

ST. AGNES NURSES GIVE XMAS PARTY

At 5:30 a.m. Christmas morning, under the leadership of the Director of Nurses, Mrs. Elma Rose Monierette, the voices of 40 students and graduate nurses of St. Agnes Hospital, for the first time in the history of the school, broke the stillness of dawn with carols. With lighted candles they marched from the Nurses' Home to the hospital singing "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come".

Cherry Urged To Act To Raise Teacher Pay

Raleigh — It is only right that appropriations should be made to increase teacher salaries in North Carolina, and a special session of the General Assembly should be called for that purpose, R. N. Simms, State Senator from Wake County, said in a letter addressed to Honorable R. Gregg Cherry, governor of North Carolina, here Monday.

Urging the Legislature also to take action to raise the salaries of at least the "lower brackets of State employees," the letter reads as follows:

December 29, 1947 Honorable R. Gregg Cherry, Governor of North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina, Dear Governor Cherry: It is my opinion that a special session of the General Assembly should be called and held to do something about the emergency situation facing public education in North Carolina, and to carry out the apparent real intention of a majority of the legislators at the last regular session. Many of us, then, favored greater provisions for teacher pay, but we were led by the State's administrative financial officers to believe that the prospective incomes of the State would not make possible as great appropriations as we desired. Since their forecasts have now been proved to have been too conservative, and since the future of our State is involved in the public schools of North Carolina and depends on retaining our present good teachers and officials and on attracting new teachers by adequate pay, I believe it is only right that appropriations for that purpose be increased. That can be done only by legislative action.

PV Explains Attack On Paper By Red Organ

New York (NNPA) — The Board of Directors of The People's Voice last week replied to a series of attacks on the paper's editorial policy leveled at it by Dorey A. Wilkerson, former editor of the paper. Wilkerson's attacks were contained in two signed articles appearing in the Daily Worker, organ of the Communist Party, December 18 and 19.

Wilkerson, a former Howard University teacher for two years, was successively executive editor and general manager of The People's Voice. He was dismissed by the paper's Board of Directors last July 1 for "journalistic ineptitude and gross business inefficiency."

In his two Daily Worker articles, Wilkerson charged that PV "lauds the demagogic spokesman of American imperialism, cringes before the red-baiters and plays 'Uncle Tom' to price-gougers in Harlem."

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BUFFALO, N. Y. — A unique service provided by Christmas Seals in this Chest X-Ray Unit operated by the Buffalo and Erie County Tuberculosis Association. A 70 mm x-ray machine, installed in a Fruehauf van, takes free X-ray service to Erie County residents. It has served 150,000 people since March, 1946.

BISHOP COLLEGE BLOSSOMS INTO GRADE A SCHOOL

MARSHALL, TEX. (ANP) — Fifteen years of hard work on the part of President Joseph J. Rhodes has developed Bishop College, a deteriorated wood-frame institution, into one of the ranking colleges of the entire country.

The stress here on health education, functional education, rural leadership, religion, music, home-making, agriculture and high academic standards generally has resulted in the rating of the college, "Class 'A'" by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Entire devoid of fanfare and noise, the institution has gone about its program with sincerity of purpose and careful attention to quality of work done. The physical plant has developed from a few ramshackle buildings to a thing of beauty, composed of a recently completed girls' dormitory, complete in every detail as to amenity and fitness.

The conversion of the century-old mansion into the administrative building has given lovely accommodations to the business offices, student senate, presidential offices, public relations office and council room.

A recent interview with President Rhodes revealed the secret of success as it relates to the physical plant as being, with the limited funds available through the years, concentration on one project at a time, rather than scatter the man's over many projects that needed attention and in that way was able to develop a substantial plan.

The Harriet Barker library was completed by January and will present one of the most complete libraries in college circles. The opening of Bishop College center in Dallas has given opportunity to hundreds of people to secure a college education who, otherwise would have been unable because of family obligations, etc. The classes ran from five p. m. to 10 o'clock.

CHIEF TOLD TO QUIT GOLD COAST

Accra, Gold Coast (ANP) — A delegation from the Gold Coast United convention met all the leading chiefs of the country Monday afternoon and told them that the time has now arrived for those chiefs in the legislature to quit and give way to non-chiefs.

They explained that the time for self-government for the Gold Coast is fast approaching and this can only be achieved by the chiefs playing their true role as chiefs of the people by retiring their dignity as above politics, than as servants of the white officials.

The Gold Coast United convention is a new national political party headed by the wealthiest African in the Gold Coast, George Kent, who is said to be worth over \$3,000,000.

The new non-partisan editorial policy, which was announced in its November 22 issue, Wilkerson said that the paper is "coming before the witch-hunters."

TEACHERS EXAM TO BE HELD JAN. 7

Institute, W. Va. (AP) — The Department of Education at West Virginia State College has announced that the National Board of Examinations will be held at the Institute on January 7, 1948.

The State College has been designated as an examination center by the National Board of Examinations on teachers' examinations of the American Council of Education. Teachers or prospective teachers interested in taking the examination are advised to immediately contact Dr. Kermit C. King, Examiner for application blanks.

HICKMAN MURDER CHARGE DROPPED

Chicago (AP) — A two-year suspended sentence has been won for James Hickman, Negro street worker charged with killing the landlord of a tenement where 4 of Hickman's children were born to death last January 16.

The sentence was imposed by Judge Rudolph Desmond upon recommendation of Samuel Freeman, assistant state attorney. Hickman pleaded guilty to manslaughter, and the original charge of murder was dropped.

This proposal for quick settlement of the case was made by the state attorney's office early in December after Hickman's original trial on the murder charge ended with a hung jury.

In recommending probation, Freeman held up in his hand a pile of letters and telegrams from all parts of the country urging Hickman's freedom, and reported that these were only a small part of the communications his office had received from organizations, as well as from prominent individuals. The Workers Defense League is one of the many organizations which helped the Hickman Defense Committee in its campaign to win freedom for the Negro street worker.

Great objection by the loss of his four children, Hickman shot and killed his landlord, David Coleman, who had threatened to turn down the ancient tenement on several occasions and had admitted to Hickman on the day of the shooting that he set fire to it.

Court Upholds Decision

RICHMOND, Va. — The United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Tuesday upheld the right of Negroes to vote in Democratic primaries in South Carolina, despite arguments of election officials that the party there is "a voluntary political association which can exercise unrestricted choice of membership."

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2,000 JOBS It Pays To Advertise

NEW YORK — More than 25,000 Negro workers were placed in jobs during 1947 by local Urban Leagues in 33 important industrial centers over the nation. Lester B. Granger, National Urban League Executive Secretary, reported Tuesday.

The number, based on income tax returns covering only 27 of the 33 centers, is the story. In 1946, more than 25,000 with the new 18 organization reports.

Of tremendous interest to National Urban League officials is the calculation of more than 25,000 "new job openings" — representing employees being Negroes for the first time. Many of the new jobs were in the telephone, public utility, and other non-traditional fields. The result of a survey-wide Urban League campaign to break down discrimination in these areas of employment.

Such among the list of local working reports were the Chicago Urban League with 3,500 placements, Richmond, Virginia, with 2,300, New York with 1,200, St. Louis with 1,200, and St. Paul, Minn. with 1,200.

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Exposition Postponed Jury Refuses \$3,000 Damages Against Cop

The Washington office of the Librarian Centennial Commission announced last Monday the definite postponement of the Librarian Victory Exposition which was scheduled to open next November as a continuing program of the centennial.

In reports from the Librarian Centennial Commission, Hilyard R. Robinson, executive director of the commission, told a press conference that "unsettled World conditions make it impossible for the Librarian Centennial Commission to execute the vast majority of duties and responsibilities charged to it in the planning and development of the exposition."

He said the Librarian Centennial found it necessary under the circumstances to postpone the exposition "until some more favorable future date."

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