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Executive Members of the YMCA Membership Campaign busy themselves trying to beat the deadline for their goal of \$3,500 and 1000 new members by the fifth of August.

500 and 1000 new members by the fifth of August. The campaign opened July 15th. Seated at table, L. to R: Rev. T. P. Duhat, Mr. E. L. Raiford; Mr. C. A. Mariott; Dr. N. H. Harris; standing, L. to R. Mr. J. A. Mann; Mr. C. N. Coble; Vice-President, Photo By Shirley.



The Senior Mothers Club of Tuttle Community Center entertained Miss Bertha Richards last week at the Center. Miss Richards, who at one time was Dean of Bishop Tuttle School of Social Work at St. Augustine's College, has made numerous contributions to the Community Center and other institutions. Officers of the Senior Mothers are Mrs. D. Rogers, President; Mrs. Mazie Mazie White, Secretary; Miss Clink Scales, treasurer; Mrs. Blonnie Slade Slade Vice President. Photo by Shirley.

School Issue

Continued from page 1. Whatever the cause for the low high school attendance, the question nationally arises, why build another Negro high school, when there are hardly enough high school pupils for the two already operating. It is the announced policy of the State Department of Education to usher in an era of better schools through consolidation. The only merit in this idea of consolidation is that by centralization, duplication is averted resulting in savings which accrue to the benefit of the pupils involved. In a county, such as Mar-

tin, where inferior schools for Negroes are the rule the building of another high school would seem to mean that the already low standards would be lowered, if that be possible. Martin County has never shown the slightest inclination to better its Negro school and William the Negro high schools at Williamson and Parmele are now accredited, (minimum accreditation) available could, and quite naturally would result in even lower standards and the loss of accreditation for all the Negro high schools of the county.

The fact that Dr. H. L. Trigg, Negro member of the State Board of Education made a survey in this county and recommended a new high school is no proof that such a school is needed. The will of the people, common sense and a practical understanding of all the issues involved, together with a background knowledge of the situation as it relates to future needs and trends, should motivate such undertakings. Dr. Trigg, if should be remembered was not appointed to the Board of Education at the request of the Negroes of North Carolina, they were, even consulted. It is most impossible that Dr. Trigg would now occupy that position, if the Negroes, whom he is supposed to represent in particular, had been allowed a voice in the selection of a Negro for that post. The board knew there were politics involved, knew there were white men in Martin County, who wanted most of all to silence the increasing demand for school equality and it further knew that in Martin County as in every county in North Carolina, there were plenty of Uncle Toms ready to carry out the wishes of their white masters. Knowing all this and knowing that Dr. Trigg could always be trusted to lend a sympathetic ear to the white man's desire, it was only logical that Dr. Trigg be sent to Martin County and it was also logical for him to make the report he made. Had he done otherwise it would have been quite illogical.

It would appear that the only real purpose involved in the building of a new high school at Oak City is to quiet the voice of Prof. W. C. Chance, the founder of W. C. Chance School at Parmele. There is not now and has not been any fight between Parmele and Oak City because in reality there is nothing to fight over. Prof. Chance and his supporters have slated the case of Parmele before the state board on many occasions, not with the idea of fighting anything or anybody, but simply in the interest of the maintenance, expansion and fuller development of a school which has through the years proven its right for existence by its many and varied handicaps. Prof. Chance was wise enough knowing as he had every reason to know, that there was not any practical reason, now or in the foreseeable future, for another high school in that area. He knew that, given the proper support, the Parmele school would not only continue his record of service to the community but would, with improved facilities, become an agency for the dissemination of knowledge that would stir up the entire community with a desire for economic betterment. He knew that those fighting his expansion views were the selfish fear for the whites who would do anything within their power to prevent the Negroes in Western Martin County from becoming free men and women. Because he represented such lofty aims and ideals, Prof. Chance was charged with fighting the school board, the State Board and Oak City. However, there is always a difference between fighting for something and fighting against something.

The story of the W. C. Chance School at Parmele is well known and it is itself proof of the imagination, vision and wisdom of its founder, Prof. W. C. Chance. At a time when Negro high school education in eastern North Carolina was merely a dream, Prof. Chance had courage to try to do something about it. Using his own time and resources, he traveled through the northern states, telling the story of his people's needs and aspirations. When he had collected sufficient funds, he initiated his program, he returned to Martin County, purchased the land on which the school now stands and donated it to the county for its use in building a Negro high school. All this was done despite the statement of Mr. J. C. Manning, Martin County superintendent of schools, that the County purchased the land for the school. Through Prof. Chance's efforts more funds were collected and when the school was finally built in recognition of his outstanding contributions, his name was chosen as the one best suited for the new school.

The Parmele school did not come to occupy the high place among Negro schools of Eastern North Carolina, where school standards are notoriously low, by waiting for fate or luck to open the way. Prof. Chance knew that although the task of getting the school started was a hard one, the big and more important job was one of development. With that idea in mind, he bent himself to the task and through long years of toil, sacrifice and devotion, he saw his dream slowly but surely being realized. Today, it would appear, that instead of building a new school at Oak City, the common sense, practical thing to do would be to equate and strengthen the school at Parmele in order that its usefulness might reach

Deep River Sunday School Confab Slated This Week

Note: The CAROLINIAN is continuing this week its coverage of religious activities in the Piedmont and eastern areas of the state. Our staff of writers and photographers are being sent to different places to get stories and pictures. Since it is impossible for them to visit all places where conferences, conventions and association meetings are being held, you are requested to send us news and pictures of your meeting whenever possible, all material sent in will be published. JAMES A. SHEPARD, Director, Religious Education for the North Carolina State Baptist Convention has been chosen to make the featured address on religious education before the 54th annual Deep River Missionary Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention, convening this week, July 25, 26, 27 in Rainsboro, N. C. at the Oakland Baptist church, the Rev. Mr. A. T. Tuck, pastor. The theme for this year's meeting is "Building Today for the Future" and every attempt has been made to outline the program to pattern that theme. Building today for the future means among other things placing a greater emphasis upon the spiritual values and concepts in order that a truly substantial religious foundation may be laid. Looking upon the confusion and disillusionment now confronting mankind, the need for a more secure deeply rooted background of Christianity is every where apparent. Religious training based upon Christian principles has ever been the aim of Baptists everywhere and the officers and members of the Deep River Association are ever alert in the task of carrying forward of this aim. The moderator of the Deep River Association, the Rev. Mr. O. P. Foster and the officers, including the Rev. Mr. D. H. Gibmore, president of the Baptist Training Union and Mrs. O. L. Payton, President of the Association Sunday School Convention, together with other officers and members, have done everything within their power to put together a convention that will be long remembered for its accomplishments for good. For many years the Deep River Association has contributed generously to the financial support of Shaw University, the denominational institution of higher learning, which for over 75 years has been training the youth of this nation how to overcome with God. The Association also gives financial aid to the young men and women of its 29 member churches and Sunday schools in order to aid them in their quest for Christian education. These 29 churches and church schools, representing over 5000 Baptists, constitute a mighty force for good and its influence for good is felt not only in the immediate served by the association, but also in surrounding sections. The foreign mission field, so dear to the hearts of all Baptists, has not been neglected by the Deep River Missionary Baptist Association. A sizeable contribution is made each year to help support this cause and a portion of this year's program has been dedicated to foreign missions. Moderator, Rev. O. P. Foster and all the officers of the Deep River Association extend to you a most cordial invitation to attend their convention this year and have your soul refreshed and your spiritual need revived.



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its highest potential. Incentive and initiative are given small hope when politics are allowed to slow down the march of progress. When a Negro in North Carolina becomes too vocal in his fight for justice, ways and means are found to eliminate him. The most revolting and disgusting aspect of this nefarious system is that there are always Negroes placed in high stations for just such purposes, ready and willing to do the hatchet work. After all the facts in the case have been assembled and studied and taking a wholly unbiased look at the situation, the question still causes an answer, what does Martin County want?

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