

# HIGH POINT



## CURRENT CYCLE

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**SPECIALS.** A few weeks ago Pete Rawlings, a fellow scribe, paid a compliment to Western North Carolina in his comment on The Tar Heel Beat by referring to the progress Western Carolina had made over the East in certain phases of endeavor.

There is one phase we would like to compliment our Eastern neighbors on also. There are no doubt families in the East whose grandparents are retired mail men, but the West would have to scratch a little hard to dig up the same. Here in High Point there has not been much in that realm since old man Henry Davis drove the mail though here in a stage coach in the 19th century.

However, recently, just this spring to be exact, Arthur McAdoo, a resident of West Street here was employed by the Post Office to deliver special delivery letters and packages doing unsegregated service in all parts of the city.

In an interview with Postmaster S. C. Clark he made the following comment about the work of Special Carrier McAdoo. We are pleased with the work of McAdoo, who is carrying specials to every section of the city. His work is not only satisfactory but to the admiration of the Post Office Department.

We wish more Negroes would qualify through the civil service examination. With the exception of a few extras who help with the mail here at Christmas, this new assignment being carried out by Mr. McAdoo is a significant step in mail service here as he delivers the special mail.

**SWIMMING:** Man being primarily a land animal makes it necessary for him to put forth unusual effort to propel himself through the waters of the earth. When he maneuvers himself by the aid of his own limbs we say he swims. Not all people swim and many find it difficult to learn. Because it is often necessary to be able to swim the American Red Cross has taken the project for years to qualify swimming instructors and life savers for those who might otherwise become victims of drowning. To really see and enjoy swimming at its best one would really delight to witness the events at a Red Cross Aquatic school. But since this is such a rare treat it may be easier seen now at various city pools where Red Cross Life Guards put on such events. This week we had a double treat. Our old friend of Aqua Fame Rosecoe "Slimy" Gray of Washington, D. C., was here fresh from the waters of Hampton in Tidewater Virginia where he just taught swimming at the National Red Cross Aquatic School held there.

Now the man Gray is really a huan fish — that is only when it applies to exercising the various strokes required to transport oneself through Neptune's domain. He, Gray, probably holds more swimming awards than Eisenhower holds from the army and all of "Slimy's" awards are justly earned.

Many a kid can swim in safety in public pools around the nation because the skill of Gray has been transferred to the guy who sits in the life guard seat at the pool where the kids of the nation swim.

The other treat was here where Paul Robinson a protege of the Red Cross school put on a local swimming meet here at the park with his team swimming with the Greensboro boys. Safety has added so much to this all enjoyable sport

of the mermaids which man now enjoys.

**SELLING:** In any industrial town there is one or more commodities that the economy of the town is geared around. High Point is no exception. Every year this town holds the Southern Furniture Exposition show here for furniture buyers around the nation to come and buy the products manufactured here.

This is a regional event of National significance. Why? Because High Point is the second largest furniture manufacturing city in the United States being second only to Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Furniture sold here graces the homes and offices of the Nation. Needless to say that the Negro population of this town is interested in this event as most of them find employment in some phase of this city's furniture and textile industry.

We took a gander in the exposition building this week and noticed the improved lines of new merchandise. In this fourteen story furniture show place of the South we were told that about 25 Negroes were employed at the show in the in-between and behind the scenes acts that make this show tick.

It was Preston Rhinehardt who does the confidential handling of mail for the hundreds of buyers who come here to buy for their various firms and supervises the work of other Negro employees there in his year-round job about Exposition Building.

We prompted the query as to whether any Negro buyers ever come to the show and were told that two usually frequent this great furniture and rug market. One comes from Durham to buy for his business there and another from Richmond.

Usually after the show factories here go to work full blast filling orders that last for the rest of the year, as two shows are held here yearly — one in the fall and the other every July, running two weeks each.

As we noticed the buyers looking over the exhibits we truly hoped that they were buying and not just looking. Although it is a wholesale buyers market the important thing to us was, is High Point SELLING the products that make the town tick?

## RAINSTORM DELAYS CORNERSTONE RITES

**HIGH POINT** — The cornerstone laying ceremonies, scheduled here last Sunday afternoon at the new Catholic School now being built were postponed because of rain.

The ceremony will be held Sunday afternoon, July 31, at 4 p. m., at the school here on Kivett Drive. At that time dignitaries of the church are expected here for the event.

## CHURCH OF GOD HOLDS REVIVAL

Ralph Scotton, Field Secretary of the Church of God, is conducting a revival at the Church of God on Gurley Street. On Friday night of this week he will show motion pictures taken in the Panama region

## BICYCLE PARADE PRECEDES GAME

The Midgets of the Fairview Street School Playground were victorious over the Leonard Street School Midgets 19-10 in a thrilling softball game in the Vail Street Field Thursday afternoon, July 14, at 2:00 p. m. The fans cheered the fiery players on the victory.

A colorful event preceded a grand and magnificent game. A number of bicycles were beautifully decorated and displayed on the same afternoon in a breath-taking parade. Three awards were offered for the best decorated "bikes." First prize went to Jesse Reese, second to Maggie McGill and third to Don Richardson. The judges were Mery Puguese, Norman Leake, and Lawrence Smith, Jr. The parade went up Fairview Street and down Vail Street to the court.

The parade and the game were witnessed by a throng of playground people and friends.

M. B. Smith served as umpire and Robert L. Archte was scorekeeper for the Midgets. The players who comprise the team are as follows: Lawrence Tucker, James Vanderhall, Horace Young, Roosevelt Kinstler, Jesse Reese, Freddie Walker, C. J. McGill, David Harrison, Eugene Smith, and Frank Dorsett. Roosevelt Kinstler is the captain.

## CHILDREN'S PET SHOW IS SUCCESS AT PLAYGROUND

Friday afternoon of last week looked like fun day on Fairview playground as the pet show was held.

There were dogs, cats, pigeons, kittens and other pets on display. Each animal was dressed in appropriate attire. There were first, second, and third places under the following: Largest, Smallest and Cutest.

The winners of the awards were as follows:

- SMALLEST**  
(Kitten) — 1st Award, Katharine Reese.  
(Dog) — 2nd Award, Shirley Lucky and Mary Peace.  
(Pigeons) — 3rd Award, Jesse Reese.
- LARGEST**  
(Dog) — 1st, Clarence Cross.  
(Dog) — 2nd, Marie Walker.  
(Dog) — 3rd, Keasar Grippen.
- CUTEST**  
(Dog) — 1st, Lala Grippen.  
(Dog) — 2nd, Clarence Cross.  
(Dog) — 3rd, Maggie McGill.

## PERSONALS

### HIGH POINT PERSONALS

Mrs. Susie Moffitt, 301 Redding Street, returned this week from a visit with her daughter in Pittsburgh, Pa. Returning with her were Mrs. Mozelle Heung, her daughter, and Mrs. Hazel Richards.

Mrs. Roxanne Hines has returned from her vacation to New York after a month here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Hines, 406 Wise Street.

Mrs. Muel Harrison who recently underwent an operation at High Point hospital has recovered sufficiently to be removed to her home, 124 Underhill Avenue.

Miss Doris Simpson left recently for Detroit, Mich. to spend the summer with her father. Her mother, Mrs. Vivian Simpson, accompanied her to Washington, D. C.

Commercial hatcheries produced 111,670,000 chicks during June, 20 per cent more than the number produced during June last year but 9 per cent below the June, 1947, average.

## DENTISTS MEET IN KANSAS CITY AUGUST 8-12

Dr. R. Gordon Agnew, for twenty-one years associated with the West China Union University, Chengtu, China, will be one of the speakers to address the National Dental Association during its annual convention in Kansas City, Mo.

The noted dental surgeon and educator will address the NDA at a public meeting on the evening of August 9 at St. Stephens Baptist Church. A native of Toronto, Canada, Dr. Agnew is the possessor of several degrees in the area of dentistry which were obtained in leading universities in Toronto, Peking, and Vienna.

In addition to educational work in China, he has been associated with institutions in Canada and the United States. Now on leave from the West China Union University, he is connected with the Medical Center of the University of California at San Francisco. A fellow of the International College of Dentistry and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the educator holds membership in the most significant dental associations of the United States, Canada and China.

Mayo L. P. Cookingham of Kansas City; Dr. Russell A. Dixon, NDA president and dean of the College of Dentistry, Howard University; Dr. B. J. Moore, local convention chairman, and Dr. Marcus B. Hurto, Bainbridge, Georgia, will be among other participants in the open meeting featuring Dr. Agnew.

### HEALTH LEGISLATION

On the afternoon of August 10, the dentists will hear a discussion devoted to health legislation by Dr. Edwin F. Daily, director of health service, Children's Bureau, Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C. To be opened to the public, this session will be chaired by Dr. Charles Thompson, Chicago dentist and chairman of the Association's legislative committee, who recently testified before a Senate subcommittee on behalf of the Truman health program.

Other leaders to be heard during the convention will include Dr. W. D. Giles, NDA president-elect, of Chicago, who, along with the current president and officials of the Association, will participate in several broadcasts during the week. Many scientific sessions will be held and a number of exhibits relating to dentistry will be displayed.

## HOUSING CASE BOUND FOR HIGH COURT

**NEW YORK** — Announcement that the case against racial discrimination in Manhattan's Stuyvesant Town, a semi-private housing project owned by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, will be carried to the United States Supreme Court, was made this week by the American Jewish Congress, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Spokesmen for the three organizations, jointly handling the case against exclusion of Negroes from the project, expressed gratification that three of the seven justices of the New York Court of Appeals declared themselves in favor of applying federal constitutional guarantees against this exclusion. The court majority ruled that Stuyvesant Town is a private development and therefore not liable to state and municipal anti-discrimination regulations.

Charles Abrams and Shad Polier, counsel for the plaintiffs, pointed out that "even the majority of the Court of Appeals admits that discrimination is unconstitutional in public housing" and declared that "No state or municipality can evade its constitutional obligations by

## VILLARD HAILS PROGRESS OF NAACP WORK

**LOS ANGELES** — A message boiling the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as "one of the two or three most powerful political and social reform movements in the United States" was sent to the Association's fortieth annual conference by Oswald Garrison Villard, one of the six surviving founders of the NAACP and drafter of the original call to action which marked the Association's beginning. Rev. John Haynes Holmes, of New York's Community Church, also sent greetings.

The text of Mr. Villard's message, read at the closing business session of the conference last week end is as follows:

### MESSAGE

"During a long life in behalf of reform movement, nothing has given me greater satisfaction or higher spiritual reward than the watching of the growth of the NAACP. We were told it could not be done and, if we could do it, it must not be done, because it would disturb American political and social relations by bringing miscegenation to the front, so as to involve the whole country in a most dangerous controversy. We were told there would not be enough white cranks and idealists to make it a go, and that the colored people would not back it, and that such a movement would not have any political effect.

"What has happened? It has become one of the two or three most powerful political and social reform movements in the United States, with 450,000 members, chiefly supported and run by Negroes. Its achievements are an outstanding and glorious chapter in our political history. While others have talked of building up democracy, we have done it by outstanding victories. We have added enormously to the number of Americans who vote in primaries and elections and have made it possible for great groups to feel the pulse of editorial freedom that had ruthlessly been denied them.

"Nobody has ever seriously suggested the NAACP was the tool of any other country or group of men, or that it has been lacking in patriotic duty. It has demanded nothing but constitutional rights, justice, and fair play at all points, and it will yet triumph all along the line. Its forty years have resulted in great gains for whites and Negroes alike, and the next forty will find it a still greater and most useful instrument in the reorganization of American institutions and life."

### GREAT HONOR

Rev. Holmes called it "one of the greatest honors of my life" to serve as one of the founders of the Association forty years ago.

"I am grateful that I am one of the signers of the original call still surviving," wrote the noted church leader, "and thus able to hold the wonderful record which the NAACP has achieved in its period of history. The original founders of the organization had little to sustain them but their faith. Now, thanks to the able leadership and devoted consideration of a multitude of workers, that faith has been gloriously justified. As we move now toward the half-century mark, may the Association grow from strength to strength, and the progress of the colored people toward the full enjoyment of liberty, equality, and justice be at last fulfilled."

## WINNERS IN YPC BABY CONTEST

First prize in St. Stephens YPC Baby Contest was won by James McAdoo. Second prize went to Yvonne Myers, and third prize to Alice Jackson.

using the device of a private corporation endowed with governmental powers to accomplish discriminatory purposes."