

Local City News

BY PETE WILDER

South No. 1 of Bath Memorial Church met at the home of Rev. J. Mitchell, South Carolina street, Sunday Jan. 20. The program featured a concert by the choir and soloists. The women's group will meet at the home of Mrs. Shirley Donnell, South Swan street, Jan. 21.



ST. AGNES COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Mrs. Estelle Massey Riddle, N. B. S. M. A., graduate of Prairie View State College, Texas City Hospital No. 2, School of Nursing, St. Louis, Missouri, and Teacher's College, Columbia University will be the principal speaker at the commencement exercises of Saint Agnes School of Nursing, Raleigh, N. C.

Mrs. Riddle is a member of all National Nurses Organizations, National Association of Dean of Women, National Negro Congress and the Alpha Kappa Sorority. She has been president of the National Association for Colored Graduate Nurses and vice president of the national Council of Negro Women; she was one of the fifty American Women chosen to represent the U. S. at the International Assembly of Women, South Kensington, N. Y., October, 1946.

Commencement exercises will be held January 31 at the First Baptist Church at 8:30 p. m.

PATTERSON AND TOBIAS SPEAK AT HAMPTON

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va. — F. D. Patterson, President of the Negro Institute, and Channing H. Tobias, Director of the Phelps Stokes Fund and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hampton Institute, will deliver the Founders' Day address and the Founders' Day sermon, respectively here on Sunday, February 2.

The Founders' Day observances begin Saturday night, February 1, with a historical program sponsored by the Armstrong League. An address by President Ralph P. Bridgman, "Hampton's History and Hampton's Destiny," will be followed by a dramatic pantomime in depicting the life of Booker T. Washington, a presentation of the Hampton Institute Creative Dance group.

The Tobias sermon is scheduled for 11 o'clock Sunday morning in the Memorial Church at Hampton Institute, and President Patterson's Founders' Day Address "Hampton: A Study in World Unity" will be delivered at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon in Ogden Hall.

Relatives Entertained At Cake-Cutting Party

RALEIGH — On December 26, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ruffin, Miss Ada Ruffin and Mrs. Laura McLeod, entertained at a cake-cutting party honoring Miss Frederica Richardson and Lloyd Winston Wolfe and members of their wedding party and out-of-town guests.

Mrs. Ruffin, owner of the party in the spacious dining room which was beautifully decorated with red, white, green and ferns.

The bride's table was covered with an imported silk cloth and was decorated with an artistic arrangement of bouquets. A buffet table course was served with champagne when the bride completed the wedding cake. Miss Ruffin presided in serving cake and champagne to the guests.

The wedding party consisted of the bride and groom, Miss Clara Richardson and Mrs. Bobbie Nichols, sister of the bride, Miss Clara York, Mrs. Narcissus Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Downs, Ulysses and Willis R. Davidson, brothers of bride Ada Evans and Miss Olivia Banks.

Other guests were Mrs. Ralph DeBarn and Mrs. Oley Burch, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Mrs. Theodora Mitchell, Mrs. Kenneth Morrison, Miss Tressie McCombs, Mrs. Mary E. Jackson, Miss Allen, Mrs. Susie Newberry, Mrs. Ella Jones, Shirley Dwyer, Mrs. Lester Ingram, Mrs. S. A. Moore and Mr. Fred E. Banks, Mr. L. M. Miller and Miss Virginia McLeod.

Legal Notices

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WAKE

NOTICE

GEORGE L. JONES vs. LOUISE MAE JONES

LOUISE MAE JONES, Defendant, has filed in the Superior Court of Wake County, North Carolina, a petition for divorce from the petitioner, George L. Jones, and has caused to be published in this newspaper a notice of said petition. The petitioner, George L. Jones, has caused to be published in this newspaper a notice of said petition. The petitioner, George L. Jones, has caused to be published in this newspaper a notice of said petition.

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CHICAGO URBAN LEAGUE INTERVIEWS 1531

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NO WORK IN ITALY, SO ENGINEERS COME HOME

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA) — The basic reason for the return of the 83d Engineer Aviation Battalion to the United States was lack of work for the unit in Italy. Marcus H. Ray, civilian aide to the Secretary of War, said last Tuesday.

At the time the unit was sent back, he said, men were lacking sufficient points for discharge were transferred to other units in Italy and high point men in other units were assigned to the 83d to be returned to their country for discharge. He denied the outfit had been shipped back to the States because of a clash with white soldiers over Italian women.

The 83d Engineer Aviation Battalion was sent to Italy July 14, 1945, during a lull in fighting. Staff Sergeant William H. Johnson, who was sent to the States with a white soldier named Eric Chagnin, at the time there were about twenty colored soldiers and a number of Italian men in the unit.

A colored soldier, Technical Sergeant Herb H. Banks, from the 83d, slipped Johnson, who then fell to the ground. Johnson said that Banks asked him what he was doing in the unit and upon answering that he was walking home with his girl, he was stamped on the face.

According to Mr. Ray, Banks stated that Johnson verified this by saying "There is one of those dirty niggers." Upon checking with the unit, Mr. Ray reported there was no sufficient evidence to determine whether or not Johnson was correct.

Johnson is reported to have informed Corporal Morris, who had been sent to Capodichino, of the incident. Morris said to have gone back to the Capodichino Air Base and reported with Provost Sergeant Walter H. Wagner and two military policemen.

The five men and the girl returned to the base in a weapons carrier. The four men from Capodichino Air Base had all been in their barracks and were not identified as MPs.

Mr. Ray reported that the five soldiers and the girl surrounded the entrance to the barracks and Wagner asked Johnson who had slipped him. Banks, who was outside the barracks, stepped up and said "I am supposed to be a white soldier."

Banks took the gun from Wagner's belt and ordered the men to get on the weapons carrier and return to their barracks.

Mr. Ray reported that the weapons carrier returned to Capodichino Air Base and Wagner reported the affair to the office of the Army Liaison Officer, who arranged for the return of the 83d Engineer Aviation Battalion to the United States.

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