

SOUTH'S ILLS DIE TO POVERTY

W. J. Kennedy Takes Oath Of Office

Give White And Negroes Good Wages And It Will Be Solved, Says Gov. Arnall

All of the South's current ills are a direct result of poverty, the race problem included, Governor Ellis Arnall in a Georgia address in his first article in the current issue of *Colliers*, in which he denounces lazy southern government, the poll tax and political demagogues who arouse racial hatreds.

In forecasting that the South is about to take its place in the industrial world and "achieve her proper destiny," Governor Arnall declares that any plan to cure the South of its ills must, as "its first order of business," bring about a higher average income for both white and Negroes.

"The South has suffered with inferiority," Governor Arnall says. "The average American annual income at the time of Pearl Harbor was \$204. In the South it was \$114. The average Negro income was considerably lower. No plan to cure the South of its ills will succeed which does not make that differential its first order of business.

"The so-called race question is an economic one not a social one. Give the Negro good wages for his work, give him the opportunity to demonstrate his own capacity to learn, work and earn, give him his Constitutional rights and you have solved the housing, inadequate diet, the disease and high mortality rate of the Negro citizen.

"The Georgia governor calls exponents of the poll tax a 'dictatorship' and declares that 'the South has at times given the rest of the country reason to think of some of her governors as clown-

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LEADERSHIP IN POLL TAX FIGHT ACCEPTED BY SENATOR PEPPER

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Senator Claude Pepper of Florida apparently has relinquished his bitter attitude against the progress of the Negro, as was observed during the unfortunate FEPC battle, and has accepted the leadership of the coalition whose aim is the abolition of the poll tax in the Senate.

The coalition, comprised of vigorous representatives of both parties, include Senator Homer Ferguson (R) of Michigan, James Mead (D) of New York, Arthur Capper (R) of Kansas, Hurley M. Kilgore (D) of West Virginia, and Wren G. Magnuson (D) of Washington.

The disgraceful performance of the now-famous filibusters, Bilbo and Eastland, against the FEPC drew only disgust from Mrs. Katherine Shroyer, executive secretary of the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax, who believes that democratic-minded Senators have seen for themselves that such "irresponsibility is made possible by poll tax disfranchisement," and that members of both Houses must realize more fully now "the threat to majority representative government in the poll tax than any occurrence in recent years."

PRaised FOR WORK IN SHAW DRIVE



C. A. HAYWOOD

Shaw University's New Development Campaign headquarters recently paid high tribute to Charles Haywood, Jr., chairman of the Raleigh Negro Campaign division, for his outstanding services in the local drive.

Simultaneously, the headquarters announced that the amount of money subscribed by Raleigh Negro citizens is more than a fourth of the current quarter-million dollar goal.

The campaign to raise \$250,000 for the erection of an administrative building and a dormitory was launched in Raleigh early in the year.

PAC Requests Support Of FEPC As Pledged By Parties

W. M. RICH NAMED TO MEDICAL ASS'N

DURHAM — The recent appointment by Governor R. Gregg Cherry of William M. Rich, superintendent of Lincoln Hospital, Durham, as a member of the state medical commission, recently created by the General Assembly, will be considered a singular honor to the race.

Mr. Rich will be the only Negro member of the commission whose election will be that of disbursing \$1946-47 the total of one million dollars for medical care of the state.

The expenditure of a \$50,000 loan established for medical students also will be one of the responsibilities of the commission, as well as the supervision over a far-reaching medical service and hospitalization program already in effect in North Carolina. This program includes the construction of hospitals throughout the state where needed with the aid of state funds.

Formerly of Norfolk, Mr. Rich has resided here for about 25 years, and prior to his acceptance of the superintendency of the Durham

JOBS FOR ALL SAYS GOVERNOR R. GREGG CHERRY

DURHAM — "Any citizen in North Carolina who is denied job opportunities on account of his race or color, has just complaint against society and must be accorded a hearing," said Governor R. Gregg Cherry in his opening remarks of an address on opening day of the three-day second annual conference on Race Relations at North Carolina College here on July 11.

The topic of the conference was "Race Relations and the Problems of Earning a Living."

Continuing the Governor observed that "it is a part of the American creed that a man ought to be able to rise according to his merits and competence, and the encouragement to ability and character."

Dr. James E. Shepard, president of the college and Dr. N. C. Newbold, director of Negro education, co-ordinated in making the plans for the conference.

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Negro Band To Welcome

for the North increase ten per cent. Why? At last we are awake, fighting.

"We do not ask for industrial development, for example, at the expense of any other section of the country, but with the elimination of unfair and discriminatory freight rates, certain industries will inevitably come to the South — woollens, wood pulp, ceramics, plastics, metallurgy."

CIO HEAD FAVORS RAISE IN WAGES

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Philip Murray of the Congress of Industrial Organizations today issued the following statement on the introduction of amendments to raise the wage minimum of the Fair Labor Standards Act to 45 cent an hour.

The CIO welcome the introduction of amendments to raise the wage floor now in the Fair Labor Standards Act to 45c an hour as an act of justice to 10 million American workers and as good sound economic sense to the entire nation. Substandard wages such as are now paid to millions of Americans mean a substandard economy.

Workers received less than a decent minimum are not going to be able to buy the goods and services that must be sold to avert another economic depression worse than any we have previously felt.

Senators Pepper and Wagner and those associated with them deserve the full support of all Americans who want to see their country prosperous now and in the postwar period.

Army authorities released the statistics as emphasis in warning American soldiers to be extremely careful where they get their drinking liquor. They said that bootleggers were producing cheaply bottled drinks were produced chiefly by bootleggers, who added flavoring and coloring to methyl alcohol and sold it as "cognac," "Scotch," or "gin."

Labor's Voting Strength Tested In Detroit Primary

New York, N. Y. — Swept by sweeping victories scored by labor-endorsed candidates in municipal elections throughout the nation, CIO Political Action Committee officials today forecast a Detroit, Mich., as a major test of labor's political strength in an off-presidential election year.

Labor and political observers are also focusing attention on the November primary race in New York City where the CIO-PAC, thru the American Labor Party, has endorsed William O'Dwyer for Mayor, State Lazarus Joseph for comptroller and Vincent Impellitteri for president of the City Council. The Republican-Liberal-Fusion mayoralty choice, J. Edgar Hoover, was attacked last week by Senator Hillman, chairman of CIO-PAC and the ALP, as being a hand-picked appointment of Governor Dewey.

Officially endorsed by the Wayne County PAC and expected to receive the backing of the Michigan Citizens Committee, Negro and other progressive groups, Frankenstein carries the hopes of workers who are fast seeing Detroit, the nation's number one production center, turning into the nation's top reconversion headache. Frankenstein has made reconversion and full employment the main aims for post-war Detroit.

Jeffries was condemned nationally for his anti-Negro stand during the 1943 campaign following the race riots in that city. He has since sought to mollify Negro groups by a series of favorable speeches. Political observers believe, however, that the overtures will not wipe out the memories of Jeffries position in 1943 and Frankenstein will draw a sizable Negro vote.

Besides Frankenstein other labor-backed candidates in the primary include Tracy Dall, secretary of the Wayne County PAC, Lt. George Edward, incumbent, and Rev. Charles A. Hill, popular Negro clergyman. Registration of labor-unregistered is proceeding and the entire political action machinery has been marshalled by

Autopsy TO BE HELD IN MAN'S DEATH FRIDAY

An autopsy will be performed on the body of David P. Sutton, 45, on Friday of this week in Salisbury to determine if the man died from natural causes or as a result of a blow on the head by O. Z. Jenkins, 55, employee of the City Water Works.

Sutton was found dead in bed on July 13, at his home at 21 Bragg Street, five days after the two men had engaged in an affray, during which Jenkins allegedly struck Sutton with a bottle. It was believed at first the Sutton probably died from a heart attack, since he had been examined for the injury and was told that it was not serious. He was

Negro Band To Welcome Soldiers Who Arrive At Seymour Johnson Field

GOLDSBORO — The Streets of Seymour Johnson Field are now echoing the sounds of marches and flourishes as martial music, long a traditional part of military life, again takes its place at the First Air Base with the arrival Wednesday of 25 members of the 71st AAF Band.

This band is assigned to welcome in coming troops, slated for deployment against Japan and to play at reviews, receptions and ceremonies. This band can be divided into a 15 piece dance orchestra or two nine piece ensembles. The "Melody Makers" and the "Syncopators."

The large band will be featured on SPT radio program "Flying High" to be aired Tuesday nights at 9:30 over WGBR.

The orchestra will play at the field, NCO Club, Service Clubs and Officers Clubs, also at dances at the Goldsboro Community Building and CSO.

The dance groups of the 71st are sparked with professional talent which includes Sgt. Julius Wilson, leader of the 15 piece outfit, former trombonist with Cootie Williams, T Sgt. Carl Frye who doubled on the saxophone and clarinet for five years with Louis Ar-

WINS CITATION



Pictured above is Technician Fourth Grade Joseph H. Reid, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Reid of 527 South East Street, Raleigh. Reid is a member of the 2nd Infantry Division and has recently been awarded the commendation below:

CITATION: "During the period 26 October 1944 to 2 May 1945, Technician Fourth Grade Reid performed outstanding services as Mail Clerk in Parcel Post, Registry and Stamp Division, Army Post Office 92. He handled thousands of packages for troops who were normally unable to properly post the same. As a result of his careful handling of parcels few requests for tracers or claims have been made on the Post Office. Technician Fourth Grade Reid's duty in the registry division has been superior. No losses have occurred since the office was opened. The courteous attention and professional advice rendered all patrons reflects high on the standards of the Postal Service and Armed Forces."

ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

Paris — The United States Army disclosed recently that 188 American soldiers died between January 1 and July 10 in France and Germany from drinking wood alcohol disguised, chiefly by "bootleggers," as drinkable liquor.

The death toll was greater than that taken by communicable diseases among all the United States troops on the continent in the same period.

Four High Point Persons Held On Manslaughter Charge

HIGH POINT — Four persons — John C. Archie, Willis C. Pifer, James Nelson and his wife, Marie — were bound over to Superior Court, charged with manslaughter in connection with the deaths of 11 persons from poison alcohol. Pifer's bond was set at \$5,000, and those of the other defendants at \$3,000 each.

Archie and Pifer are accused of stealing denatured alcohol from an industrial plant here and mixing it with water to produce a death dealing drink, called "smoke." The Nelsons are believed to have purchased quantities of "smoke" from the two men and resold it.

Only two persons of the 13 who consumed the beverage survived. Archie is totally and permanently blind as a result of drinking the mixture.

Ocie Withers and John Henry Lee, formerly charged with bootlegging, were released on bond pending a hearing.

The loss of a great quantity of alcohol from the plant had been reported earlier by the Alma Desk Company to Chief J. A. Lowdermilk, who was an employee at this concern. Three of Archie's children were victims of the drink, having died last Monday.

At the request of Solicitor Lee Wilson autopsies were performed on the bodies of John Henry Archie and Charlie Davis and specimens of stomach tissues will be sent to a toxicologist for examination. A proposal to exhumate the other bodies has not as yet been approved, officials say.

The death list is as follows:

Crowell Lilly, North Lee Street, who died July 15.

Carrie Archie Douglas, Templeton Street, who died July 16.

Richard Archie, 1206 Willis row, who died July 17.

Alfred Joe, 608 Tate Street, who died July 12.

James Lawrence ones, 1203 Hoover Street, who died July 13.

Elmira Polite, 1105 Downing Street, who died July 14.

William Norris, 110 Woodbury Avenue, who died July 14.

William Baldwin, 109 Brooks Street, who died July 14.

Theodore McRae, 115 Perry Street, who died July 14.

John Henry Archie, 208 Cecil Street, who died July 18.

Charlie Davis, 103 Willis Row, who died July 18.

Bankers Hold Successful Convention In Durham

DURHAM — The announcement that Negro-owned and operated banks in the United States have about tripled their resources within the last five years was made by Fessie H. Mitchell, president of the Industrial Savings Bank of Washington, D. C. at the annual meeting of the Negro Bankers National Association held here last week in the Stanford L. Warren Library.

The public session Wednesday evening was held in the B. N. Duke auditorium of North Carolina College.

Some of the outstanding features of the meeting included an illustrated lecture on "Deposit Trends and Bond Investments" by E. A. Wayne, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Va.; an address by Gordon C. Hunter, vice president of the North Carolina Bankers Association, and talks by Robert M. Hanes, president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company of Winston-Salem; L. D. Brooks of the Union National Bank of Charlotte; J. Y. Green, Jr., assistant auditor of First and Merchants National Bank of Richmond, Va.; Aaron Day, Jr., educational director of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, and greetings by C. C. Spaulding, president of the host bank, the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of this city.

Mr. Wayne in his illustrated lecture pointed out how the federal reserve system keeps banking alive and moving, helps preserve our present banking system, and keeps the cost of the war at a minimum. He made a strong appeal for the continued purchase of bonds.

In a colored movie, Mr. Hunter of the Roxboro Bank, one of the best-rated rural banks in the country, showed how farm operations have been improved by judicious bank loans. He suggested that North Carolina farmers have a diversity of products and raise more of them, Mr. Hanes, who delivered the principal address, declared that if principal addresses, declared that if banks must take the lead, give advice and guidance to the people in matters of finance in order that we may really have a democracy instead of fascism.

Mr. Brooks explained the GI loan program. Mr. Green spoke on "Internal Bank Operations" and "Public Relations" was the topic of Mr. Days discussion.

Members of the Durham Chapter of the National Negro Business League exchanged ideas on the "Postwar Outlook for Negro Business."

At the election of officers at the close of the meeting, Mr. Mitchell was succeeded by Lorimer D. Middleton of the Citizens Trust Company (Continued on back page)

SWORN IN AS MEMBER OF RECREATION COMMISSION

RALEIGH — W. J. Kennedy, Jr., vice president of the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company, Durham, was sworn in as the Negro member of the newly organized Recreation Commission along with R. L. McMillan of Raleigh, who was elected chairman in its first organizational meeting which convened directly after the commission was sworn in Wednesday morning in the Governor's office.

Other members of the Commission are:

Mr. John G. Hewitt of Charlotte, Mrs. W. Gunter of Gastonia, Montgomery Hill of Greensboro, the Rev. Charles S. Hubbard of Roxboro, and John C. Mackerell of Banner Elk.

John R. Larkin, Consultant on Negro Work, State Department of Public Welfare, is serving on the 30-member advisory commission, which will serve the Recreation Commission in an advisory capacity. The Commission is made up of representatives of various activities, groups and agencies. Governor Cherry, in naming the advisory commission earlier this month, designated Dr. Russell M. Gristman of Chapel Hill as its chairman.

The Recreation Commission was created under a law passed by the 1945 General Assembly. It is authorized to accept gifts, bequests, devises and endowments. The operation of the commission will be supplied from the Contingency and Emergency Fund by the Governor and Council of State.

Ex-officio members are Governor Cherry, Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State superintendent of public instruction; Dr. Ellen Winston, State superintendent of public welfare, and R. Bruce Etheridge, director of the State Department of Conservation and Development.

FLY TERMED CARRIER OF POLIO INFECTION

CHICAGO — A Chicago infantile paralysis expert warned this week that the common house fly can transmit that disease to human beings.

Dr. Dallas B. Phemister, chairman of the medical advisory committee of the Cook County Chapter of the national foundation, said experiments demonstrate the absolute proof for protection of food from the flies.

He said a series of studies at Yale University showed that while the danger had not been absolutely traced in water and in sewage, it had been shown that flies carried the virus, he said.

The Yale program disclosed that flies could transmit the infection to food, and that the virus could be traced into the intestines on the food, "thus forging the final link in the chain of evidence" supporting the threat to human beings.