

# ROCKY MOUNT

## News—AND— Views

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**CIVIC LEADER HONORED**  
ROCKY MOUNT. — The local branch of the NAACP recently honored the man responsible for the rebuilding of the present branch by placing a photograph of him in the meeting place.

The one so honored is Reddick Strickland of Newport News, Va., former resident here. The historical note attached to the photo reads as follows: "During the winter of 1938-39 Reddick Strickland employed as a porter in a Rocky Mount, N. C. store observed, what he termed, 'oppression and unfair wage and working conditions' under which colored women had to labor in laundries and tobacco factories and sought to get relief for them thru FEPC and other agencies.

"Thru contact with Joseph W. Parker, Sr. who had previously been active locally with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Mr. Strickland was encouraged to seek the re-organization of NAACP which had been dormant for years.

"Strickland began the meetings and received the cooperation of Mrs. Annie Wells, Mr. Parker E. C. Hunter, Mrs. Emma Leonard and J. B. Harren. Seventy-five charter members, on October 9 1939, began operation of the third NAACP Branch in the history of Rocky Mount. Hunter served as president for eight years. Mrs. Leonard as treasurer 1939-1951. Harren was executive secretary seven years. Peak membership of 500 was reached in 1947 and 1948. Branch entertained the N. C. Conference of NAACP in 1946.

### TARBORO GETS HOUSING PROJECT

TARBORO, N. C. — Local citizens of both races are elated over the fact that definite plans have been made toward the letting of a contract for a million-dollar federal, low-rent housing project expected to begin construction here in July or early August.

R. M. Gaines, executive director of the Tarboro housing authority, said that the 100-unit project would be divided into fifty units each for white and colored citizens. The 50 units for Negroes would be located near the Pottilo high school in east Tarboro and the white unit will be in the Fairview section near the R. R. station. The Negro unit will cover 1-2 acres and the white unit nearly four acres.

Director Gaines said the proposed project is in no wise a slum clearance program because nothing is being torn down. Rather, it is a low-rent program to relieve the pressure on existing housing and tenants will be selected according to their income and family size. Each unit will have cook stove, refrigerator and hot water and central heating, he said.

**ROCKY MOUNT NOTE:** — The Eastern Carolina Alumni Chapter of St. Augustine College held its regular meeting Sunday with Prof. and Mrs. Alvinza Finch. It was announced by Mrs. C. F. Rich. After completion of business a social hour was enjoyed with a buffet luncheon by the hosts.

The Farmers Home Demonstration has made more than 70,000 farm real estate loans since passage of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act of 1937.

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### Va. State Prexy N.C.C. Speaker

DURHAM, N. C. — Dr. Robert P. Daniel, president of Virginia State College, will be the speaker at North Carolina College's annual Awards Day observance here on May 25.

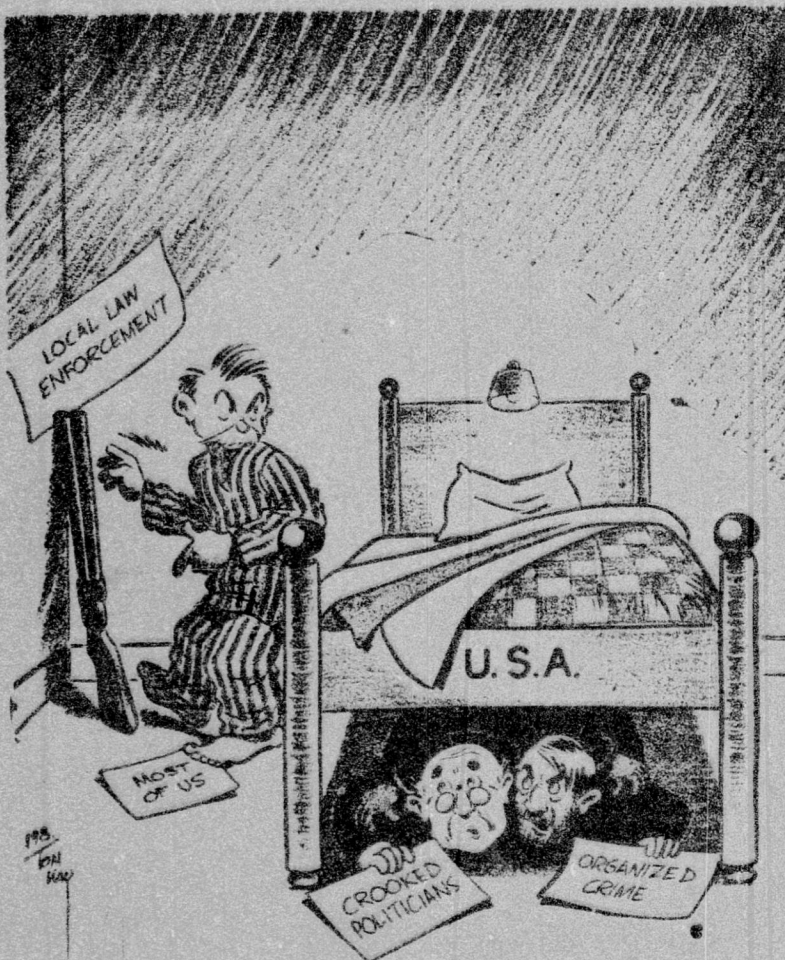
President Daniel is expected to speak at exercises beginning in Duke Auditorium at 11:30 Friday morning.

### Former War 'Vet' Gets Commerce MS

DURHAM, N. C. — Harold E. Johnson of 125 Governor Street, Patterson, N. J., will receive the first master of science in commerce degree ever awarded by the North Carolina College at Durham at commencement exercises here on June 4.

Johnson, a veteran of the Pacific campaign in World War II, will be among the 1951 graduates who will hear a final address delivered by

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Elizabeth Taylor, Jane Powell and Ann Miller, famous stars of the MGM Studios, lead the parade of Hollywood actresses and actors in the Royal Parade of Stars promotion for Royal Desserts. Their pictures are featured on the back of each Royal package and in newspapers and magazines across the country. The campaign links the exceptional appetite and low-cost appeal of Royal Desserts with the most famous names in movies and in sports. Miss Taylor is currently being seen in "Father's Little Dividend," Miss Powell in "Royal Wedding," and Miss Miller in "Texas Carnival," all MGM productions.

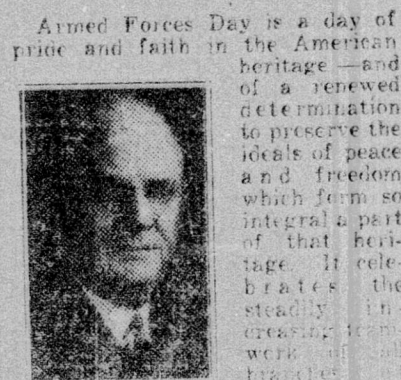
Major General Lewis B. Hershey, director of the National Selective Service System.

After his discharge from the U. S. Army, Johnson enrolled at North Carolina College. He was active in the Commercial Club, the Pan-Hellenic Council, and the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Johnson, who is 25, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Johnson of Patterson. He is married to the former Miss Edith A. Malone of Durham. Mrs. Johnson is teacher of physical education at Lee County Training School in Sanford.

### NAVY SECRETARY

Francis P. Matthews



Armed Forces Day is a day of pride and faith in the American heritage—and of a renewed determination to preserve the ideals of peace and freedom which form so integral a part of that heritage. It celebrates the steadily increasing teamwork and the service in their responsibilities toward the achievement of this great purpose. On Armed Forces Day we play host. We of the Navy keep open house ashore and afloat, whenever possible, so that all of you whose Navy it is will understand our part in America gives her strength.

### ARMY SECRETARY

Frank Pace, Jr.



Throughout its 176 years your Army has guarded the frontiers and has trained to be ready for action whenever our freedoms were threatened. For the past few months, the Army has been called upon to fight our people's battles. This fighting has demanded teamwork,

skills, sacrifices, courage, determination and stamina as great as any in its long history. It has required the best of our regular forces as well as the best of thousands of our Reserves and National Guard. The Army is proud to stand with the other services as "Defenders of Freedom" on this second Armed Forces Day.

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