

# CHARLOTTE



## STANLEY GOSPEL SINGERS TO TOUR

BY ROBERT CHERRY

The Stanley Gospel Singers, of Antioch Baptist Church have made plans to tour the "Tar Heel" state this fall.

The Stanley sisters, who started singing three years ago, are very ambitious young ladies, who are members of the Lend-A-Hand Club and the Senior Missionary Society of their church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stanley are very proud of their four daughters who have decided to make singing their career. Singing is a talent that runs in the Stanley family.

Mrs. Alice Juliard, operator of a Private Music School, helped pave the way for the Stanley sisters. She made the arrangements for the Gospel Singers to make their first appearance in Lexington, N. C. at which time the sisters spent several days in Lexington singing for various churches.

Mrs. D. F. Moore, a Gospel Singer, and the wife of Dr. D. F. Moore, pastor of Antioch and Salem Baptist Churches, also aided the Stanley Gospel Singers.

Mrs. Louise Cherry, noted spiritual singer, is the business manager of the group. She is also the proud mother of two boys, Robert and William who will be seniors at Second Ward High School this fall.

Mrs. Cherry is a native of South Carolina and a member of the Parent Teacher Association, and the Lend-A-Hand Club.

## Smith Faculty Member Receives Degree

Ulysses S. Brooks, native of N. C., was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry at the June commencement of the University of Chicago.

His dissertation was on "The Heat of Dilution of Barium Nitrate in Aqueous Solution at 25 Degrees Centigrade."

Dr. Brooks joined the faculty at Johnson C. Smith University in

## Louisiana Woman Builds Homes For Negroes

The following article is reprinted from Time Magazine, issue of July 25, 1949.

On the western edge of San Bernardino, California, just past the tight ranks of eucalyptus trees which shelter the city from desert-bound winds, Mayor James E. Cunningham this week helped unload the first lumber for a new housing project. It was one of this year's few U. S. developments of privately built homes intended primarily for Negroes—316 two-bedroom houses to sell for only \$6,450 each.

On hand for the ceremony was the Southern-born woman who planned the project, robust, warm-hearted Mrs. Velma Grant. In only three years she had built and sold \$3,500,000 worth of new houses to Negroes in Los Angeles. No altruist, Mrs. Grant had made a profit of more than \$250,000.

In spite of her Louisiana upbringing, Mrs. Grant sympathizes with the U. S. Negro's indignation at the unwritten laws which force him in most communities to buy only rundown houses in rundown districts. Four years ago, as a broker in a big Los Angeles real-estate firm, she took a call from another broker asking about a new house. Asked Mrs. Grant: "Is your client a Caucasian?" The answer from the caller, a Negro, was cold and un-

pleasant. Houses for Negroes, decided to build them herself. She got together over \$100,000 to buy a 50-acre tract in south Los Angeles, and started looking for money to finance the building. Not a banker in town would listen to her. "Ideals are fine," one told her, "but you must be practical." But Mrs. Grant kept wearing them down; finally, the Bank of America, which prides itself of financing the "little fellow," agreed to stake her to a \$2,290,000 loan.

Mrs. Grant cornered Los Angeles' widely sought Negro architect, Paul Williams, who was buried under plans for \$12 million worth of construction work. She talked him into shelving them long enough to design floor plans for her houses. To the surprise of her bankers, who know that Williams work comes high, he charged her only \$3,200.

On September 15, 1946, the first of the 229 houses of her (George Washington) Carver Manor went on sale at \$11,400 and \$11,200 each. Some 500 Negroes swarmed over the lot. Most buyers had steady jobs as schoolteachers, policemen and firemen, were good credit risks, earned enough to furnish their homes comfortably and keep them in good repairs. Mrs. Grant signed up 110 buyers the first day, had waiting lines for weeks. She is now building an additional 33 units and a \$140,000 shopping center for a new 95-house annex to Carver Manor, besides the bigger, \$2,000,000 project in San Bernardino.

YOUNG SINGER

One of the nation's most promising young singers, Sterling Davis of Kalamazoo, Mich., was presented over the air Saturday, July 23, in his radio debut on "The Chicago Theater of the Air."

Davis, a bass baritone, appeared in the career performance section of the program. The show was aired from the Mutual Broadcasting system station in Chicago.

## ROANOKE RAPIDS

BY WM. PITTS

A program will be given at the First Baptist Church, Roanoke Rapids Monday, July 25. The Rev. G. A. Gilchrist will conduct the service. His chorus will sing also.

Constance Hally and Zelma Reaves of 120 Elm St. will leave for Norfolk, Va. Saturday to visit their relatives. They will spend the weekend there.

The Weldon All Stars will play the Caldonia Tigers of Tillerage, N. C. in the Simmons Ball Park in Roanoke Rapids Sunday, July 31, at 3 p.m.

The Roanoke Rapids Ravens will play Seaboard at Seaboard, N. C. Sunday, July 31, at 3 p.m. The Ravens lost one game out of 12 played. The manager is Cyril Hockaday. Winston Levister, son of Mrs.

Wille Ingram of Roanoke Rapids is visiting his sister, Mrs. Daisy Newell of 115 Lewis St., Roanoke Rapids. Winston is from New York. Mrs. Levister is the sister of Mrs. Margaret Reaves of 120 Elm St., Roanoke Rapids.

Leonora Hawkins, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Hawkins is spending two weeks in their home at 158 Vine St., Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Mrs. Ella Parker and her daughter, Ann Parker and Bernice Parker of 1206 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, Va. is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Winfield of 1338 Church St., Roanoke Rapids.

Mrs. Harriet McPhail of 1950 Church St. have returned home from the Roanoke Rapids Hospital after an acute operation. She is reported better.

## WELDON BRIEFS

Miss Fannie Scott became the bride of James Edwards of Raleigh. The wedding took place July 12.

The St. Matthew AME Church members are glad to be in their to worship once again. They are inviting all readers to come in and worship with them.

Miss Margaret Mass, Mrs. Geo. Fugh, Ernestine and Virginia Taylor spent a few days on the beach in Norfolk.

Mrs. Naunie Jones recuperated after a few months of illness.

Mrs. Fannie Kelly left Friday night for Baltimore and New Norfolk to visit her children.

The Annual Sunday Convention of the St. Matthews AME Church will hold last week at the Allen's Chapel Church in Rich Square. The delegates from Weldon were Mrs. Audrey Jordan and Miss Estie Mae Ivey.

Friends of Miss Carrie Deloatch will be glad to learn that she is greatly improved.

Miss Vivian Williams, who now lives in Norfolk is here visiting her friends and relatives.

Leonard Cooke is home after spending a two months' vacation in the "Windy City", Chicago.

Mrs. Maisie Deloatch, the former Maisie Fort became the bride of Rommie Deloatch.

Miss Helen Battle is home due to death of her brother, George Battle, who died recently.

The town of Weldon is about to get another Negro undertaking firm. It is to be under the management of the Greens of Warrenton and the Edwards of this city.

Miss Hattie Gatling spent her vacation in New York City visiting her brother and sister.

The Coffields are parents of a little girl.

Mrs. J. F. Gibson is spending her vacation here with her husband who is the pastor of the Methodist Church here.

Friends of Mrs. P. L. Taylor will regret to learn that she is a patient in St. Phillips hospital in Richmond, Va.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Wiley and family spent their vacation in Boston, Mass.

Friends of Mrs. Annie Taylor will be glad to know that she is able to be out again after a brief illness.

## SEEK TO HALT EXTRADITION

TOLEDO, O. (ANP) — A mass meeting sponsored by several civic organizations was held here Sunday, July 24 in behalf of Curtis W. Hopkins, who is being sought for extradition by the state of Mississippi.

The NAACP, the Baptist Ministers union, and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance have joined forces to regain freedom for Hopkins wanted in Mississippi for the alleged rape of a white woman in 1948 and assault of a Negro in 1947.

Speakers at the mass meeting included John O. Holly of the Future Outlook league of Cleveland, and Clarence G. Smith, Hopkins' attorney. William Henry Huff of Chicago, the nation's top extradition attorney, attended the meeting as an observer.

Hopkins, the father of two children and a navy veteran, is being held in the Lucas county jail without bond.

## SWIM INSTITUTE PLAN FINISHED

Announcement of plans for the Third Annual Swimming Institute at Sunset Park Recreation Center were made last week under the sponsorship of the Second Street branch YMCA.

Twenty-eight boys have already registered for the swimming course which will be under the instruction of Galveston Haygood, assisted by Ralph Ross, a Junior at Second Ward High School.

Classes are held each morning from 8 until 10 o'clock. The Swimming Institute was begun by the Red Feather Agency for Negro boys who have not had the opportunity to learn to swim.

## PERSONALS

Harold Davis will leave for Chicago, Ill. to visit a relative, John Parker.

Kelly M. Alexander, President of State NAACP returned to the city after spending a week in Los Angeles, Calif., attending National Convention of NAACP.

Tony Barnes is here visiting relatives on Luther Street. Tony Barnes is a native of Charlotte, but has been living in Washington for the past year.

Robert L. Fox of Beckley, W. Virginia is here visiting the Queen City.

Howard Hilton of New York is here visiting relatives on E. Hill St.

Earlene Arron is back in this city after spending sometime in Washington, D. C.

In some parts of the world seaweeds is used both as food and fertilizer.

## CHICAGO RITES FOR PIONEER ATTORNEY

CHICAGO (ANP) — One of Chicago's pioneer Negro attorneys, Maj. Adam E. Patterson, was buried here this week. His death occurred from a heart ailment July 21 in Hines hospital.

Maj. Patterson first gained national attention and fame during World War I when he was appointed a judge advocate with the 92nd division. He was the first Negro to serve in the army's judge advocate general department.

At the time of his death he was assistant corporation counsel here. He was first appointed to this position in 1924 by the mayor, William E. Dever.

Before coming to Chicago, Maj. Patterson practiced law in Oklahoma. Later he moved to Chicago.

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