

Christmas.. God With Us

EDITOR'S NOTE: Reverend Harold Roland, Pastor of Mount Gilead Baptist Church of Durham and regular editorial columnist for the TIMES, has prepared the following special message for TIMES readers at this Christmastide. Reverend Roland's column, "SPIRITUAL INSIGHT," appears regularly on page two.

"... Emanuel... God With Us..." Matt. 1-23

Merry Christmas! The sublime joyousness of Christmas is that God breaks in upon the scene of human history through the mysterious and magnificent grandeur of the INCARNATION: THE MEETING OF GOD AND MAN IN CHRIST. Christmas, therefore, is the meeting of Heaven and earth—God and man—in the humble simplicity of Bethlehem's Manger. One word conveys all of the moral and spiritual beauty of Christmas: EMANUEL—GOD WITH US! Men had waited, longed and prayed for this great hour. Prophets had said that God would humble himself to be embodied, Christmas is God leaving his place of exalted and



Eternal glory to identify himself with man—the Word becoming flesh to dwell among men... Emanuel... God with us.

CHRISTMAS... LIGHT AND LIFE

Christmas is God drawing near to man with LIGHT AND LIFE. Individuals, races and nations had prayed for God to draw near to man. They had waited for the coming of... "Emanuel... God with us." Christmas with its joy, peace and sacrificial compassion is embodied in this word: "EMANUEL... GOD WITH US." What a word! What a message! Christmas, a proclamation of God coming to dwell among us. There is but one reason for the JOY AND PEACE OF CHRISTMAS: GOD IS WITH US!

Christmas, Merry Christmas! What is Christmas?—It is God with us. It is God with us as LIGHT in a dark world. Christmas is God with us as peace in a world of war. Christmas is the outreach of God to man in his deepest need. Christmas with us as sacrificial passion in the midst of man's misery and poverty. Thus every human heart should sing anew joy to the world for EMANUEL has come—God is with us as healing and salvation in a world of sickness and sin. Christmas is joy... peace... hope... healing... salvation. "EMANUEL—GOD WITH US."

ADVENT MADE AMONG THE LOWLY

Christmas! Emanuel with us! Amid the hushed silence of that night of nights... Man's great hour came... Heaven is alerted... God by-passed the high and the mighty. God made his advent among us amid the humble simplicity of the lowly manger. Hush... the first Christmas dawns: An Angel... a Heavenly host... shepherds... a song... darkness... A Manger: Christ, the God-man, the Incarnate Son, the only Begotten of the Father: EMANUEL—GOD WITH US!

Then let every mortal soul cry out to high Heavens with unutterable joy and peace: Emanuel—God with us. The world has never been the same. And what's more the world can never be the same again. Why? Because God has now come to dwell among us!

TIME Magazine Editor To Speak At N. C. College January 7th

John Scott, author, foreign correspondent and former chief news bureau for TIME, Inc., will speak in Duke Auditorium here at North Carolina College at 12:20 p. m. on January 7.

Scott will inaugurate N. C. College's 1952 Forum Series with a discussion of "The Dynamics of Modern Journalism." He has a rich background as a correspondent in the world's news capitals.

Stockholm where he was chief of the TIME and LIFE news bureau until March, 1945.

From June, 1945 until June, 1948, he was chief of TIME's central European bureau in Berlin, then returned to the New York office. Since January of this year, he has been an editor for TIME, Inc. in a secret air force project being produced by the MARCH OF TIME, the screen and television division of TIME, Inc.

Leaving the University of Wisconsin early in the depression years, Scott decided to travel and work abroad where job opportunities might be better and after a few months intensive study at a General Electric training school in Schenectady where he earned a metal worker's certificate.



4 Children Burn To Death

Family's House, Everything Reduced To Ashes

Fifth Child Hurt; Mother Tries Rescue

Elizabeth City — A thirty minute blaze left its legacy of deep sorrow and irreparable grief in the hearts of the Thornton family and their neighbors of the Shiloh community in Camden County, near here last Tuesday.

When firemen finally extinguished the raging fire, the Thornton family was bereft of four of its six children, its humble dwelling and all of its furnishings.

Funeral services for the four children—Hilton, one; Clarine, two; McNeal, three; and Teresa, four—were held last Thursday at the Philadelphia Baptist church at two o'clock in the afternoon. Ashes (all that was left of the small victims) were placed in one casket and interred in the church cemetery.

The flames also left their mark on the living members of the family. A fifth child, one month old infant Terry, was in critical condition in the Albemarle hospital as a result of burns suffered in the fire and his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Thornton, was burned on both hands, arms and in the face when she tried to save her four children.

Only members of the family physically untouched by the damaging fire were the father, Moses, who was at work in Pasquotank at the time of the blaze and an unidentified two year old boy who was rescued.

Although the house and everything in it were reduced to ashes and rubble, an old barn very close to the house did not catch fire at all.

According to reports, Mrs. Thornton went in to see about the children, she found the whole room ablaze and the roof of the house caving in. She managed to grab up the one month old infant, Terry, and the two year-old boy, but couldn't see or hear any of the others.

Remnants of the bodies of the four others were found huddled at the front door as if they died trying to open it.

How the fire got started is not known, but it is thought that the stove pipe, which was said to have been shaky, could have fallen, as the children were playing, into a box of paper nearby.

Camden County coroner Carroll Godfrey was called at 4:30 and went with Recorder's Court judge R. L. Whaley to the scene of the fire.

Moses Thornton and his wife are now staying with a neighbor, Mark Gregory.

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Bus Company Faces Jim Crow Travel Suit

Driver Ejects Frail, Elderly Negro Woman

RALEIGH — The Atlantic Greyhound bus corporation is scheduled to face a suit for forcing an elderly and frail woman to give up her seat in the back of a bus to white passengers.

This is what Mrs. Hattie Howard of New York City has charged the company with in an action to recover damages. Attorney Herman L. Taylor of this city and William C. Raines will handle Mrs. Howard's suit against the company.

In her complaint, Mrs. Howard stated that after boarding an express bus in New York for Savannah, Ga., and riding all the way on the back seat to Raleigh, she was given a choice by a substituting driver in Raleigh on last Friday of standing in the aisle to make room for boarding white passengers or getting off.

Mrs. Howard who is 63 years-old and quite frail, protested the driver's demand, and stated that she got off after she feared he would do her physical violence.

The following story was told by Mrs. Howard through her attorneys, of the incident: Mrs. Howard said that on December 13, she purchased a ticket at the Greyhound bus station for transportation via an express bus from New York City to Savannah, Ga., took a seat in the back of the bus and traveled without incident until she reached the Union bus station in Raleigh.

When the bus arrived at the station in Raleigh, a new driver was assigned to continue the



DURHAM GETS "FIRST"—Durham's Chief of Police H. E. King affixes the badge of Lieutenant on Policeman J. B. Samuels, thus making the city the first in the State, and probably in the South also, to list a Negro police lieutenant. Two other Negro policemen were promoted along with Samuels. They are Frank McCrae and C. L. Cox who were promoted to the Detective Department. Samuels and Cox have served seven years on the force, longest of any of the Negro policemen.

Sepia Insurance Firm In Gotham Stopped From Writing Policies

NEW YORK — United Mutual Life Insurance, the only Negro owned insurance company selling insurance in the state of New York, was prohibited by New York State Insurance Department, along with three other companies, from selling certain weekly and monthly premiums.

The department viewed the step as reducing the cost of life insurance to low-income workers for from 3 to 30 per cent is estimated will be saved yearly. Those who already hold such policies, moreover, will get back dividends on their policies.

The other three companies that were banned from selling the weekly and monthly policies—Columbian Protective Association, The Golden Eagle Life Insurance Company, and Unity Life and Accident Insurance Association—all had tremendous Negro clients. They had devised the weekly system especially for Harlem customers, who get paid weekly.

Total insurance of this type, written by these companies including United Mutual, during 1950 alone amounted to \$17,300,000. The premium income

Four Named To College Fund Board

New York — The election of four new members of the Board of Directors of the United Negro College Fund was announced by W. J. Trent, Jr., Executive Director of the Fund.

Named to the Board were Mary McLeod Bethune, founder and president emerita of Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla., one of the 32 private, accredited colleges aided by the Fund; John H. Johnson, Chicago, publisher of Ebony Negro Digest and Jet magazines; Chauncey L. Waddell, New York president of the investment firm of Waddell & Reed and Charles I. Denechaud Jr., New Orleans attorney.

Thomas A. Morgan, president of Sperry Corporation will again serve as chairman of the Fund's Board, Trent said, and other members who were re-elected this year include C. Arthur Bruce, executive Vice President E. L. Bruce Co., Memphis, Tennessee; George H. Burchum, Comptroller, Chase National Bank, New York City; William E. Cotter, Counsel, Union Carbide & Carbon Corporation, New York City; Walter D. Fuller, Pres

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Laura Ann Penn, North Carolina College junior coed of 1344 N. Woodland Avenue, Winston-Salem, will represent N.C.C.'s Alpha Chi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority at the annual boule in Baltimore on December 26.

Miss Penn is a health education major at North Carolina College where she is active in the affairs of the College's Pan-Hellenic Council.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Quarles, Bennett College

Greensboro — Mrs. Vera Quarles, 42, 501 Bennett Street, Greensboro, instructor in the English Department at Bennett College, died suddenly late last Wednesday afternoon at L. Richardson Memorial Hospital after being taken there just before noon.

Mrs. Quarles, a native of this city, joined the staff of Bennett in September. She did her undergraduate work at Howard University, Washington, D. C., and received additional degrees at the University, Washington, D. C., and received additional degrees at University of Wisconsin where she majored in Journalism and minored in English.

Survivors: her husband, Dr. Benjamin A. Quarles, Greensboro; one daughter, Roberta; one sister, Miss Dorothy L. Hamilton, California; on brother, Dr. Robert Bullock, California.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 21, at 11:00 A. M. at St. Matthews Church, Greensboro, with Rev. J. E. Brower conducting the services. Interment will follow in Maplewood Cemetery.

Durhamites Among POW's Brown, Davis Families Elated

Two Durham Negroes were listed among the 11,559 American soldiers reported held as prisoners of war by the Communist forces in Korea. They are Cpl. James J. Brown, Jr., and Cpl. Prestee Davis.

News of their detention by the Communists was reported to the happy families this week.

Cpl. Davis has been reported missing for a year and Corporal Brown had been missing since January.

Both families received the news of the two men with unrestrained elation here this week. Mrs. Tempie Brown of 213 Corporation Street was quoted by the Durham Morning Herald as declaring: "It's the best Christmas present I could ever received..."

Cpl. Brown's wife, Mrs. Prudence Brown, was also overjoyed at receiving the news of her husband.

Julius Davis, father of Cpl. Davis, said upon receiving the

news of his son that he felt better than he had in over a year. Davis also has another son, Julius, Jr., who was sent from Korea to Japan after his brother had been reported missing.

Brown's mother said she already knew her son was a prisoner because she had received a letter from him last July stating that he was being held. She said that she hadn't heard anything since of her son.

Davis said that the War Department notified him a year ago

that his son was missing and that was the last he had heard of him.

Cpl. Brown, a member of the 503 Field Artillery Battalion, had been in Korea since the first of July, 1950. This is Cpl. Davis' second hike in the Army.

Another Durham man, Pvt. Fred Lane, was also reported on the Prisoner of War list released by the Communists.

The White House issued warnings advising that an attitude of "skepticism" be adopted until the lists can be authenticated.

Man Loses Action Against Employer White Man Admits Kicking Worker

Washington — A Beaufort Superior Court jury refused to award a man the \$25,000 in damages which he sought against his white employer who admitted kicking him in the groin and causing him to be hospitalized.

The unsuccessful plaintiff in the action was Lee Wynn who brought suit against a local lumber mill man, Thomp Litchfield, part owner of the Moss Planing mill here, is the defendant in the action.

Wynn, who worked as a watch man at the plant, told the court that Litchfield kicked him in the groin last Jan. 13 in an argument over a wage claim. The

injury caused him to be hospitalized for five days and he said he has been receiving treatments since May.

In addition, Wynn stated that he had been unable to work since suffering the injury. He sought \$15,000 for personal damages and \$10,000 punitive damages.

Wynn told the court that Litchfield had a gun in his pocket and threatened him if he did not sign a wage release.

Litchfield admitted kicking his employee but claimed self-defense. He said he kicked Wynn after the latter had picked up a shovel in a threatening manner. (Please turn to Page Eight)

Bennett Gets \$4,000 Toward \$17,000 Goal

Greensboro — over \$4,500 was turned over to Bennett College today by representatives attending the annual Bennett College rally of the North Carolina annual Methodist Conference.

Gifts to the college exceeded those of last year by more than (Please turn to Page Eight)