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THE CAROLINIAN GOES TO A JUNE GERMAN



SCENES AT JUNE GERMAN — Last Monday night CAROLINIAN Reporter-Photographer Joe Shephard went to Rocky Mount to attend the 30th annual June German, Eastern North Carolina's biggest Negro social event of the year.

At the upper left are shown the doors to Planters' Warehouse which are usually used by trucks delivering a large portion of Eastern North Carolina's tobacco crop. On Monday they were packed with thousands of persons from all parts of the state who tied up traffic and jammed sidewalks within a two-block radius. The two white-shirted men seated on the railings are part of the 35 or more policemen who were on hand to maintain order. Their services were not needed.

At center left a party is shown escorting a young man out who had participated not wisely, but but too well in the spirit of the occasion. The young ladies do not seem to be happy about the whole business, although the principal celebrant, swinging one of the ladies' hats, on his way out and feeling no pain.



THE TALE OF SIX CITIES

BY
PERRY J. THOMPSON

In Fayetteville as in many other cities of the state, there is a group of champions who are striving to get colored policemen for the town.

For the first time in many moons the citizenry who are staging the campaign are able to air their views through the medium of a newspaper. The CAROLINIAN added to which they have a page of their own through which Frederick L. Burns, active in civic and community affairs, expresses the sentiment of progressive thinking persons there in his column "YOUR SCRIBE".

In his article of the June 19 public, on the point at issue, Mr. Burns mentioned a well known group of humans commonly referred to as Uncle Toms who objected to colored policemen.

Those persons are more to be pitied than scorned. Pitted because they want the best for their offspring in their endeavors to make a decent living, yet work overtime killing all possibilities and opportunities.

If a young man decided, that to help make a world better to live in. He would make his life work law enforcement, he might end up being a dogcatcher because his parents figured 20 years earlier that Fayetteville didn't need colored cops or detectives.

That young, just one of thousands of disappointed job seekers, would hardly stop to reflect that his parents were the cause of his unhappy plight due to their lack of forethought.

Far too often we are inclined to blame others for our disappointments and the closed doors when the source of the trouble lies within our very households.

To begin with there are too few homes where young people are prodded and encouraged to prepare themselves educationally and otherwise to take their places in the world in clean competition with any man regardless of race. Instead one sees too much "inner circle" activity where if one brother gets a little ahead of the other brother, brother number two takes time out to cut brother number one, down to his size.

This sort of behavior was the delight of the infamous Hitler, who during World War II declared on several occasions, "That he could win the war as long as America was busy waging a racial war within their own boundaries. It was his desire that America be kept so busy with hate and greed among themselves that he could pull a "Pearl Harbor".

Who cares how angry we get with each other? Who cares if we cut each other throats? Who suffers? We do, and while we are in the midst of our private fray, "Mr. Charlie" passes the gravy to his boy.

Neither, Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Kinston nor any city will ever get what they need, much less what they want if they don't learn to seek those things as an orderly organized unit.

Any member of a minority must be as good, twice as intelligent and must possess three times the stamina of a member of a majority seeking the same position.

If we of the minority are going to allow petty jealousies and personal grudges govern our thinking and behavior when a situation greater than the individual arises, then we might as well stop sending our children to school and prepare to slip back into slavery faster than we can bat an eye.



At upper right are shown some of the 1,000-odd persons who came only to look and filled the two bleachers, one for white and one for colored. "Lordy," said one, "I wouldn't get on that floor for a million dollars."

At the lower right is shown what was virtually the center of the evening's activities, the section of floor in front of the bleachers reserved for white spectators. Here assorted jittersbugs of all ages, sizes and types went through an equally variegated assortment of dance steps which were never taught by Arthur Murray and which might have resulted in a raid were they presented on the stage of any theater in a more conservative city. As usual, male dancers wore hats while the women were bareheaded.

ROCKY MOUNT IS JAMMED BY 30TH GERMAN CROWDS

BY JOE SHEPHARD

In all parts of the United States as well as many foreign countries local custom decrees the holding of fetes, festivals, social affairs, sports events or other celebrations peculiar to the locale or this particular section of the country.

In New Orleans it's the Mardi Gras, in Philadelphia it's the New Years Day Mummers' Parade, in California it's the Tournament of Roses, in Washington it's the Cherry Blossom Fete, and in Wilmington it's the Azalea Festival.

While these affairs differ greatly as to type, origin and participation, they have one thing in common: they are the biggest things which occur regularly in their section of the country during the year.

VARIOUS MOTIVES

In some regions or communities they are built around some historical date, a particular holiday, the harvesting of crops, a particular sports event, or just a plain desire to have a good time.

Geography, local custom or the nature of the celebration oftentimes determines whether it is one in which all residents of the area participate or whether it is one which is restricted to members of a particular racial social, or other group.

In some areas, particularly in the South where social lines are sharply drawn and rigidly adhered to, the big celebration for the whites is marked by the Negroes' standing on the outskirts or fringe of the crowd and watching as spectators.

DUAL AFFAIRS

Earlier this may be followed by a similar affair for the Negroes at which the whites come in and sit as spectators.

Such was last Monday night's June German which was held in a huge tobacco warehouse in Rocky Mount.

Early in the afternoon the city's streets became jammed with the influx of automobiles, trucks and other vehicles from all parts of eastern North Carolina laden with

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BELOW — Nine o'clock the next morning found many feet sore and weary dancers draped over the benches of railroad and bus stations and seated on curbstones as they waited for transportation to get them back to their homes or jobs for sorely needed rest and sleep. Young man seated on curb at left has removed his shoes, "to let my dogs cool, man, to let my dogs cool."

NAACP Covers 45 States

NEW YORK. — Maine became the 45th state in which the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is active, with the chartering of a branch in Portland, Maine, at the June meeting of the NAACP Board of Directors. Now the Association stretches from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon, as well as from Florida to California and Hawaii.

Other branches chartered at the June meeting were Covington County, Ala., Marvell, Ark., Boulder, Col., Telfair County, Ga., Laurel Miss., Shawnee, Okla., Abbeville, S. C., Eutawville, S. C., McClellanville, S. C., North Augusta, S. C., Jackson, Tenn., Elizabethton Tenn., Hitchcock, Tex., Luling, Tex., and Grayson-Carroll Counties, Va. The following youth councils were chartered: Lexa, Ark., Chatham, La., Frenoid, N. J., Jamestown, N. Y., Bennettsville S. C. and the Grover C. Meredith youth council in Temple Tex. College chapters were chartered at Georgia State College, University of Nebraska, Brooklyn College and North Carolina College.

WHITE ATTACKS SENATE LYNCH BILL AS INEPT

NEW YORK — Describing the anti lynching bill which was reported out by the Senate Judiciary Committee on June 14 as "gutted," "emasculated," NAACP secretary Walter White recently condemned the failure of the committee to bring to the Senate floor a strong anti-lynching bill which could effectively eliminate lynching.

Mr. White denounced the bill as "little more than a pious denunciation of lynching which, based on the NAACP's 39-year experience with the question, will do virtually nothing to stop that crime."

PROOF NEEDED

According to the NAACP secretary, the provision in the anti-lynching bill which requires legal proof of conspiracy between a

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Fla. Gov. Assails Rights Program As Political

RICHMOND (ANP) — Gov. F. Caldwell of Florida described President Truman's civil rights program for Negroes as "purely political and in no sense humanitarian, sociological or religious in nature" in his commencement address here last week at the Medical College of Virginia.

He assailed those who would advocate federal enforcement of "drastic punitive measure" against the south and added that such legislation is proposing a change in the American form of government. He hit federal usurpation of States' rights and charged that Mr. Truman's civil rights program is another example of the encroachment of the federal authority on states' rights.

Caldwell claimed that conditions in the south "have been deliberately misrepresented." He declared that "political meddlers" disresgarded the fact that in the South thousands of Negroes serve as presidents' professors and teachers in educational institutions compared with a "scant handful" holding such places in education in the North."

NNPA RE-ELECTS T. W. YOUNG AS PRESIDENT

By RUSSELL A. JACKSON

Meeting in a three day session in Cleveland last Thursday, the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association unanimously reelected officers of the organizations, voted to transfer the three annual \$250 Wendell Wilkie foundation awards to Hiram University for publishing and discussed plans for improved balance of news and feature material in Negro newspapers in the future.

The reelected officers are Thomas W. Young, Norfolk Journal and Guide, president; Dowdell H. Davis, Kansas City (Mo.) Call, vice president, and William O. Walker, Cleveland Call and Post, secretary-treasurer.

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B.T. WASHINGTON MEMORIAL HAS WORTHY RECORD

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON BIRTHPLACE, Va. — "A study of Virginia's historic shrines indicates that no memorial within the confines of the Old Dominion is credited with an impressive list of achievements such as those accomplished by the B. T. Washington Birthplace Memorial during the first two years of its existence," according to a statement released by Henry L. Caravati, Richmond Public Relations Consultant.

Caravati is assisting the officials of the Washington Memorial in establishing an Industrial Training Center at the Booker T. Washington Birthplace in Franklin County, Virginia.

"During the past twenty-five years," Caravati stated, "I have had abundant opportunity to observe the progress of the many historic shrines in Virginia. The appeal of the Booker T. Washington Memorial has received a favorable acceptance in practically every section of the country. Prominent industrial, educational, civic, and religious leaders, recognizing the magnificent contribution made by Washington to the racial problem of the country, have responded magnificently to the proponent of the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial."

In less than two years the Memorial has the following outstanding achievements to its credit:

- (1) The 216 acre plantation on which Booker T. Washington was born has been purchased at a cost of \$7,500. Three hundred adjoining acres have been leased and an option for purchase taken on same.
- (2) Five houses on the birthplace grounds have been renovated and modernized. One has been fitted out as an administration building. The others have been equipped as housing and eating facilities for personal workers.
- (3) A beautiful driveway has been laid at a cost of \$5,000.
- (4) A heroic size statue of Booker T. Washington is being sculptured.

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