

Local Bank Honors Hicks For 25 Years Of Service

Christmas may actually have been on December 25 to most people, but to one Raleighite, Santa Claus came a few days early this year.

Frank D. Hicks was honored by the First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company in special ceremonies last week for having served the firm faithfully for twenty-five consecutive years. Victor E. Bell, Jr., Vice-President of the Bank and head of its Raleigh Operations, presented Hicks with a silver watch, appropriately engraved, as a token of the bank's gratitude.

Frank, as he is known to hundreds of friends, has been the bank messenger throughout his career. Starting with the old Wake County Savings Bank in 1932, he continued

with First-Citizens when the savings organization was bought in 1934 by his present employer.

A great deal like old St. Nicholas in the gift department, Frank's bay window laughs along with him most all the time. Reflecting over the years he has spent with the banking firm, third largest in North Carolina, Hicks remarked: "It doesn't seem like such a long time to me. I've been privileged to work here for 25 years and I only hope I can put in another 25 before I'm through."

Hicks and his wife, Beatrice, reside at 1002 Mark Street and he has a married daughter. His leisure hours are spent "taking it easy" so he says, perhaps in anticipation of those twenty-five years yet to come with First-Citizens.

more than 3,000. He also is credited with building churches at Dallas and Asheville. The church recently built a new parsonage at 1015 Broad Avenue in Greensboro at a cost of \$50,000 and plans erection of a \$100,000 Educational Building on the site of the old church building.

In addition to his ministerial work Dr. Anderson is active in civic and community activities. He belongs to the Masons, Elks, Shriners and Oddfellows. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; Executive Committee of the Lot Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention; and the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.



LOUIS HINTON

27 FATALITIES IN N. CAROLINA DURING HOLIDAYS

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rence James Manning, 40, of R. 1, Wagram, Wendell Dean Marston, 3, of Longhurst, was killed Sunday when the car in which he was riding struck a telephone post in Longhurst city limits.

A car-truck collision near Gastonia late Saturday killed Clarence E. H. H. Tethrow and Clyde Lail, both 16 and both of Gastonia, were killed instantly in the wreck on N. C. 274 between Gastonia and Bessemer City. Thomas Franklin Smith, 25, of Annapolis, Md., died Sunday.

Five persons were killed near Kitty Hawk Friday when a car crashed through a temporary bridge railing and plunged into the Currituck Sound.

Two cars crashed head-on in Caswell county on U. S. 29 near Ruffin Friday, killing Thomas R. Bailey, 35, and his wife, Doris Bailey, 30, both of Lexington.

Hinton Leads 'Sweetheart' Ball Thurs.

Louis Hinton, a senior at the J. W. Ligon High School, will be the leader of the Sweetheart Ball, a scholarship benefit program, sponsored by Phi Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, to be held at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium, December 31, Mr. Hinton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Smith.

At Ligon he is a member of the Student Council, Echo Staff, Viking Club, president of the Hi-Y Club, vice-president of the Ligon Chapter of N. C. Industrial Shop Organization.

He plans to continue his education at Florida A. and M. University in the area of Building Construction.

Other winners are: second place, Gene Robinson, a junior at Ligon; third place, William H. Haywood, a senior at Ligon; and fourth place, Milo M. Jones, a senior at the John R. Hawkins High School, Warrenton.

The leaders will form their court at 8:45 p. m.

A. Randolph Endorses SC Port March

NEW YORK, N. Y. — (AP) — A. Philip Randolph, AFL-CIO vice-president and veteran civil rights leader, has endorsed the Emancipation Day Prayer Pilgrimage to the Greenville airport, where Jackie Robinson and others were asked to move from the "white" waiting room.

Randolph said, "I consider this a timely and constructive form of non-violent, good-will action in the interest of the God-given right of every American citizen to enjoy citizenship privileges without insult because of race or color. I trust that the demonstration will be effective."

The demonstration is sponsored by Greenville CORE (Committee of Racial Equality) and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

Reverend J. S. Hall, Jr., chairman of Greenville CORE, announced that the pilgrimage will begin with a program at Springfield Baptist Church during which Mrs. Ruby Hurley of Atlanta will be the principal speaker. Following the meeting the group will march to the airport and use the "white" waiting room.

Congressman Powell Backs The Integrity Of Hulan Jack

NEW YORK, N. Y. — (AP) — Congressman Adam C. Powell, Jr. joined with his key leaders to give support to the currently beleaguered Hulan E. Jack, Manhattan Borough President.

Mr. Powell gave his support to Jack via telephone from Puerto Rico where he is convalescing from a recent operation.

J. Raymond Jones, one of Powell's key lieutenants, issued the following statement:

"We have worked with Borough President for many years. We have complete confidence in his integrity."

"During the years of his service in the (State) Assembly and as leader of the 14th Assembly District, he continued to work at the job he had prior to his entrance into politics."

"In all these years he has been a diligent worker and a God-fearing family man. We are firmly confident that venality is not a part of his character." With refer-

ence to the current difficulties of Mr. Jack, the statement termed him the victim of "poor judgment" and "thoughtless friends."

A statement from the city's leading Negro clergymen is expected shortly.

34 Workers Get 11,800 Back Pay

PANAMA CITY — (AP) — Thirty-four workers lined up this week in the Panama Canal Zone to receive individual checks for sums totaling \$11,870.51, as a result of a Wage - Hour action brought by Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell.

The suit was the Labor Department's first action under the Fair Labor Standards Act against an employer in the Zone, and was contested by defendants John V. Carter, Jr., Canal Zone contractor. It involved back pay due workers engaged in demolition and rebuilding dock facilities in Manzanillo Bay at the U. S. Naval Station in Coco Solo.

Secretary Mitchell brought the suit against the Carters under a provision in the Federal law which allows this action on behalf of an employee making a written request if the case involves no unsettled legal question.

Judge Guthrie F. Crowe of the U. S. District Court in the Canal Zone held that under existing precedents, demolition and rebuilding of a headwarf connecting several piers in the Manzanillo Bay improved the usefulness of the Bay and the Port of Cristobal.

fighting cocoa tree disease has been the African farmer's responsibility, but the Ghanaian Department of Agriculture has been sharing a large part of the cost of spray and spraying equipment.

Currently, the cocoa production of the West African country accounts for over 60 percent of the revenue from exports.

Consequently, the Nkrumah government outlined its objective in the Division of Agriculture's Second Development Plan, 1956-64:

"Cocoa will undoubtedly continue to dominate the economy of the country for many years to come.

"Any development plan is, therefore, unrealistic if it fails to afford this crop the consideration which its importance demands. In addition to a wide variety of services to insure replanting of defunct cocoa areas, provision is made for training farmers in modern techniques of cultivation and in control of diseases."

Included in the plan are distribution of improved planting material and a wider use of fertilizers.

Christmas Eve Death 'Justified'

ST. GEORGE, S. C. — A Dorchester County coroner's inquest into the Christmas Eve shooting of a 47-year-old man by a highway patrolman has ruled the death self-defense.

The inquest, conducted Saturday by Coroner E. H. Clayton, ruled Frank Brown was shot by Highway Patrolman H. L. Gerrald in performance of his duty and in defense of his life.

The shooting occurred when the St. George patrolman had stopped to check two cars parked on a secondary state road just off Highway 178, West of Rosenville, Christmas Eve.

Gerrald testified at the hearing he told both drivers to pull off the road and then asked to see their drivers licenses.

Dorchester Sheriff H. H. Jessen said his investigation revealed Brown began struggling with Gerrald and attempted to grab the officer's revolver. However, Gerrald managed to regain the weapon and shoot his assailant.

Gerrald was freed on \$1,500 bond pending his appearance at the next term of Dorchester General Sessions Court.

WOMAN SAYS MAN WORE DIAPER MASK

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denied he committed any sex crimes.

Police Lt. M. M. Coppenger said more than 100 reports have been received in the past six months of a masked bandit entering apartments. In each entry, money was taken.

The suspect admitted 18 of the burglaries but added he "couldn't remember other burglaries," Coppenger said.

DIXIE CLASSIC FANS WATCH SEPIANS PLAY

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five, 72-67. Johnson made another foul shot and Norm Grov sank a basket to cut it to two, 72-70, but that was as close as the Gephers could come.

Choctaw hit a free throw and Rich Ruffel dumped in a field goal to make it 75-70 before Cronk go Minnesota's final basket as the game ended.

Johnson was the game's top scorer with 24 points and McGill, who fouled out with 51 seconds left, had 21.

Paul Lehman scored 11 for Minnesota and Cronk hit 10. Holmes and Ruffel scored 13 each for Utah and Chestang scored 12.

No Sepians Registered In Macon Co.

Since Dec.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. — (AP) — Death and out-migration has cut the number of Negro voters in Macon County by 64 according to the annual report of the Tuskegee Civic Association.

W. P. Mitchell, executive secretary of the organization was re-elected for the 10th time, explaining that there were 1,110 Negro voters in the county a year ago and only 1,046 today.

During that time there has been no public registration of voters because the registrars resigned following an inquiry into the voting situation by the federal government last December in Montgomery.

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Presiding as toastmaster was Junious Sorrell. Red candles, Christmas greens and bright-colored balls were used in decorating the table. Covering the table was a white linen embroidered cloth. The menu consisted of roast turkey with dressing, celery, potato salad, greens and hot rolls. Potato pie was served as dessert. Christmas music and classical sounds permeated the entire room.

The agents and representatives present with their wives and guests were: L. C. Lindsey with his cousin, Mrs. Effie Whitaker as guest from Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. N. Sorrell, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie C. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Terain, J. E. Grissom and guest, D. L. Carrington, Mrs. Kathelene Bailey and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonza Anderson.

GEN. ASSEMBLY ASKED TO JOIN JAN. 1 MARCH

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equal number of white youths who are enrolled in an obligatory inferior private school set-up." Walker wrote Moore.

The pilgrimage committee released a statement calling for repeal of Virginia's moderate "freedom of choice" program which allows localities to choose between accepting integration or closing their schools.

Seventeen persons including Author Sarah, Boyle of Charlottesville, were listed as callers of the pilgrimage, which also was held last year.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott, will address the Negroes who will gather in a Richmond theatre normally used by whites.

Walker and Robert G. Williams, coordinators of the pilgrimage, told Moore the Negroes wished to propose new laws to the Assembly to "move the Commonwealth of Virginia closer to her democratic ideals."

Moore, a neighbor and personal friend of Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) who authored the state's old policy of "massive resistance" to integration, is a staunch segregationist and opposed the "freedom of choice" plan as too liberal.

MAN CLAIMS HE WAS BEATEN AND ROBBED IN NC

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was assaulted by two men.

He explained he had picked up a white man, who was hitchhiking in Greensboro, and that when he tried to let the man out of the car the men pulled him and the hitchhiker to the side of the road and beat them.

McNeely said the men took his billfold containing \$220 and then drove off in his 1954 Mercury sedan. However, officers said McNeely may have been confused as to what highway he was on, and that he probably was driving on State Highway 441.

Officers were unable to determine what happened to the hitchhiker.

INTER-RACIAL CONFERENCE AT ST. AUG.

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We see it and conquer it."

Referring to racial question the speaker stated that the time has come for "the leap of conviction into action."

Approximately 100 Episcopal leaders from all over the nation came to the conference which convened on the campus of St. Augustine's College on December 28, 29 and 30. The purpose of the meeting was to establish a society which will be concerned with interracial relations and intercultural harmony and their promotion.

In the original proposal, "The Church Society for Racial Unity" was suggested as a name. However, the conference group will decide upon the final title for the society.

Monday evening in the Penick Hall of Science Amphitheater, the conference was organized and there was put in motion three workshops—(1) one on name and purpose, (2) one on organization, and (3) one on programming. These workshops continued in sessions on Tuesday.

The Rev. William S. Van Meter, executive secretary of the Christian Social Relations Department of the Diocese of Chicago, presided at the general session Monday evening. The welcome was given by Dr. James A. Boyer, president of St. Augustine's College. Rev. Joseph Green, college chaplain, gave instructions concerning the meeting places of the various workshops.

The 100 delegates came in response to a call issued by the Rev. John B. Morris of Atlanta. Ga. Rev. Morris circulated the proposal for the organization of the society. He was assisted by Rev. Genevieve C. Tarplee of Lynchburg, Va.

According to pre-planning publications, the society when organized would:

"Promote increased acceptance and demonstration of the church's policies of racial inclusiveness in its own life, as well as its role of providing leadership in the community and nation in establishing full opportunities for all persons, without racial discrimination, in fields such as education, housing, employment and accommodation."

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER VICTIMS

PAYETTEVILLE—A mother and her teenage daughter died Saturday when flames from an exploding oil heater raced through their home before they could escape.

Mrs. Marie McClain, 32, and Miss Ella Marie McClain, 16, were found in the ruins of the 2-room frame house. Herman Cole, a brother and next door neighbor of Mrs. McClain, said the house was engulfed by flames before he could reach the building.

Officers said the fire started from an oil heater in the bedroom.

5 CHILDREN PERISH AS HOME BURNS

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western Virginia community.

"Daddy, come get me. The children were heard crying."

Two other children, seriously burned managed to break a window and tumble to safety from the one-story house. They and their father were hospitalized at Kingsport, Tenn.

The dead Gibson children were Geraldine, 3; Thelma Jo, 4; Sue Ellen, 6; Bobbie Elizabeth, 10; and James Edward, 12.

Scott County Deputy Sheriff Kyle Baker said an overheated coal stove, which Gibson apparently had soaked before falling asleep, was thought to have caused the blaze.

Baker said the house was virtually in ruins by the time he arrived from Gate City, 18 miles south of here.

Mrs. Elizabeth Salling, who owns the farm Gibson worked, said Gibson had left her home a quarter mile away about 10 p. m. Tuesday after watching television.

Gibson told neighbors he awoke about 2:30 a. m. to find the house in flames and heard one of his children crying: "Daddy, come get me."

The frantic father tried to reach the bedroom but was driven back. He ran outside screaming for help and was soon joined by two older daughters, Melba 13, and Nancy, 16, who escaped through a window.

Gibson returned to the house in a desperate effort to reach the other children but tripped on a fallen beam and broke his leg. He managed to drag himself outside to safety.

SUSPECT ARSON IN FIRE

DURHAM — Fire which officers said was apparently caused by arson, damaged a new elementary school before dawn last week.

Fire Chief Cosmo Cox said there was "strong evidence" that blazes in the teachers' lounge and on the stage of the auditorium of Wall-town Elementary School were set deliberately.

TAR HEEL IS REFLECTED

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editor of the Oracle, official organ for the 25,000-member organization.

NC MINISTER HEADS BI-RACE ALLIANCE

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First Baptist Church, Asheville. He was called to his Greensboro charge in 1939 when the church was worshipping in a ramshackle frame building with a congregation numbering slightly over three hundred members.

Under Dr. Anderson's leadership the church has erected a towering ultra-modern edifice valued at more than \$200,000 and the congregation now numbers

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TUESDAY'S GENERAL SESSION

9 Women Identify Terrorist

MEMPHIS — (AP) — Clayton Dawson, 33, a plumbers' helper, was identified Monday in a police lineup, by nine South Memphis women, as the Negro who criminally assaulted them in their homes in recent months.

First to identify Dawson was a Negro woman, 36, and her 16-year-old daughter, who said they were ravished in their home on Dec. 12. Two other Negro women were not positive in their identification. The women attacked range in ages from 16 to 69.

Chief of Detectives Charles F. Young said Monday night: "We are reasonably sure this is the attacker we've been seeking since February." Two Negro patrolmen—Nelson New and Wendell Robinson—assisted in capturing the suspect.

First break in the 10-month-old case came when the home of Otis McKinnie, Negro, was broken into and some money taken. Deciding to lay a trap for the burglar should he return, McKinnie on Friday night, latched his front door and waited in a dark passageway across the street.

When Dawson sneaked onto the front porch and forced a screen door open, McKinnie called police, who nabbed the marauder after a short chase down the street. Dawson was paroled from Brushy Mountain Prison, Petros, Tenn., in October, 1953, after serving more than four years for grand larceny.

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Cocoa Production Is Declared Good

CHANA'S COCO POPULATION IS GOOD

UNITED NATIONS — (AP) — According to information from economic experts, estimates place the 1959-60 cocoa crop of Ghana at 500 million pounds.

The effort of experts hired by the Ghana government to fight diseases of the cocoa tree has been paying dividends in better harvests.

Since last July the program of

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