

SOUTH'S ILLS DUE 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 said in his inaugural address today in the capitol at Tallahassee, Fla. He said the South must take the lead in the industrial world and "achieve her proper destiny." Governor Arnall declared 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. 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 exhortations, 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 — wolens, wood pulp, ceramics, plastics, metallurgy."

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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: Mrs. John G. Hewitt of Charlotte, Mrs. W. Gunter of Gastonia, Montgomery Hill of Greenboro, the Rev. Charles S. Hubbard of Roanoke, 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. Grisman 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.

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 recent fight against the "poll tax" racket, returned the "infamous prison system," and gave suffrage to citizens of 18 within the first 21 days of his administration, and he predicts that Georgia's forthcoming new constitution will prohibit the "already discarded poll tax."

"It isn't good to hear the screams against abolishing the poll tax," he says, "coming from the politicians who are afraid that the men over sea fighting for their right to scream may vote the amount of sinecures."

In denouncing "lazy government" in the South, Governor Arnall points to the long fight against high freight rates in the South as set by the Interstate Commerce Commission. When the ICC declined to lower the high rates, year after year, he charges, "our officials shrugged their shoulders, exhibited the palms of their empty hands, and in too many instances went back into their dozing."

Governor Arnall recalls that the U. S. Supreme Court, at his request, agreed to sit as a jury to listen to the State of Georgia argue that the high and discriminatory freight rates are depriving the South of her Constitutional rights, and then says:

"The Interstate Commerce Commission suddenly admits that the setup is unfair. Suddenly, after all these years, it rules that beginning August 30th, rates for the South shall drop ten per cent, and rates 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 — wolens, wood pulp, ceramics, plastics, metallurgy."

PRaised FOR WORK IN SHAW DRIVE



C. A. HAYWOOD

Shaw University's New Development Campaign headquarters recently paid high tribute to C. A. 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.

Mr. Haywood, a prominent Raleigh citizen, is manager of the Raleigh Federal Home. He is a member of the board of directors of the Merchants and Farmers Bank, a member of the advisory committee of the Local Draft Boards, and a member of the Raleigh Housing Authority.

PAC Requests Support Of FEPCAs 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 action 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 Water Works.

He is a member of the American Medical Association, the North Carolina Medical Association, and the Durham Medical Association.

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 as much right against society and must be accorded a hearing," said Governor R. Gregg Cherry in his opening remarks 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.

On Thursday, Dr. Mabel C. Carey, professor emerita of education, Columbia University, led a

Negro Band To Welcome

strong, Pfc. Addison White, who played with the celebrated Carolina Cotton Pickers, Pfc. James Saunders, a tenor saxophone who performed with Phil Moore, Cpl. Alan Williams, a member of Don Albert's famous band and Sgt. C. Perkins, formerly with the late Walter Barnes.

The military band is directed by (WOJG) James O. B. Mosley, who after taking his A. B. degree at Morehouse College, in Atlanta, Georgia, pursued graduate studies in music at Chicago Music College, from which he holds a teacher's certificate and the University of Michigan. An expert performer on several instruments, he has more than 20 compositions to his credit.

CIO HEAD FAVORS RAISE IN WAGES

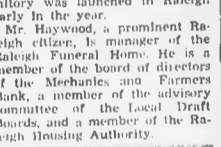
WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Philip Murray of the Congress of Industrial Organizations today issued the following statement on the introduction of amendments to raise the wage minimum of the Fair Labor Standards Act to 45 cent an hour.

"The CIO welcome the introduction of amendments to raise the wage floor now in the Fair Labor Standards Act to 45 cent 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 which added flavoring and coloring to methyl alcohol and sold it as "cognac," "Scotch," or "gin."

WINS CITATION



JOSEPH H. REID

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 them. As a result of his careful handling of parcels few requests for tracers or claims were 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."

Signed: E. M. ALMOND, Major General, U. S. Army Commanding

This is a testimonial of much value to Soldier Reid and certainly stimulating to all who read of him. Thousands of our boys, like Soldier Reid, are serving in a commendable way on land, on sea and in the air.

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, Mayor Jonah Goldstein, was attacked last week by Mayor 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 sizeable 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 Bross 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

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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. Phermetter, 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 with regard to human beings, tests with monkeys "make the conclusion almost inescapable."

He said that the poliomyelitis virus previously had been shown to exist in the intestines of infected human victims and that it had been 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.

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 29 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 "Synchronizers."

The large band will be featured on SJT 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 Watson, 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-

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. Phifer, 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. Phifer's bond was set at \$5,000, and those of the other defendants at \$3,000 each.

Archie and Phifer 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 12.

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

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

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

William Morris, 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 Roanoke 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, said 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)