

NEW LIBRARY IS RESULT OF JOINT EFFORT



CHARGE DESK — Mrs. Mollie Huston Lee, librarian of Richard B. Harrison Public Library, is shown seated at the Charge Desk, overlooking the main reading room. Here borrowers sign out and return books for home use.



CHILDREN'S READING ROOM — An opportunity for early practice in the use of library facilities which will result in the more rapid advancement and broader knowledge on the part of the school child is offered in the new building's juvenile reading room which is shown above. A collection of juvenile literature, ranging from Mother Goose rhymes, fairy tales and similar reading matter for tiny tots is housed in this room which also has a number of small tables and chairs for the use of the young folks. Other sections of the library not shown include the periodical reading room, and rooms which house the Negro Book collection and other similarly specialized book groups.



MAIN READING ROOM — The above is a general view of the main reading room of the library. This room is sufficiently large to permit the holding of conferences, lectures, the screening of educational films and conducting of other associated library activities.

13-Year Drive To Be Climaxed By Formal Opening

The dedication of the new Richard B. Harrison Library Building scheduled for Thursday night will be more than the dedication of a library — it will mark the completion, or rather the reaching of a significant point in the completion of a movement to community cooperation to fill a community need.

Approximately 13 years ago a group of citizens gathered in the Christ Church to discuss the problem of supplying a public library to meet the needs of the city and Wake County's book-starved Negro population.

At this conference, which was attended by the Mayor, members of the North Carolina Library Commission, representatives of the Department of Public Instruction and leaders of both the white and Negro communities, numerous plans for meeting the need were discussed at length.

MAYOR URGES SELF HELP

Finally the Mayor suggested that it would be desirable for the colored citizens to raise some of the funds necessary for the establishment of such a library. He promised also that the city commissioners would appropriate \$2,500 toward the necessary funds.

As a result Raleigh's famous "Dollar and a Book" campaign was organized. The campaign was not confined to the Negro citizens. Nor was it confined to Raleigh alone. Throughout the country white and Negro individuals and organizations made their own personal contributions and then staged concerts, entertainments and other fund-raising efforts in the interests of the drive.

PUBLIC FUNDS

The city commissioners appropriated the \$2,500 pledged by Mayor Andrews without debate. The county followed suit with a smaller appropriation which boosted the total of public funds to \$3,250.

In November of 1935, approximately 10 months after the start of the drive, the Richard B. Harrison Public Library opened its doors in a rented store in the 100 Block of East Harsett Street.

When it opened, the library had a total of 800 volumes. During the first year of operation this number increased to 1,518. Oddly enough, there were more borrowers than books and an average of at least five of the library's 2,372 members borrowed each book.

RAPID GROWTH

During the following decade the

library grew rapidly from the standpoint of service, finance, books and borrowers.

The original one-person staff was increased. The original store-front site, literally bursting at the seams as a result of the 11-fold increase in the number of books, was augmented by the opening of a branch library in Chavis Heights.

A bookmobile service was instituted to meet the need of the residents of Wake County. For eight days out of each month the bookmobile travels an average of 300 miles, stopping at more than 30 points in the county at schools, barber shops, churches, stores and homes in order to leave books for the county residents.

HOSPITAL SERVED

In the interests of the patients at St. Agnes Hospital a Hospital book service, through which books and magazines are carried to the bedsides of the patients was also established.

By 1945 county and city appropriations plus \$1,971.57 from the State Library fund had increased the institution's income from public monies to \$8,100.

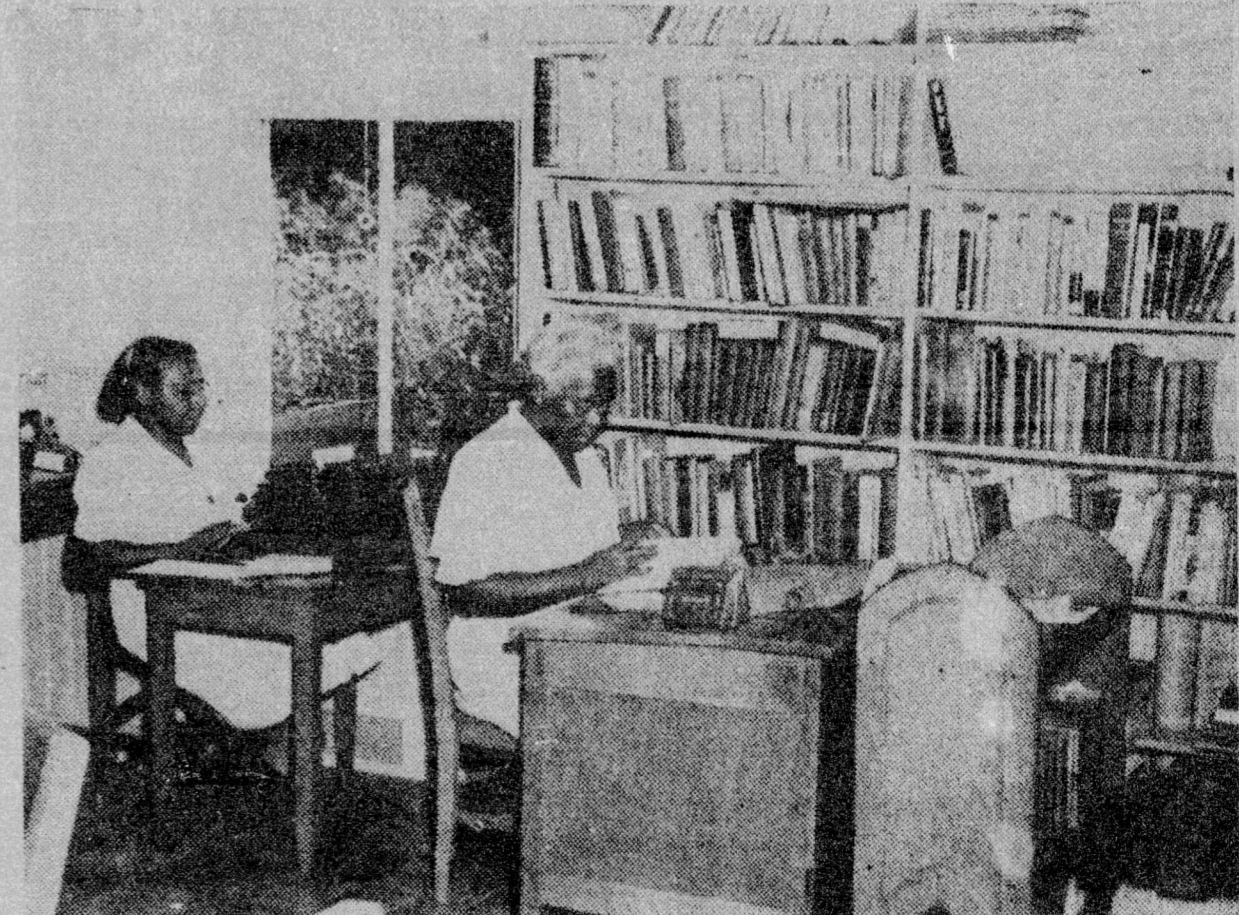
By this time, however, the library had outgrown its original location, and a new drive was started to secure a permanent home which would permit a better job of carrying on its existing services as well as permitting space for the operation of new ones.

Accordingly a new drive was started for the securing of a new building which would permit the setting aside of rooms for adult and child reading, conferences, radio and recording listening and other associated library and community activities.

The building which is to be dedicated on Thursday night represents the culmination of this drive. While much remains which may be done in order to increase the ability of the library to serve its community, its record during the first thirteen years of its existence has been one of rapid and steady improvement.

The library staff is headed by Mrs. Mollie Huston Lee, chief librarian, and Miss Maude E. Young, library clerk.

Its activities are conducted under and supervised by a library board which consists of Mayor P. D. Snipes, chairman; the Rev. O. S. Bullock, Mrs. Julia B. Delaney, Travis Tomlinson, Dr. L. E. McCauley, Gayon Perry and A. T. White.



WORK ROOM — A major part of the activity of any smoothly functioning library takes place behind the scenes. Here is shown the workroom of the Richard B. Harrison Library which will conduct the formal dedication of its new building on Thursday night. Shown in the picture are Mrs. Anne E. Robinson, assistant librarian and Miss Maude E. Young, library clerk.

34TH INFANTRY MARKS SAN JUAN ANNIVERSARY

TOKYO (ANP) — The famed 24th Infantry regiment, which was transferred to Japan from Okinawa last year, celebrated the 50th anniversary of the battle of San Juan Hill here Thursday, July 1. Highlight of the celebration was the singing of a commemorative song set to words written by Delos Avery, Chicago Tribune columnist, entitled "San Juan Hill."

Two Colored Teachers Hired In New Jersey

EAST ORANGE, N. Y. (ANP) — The public schools of East Orange will employ two colored teachers beginning in September. Joseph L. Bustard, assistant commissioner of education and the administrator of the division against discrimination of the state department of education, announced last week.

This will make the fourth Essex County community to employ Negro teachers to teach mixed classes. Other communities are Newark, Orange and Montclair.

The two teachers were recommended to the board of education by Dr. Henry C. Kentopp, superintendent of schools of East Orange. Mrs. Carolea Whiting will teach in the elementary grades at Eastern schools and Miss Gertrude Raikes at Lincoln school.

Mrs. Whiting has taught 14 years in Burlington and Miss Raikes in Oxford, Pa.; Mullica Hill and Thorfare, N. J. Miss Raikes is a graduate of Woodbury High School and



THE TALE OF SIX CITIES

BY PERRY J. THOMPSON

In New Bern last week at the North Carolina Businessmen's League meeting, it looked as if the conferees are really getting on the ball.

The meeting was informative, stimulating and showed signs that those who have chosen business for their livelihood, want to know the right direction to success. They were fortunate in having as their speakers some top-notch business men and women to help point out the way.

But alas and alack, one is reminded of an ardent churchgoer who hears a dynamic sermon on how to live, nods in approval, shouts amen and no sooner than he breathes the polluted air of the wicked world, all but forgets what he heard.

I've always contended that every day ought to be Sunday as far as preachment is concerned. We are too apt to listen to instructions just as a matter of a weekly habit to be exercised for one day only.

By the same token, businessmen as a whole should get together more often so that the contact and instructions imparted may become a vital part of their life and business.

They are the little things in life that count. Little gestures of appreciation for the many benefits one derives from the customer or patron. As the business or professional person struggles to make ends meet, striving to make a little business bigger, the businessman must realize, if he makes any progress at all, he certainly owes a debt of gratitude to his public.

Yet, too often many merchants expressed the attitude, either by word or action, that his presence in the community is a favor to the citizens forgetting in many instances that these citizens afford him his bread and butter.

Even a florist wouldn't set up shop in a cemetery except for a memorial day rush.

Businessmen look for a spot where people are. At some crossroad where people are bound to be found, needing what merchants have to offer.

A business must be in the midst of traffic. That traffic is the buying public.

What do we offer our public in return for their patronage. Do we have clean stores, clean comfortable offices? Courteous clerks or secretaries? Are we courteous ourselves? Do we inject ourselves in community welfare activities, are we civic minded? Are we alert to the modern trends of merchandising?

These are just some of the "little things" that go to make a business successful. As it was pointed out in the meeting, merchants whose only concern is their personal well being are most likely to be failures in their projects.

No community of intelligent citizens is interested in supporting a business institution whose operators are self-centered and selfish, who refuse to do their part in helping build a better city or county. They should be found sponsoring or helping to sponsor and taking other active parts in the people's daily struggle for a better world, a better America, a better state and a better community.

There are a lot of things to be said about what ought to be done, yet in far too many instances little effort is put forth to make these things a reality. The merchants who act in this direction are those who will get the business.

LIBERIAN ECONOMIC MARCH AIDED BY USE OF OWN RESOURCES

MONROVIA (ANP) — Liberia is on the march.

This West African republic, with riches that have lain fallow for 100 years, looks hopefully to the future. For American business, in the form of the Liberia company and its affiliates, is working with the Liberians to make their country a real factor in world trade.

The people of Liberia have built a proud and independent nation. Having weathered its first century as a political unit, Liberia is eager to come of age economically.

Have the Liberians the persistence and ability to push through this economic revolution? For the answer, let's look at the record.

The freed slaves who sailed from the United States early in the 19th century to pioneer on the wild coast of Africa had to struggle from

the beginning against tropical diseases and hostile tribes. Back of their thin line of settlements lay a vast interland of grasslands and virgin forest. Ranges of mountains rose from the uplands; rivers choked with rapids flowed swiftly to the sea. Here lay a store of great wealth, waiting to be tapped.

LICKED PROBLEM — Of this the Americo-Liberians knew little. Their first problem was survival, and they licked it. By 1847 their settlements were permanent enough to warrant the setting up of a government. The United States, which had aided and encouraged the settlers, gave the new nation recognition.

The Americo-Liberians did not forget their heritage. The constitution of their republic they modeled

H. Wallace Says 'No Quarter' in Fight For Rights

WASHINGTON — Declaring that both President Truman and the Republican party had abandoned their civil rights programs, Henry Wallace declared that the post-Civil War work of the Thaddeus Stevens Congress remains an unfinished task which must be completed if democracy in this country is to remain and expand.

He made the statement in an address before 500 people attending a Washington Wallace for President dinner at the Statler Hotel. Dr. Joseph L. Johnson, Dean of Medical School of Howard University, was chairman.

Wallace said that Congressman John Rankin's recent statement that there "would be unity in the Democratic Party on civil rights questions" is the latest proof that the views of President Truman's civil rights message "are not the views of Mr. Truman."

CITES INACTION

Wallace cited the fact that Truman took no action when Secretary of the Army Kenneth Royall instructed the governor of New Jersey that segregation in the National Guard was in the interests of "national security," and that on May 25 President Truman, "when asked at his press conference whether an Executive Order is being drafted to prohibit employment discrimination in the Federal government, after some hesitancy Mr. Truman finally replied that no such order is being drafted."

Truman made his recent 8000-mile swing across the country without even mentioning directly civil rights except to attack the Congress led by Thaddeus Stevens which was responsible for the 13th and 14th Amendments, Wallace said.

Criticizing the Republicans for rights in their platform, Wallace their refusal to advocate full civil charged that at the Philadelphia

GOP convention Republican leaders handed out \$500 for parties to try and keep Negro delegates away from white delegates, ignored Negro representatives and refused to help Magistrate Reynolds, their official appointed spokesman, on 47.

6 N. C. Delegates Make 2,800 Mile Auto Trip To Attend NAACP Meet

By J. B. HARREN

Among the 600 delegates and observers attending the 39th Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Kansas City, Missouri, June 22-27th were six from North Carolina who composed a motor party doing the 2,800 mile round-trip.

Mrs. B. G. Burnett, president of Tarboro Branch NAACP; Miss Ivelia Pettiford, Spring Hope, who won a \$100 free trip to the conference, having been third in the State Conference "Miss NAACP" contest last fall; Cleopas Lucas, Spring Hope Youth Council member who represented the Youth Councils of North Carolina; J. L. Harrison, Mrs. A. H. Harren, and J. B. Harren, eastern regional chairman of state NAACP activities, made up the group.

Stops enroute were made at Knoxville, Nashville and Memphis, Tenn.; Little Rock and the Ozarks in Arkansas. From St. Louis through southern Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky one is amazed that you can drive more than two hundred miles and not see a dozen Negroes. However,

the people appear friendly when contacted.

At the conference, you are particularly impressed with the dynamic fighting spirit of the big delegation from Texas — real Southern Negroes who are not afraid to fight in a legal way for our rights — civil rights if you please. May we in Eastern North Carolina get imbued with some of that spirit!

About twenty North Carolinians were present taking an active part in all deliberations. The Southeastern Region (no. 5) of which we are a part succeeded in getting two of the six persons elected to positions during the conference. They were: Harry T. Moore of Florida to the nominating committee and J. B. Harren of N. C. to the conference procedure committee. The 1949 conference goes to Los Angeles.

A Poland-China sow owned by Stephen Glenn, Roxboro, Route 1, has farrowed a total of 52 pigs in 18 months.

Eighteen foreign students attended the National 4-H Club Camp held in Washington, D. C. in June.

M. E. Woman Wins Georgia State Church Honor

Covington, Ga. (ANP) — Mrs. Eulah J. Russell, 89, a member of Wesley Chapter Methodist church in Oxford, two miles from Covington, was named as the oldest church attendant in the statewide inquiry held recently. Mrs. Russell has been superintendent and teacher in the Sunday school for her church, and, with one exception, has not

O'DWYER VISITS VIRGIN ISLANDS

New York (ANP) — Mayor William O'Dwyer is making political hay on his vacation. The ebullient mayor stopped over at Charlotte Amalie in the Virgin Islands to pay a visit. Nothing good reading and is good for the mayor's gubernatorial aspirations. O'Dwyer hasn't missed a bet

missed a session of the Atlantic Methodist Annual conference in 46 years. A presentation of a reproduction of Sallman's famous painting "Head of Christ" was made by the minister of the church, the Rev. C. W. Coto, to Mrs. Russell. The gift was from the Methodist Publishing house, Nashville. (Continued on page 3, 2nd Section)