M. Goodwin, E. L. Goode, E. D. Kennedy, S. T. Cooke and M. B. Robinson

Personal Items From Reidsville

James B. Lyles (Staff Correspondent)

There will be a quartet singing at Reidsville church Sunday night March 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Oates were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnell Foster.

Dock Smith and Mack Wilkins visited David Lyles of Inman. Mrs. Fredia Fowler our 4-11 club, leader attended the club meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Foster are the proud parents of a baby girl. Willie Williams was killed instantly when his car overturned on the Holly Springs and Lyman Road.

Mrs. Lois McClain visited her mother Mrs. Barbra Roland of Inman. Mr. and Mrs. Jule Jennings and family visited in Chesnee recently.

Textile Shop In New Location

The Laurel Hill Textile Shop located next to the Sylvan Theatre in Rutherfordton, is operated by Mrs. J. E. Austell. Prior to opening the Textile Shop, in Rutherfordton, Mrs. Austell was employed at Peebles-Kimbrell Dept. Store in Forest City.

A complete line of all kinds of cloth material can be found there. Mrs. Austell, wishes to thank her many friends for their valued patronage, and invites all of them to visit her shop at any time.

Union Trust Co. Finances In Good Strong Condition



Speaker

First of Year Statement Shows Bank In Very Healthy Condition

BISHOP W. J. WALLS, chairman of the trustee board of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C. and one of the two American Negro members of the central committee of the World Council of Churches, delivered the principal address February 10, (Founders Day) at Livingstone College. His subject was "The World Council of Churches and its central committee—An Interpretation!"

The Union Trust Co. of Shelby, with branches at Rutherfordton, Fallston, Ellenboro, Forest City, Lawndale and Spindale, is in a healthy financial condition as can be seen from the bank's statement at the close of business December 31, 1948. The total assets of the company were \$14,417,643.10.

The following are officers of the Union Trust Co. President, J. T. Bowman; Vice-Presidents, A. V. Hamrick, J. Worth Morgan, M. G. Goforth, and Jessie E. Bridges; Cashier, Fred W. Alexander; Assistant Cashiers, H. A. Beam, P. B. Price, Kenneth Miller, W. J. Stallings, C. C. Hughes and O. R. Speagle; and the Board of Directors are Fred W. Alexander, J. T. Bowman, Jessie E. Bridges, A. V. Hamrick, C. Rush Hamrick, J. O. Lutz, J. A. Suttle, and Z. J. Thompson.

This well known financial institution is doing much to help build and serve Western North Carolina.

February History Makers

1. George Washington often called "The tallest figure in American history." He possessed high character, firm convictions, noble purposes, and an undying loyalty to his beloved America. Said he, "I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an 'honest man'."

2. Abraham Lincoln, whom many call the "Savior of the Union." He was President of the United States during a trying period of time, but by his human approach to his many problems, his kindness, sympathy, Emancipation of the slaves, and his Gettysburg address, he is placed among the greatest figures in American history.

3. Joseph Charles Price, was founder and first President of Livingstone College, and was an orator of outstanding ability. Said he "I care not how dark the night, I look for the coming of the morning." Negro Americans and all lovers of education are indebted to Dr. Price.

4. Thomas A. Edison, known as the "electrical wizard" Mr. Edison said "in speaking of success," "Two per cent inspiration, Ninety per cent perspiration." His invention of the electric light alone places him into a class by himself, and makes all of us his debtor.

Grahamtown Man Is Injured

George Rogers, owner and manager of Roger's Soda Shop in Grahamtown was injured slightly Thursday, Feb. 17, by Mrs. Lucille Elliott.

The trouble started according to a statement made to a representative of the HARRIS HERALD, when Mr. Rogers refused to accept a pack of beeches back after they had been opened. During the argument Mr. Rogers was hit over the left eye with a bottle, the wound required six stitches by Dr. William Elliott.

Mrs. Elliott was fined the cost of Court in Tuesday's Recorder Court.

Doggett Group Man Improved

Ben Camp, well known farmer of Doggett Grove has greatly improved from his recent illness, and seemed to be well on the road to recovery at press time. Mr. Camp's many friends in the county as well as outside will be happy to know that he is steadily improving. Among those caring for him is Mrs. Ruby J. Wilson and Miss Rosetta Camp, of Virginia, and his other children.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP MET WITH NEW VERNON

Discuss Plans For Developing Sunday Schools In Gold Hill Association

OFFICERS OF GROUP

The Gold Hill Baptist Sunday school convention met January 29-30 with New Vernon church, Bostic in charge. The following churches were represented, New Vernon, White Oak Springs, Jerusalem, Webb's First Baptist, Haynes Grove, Friendship and Oak Grove. The Convention has as its object, building the Sunday schools of the Gold Hill Association, and it also supports all educational and religious movements within the bounds of the district. The convention decided to donate \$3.00 to each of its Sunday schools to help transport them to the Bible school to be held in Spindale, this summer.

The convention is fortunate in having a large number of young people that are interested in its growth and development. They not only attend in large numbers, but they enter into and take an active part in the meetings, many of them serving on committees.

Rev. R. B. Burgess, host-pastor preached a fine sermon Sunday morning, associated by Rev. E. W. Bonner, who also made helpful remarks.

Total amount of money raised in the convention was \$31.08. After final remarks by the president adjourned was in order.

The next convention will meet with White Oak Spring Baptist church May 28-29, 1949.

Officers of the convention are: President, Plato Bridges; Vice-President, S. B. McKinney; Secretary, Kathleen Jones; Assistant Secretary, A. W. Bridges; Treasurer, J. Y. Brooks.

Personal Items From Fosters Grove

Mrs. Reba A. Camp (Staff Correspondent)

Rev. T. E. Williams of Atlanta, Ga., is pastor of Fosters Grove Baptist church. Preaching is on the first and third Sundays, with Sunday school every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Roosevelt Martin is superintendent. All of you have an invitation to visit us at anytime.

The pastor, deacon, usher boards and choir rendered service at Fosters Chapel last Sunday, celebrating their pastor's anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Whiteside are blessed with a baby girl, Pearl Mae, born Feb. 1.

Mrs. Mandy Means, wife of Grover Means was funeralized at Holden Chapel Baptist church Sunday January 30.

Mrs. Addie Lee Martin and two sons from Baltimore, Md., are visiting her mother who has undergone an operation in the Spartanburg General hospital. Mrs. Copeland (Mrs. Martin's mother) is improving.

Mrs. A. M. Mills cut a head of cabbage Feb. 1, from her garden that weighed eight pounds. There are many beautiful gardens in this community. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Earl Moss have one of the best. Many vegetables are ready for table use now.

We welcome many new families into our community, and want them to take a part in all of our activities in order to make this a better place in which to live. Prof. and Mrs. Carol Durham has moved into our community. Mr. Durham is a veteran of World War II, and has charge of the veterans class at Fosters Grove school.

J. H. Moss of Chesnee, Route 2, has cabbage plants for sale.

Quartet To Sing March 6

The Royal Light Singers of Cowpens, S. C. will render a program at Doggett Grove church near Sandy Mush, Sunday March 6, at 2:30 P. M. sponsored by Mrs. Lucille Mosley. No admission fee. The public is invited.

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