

ROCKYMOUNT NEWS and VIEWS

NAACP PREXY CHUCKS REGISTRATION... ROCKY MOUNT, N. C. — What- ever may have been said or thought about Kelly M. Alexander, North Carolina's dynamic NAACP State President, when he was promoting the famous Uni- versity of North Carolina and which culminated in the admis- sion of four Negro students to the State institution, which had been "illy-white" for over a hundred years, appears to be forgotten now as he travels over the state, fear- lessly challenging the denial of the franchise right to colored peo- ple.

NEGRO VOTE CREATED UNIVERSITY... Incidentally, it is reliably re- ported by members of the family of the late "Doc" Wimberly that it was his (Doc's) wife's vote that broke the tie-vote vote creat- ing the said university when Wimberly was a member of the State Legislature during recon- struction days.

CAMDEN COUNTY SORT SPOT... Waking up local NAACP offi- cials at 4 a.m. Tuesday Alexander and Mr. Wright, Charlotte, N. C. A. C. P. head, stopped here for hot coffee and a chat with local NAACP leaders as they returned from an eastern tour, which in- cluded Hoke county, Washington, Roper, Edenton, Elizabeth City and Belcross in Camden county. Registrations irregularities were reported in this area.

Belcross in Camden county is reported to be a "sweep" of colored registration names were told, after taking the test, "I think you passed. We've got to take it up with the board" accord- ing to information, Alexander received, Elizabeth City's NAACP is being revived with Dr. Cook as leader. Alexander's trip was a follow-up of Charles McLean's survey of practices of registrars playing "indie" objects in the buy of Race voters which charges led to the resignation of a registrar at Roper, who allegedly turned down two college students.

AT ROCKY MOUNT... An audience of 300 people all white but three — attended the rally of Edgewood — Nash county Democrat supporting the candidacy of Judge Hovest's Office for governor of North Carolina, subject to the May 31st pri- mary. Olive is being opposed by former senator William B. Umstead, who is alleged to have the support of "big business".

Meeting in the local city court room here May 20th, Judge Olive set forth the principal points in his platform. He said, "I have built in rural areas through the \$200,000,000 bond issue are paying off both the rural and city dwel- ler and the state as well. He ad- vocated more roads for farmers to get to market, school facilities for our children equal to those of any state, electricity for the remaining 12-15 percent of our farm without it and rural tele- phone service wherever desired. Off the latter, Olive said the State ranked next to the bottom, having a telephone in one of 47 farms. Only Mississippi is lower.

WHAT'S MUD-SLINGING'S... Referring to charges of mud- slinging by his opponent, Olive said that, "if telling the truth — what the record says about Um- stead is mud-slinging, then he is guilty. Regarding the al- leged 'machine', Olive said he was told when he decided to run for governor that the candidate had already been picked by a few people over the state. He then decided to let the people decide

the issue. Olive called for increas- ed tax on the State and a reduc- tion of the State income tax from 32 down to 29 pupils. He opposes increased taxes and wants the people to vote on the veterans' home issue.

NAACP HOLDS VOTE CLINIC... TARBORO, N. C. — The local NAACP chapter, working thru its membership campaign commit- tee, was instrumental in adding the names of many new voters to the registration lists of Tar- bor and Edgecombe county, ac- cording to Mrs. Beatrice G. Par- ker, former prexy of the local NAACP, who has worked with Miss Addie Lawrence, president and Mrs. Luella W. James, secre- tary, on the drive. The church officials praise highly the young-ster workers responsible for the drive's success. As a result of their efforts, more people were registered than in any previous year, and the NAACP sponsored a vote clinic at the Union Baptist Church, May 30th — just before the state primary — to its fact as new registrants in voting precincts. Mrs. Parker is leader.

TEACHES HALF-CENTURY... Death came recently to Mrs. Callie Hyman James, widow of the late Orren James, and a teacher in Edgewood schools for over 40 years. Orren James was the "Glowing Light" of the all- colored town of Princeville just across the Tar River here. An Episcopalian Church here, I. C. M. which she was buried John T. Barrett, aged fireman, died sud- denly last week and was buried from St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church on May 23rd.

RESEVELEGANS USA IN 16TH MEET... NEW YORK — The 164th annual session of the 16th General Assem- bly, Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (PCUSA) were held here in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church May 29-28th. Dr. John Sutherland, pastor of the host church which entertained royalty and commissioners from more than 400 Presbyterian churches over the nation and several foreign countries.

The opening day was given to the presentation of resolutions of evangel- ical and spiritual nature of current members, retiring Moder- ator, Dr. Harrison Ray Anderson delivered an address to the open- ing session of the Assembly pro- per Wednesday at the 20th Avenue church and group meetings were held at Broadway Tabernacle, Riverside Church and Carnegie Hall, where the premiere showing of the National Mission film, "And Now Tomorrow," was held Friday evening. Women's meetings, featured the theme, "From Strength to Strength," were held at Riverside Church with several prominent speakers, among whom were Mrs. V. Verne Buchanan, president, National Council Presby. Women and Dr. James H. Robinson, pas- tor, Church of the Master.

BUILDING FUND NEAR 7 MILLION... Saturday's half - day session was given to reports on, and ap- proval of the building fund pro- gram. Former Moderator, Dr. Hugh von Evans, reported a total of \$6,625,000 already pledged and 2,328 churches reporting on the drive to build more churches started in 1951. Two thousand and nine churches made the honor roll with the Synod of California and Presbyterian of Los Angeles leading with 80 per cent of quota subscribed.

BENEVOLENCE LAGS: While benevolence giving has increased during post world-war two years,

HOME TOWN NEWS



COCA-COLA TAKES A ROW AT MEMPHIS COTTON JUBILEE — Representatives of Coca-Cola, locally and nationally, joined in the 17th annual celebra- tion of the Cotton Makers Jubilee held last week in Mem- phis. Above Moss H. Kendrick, public relations counselor for the Coca-Cola Company, waves as two-mile long parade passes re- viewing stand. Standing with Kendrick is Cliff Knox, thirty-year employee of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Memphis.

It is reported to still be far be- hind the percentage increase of local contributions, according to Dr. Peters of the stewardship com- mittee.

AWARD MARIAN ANDERSON... Highlight of the program was the awarding of a plaque to Miss Marian Anderson for outstanding achievement in race relations thru the media of song. Said Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Stated Clerk, in awarding the plaque: "Miss Anderson, you sang a song unto the Lord; a new song — a song of our common brotherhood to Christ. Standing regally amid applause that lasted several minutes while cameras clicked, Miss Anderson gracefully replied: "There are few times when I have been more speechless; there are many others more worthy of this honor than I am." After paying tribute to her mother for laboring to give her the start that was destined to send her to world- wide fame, Miss Anderson added: "Try to know a little bit more about the people about whom we are passing judgement before we make up our minds."

AMERICAN PROBLEM... Declaring that there is no such thing as a "race problem," Dr. To- bias said, "It is an American problem — of some people in the United States insisting upon maintaining a double standard of citizenship." Tobias added, "There is no such thing as gradualism where the rights of our citizens are concerned."

CAROLINIANS ATTENDING ASSEMBLY... Arriving here early Friday after an 11-hour motor trip from Tar- bor and Edgecombe county, we deposited our passengers Mrs. Juanita (Fulton) Barnett and Mrs. Morten with their re- spective relatives and found lodg- ing with David M. Burton on Sngar Hill (Edgewood Avenue) and Miss S. Marie Harrison also on Edgewood Avenue after much needed refreshing sleep. Mrs. Parren and your reporter witness- ed the premiere showing of the Presbyterian Church film, "And Now Tomorrow" at Carnegie Hall Friday night. Saturday we con- tacted fellow Tar Heels, among them, William Burnett, Mrs. Emma Walker Burnett, Mrs. Ro'ona Nixon, Miss Eulah Hall and others. Seen at the Assembly were Dr. A. H. Prince, Dr. H. T. Givens, Dr. H. Wilson, J. T. Jones, Revs. E. H. Hunt, J. Hawkins, J. W. Smith, Van Langston, L. B. West and J. W. Smith, Jr. Elders S. L. Harrison, Houston, Mrs. D. O. Sellers and Reverend J. W. Bar- nette.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT... Miss Alberta Stacks announces the marriage of her aunt, Mrs. Lu- cille Wilson to Mr. Edward Os- borne on May 5, 1952. The mar- riage ceremony was performed in Tryon by the Rev. L. H. Wil- liams, a reception followed im- mediately at the home of Mrs. Helen Hamm.

MOUNT MORRIS CHURCH ENTERTAINS... The Mount Morris Park Presby- terian Church, Reverend A. Eu- gene Adair, pastor, was host to members of the General Assembly Sunday night at a Friendship Banquet in the church basement. Sunday being exceedingly rainy, services were not fully attended as the Reverend H. T. Givens of Biddleville Presbyterian Church, Charlotte brought the message at 11 o'clock services.

Reverend and Mrs. (Thelma) Adair are credited with doing a splendid job at this church which was released by a white congre- gation ten years ago. Mt. Morris carries many community activi- ties, one of which is working toward the purchase of a new organ.

ROCKY MOUNT — Commis- sioner of Athletics for the Negro High School Athletic Association released last week the standings of the High School baseball teams for the 1952 season which came to a close May 17th. He stated that 29 high schools fielded teams this year which was an increase over the previous year.

Patite High of Tarboro with a record of 16 wins and no losses was the Eastern division winner and Highland High of Gastonia with a record of 8 wins and two losses was the Western winner. These two teams were scheduled to play for the State crown Fri- day night, May 23rd for the State honors.

The Cotton Makers Jubilee was organized by Dr. R. Q. Venson, Memphis dentist, in 1935. In seventeen years, it has become one of the biggest events of the area surrounding Memphis and the South. Each year a young lady is selected to carry the fi- re of the Spirit of Cotton. This young lady and party, tours major cities of the nation on be- half of cotton products. William F. Nabors, local PR man for Grand Initiator Parade Commit- tee, Coca-Cola, is chairman of the fire and parade marshal.

Salisbury News Notes

By Avis Wilkins... SALISBURY—Mrs. Rose D. Ag- gey, outstanding educator in the county school system for the past 33 years, will retire at the end of the present school term. Mrs. Aggery is the principal of the Granite Quarry School and was named as Woman of the Year by the local Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. She has been cited for her con- tributions to Negro race in educa- tion.

In a testimonial dinner held at Granite Quarry school on Wednes- day, C. E. Erwin, superintendent of the Rocky Mountain schools, spoke of her as an outstanding teacher, a person who has given distinguished service as a noted principal, and outstanding leader. A former supervisor of the county schools.

He pointed out that she was able to develop resourcefulness, originality, initiative and creative imagination for Negroes. She was able to get the best work from each of her pupils and set up a role of perfection, inspiring her pupils.

Mr. Erwin described her as an Outstanding Citizen of the highest character reflected in the children she has taught in the community and all those with whom she came in contact.

School officials and other per- sons gave testimonials to her out- standing service.

In Mrs. Aggery attributed her success and recognition to her spiritual guidance and her belief in God. She referred to her ser- vice in Africa with her husband, the late James E. Aggery, noted educator and missionary, and her parents as having inspired her to render service to my fellowman.

Gifts were presented by various vocational groups.

In addition to her work as principal of the school, she is the editor of the State Federation of Women's Club publications, a member of the interracial coun- cil, former president of the North Carolina State Teachers Associa- tion and president of the Garden Club.

Mrs. Mary Berry's grand chil- dren in Wade are very sick but they are improving now.

Now let us all work for the Master while it is day for night cometh when no man can work.

Corn is a five-billion-dollar crop in the United States — greater in dollar value than any other crop.

YOUR SCRIBE By FREDRICK L. BURNS

FAYETTEVILLE — Members of the helping hand club of the first Baptist Church, met Wed- nesday night in the home of Mrs. Cammie Wooten on Cumberland street for their regular monthly meeting.

The meeting was opened by singing Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross, led by Mrs. Lucretia Bar- nette.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Elijah Taylor after which "Savior More Than Life To Me" was sung by the group. There was a round table dis- cussion of the Scripture Les- son which was taken from St. Matthews 20th chapter.

Mrs. Ella Bethoa, the president, presided over the business session at which time members of the various committees made their re- ports.

At the conclusion of the meet- ing a social hour followed with the hostess serving a buffet sup- per of chicken salad, sliced toma- toes, lettuce Ritz with grape ale, home made pound cake, fruit jello and mints.

On the 31st of May which is Saturday, thousands of citi- zens of the State will go to the polls to cast their vote for or against the hundreds of candidates seeking local state and national offices. On the local level, one of the greatest and most interesting issues is the school and Hos- pital bond issue.

Those in favor of the bonds have worked and continue to work to have your vote in favor of them. They have pointed out that there is not sufficient bed space for the growing population of the city. They promise that on the staff will be several Negroes, doctors, nurses, technicians, all necessary to operate a modern hospital.

It has been estimated that about 30 per cent of the city's population are Negroes, and it comes from good authority that approx- imately 30 per cent of the bed space will be reserved for us.

For the benefit of those tax payers who have not had the opportunity to talk with any of the sponsors, they believe that we will only have to pay

an additional 30 cents of the \$1.1 value of real estate, where- as, they need relief. Both the school and hospital bonds were unable to get a direct answer.

On the schools all of us remem- ber the report given us a few months ago which has a long range program which suggested building a new high school with all modern conveniences, which includes a cafeteria, gymnasium, workshop and auditorium with spacious class rooms.

Converting the present high school into a Junior High School will get some relief this fall but about the first of March the new Cape Fear housing pro- ject will be complete, with ap- proximately 150 to 200 new fami- lies. They need relief.

While we are on the subject of schools, it would be well if we would sound out our candidate for state offices asking them to support a school for retarded Negro children.

Mrs. Edna Fuller and her co- workers should have the whole hearted support of all the citizens of the state, on their second an- niversary of the Principals Retardation School. The local in- terest has been superb, but there is need for state support now.

To Mr. Fuller we can only say "a good job well done."

SICK LIST Mrs. Sadie Johnson, Mrs. Dru- cilla Simmons, Mrs. Georganna Wright and Mrs. Lovedy McNeill continues on the sick list.

Briefly Stated R Approximately 55 countries are expected to send delegates to the Sixteenth International Grassland Congress at Pennsylvania State College in August. The Congress is sponsored by the United States Government and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Oriental and Mediterranean flies are major insect pests in Hawaii. The insecticide chlordane should not be used where it might contaminate foodstuffs.

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