Housing Authorities Seek Staff Personnel

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Although Wilson W. Wyatt, national housing expediter, issued orders to his personnel officers to hire more colored workers on staff levels in the national housing program, as of September 27 only 144 of the 1,751 employees of the three billion dollar program were colored, and more than 80 per cent of them were working in Wyatt's office, a study showed last Friday.

While Wyatt has gone all out to make good his promise of May 29 to give colored people a chance at staff jobs, his branch and regional colored persons on job levels ranging from CAF-2 to the professional jobs in the CAF-2 to the profe... Wyatt's office has employed 124 above CAF-4 level except regional race relations advisers who hold sional grade of P-7.

The race relations advisers now operating under the NHA, are the same men who constituted the race relations staff for the Federal Public Housing Administration and were working in the housing program before Wyatt's order to hire additional colored personnel was issued.

Some housing authorities openly admit that Wyatt's chiefs are sabotaging his attempts to hire qualified colored personnel in the better jobs. They cite his first letter to his chiefs directing that a "vigorous" search be made for such personnel and calling for weekly reports on the number of minority group personnel hired.

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Personnel officials at NHA state that they have been amazed at the lack of response to such letters from the organizations named. Only a handful of applications trickled in as a result of such letters.

At present the agency is sending lists of vacancies to interested organizations urging them to recommend applicants. Personnel officials here state that Wyatt's direct efforts to make jobs available to a specific employee group is without precedent.

Undaunted by lack of response from colored organizations, Wyatt, through his deputy administrator, last month dispatched a second letter to his personnel chiefs in the field.

The second letter was given even stronger than the first. It directed the personnel chief's attention to the administrator's first letter calling for a "vigorous search" for qualified minority group personnel. It contrasted the less than one per cent figure which minority groups represent on regional staffs with chiefs have not kept pace with the office.

As compared with twenty colored employed in field offices of the National Housing Agency throughout the country, none of whom is the more than 11 per cent figure held by them in the administrator's first letter calling for a "vigorous search" for qualified minority groups represent on regional staffs with the more than 11 per cent figure held by them in the administrator's office, and added that such figures did not show that personnel chiefs had made a "vigorous" search for minority personnel.

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Administratrix.
F. J. CARNAGE, Attorney
Sept. 21, 28-Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

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Executor estate of Effie Ballentine
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Oct. 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 23.

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FINAL RITES HELD FOR MRS. EFFIE H. BALLENTINE

Last rites for Mrs. Effie Hall Ballentine were held Sunday, October 13th from St. Ambrose Episcopal Church with the Rev. Mr. Johnson of Wilson, N. C., officiating.

The deceased was the daughter of the late Shephard Hall. Surviving are a husband, Roy Ballentine, one sister, Mrs. Mabel Johnson and a grandmother, Mrs. Jennie Hall, all of this city.

For a number of years she was an instructor in the public schools of Wake County. She attended St. Augustine's and Shaw University, obtaining her degree from the latter institution. She was a member of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church.

NOTICE

There will be a very important meeting of the Raleigh Branch of the NAACP, Sunday, October 20, 1946 at the Martin Street Baptist Church.

The meeting is called at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. At this meeting a nominating committee will be elected. The association urges the public's presence.

T. L. Spraggins, executive secretary.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCadden of New York City visited Mr. and Mrs. David Green, Chavis Heights last week end.

Little Misses Barbara Ann and sister, Royleen Hicks of 12 Chavis Way left the city Sunday for Baltimore, Md., where they will spend some time with their grandparents.

The Booker T. Washington Club met at the home of Mrs. Mary P. Lee, 601 S. Harrington St. last Sunday. Joint hostesses were Mrs. R. Partin and Mrs. M. P. Lane. The next meeting will be Sunday, October 27th at 10 Chavis Way.

Mrs. Samuel Harris of 20 Lincoln Terrace was out of the city Sunday, attending the funeral of Mrs. H. M. Hinton in Auburn, N. C. at the Springfield Baptist Church.

Dr. Colon Raines was a recent visitor of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Raines of E. Lenoir St.

Mrs. Rosa L. Garnett of New York City is visiting Mr. W. L. Greene and family of S. Person Street. Mrs. Garnett will be remembered in Raleigh to her many friends as the former Miss Rosa L. Dunston.

Messrs. H. B. Towns and James Young were guests of the Oxford American Legion on Tuesday nite.

Among the Raleighites attending the concert of Miss Ellabelle Davis in Durham Monday evening were Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Davie Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Larkin, Mrs. Nellie B. Kyle and Mr. E. R. Swain.

Mr. and Mrs. Davie Hayes of New Rochelle, N. Y., are the guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hayes of Oberlin.

PARENTS FINED

CHESTER, PA.—(ANP)—Magistrate R. Robinson Lowery Monday imposed $5 fines and $7.50 costs on each of 14 parents found guilty by him in Chester Police court of telling their children not to attend classes in the Watts school, which is an alleged firetrap.

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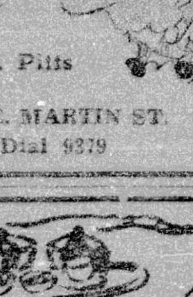

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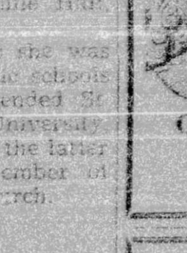

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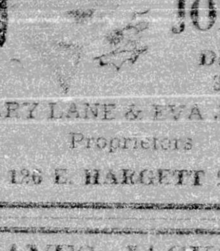

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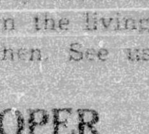

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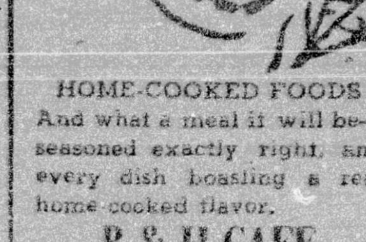

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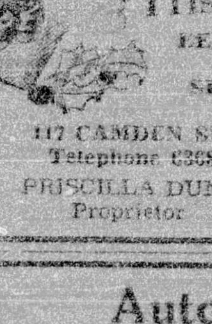

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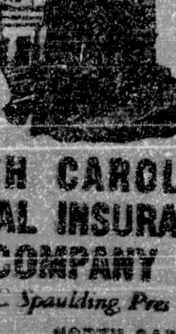

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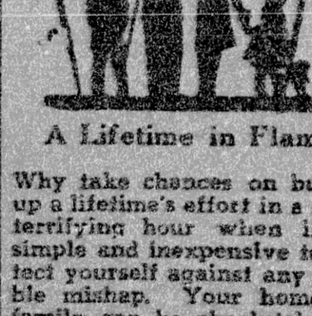

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