

CHARLOTTE

PERSONALS

Miss Georgia Fleming returned to the city after spending some time in Washington, D. C.

T. O. Garette of the Second Street Branch YMCA attended the seven southern states YMCA convention in Louisville, Ky.

Charles Robinson of Winston-Salem, was here visiting relatives. Mrs. Sadie Bell Williams of Philadelphia was here visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Simmons on Luther Street.

Miss Hester Green arrived from New York City Sunday.

Andrew Alexander arrived from Washington, D. C., Sunday.

Miss Freddie Thompson left Sunday to attend the Baptist Convention in Raleigh, N. C.

Misses Frances Way and Clara Wertz left Sunday for Raleigh.

Miss Mattie Hart of Washington, D. C. is here visiting Mrs. Lula Gilmore on South Myers Street.

LAWN PARTY HELD

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. McClure sponsored a very successful lawn party at their home on the evening of July 29, 1949. This activity was held in the interest of a "Thousand Dollar Rally" being raised by the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church.

During the evening two movies entitled "Man of Faith" and "Strange Gods of India" were shown. The McClures had ice cream, candy, punch and watermelon on hand as refreshments.

There were approximately 150 persons present and most passed personal compliments to the McClures for the beauty of the party. Mr. McClure is captain of a group of ten who are responsible for raising one-hundred dollars.

PICNIC

The annual picnic at the Biddleville Presbyterian Sunday School was held last Thursday, July 28, 1949 at Plato Price.

During the day horse-shoe pitching, watermelon spitting, and the spreading of baskets were common sights. In the afternoon many enjoyed playing and watching softball. Others went hiking while the heavy stomachs, led by Bryan George, lingered near the baskets in constant agony from over-eating.

The picnic was a joint communion of the Mt. Carmel, Gethsemane and Biddleville Sunday Schools.

CHURCH PROGRAM

The Sunday School of the Biddleville Presbyterian Church sponsored a very beautiful program of words and music Sunday Evening, July 24, 1949.

The program consisted chiefly of poetry and music, both instrumental and vocal. This program was carried out by the youth of the church.

ENGLISH HEADS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BY ROBERT CHERRY

Organization of a Chamber of Commerce was announced Thursday and a membership campaign by Secretary Dewitt Anthony, a law student at North Carolina College Law School.

The new chamber meets every Thursday night at 8:30 at Beckwin Studio, 2209 Booker Avenue.

The general purpose and functions, said Mr. Anthony, "are to create a greater interest in Negro businesses, to study general business trends; to study specifically Negro businesses and the possibilities of entering into new business, formation of policies and representation to governments in regard to domestic legislation affecting commerce, taxes and regulation, and other matters of common interest to the members.

"All managers and owners of businesses are invited to become members of the newly organized

BRICKLAYER IS EXCELLENT OIL PAINTER

BY ROBERT CHERRY

Walker Foster, a white haired brick mason for J. A. Jones Construction Co., is a Charlotte oil painting artist. He started painting with oil forty years ago.

The 55-year old bricklayer started painting when he was fifteen years old. When asked about his painting inspiration, he smiled and stated, "My mother, Mrs. Lucie Foster, was a charcoal artist at Foster Chapel, a school which still stands now in Spartanburg, S. C. She saw that I was interested and she bought me the materials to work with and I have been painting ever since."

Foster's amazing painting has a definite air of the professional. Landscaping is his specialty. But he has done several portraits. Among them is one he painted last year of J. A. Jones which is now hanging in the J. A. Jones Library.

Mr. Foster, a member of the Masons, Board of Directors of the First Baptist Church, K. P. and Odd Fellows, has painted scenes of the Great Smoky Mountains, Daniel and the Lions, Florida, Virginia, Asheville, Mountains, Charleston, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Some of Walter's paintings have been on display at the Mint Museum. He has sold a great deal of his paintings. Foster stated that he always keeps a small painting so that when a buyer wants the picture changed to another season, "I can change it without any trouble."

Foster who is a hobbyist painter, crafter and sculpturer was born in South Carolina. He came to Charlotte at an early age and received his education at Myers St. School.

In 1913 Walker was married to the former Miss Edna Jenkins of Charlotte. Walker Foster is the proud father of 6 children, George, Walker Jr., Mary and Martha who are twins, Jessie Mae, and Nathaniel.

Walker says "Although bricklaying is my trade, I love painting." Walker's first job with J. A. Jones Construction was at the age of fourteen when he carried water for the Selwyn Hotel job. Thomas Benton gave him his first brick masonry lesson, and they both are still working together. Foster has been laying brick for 43 years and he is still active.

WRIGHT CITED FOR DRIVE EFFORTS

ATLANTA (ANP) — Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., is a "financial wizard to the Atlanta Constitution, white daily and the AME's of the Sixth Episcopal District. The compliment to the bishop was made in acknowledgement of his activities in raising \$243,000 within a year to support \$1,000,000,000 expansion program for Morris Brown College, as outlined at the school's trustee board meeting in June, 1948.

Chamber of Commerce."

A membership campaign was mapped out Thursday night. They will send letters to Negro businesses asking them to join the organization. Personal contacts will also be made in order to increase the membership. Thirty three businesses are now holding membership in the organization.

Officers are Fancy English, operator of the Fabric Dry Cleaners on Caklawn Avenue, president; T. A. Alridge, vice president; Dewitt Anthony, secretary, John Anthony, treasurer; Sang Stinson, assistant treasurer and Colen Edwards, parliamentarian and assistant secretary.

LINCOLN GRAD MAKES STUDY; 60 GRADUATE

William L. Crump, 42 Lincoln University (Mo.) graduate, is the author of a graduate study at Northwestern University, recently released, revealing that both employers and employees believe Negroes are better producers in interracial rather than segregated work units. Under the direction of Albert C. Fries, associate professor of business education at Northwestern, Crump interviewed employer and employees in 19 companies employing white and Negro workers for the data. The study also includes a treatment of fifteen exclusively Negro establishments.

Crump's study indicates that competition between the two races serves to stimulate proficiency and personal endeavors. Crump was a major in commercial education at Lincoln.

SIXTY RECEIVE DEGREES

William C. Kottmeyer, outstanding reading specialist of the St. Louis Public School system and director of personnel addressed the summer session graduates at Lincoln University (Mo.) on the evening of Thursday, August 4, 1949.

Sixty persons received bachelors degrees from the College of Arts and Science and School of Journalism. Four master of arts degrees were awarded from the Division of Graduate Study.

KANSAS CITY IS AWAITING 36TH NDA MEETING

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — This mid-western city is ready for the invasion of the National Dental Association, headed to town as guest of the Heart of America Dental Society, which will entertain the Association's 36th annual convention, August 8-12.

Dr. B. J. Moore, president of the local society and general NDA convention chairman, has announced that more than 700 dentists from all sections of the country are expected to come to Kansas City for the annual meeting of Negro dentists. Local leaders in the profession, public officials, and the general citizenry have extended to the local committee full cooperation in planning for the important convention.

Of great public concern will be an open meeting of the convention to be held Saint Stephens Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, Aug. 9. At this time City Manager L. P. Cookingham will welcome the convention to Kansas City. Dr. R. Gordon Agnew, noted dental educator will address the public meeting.

NDA President, Kansas City native, Dr. Russell A. Dixon, dean of the College of Dentistry, Howard University, Washington, will respond to the city manager. Dr. Moore will preside.

Federal health legislation will be discussed at an open meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 4:00 p. m. at the Lincoln High School headquarters of the Association. Feature speaker for this discussion will be Dr. Daniel J. Daley, chief, Division of Federal Employees Health, Federal Security Agency, Washington. Dr. Charles M. Thompson, NDA legislative chairman, who recently went from Chicago to Washington to testify on behalf of health legislation, will moderate this discussion.

Several broadcasts involving President Dixon, NDA President-elect William D. Giles, Chicago dentist, and other leaders of the Association, will be heard during the convention period.



WINTER SCENE — This winter scene in Knoxville, Tenn., is one of the many oil paintings of Walter Foster, Charlotte bricklayer. Mr. Foster has never taken a formal art lesson.

HAITI HONORS MRS. BETHUNE

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Mary McLeod Bethune, Grand Officer, Order of Honor and Merit of the Republic of Haiti, is back in the United States, after a ten-day visit to the Black Republic as the guest of its Government.

The decoration was bestowed on the noted woman leader, last week, at ceremonies at the Club L'Amicale, before a distinguished gathering of teachers, educators, friends and high Government officials and dignitaries which culminated in a series of honors and courtesies which began on her arrival in Haiti on July 12.

A full schedule of conferences with Government officials and leaders in civic affairs has shared space with a reception given in her honor at the National Palace, by President and Mme. Dumarsais Estime; a reception by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Timoleon Brutus and Mme. Brutus; luncheon at the American Embassy with Ambassador and Mrs. de Courcy; a gathering at the Association of Artists and Writers, and visits to schools, orphanages, hospitals, the celebrated Haitian Art Center, and to national shrines and points of scenic interest.

Mrs. Bethune showed particular concern for the Haitian women and their problems, and in problems of education, and spent much time in conference with Haitian leaders of education, including the Minister

of Education, Andre Vieux, discussing ways and means of carrying progressive educational programs into rural areas.

In a stirring address at the Association of Artists and Writers, the educator challenged Haitian women to action with the word of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose can she griped for emphasis as she said, "There is nothing to fear but fear itself," and added "This is the hour for Haitian women to stand on their feet and be counted!"

Mrs. Bethune revealed that one of the urgent recommendations which she would make to the Haitian Government would be for the extension of the franchise to the women of Haiti. She stated that she had already received assurance from President Dumarsais Estime and members of his Cabinet that steps toward full citizenship for women through the extension of the franchise, have already been taken.

Haitian women, called "shy" by their men folks, were ably represented in conference and conversations by competent and self-assured leaders such as Mme. Estime, the wife of the President, Mme. Fortuna Query, Inspector General of Education, Mme. Alice Garoute, President of the Women's League, and many others. Some were tearfully grateful for the impetus given to their struggles for equality by Mrs. Bethune.

All of Haiti, from the National Palace to night clubs, opened its doors to the American leader, who declared, "I realize that I am treading for the first time on the soil of a great country controlled by black people — I have never been so thrilled!"

The President of Haiti, a leader of few words, expressed the feelings of his people for their guest, for the woman whom he called "The First Lady of Color in the World," with a huge basket of one hundred red and white roses, which she treasured throughout her stay.

Mrs. Bethune's party, Mrs. Constance E. H. Daniel of Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Fanny Ayre Ponder of St. Petersburg, Fla., were graciously received with her, Mrs. Arenia Mallory, Vice President of the National Council of Negro Women, who was to have accompanied the group, was unable to make the trip, because of illness.

BARBERS ASS'N REORGANIZES

BY ROBERT CHERRY

The Negro Barbers met some time ago and reorganized and decided to name their organization the Negro Barber Association.

Officers were elected and a banquet followed. Officers are: Claud Stephens, president; Clyde Steele, vice president; Mary Hairston, secretary; Lawyer Gean, assistant secretary; John Anthony, treasurer; Walter Taylor, assistant treasurer; and Dewitt Anthony, chairman of by-laws committee.

The members of the Association have to be registered barbers, apprentice barbers or barber shop owners.

The general purpose and function of the organization shall be to cause closer cooperation between the colored barbers of Charlotte and surrounding areas, to help new barbers to study new barbering techniques, to encourage the appointing of Negroes to the Barber Board, and to promote the entering of Negroes into barbering enterprises, barber supply and barber schools.

More than 226,000 farmers cast ballots in the recent referendum on flue-cured tobacco quotas. Of this number, more than 152,000 were North Carolinians.

Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan will speak at Farm and Home Week in Raleigh on Aug. 9.

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