

A Reporter Looks At KINSTON

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IF THE REPORTER WHO IS taking a look at Kinston this time, can't say that it exactly like what I see. While Negroes are growing daily more economically secure in this Heart of Tobacco land city, they — in many cases — seem to be growing stronger in their pocket and weaker in the brain.

Kinston has its Negro organization, which can be relied upon to represent the majority of the Negro citizens. Headed by a scratchy, fat-tipped Duke Tompkins, all but the Kinston branch NAACP out of existence, and other factors in the city are hard at work trying to make the eight Kinston citizens who have taken upon themselves a fight for equal school back down in the aisle.

that he was always a "good student" and a "great guy."

ANOTHER OF THE BEECH LOYS is doing all right for himself in this big, wide woolly world. Julian Okrown in musical circles as Vincent Tempo recently went on tour with Tab Smith's Orchestra. He is a trombone and an arranger worth noting. We just crossed paths at Raleigh's Club Colorado where his band was playing for the official reopening.

TAB SMITH, INCIDENTAL- LY is a native of Kinston, N.C. Wilson has often been claimed. In a recent conversation in which Tab expressed his sorrow over the death of Durham's Dr. C. C. Spaulding, it was learned that the late say master once played with the Carolina Serranades, once booked out of Kinston.

WE FAILED TO SEE OUR BOY Eddie Wooten while cruising around town the other week. He was once at Lexie's Cafe (some few years ago) and lately has been piloting a taxicab about the city.

Misses seeing his wife, the former Miss Ida Isler also, recall Ida as that cute contralto who played the role of Jephtha's Daughter in a cantata of the same name staged at a Durham High School "way back when." Co-starring in the presentation was James Samuels, who worked up to become the first Negro police lieutenant in the State.

THE DUNN BROTHERS are now the big shots at the Rhythm Club, they tell me. They had the hotel on "that side" of the street, remember?

"DOC" EDWARDS IS AID TO be out of town with his show at present, with plans to go back into the night-life business as soon as the season is over.

THOSE MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE "GOOD" OLD DAYS in Kinston when the ten people who represented all that was left of a "brand, new, magnificent exhibition of talent and artistry" staggered into the town about half-past-nothing in the morning one day about 10 years ago.

Kinston should be indeed proud that a woman of the calibre of Mrs. J. J. Hannibal chose to cast her lot with the progressive-minded segment of the populace of her adopted hometown. Mrs. Hannibal has proven and is still proving that she can "take it," where as other natives and long-time Kinston residents have proven at the same time that just can't make the grade. An example of this latter classification is the well-known Kinston businessman who suddenly "discovered" that he had an appointment anywhere else but in the room where members of the Kinston school board had promised to confer with striking Dilford High School students last season.

The courageous woman was left alone to face the threats, curses and taunts of the city's Father. She faced these curses, threats, and taunts and came out scathed but unyielding. A truly great woman.

ATTORNEY M. H. JOHNSON, one of the lawyers employed to handle litigation of the pending school suit, needs not be told about what happens at Adkins High School. He already knows. He graduated from Adkins before entering NC College and eventually Law School.

SPEAKING OF LAWYERS, Kinston's Harvey Beech can now be called "Lawyer" Beech. He was among those scoring highest marks in recent State Bar exams at Raleigh. The motley crew of which I was a part "worked" its way to Kinston by giving impromptu shows at farmhouses and village stores along the route. Upon arrival, after resting as well as possible at Kinston, the entire group,

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MAN TOSSED

The defendant, according to testimony, told officers he planned to kill his wife and had asked her to go out to a riverside cafe to support Shude, according to officers. She later decided he would not kill his wife after they had talked things over. However, the officer testified Shude told him that he was in a car parked near a bridge construction camp where he lived.

Shude said he hit his wife with a "rabbit punch" behind the head and when he failed to revive her he felt he had killed her. Shude told officers and Shoat testified that the defendant carried his wife's body to a catwalk of a railroad bridge that crosses the river.

On the way to the bridge Shude was reported to have stumbled over something heavy and decided to go back and get it.

It was a 18-pound sand pump found on the body when it was discovered.

The weight was attached by a piece of wire that Shude told officers, he used. The defendant said he lowered his wife into the waters of the Yadkin after he had gone out on the catwalk.

NAACP OFFICIAL

Rocky Mount the driver ordered Williams to move to the rear of the bus. He refused and was arrested and placed in jail for a few hours until bail could be secured. When the case was called in Rocky Mount City Court it proved to be a "hot potato" for officials there with considerable time spent in conference with Williams' attorney, Conrad O. Pearson of Durham.

Judge Norman Gold dismissed the charge against Williams. Pearson started proceedings for a suit shortly thereafter.

HOSPITAL DENIES

He said he administered morphine to ease the pain and told the two men that she needed surgery immediately.

Dr. Stewart told the men they should take the woman to another hospital at once. Dr. John T. Lloyd, hospital staff surgeon, is on vacation in Canada and Kenneth Pearson, acting surgeon, lives in Raleigh.

The doctor said he suggested a Henderson hospital, 25 miles away. He said it would have taken well over an hour to summon the acting surgeon.

He said that at no time was the woman denied admission.

"Neither I nor any physician in town is qualified for the surgery that the woman needed," Dr. Stewart said.

"If her death is due to lack of medical attention, then the blame lies solely on the shoulders of the two men who brought her here and refused to follow my suggestion," he declared.

YOUTHFUL SINGER

First prize winner in the finals was Miss Jeannita Woods of Pittsboro, N.C., who won a \$1,500 scholarship. There were twenty-five contestants.

Miss Weaver is the daughter of Mrs. Essie Weaver on West Hargett Street. She plans to attend Shaw University this fall, majoring in elementary education.

BIG OPERATION

The administration building of the Shenley plant in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, made available without charge to church, school, youth, fraternal, business, labor and other civic groups.

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NEWS OF OBERLIN

The funeral of Miss Norma Morgan, a former resident of Oberlin, who died in Durham last Friday night after a lingering illness, was held Tuesday afternoon August 25th at Wilson Temple Methodist Church on Oberlin Road. Here Miss Morgan was a long time member.

Miss Morgan was the daughter of the late Mr. Amos Morgan and Mrs. Lulu Morgan, both life long residents of Oberlin. She was born here and attended school here in Raleigh. At the time of her death, Miss Morgan was thirty seven years of age.

The funeral was conducted by the Reverend Mr. Emils M. Whaley, pastor of Wilson Temple and music was by the senior class of the church. Mrs. Mildred Seaver gave a sweetly tender rendition of "No Night There." Interment was in Oberlin cemetery.

Surviving Miss Morgan are three sisters, Mrs. Geraldine Bloom of Raleigh, Mrs. Evelyn Ryan of Brooklyn, N. Y., Miss Clinton May, daughter of New York City and the brother Mr. Benjamin Morgan of Raleigh.

Mrs. Helen Goode, 2303 Everett Avenue, has returned home after a three week visit to Washington, D. C. While in Washington Mrs. Goode visited her daughter, Mrs. Jacqueline Goode Shelton, her son, Mr. Julius Goode and her mother, Mr. Leonard Hunter.

Mrs. Thelma Holloway, 2411 Everett Avenue is in Springfield, Mass. visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas, Mrs. Julia Turner and Miss Nannie Morgan, motored to Cherokee last week end to see the historical drama, "Unto These Hills." The party spent the week end in Asheville with friends.

Mr. Henry Andrews Jr. has returned to his home on Oberlin Road after a short visit in Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Mabel Turner Wimberly of Detroit, Mich. is spending some time here with her mother, Mrs. Della Turner at Mrs. Turner's home on Oberlin Road.

Number Of Elementary Schools In NC Reduced 50 Per Cent Since 1930

RALEIGH — According to the latest figures, however, being State Department of Public Instruction there were 3,374 elementary schools taught in 1929-30. There were 2,697 schools of this type in 1950-51. This does not mean a reduction of 2,477 schools during this period, or more than 50 percent.

The reduction has been constant. This has been true for both white and Negro schools, the former having decreased from 3,119 in 1929-30 to 2,626 in 1950-51, where as similar schools for Negroes were reduced from 258 in 1929-30 to 67 in 1950-51.

Based on size of school according to number of teachers employed, there is a decreasing trend in number of small schools and an increasing trend in a number of large schools. This is due to both

of this size the range is from 21 in Ashe to one in several units. Among the 84 county units that have 723 Negro schools of this size, the range is from 38 in Caswell to one in a number of units.

Noteworthy is the fact that on the whole small schools are mainly in mountain counties in the white race, but mainly in counties in the eastern section in the case of Negroes.

There are only 25 schools for white children among the city units that have less than seven teachers. There are 61 Negro schools of this size in city units governed largely by density of population, and so such units do not as a rule have many schools. As will be noted by the totals, 223 of the 229 schools for whites had 10 or more teachers and 19 of the 104 schools for Negroes were of this size.

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