

# ROCKY MOUNT

## NEWS AND VIEWS

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### ROCKY MOUNT DEDICATES YWCA CENTER

A new chapter was written in Rocky Mount's interracial progress Sunday afternoon when members of both races gathered at 518 East Thomas street for the formal dedication of the Young Women's Christian Association Center. Taking part in the program along with Miss Ethel Troy, temporary director, were Mayor E. F. Duke, Prof. C. R. Pope, retired school principal and Mrs. Ruby C. Lythe, president of the local YWCA. Miss P. L. Whitley, 2nd vice president of local YWCA presided. Mrs. C. F. Morgan played the prelude and the Rev. K. P. Battle gave the invocation. Welcome address was by Mrs. A. W. Battle followed by a selection, "Flue Pigeons", BTW High School girls' ensemble. Sylvia Lockhart, Joan Mitchell and Dorothy Hunter sang, "Lift Thine Eyes". Miss Troy offered a challenging word to the women of the city on the ideals of YWCA. Rev. J. W. Barrette handled the dedicatory service and Rev. R. W. Underwood offered benediction. YWCA purpose is "To build a fellowship of women and girls devoted to the task of realizing in our common life, those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as christians. In this endeavor we seek to understand Jesus, to share His love for all people, and to grow in the knowledge

and love of God." It is understood that the YWCA movement in Rocky Mount had its beginning first, among Negro women, with Miss Whitley and a group of high school girls several years ago.

J. B. Harren attended the meeting of the directors of the N. C. Negro Democratic Club in Raleigh March 24th. T. V. Mangum of Statesville is chairman and Rev. S. R. Johnson of Salisbury is secretary. Purpose of the organization is to stimulate greater interest in registration and voting and to seek redress in cases of wilful and arbitrary disqualification of Negroes who seek to register and vote in the state.

Visitors here to hear Kelly M. Alexander, NAACP president speak to the Civic Forum were: Mrs. Beatrice G. Parker and Mrs. Mathewson of Tarboro; Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Vivian Moore, John A. Joyner and others of Farmville. This column welcomes to the city Mr. H. G. Newsome of Fremont who is in the employe of a local insurance agency. Mr. Newsome is a veteran of World War II.

Negroes sat at the polls as checkers last week during the local school bond election. The issue carried overwhelmingly with the major portion going for the building of a new white high school. Local Negro leaders have apparently been "satisfied" with what has been promised them.

since he took no such drastic action against other protesting groups. Rep. Arthur Klein of New York blasted the President for his "Herr Dr. Goebbels" conduct. A move is underway in Congress to withdraw federal funds from the institution.

In spite of all this, Rabbi Lely-yeld pulled an "Uncle Tom" act by praising President Marvitt as a fair minded administrator.

At Norman, Okla., some members of B'nai B'rith say they have been Hillel student movement at the embarrassed by the actions of the University of Oklahoma. Jewish students there are some of the most consistent fighters against segregation in education. A Ku Klux Klan fiery cross was burned recently on the lawn in front of Hillel house.

Joining the Southerners are northern and western Jews "who would like to hide the fact they are Jews." is the way one Jewish youth put it. Some take the position, "I'm doing all right in the South as about equal rights for Negroes will things stand, but too much talk put me on the spot," he explained.

However, this issue has not been resolved in B'nai B'rith and some Jewish liberals are taking the position that the Dixie-Northern conservative bloc should be permitted to take a walk for the good of the national organization.

### FUND SHORTAGE UNCOVERED AT FLORIDA A. & M.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (ANP) — An audit of the financial records of Florida A. and M. college has "uncovered cases of mismanagement and other irregularities" at the institution, according to Bryan Willis, state auditor, here recently. Willis made this report to a Leon county grand jury which is probing the financial status of the school.

The audit of records covers the three year administration of William H. Gray, Jr., former president who resigned last summer under pressure. Three officials of the school appeared before the grand jury hearing to give their testimony. They were J. R. E. Lee, Jr., business manager; E. M. Thorpe, registrar; and C. E. Walker, dean of the agriculture department.

Willis said the audit disclosed that records are "incomplete, inaccurate and insufficient." He reported that grade sheets were altered "and credits apparently have been given to persons not taking extension courses. In addition, he said extension fees totalling \$15,540.40 have not been accounted for and credits were granted without regard to payment of fees.

In general, the financial affairs of the school were "poorly administered" but he could fix the blame on no one person because of an existing system of divided responsibility.

He said payment of students fees were properly accounted for by the business manager's officer. However, control of other receipts were so lax that an effective check on handling was impossible. The other receipts were of the hospital, demonstration school, nursery school, athletic association, beauty parlor, barber shop and maintenance.

During the three-year administration of Dr. Gray, the report said the cafeteria accumulated an operating deficit of \$64,642.41. It added that \$2,364 worth of scrap metal was sold by employes of the maintenance department and no report of the sale could be found.

Payments of \$25 to \$150 were made to reporters to cover athletic contests, but no authority for the payments could be found. Willis said the institution followed no budget limitations, made no purchases on competitive bids and "would wind up each fiscal year with thousands of dollars worth of liabilities and no money with which to pay them."

The new president of the college is Dr. George W. Gore, Jr., the former dean of instruction and director of the Graduate division at Tennessee A. and I. college.

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### MISS. SOLON "BLOWS TOP" OVER RACE

JACKSON, Miss. (ANP)—A Mississippi congressman blew his top in the state legislature last week when he said: "If we can elevate the Negro overnight to a position of economic and social equality with the white race, which for more than 2,000 years has enjoyed the benefits of civilization, christianity, education and culture, then we must conclude that civilization, education, culture and christianity are meaningless."

The congressman, Rep. William M. Colmer (D. Miss.), one of the leaders against the FEPC bill, charged Democratic party leaders with fostering racial propaganda for the purpose of remaining in power. Said he:

"All of this race agitation—the arraignment of Negro against the white man, the Jew against gentile, the foreign-born against native Americans, unfortunately, is the result of those presently in charge of your and my party heading the siren song of scheming political planners.

"The South is the whipping boy of the nation. It became the target of these schemers in their purpose to garner sufficient Negro votes in doubtful states so that we might continue in power.

"Even our more enlightened Northern brother is now becoming aware of the fact that the true friend of the Negro race is in the South. The intelligent southern Negro has long been aware of that fact."

The Mississippi Solon next scolded Russia's policy of converting her satellites, and then taking over their governments. He intimated that war in the future is not impossible, but he let it be known that presently he is concerned with the fate of our Republic right now.

Getting back to the Negro, the Solon said:

"I am not anti-Negro. Neither southerners generally are anti-Negro. I believe Mississippians and

"We like our Negroes. We live with them on a peaceful and neighborly basis. We are proud of the progress they have made."

### SOCIAL WORKER NAMED DELEGATE

DURHAM (UNP)—Miss Rosemary Fitts, native of Wilson and a case worker in Durham, was elected along with Mrs. Evelyn Lynch, psychomatic (medical) social worker of Duke Hospital as the sole two delegates of North Carolina Chapter to the annual American Association of Social work meeting in Atlantic City April 21st.

The local branch is made up of members of Chapel Hill and Durham social workers both white and colored and Miss Fitts was recently elected Secretary of this group. She and Mrs. Lynch were elected at the State meeting in Winston-Salem last week. Nathan Cooper is Executive Secretary of the Durham Social Work Department. The agency foots all the expenses of delegates for 3 days and the State Chapter for the other three.



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### FALKLAND NEWS

By MISS M. R. DRAKE

The St. John Baptist Church Sunday School will present an Easter play entitled, "Mine Eyes Have Him" at the church Easter Sunday night under the direction of Mrs. Johnnie Wooten. Characters are: Miss Noride Dupree, Mark Gorham, Maggie Gorham, Ephriam Johnson, Miss Alice R. Wooten and Miss Annie R. Bembry.

Linda Wooten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Wooten has been ill. Mrs. Ella J. Smith has been visiting the Gaskins Hardings in New Bern. Mrs. Chattie Gorham is a patient in the Pitt General Hospital at Greenville.

### ATTENDS DEMOCRATIC CLUB

J. A. Joyner, Jr., Farmville undertaker, attended the meeting of the N. C. Negro Democratic Club in Raleigh March 24th. This club has been organized to help get more Negroes registered to participate in the Spring primary.

### CREDIT UNION HOLDS MEET

Brick Community Credit Union held an educational meeting at Shiloh school near Whitakers March 23rd. Talks of thrift and cooperative buying were made by N. A. McLean, founder, Raymond Moore Jr., Charlie Brown and J. B. Harren. Miss Walker had some students give a play. Mrs. Iva McLean gave a Dunbar reading and Nurse Battle gave a health talk.

### BOY SAVES FAMILY FROM RAGING FIRE

UNION GROVE, N. C. (UNP)—Residents of Union Grove, white and colored, think Fred Turreline, age 10, deserves an award for heroism.

He is credited with saving six of his brothers and sisters from the raging fire which destroyed his family's cabin. He led five of them to safety and then went back into the inferno to save the baby brother who is only 6 weeks old.

There are 12 children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Turreline, tenant farmers. Mrs. I. H. Terry and other white residents took up a special collection for them at church, and colored neighbors have already laid the foundation for a new cabin.

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### B'NAI B'RITH SPLITS OVER NEGRO ISSURE

WASHINGTON (ANP) — The nation's leading Jewish organization—B'nai B'rith—has been shaken by a splitting fight over the Negro question. Southern delegates to the triennial national convention hinted at halting the organization, it was revealed last week.

The Dixie position can be summed up as follows: B'nai B'rith should stick solely to Jewish problems, and leave the Negro civil rights issue to other groups. The Negro question in the South is "embarrassing" and is making some Dixie Jews the target of white supremacy pressure. In fact, the civil rights issue should be soft peddled nationally.

This group is a minority within the national organization, but it is highly vocal and is supported by several Northern leaders.

Number one target of the Dixie conservative bloc is the Anti-Defamation league, which is sponsored by the national organization. The league has done a Herculean job in exposing and fighting the enemies of the Negro people in the South. It drew international praise by exposing the race-hate Columbians in Atlanta several years ago.

At the same time advocates of a strong civil rights program have revealed serious charges against the Southern conservative wing of the organization for "embarrassing" Jews throughout the world.

One example is the invitation to Gov. Herman Tammadee of Georgia to be honored guest at a recent meeting of Southwest Georgia B'nai B'rith lodges.

Another target of liberal fire is Rabbi Arthur Lely-yeld of New York, national director of Hillel foundation—a B'nai B'rith college student organization. He is charged with attempting to discourage Jewish students from fighting the exclusion of Negroes from George Washington university in Washington. The university and its president, Floyd H. Marvitt, have been under pressure for the past several years because of the university's lily white policy.

The B'nai B'rith campus organization Negro and other groups in fighting this policy, and consequently was threatened with extinction by President Marvitt. This action was labelled an anti-Semitic move in the true sense of the word.

