

Sarah Virgo's PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK



JAMES STRICKLAND

Vice-President and manager of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank in Raleigh, Mr. James E. Strickland, with his many other attributes, merits mention this week as the CAROLINIAN'S Personality of the Week.

Born and reared in Cincinnati, Mr. Strickland, a man well known in life, has always been interested in the field of business. A business administration major while at Ohio State and Wilberforce University, he accepted a position with the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company in the auditing department after he graduated. Aside from having an interest in the insurance business, he felt that accepting this job would be advantageous to the experience he desired. After a short while with this company, he then became affiliated with the Old Federal Bank and Trust Company in Durham as bank teller.

It was about two years later, after the Mechanics and Farmers Bank took over the Fraternal Bank, that he was transferred to Raleigh in the same capacity as teller at the Mechanics and Farmers Bank. It wasn't long before Mr. Strickland, with his ambitions and aggressiveness was made assistant cashier. His efficiency in this was later to be rewarded when he was advanced to his present position of vice president and manager of the bank.

Also, Secretary-Treasurer of the Acme Realty Company since 1928, he is deserving to be proud of the contribution his company has made the locality in the form of the fine homes it has built in an area where they were much needed.

Active in civic affairs, he served for eleven years as chairman of Raleigh Precinct No. 10, and was a member of the Wake County Democratic executive committee during this period until this year when he resigned. Mr. Strickland recalled how in the earlier days, when it was hard to get Negroes to register, the Raleigh Negro Voters League was organized. It was through the efforts of this group, of which he was a member, that many Negroes were awakened to their rights to vote and to the realization of the effect the ballot could have on the race as a whole. Mr. Strickland feels that it was the challenge of our people of the rolls that stimulated the Negro vote to the extent it has attained.

As with most men, Mr. Strickland's main interest is in his home. A devoted family man, his wife is the former Juanita Jeffries of Raleigh, who along with her husband can be proud of two fine daughters, Charlene Strickland and Freda Strickland Johnson, one grandson and one granddaughter.

Although Mr. Strickland maintains a full and complete business and civic schedule, he still finds time to enjoy his hobbies of fishing and baseball.

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Method Notes

Quarterly Conference services were held at Saint James AME Church Sunday, June 15 and 16. Rev. G. S. Gant, presiding elder of the Raleigh District, preached at the 11 o'clock service. He preached a grand sermon. Dr. and Mrs. B. Wiener were present as usual. We are always glad to have them with us.

At 3:30 Sunday afternoon the Junior Church rendered a program. The young folks gave a very interesting program, after which Mrs. Geraldine Cheek was presented by Mrs. Mary Ida Harris. Mrs. Cheek spoke on Faith, Hope, and Love. She held the audience spellbound while unravelling the full meaning of these three words. Older people, as well as the children, enjoyed her. Mrs. Cheek was accompanied by her mother and aunt.

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WEDDING BELLS

RALEIGH — License to marry were issued to the following couples during the past two weeks according to the records of Hunter Ellington, Wake County Recorder of Deeds:

WADE SMITH PEACOCK, 26 of Washington, D. C. and EVELYN FISHER, 25, Clayton, N. C.

OTIS HARRIS, 18, 14 Lincoln Terrace, Raleigh and DAIMY REEVES, 16, 106 E. Bragg St. W.

HORACE LAWSON, 26, 36 W. 133rd St., NYC, 26 and FRIEDA O. FERRY, 23, 904 E. Hargett St., Raleigh, N. C.

WILL TOM JEFFERS, 34, Raleigh, Rt. 3, and ANNIE LEE BROWN, 34, Varina, N. C.

DELL POWELL, 26, 206 Smithfield St., and MARY L. FAIRLY, 206 Smithfield St., 24, Raleigh, N. C.

HORACE C. HINTON, 219 Spence St., 40 and LOU MAE NORWOOD, 39, Raleigh, N. C.

SAMUEL SCOTT, 24, 235 Teighman St., Chester, Pa., ROSA VENABLE, 23, Townsville, N. C.

EDWARD T. JOYNER, 717 So Saunders St., 28 and RUTH RAY MITCHELL, 26, 25 Bragg Street, Raleigh, N. C.

HUBERT WHITE, 28, 217 Sewell Ave., and MAGLENE TARRON, 23, 1501 Lincoln Drive, Raleigh, N. C.

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(ITEMS for this column may be mailed to 215 E. Lenoir Street or phoned to 3-2404)

RALEIGH — This column will have to be my Swan Song until Fall. Pressure of summer studies (Your scribe is now enrolled as a student in Romance Languages at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill) force me to give up this very pleasant task for a while. It has been nice following the activities of your clubs, your personal social lives, etc., and as a result of contacts made through this column, some very gratifying friendships have been made.

At the record, I'll remind you that we've entered your names in the CAROLINIAN SOCIETY every week now for the past fifteen months. Maybe a vacation is in order. Thanks ever so much for past cooperation and your encouraging reception of this effort. I'll look forward to re-appearing in the fall.

MINUETTE CLUB MEETS

The Minuette Social Club met at the home of Mrs. Ethel B. Jones, 41 Smithfield Street Wednesday night, June 4. After the business session which included reports from various committees, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Carrie Burgess were capable hostesses at an enjoyable Weiner Roast on the lawn.

A delightful feature of the meeting was a Minuette Dance by six lovely young ladies from Durham who were Mrs. Jones' house guests.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Genolia Dunston on Church Street in Method, Durham, Wednesday night, July 2.

HOUSE GUESTS

Reverend and Mrs. E. C. Lawrence have as their house guests Lt. and Mrs. W. H. Goddard and children who have recently returned to the States from Germany. Mr. Goddard is the former Miss Cecilia Lawrence.

ATTEND COMMENCEMENT

Mrs. Ruth M. Lawrence attended the commencement exercises at North Carolina College in Durham where she witnessed the graduation of her nephew, Mr. Garland Watt, an outstanding student at the college. Mrs. Lawrence's sister, Mrs. Bessie Wesley of Cincinnati, Ohio, was in the city a few days. She, too, attended commencement exercises at North Carolina College. She is the mother of Mr. Watt.

COMMUNITY CLUB

Mrs. Francis Autry was the charming hostess to the Hunter Park Community Club recently. After the business session, members presented Mrs. Catherine Williams with birthday gifts. Mrs. Williams was making plans to leave for the mountains on Sunday and members expressed sad thoughts of parting.

A pokeno session was enjoyed and afterwards the hostesses served a delicious repast. Those present were Mrs. Alma Harrison, Mrs. Nannie B. Robinson, Mrs. C. Williams, Mrs. Ida Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farrell, Mrs. B. Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Autry, and Mrs. Rogerline Gay.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Brown of E. Lenoir St. celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, June 8. They had many friends to call during the day and offer congratulations and best wishes for continued happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Miss M. L. Pailin, and Mrs. Adessa Brown motored to Elizabeth City recently and took back home Patricia Anne Holley who spent the winter with the Browns attending the Washington Elementary School.

The Browns were hosts to Mr. Alfred W. Pailin, Jr. of Elizabeth City for a few days recently. Mr. Pailin is brother of Mrs. G. Brown.

VISITOR

Mrs. Olivia Patterson of 528 E. Edenton Street and her grand daughters Martha and Helen Birdsell are spending their vacation in Norfolk, Baltimore, and Richmond. They will visit relatives in those cities.

LAWN PARTY

The Women's Activity Committee of the YWCA is here making plans for the annual Lawn Party to be held on the lawn of 215 E. Lenoir home June 25. This year "Women in Business" will be honored.

This affair is one of the summer social events eagerly anticipated by the Raleigh public. All members and friends of the Y are cordially invited to attend.

CONVALESCING

Miss Almada Bryant of 307 E. Cabarrus Street is doing nicely after an operation at Lincoln Hospital in Durham last week.

PERSONALLY YOURS

JUNE TIME IS HONEYMOON TIME and sing Honey-mooning is just what a few fortunate (?) persons of our acquaintance are doing now and are planning to do in the near future.

My Boy Brandon, a Kentucky kid who came to Norfolk to make good some few years ago, has claimed as his bride the lovely Miss Borneima Hamilton of Norfolk. Both are employees of the Guide there.

LISTED AMONG HOWARD GRAPES — this year are two Durhamites who received their MD's last week. They are Dave Weaver, the crack tennis player, and Warren Strudwick, who also knows his way around on the courts.

AT LEAST TWO AREA DENTISTS are being given the "come on" by Uncle Sam. They are Dr. A. E. DeBarry of Raleigh and Dr. Thomas Bass of Durham.

Both are considered "great" in the field.

THE REV. A. W. HAYDEN, director of the "Chapel of the Air" program aired each Sunday morning over Raleigh Radio Station WNAO has come up with an idea that should meet popular response in the area.

Rev. Hayden has almost researched a hand has made plans for the publication of an album named for his program, and being — for the most part — a "Who's Who" among Raleigh Negroes.

Whether we want to believe it or not, we have quite a few people of Color in the Raleigh area who really should receive the kind of "flowers while they are living," and that the "Chapel of the Air" album intends to bestow upon them.

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Oberlin News Notes

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Mrs. Latale Poole continues on the sick list at her home 439 Oberlin Road.

The Oberlin playground, a unit of the Parks and Recreation Department opened its summer season Monday morning June 16. The playground personnel includes Mr. Edward Hicks who has charge of the boys' program, Miss Miriam Bradley, teenage girls and Mrs. W. A. Caphart, in charge of the girls.



LEIGHTS VISIT PARIS — Warrant Officer Ralph Campbell and his wife June, spent a few days visiting Capt and Mrs. Leonard L. Jackson in Metz. The couples were on their way to Paris to attend an Officers Ball at a French Casino when the photo was taken. Both couples are from Raleigh. The Jacksons expect to return to the states early in the fall.

During conversation with Rev. Hayden last week, we learned that the album is to be complete with photos, geographical data, and in many instances, pictures of physical contributions made by the persons listed and is to carry explanations of the contributions other than the physical made by them.

A minister in the AME Church, who attended Wilberforce University, Payne College, Miles Memorial College and several other institutions in the South and Midwest.

BRIEFLY STATED

GREENVILLE — A Greenville man who allegedly shot his wife walked into the Greenville police headquarters and gave himself up Monday afternoon. The man, McCoy Bonner, shot his wife in the left thigh and side. She is confined in the Washington hospital. Bonner is being held in the Washington jail under charge with assault with a deadly weapon and intent to kill.

SERVICES HELD

RALEIGH — Funeral services for Mrs. Channis Byrd Sanders, who died at her home at 557 E. Edenton Street, Tuesday, will be conducted from the Raleigh Funeral Home Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. The Rev. O. S. Bullock of the First Baptist Church will officiate. Interment will be in the city cemetery.

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