

Hopping About TARHEELIA

By Jay Bee Aytch

NASHCOMBE SEEKS N. C. FUND BIRTH

ROCKY MOUNT — Nash and Edgecombe Counties, with Rocky Mount as the dividing line center city, are striving to qualify as one of the thirteen Coastal Plains communities to share in the now-emerging North Carolina Fund to reduce poverty and ignorance through the medium of subsidized educational training and school programs in all areas of life.

W. W. Shaw, president, Peoples Bank, (which serves both counties), is the chairman of the Steering Committee North Carolina Fund to alleviate poverty and ignorance. Shaw headed the project survey committee, whose exhaustive research has revealed many embarrassing statistics relative to low income, high illegitimacy and poor housing, particularly as it affected the non-white (Colored) population.

The N. C. Fund is an outgrowth of Gov. Terry H. Sanford's efforts to improve the status of the Old North State, whose image has the following unsavory ratings among the fifty states: 42 states have larger per capita income than Tarheelia; with the Twin-Country area stacking up almost equal; Tarheelia rates 63rd among the 100 Tarheel counties in per capita income while Nash is 88th. Nash has the 64th place in unemployment; 67th in housing, with eighty per cent earning less than \$3,000 per family of five in 15 townships.

Only three townships had an average family income of \$3,000 per year in Nash and seven townships showed an average of less than one thousand dollars, Shaw's comprehensive report indicated. (State College and State Welfare helped provide the facts).

The economic figures were about the same for Edgecombe colored population; but on morals, Shaw quoted the Tarboro Southerner, (daily newspaper) as stating that "... of 650 Negro total births, 245 were of unwed mothers—an increase over previous years."

Nash's North Whitakers township had the highest birth rate—100 per 1,000 births.

Of the 1054 high school graduates expected this year from the Nashcombe community, only 150 of them will go to college, stated Shaw stated.

"What are we trying to do to remedy this?" Shaw asked, and answered: We are proposing to establish community schools for the drop-outs—old as well as young—and pay them to do some type job while attending whatever type class they wish to study that will better equip them for self-sustaining employment because "it is far cheaper to educate a boy or girl (even if you have to pay them) than to have the State maintain them the rest of their lives."

The N. C. Fund is expected to approximate some \$14 million, with \$7 million to be allocated to relieving the poverty of the displaced Negro people, Shaw stated.

The program envisions even pre-schools or nurseries to equip the beginners to enter the first grade, because, educators contend that there is where the drop-out starts—even with a lack of proper personal hygienic training—and frequently by the time the child reaches the fifth grade he or she is discouraged and becomes a drop-out, according to Shaw's survey.

Shaw said if the N. C. Fund did not become available to Nashcombe community, other ways would be found to operate the redemption program on a two scale. Speaking of the dearth of Registered Nurses in Tarheelia (with only three training hospitals turning out less than 700 annually) Shaw said that he had approached the trustees (he is one) of a local hospital regarding the training of colored girls as nurses since Negroes represent forty per cent of the area population. This will have to be approved by the doctors, he added.

Frank G. Battie, prominent North Whitakers community farmer, presided over the meeting at St. John Baptist Church near Red Oak, which drew about one hundred farm leaders from Nashcombe. Nash Farm Extension Agent W. Frank Wright promoted the meeting and invited the community leaders to get organized in their local communities to do the ground work necessary to qualify for participating in the N. C. Fund project. A county-wide meeting was announced for Nashville Court-house, March 4 for Community Development organization.

The Rev. S. G. Dunston, Louisville Baptist minister and ardent worker in the NAACP in Franklin and Nash Counties, drove from Louisville to Nashville for NAACP meeting and brought two of his officers with him—Otis Gill and Deacon Hill. Mr. Dunston also pastors North Hill Baptist Church, near Nashville, and is continually preaching civil rights to his congregation.

The Nashville NAACP was addressed by Rev. Dunston and J. B. Harren, both of whom warned the fledgling Youth Council about to be organized, to be sure to learn and adhere strictly to the NAACP program in order to succeed in civil rights work. James Wiggins is the chief youth leader in the organization, group, whose members are racing to get memberships.

Lee Burton is senior branch president, Percy Gorham is vice presy and Morten Boddie, treasurer. Funeral rites were said here recently from the Calvary Baptist Church for the Rev. James Arthur Howell, 78-year-old native of Edgecombe County, near Tarboro, who had made his home here for forty years. Rev. Solomon Jones conducted the funeral.

The deceased is survived by one son, Eddie Lee Page, Washington, D. C., and "a niece who was like a daughter to him", Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, 1009 Beale Street, Rocky Mount. Other relatives include Mrs. Mary Lewis and Sidney Lewis, Jr., of Beale Street.

NEWS AND VIEWS

—BY— J. B. HARRIS

TALENT LEAPS COLOR-BAR

ROCKY MOUNT—With the promotion, rather, appointment or nomination (subject to Senate approval) of Carl Rowan, 38-year-old midwestern-reared Negro Newspaper man to the position of director of the United States Information Agency (USIA) to succeed retiring acting director Edward R. Murrow, President Lyndon Baines Johnson struck another strike against racial bigotry.

When Rowan was appointed last March by the late President John F. Kennedy as U. S. Ambassador to Finland, then Vice President Johnson said of Rowan: "Rarely have I seen a public servant who had all the qualifications I think a public servant should have. Carl Rowan has those qualifications."

It is said that during the last presidential campaign that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Rowan had some very strong arguments, which resulted in Rowan's contentions being proven correct. Therefore, Johnson reportedly had an admirable respect for Rowan's judgment which led to his current appointment which helps greatly to renew or instill the faith of the black people in the United States of America.

Rowan has always been a colored man who was able to compete on the basis of ability regardless of race because he had his newspaper work on white newspapers of the mid-west where prejudices were not so acute. In 1953 Rowan gained national attention when he was selected as "one of America's ten outstanding young men of 1953," according to "USIA Correspondent"

(Jan. 1964), which quotes President Johnson as saying further of Rowan: "As a perspective observer of world affairs, as an effective diplomat and public servant, as a tireless worker for the improvement of America's position in the eyes of all the world, he (Rowan) is superbly qualified by training and experience to carry on the work of Ed Murrow."

Youth who are prone to dropout of school or college, or waste their time and the hard-to-get finance of their parents or guardians should read the books he has written to inspire Negro youths to strive to live as full Americans and educate themselves as to be the equal of any American or world citizen.

We observe that of the thirty-seven listed individuals whose religious experiences are quoted on the "Lenten Guideposts" series running this year in our local daily, only one is that of a member of the Black race. Previously there have been two or three colored quoted.

We don't see how some of the Negroes of Atlanta, Georgia can afford to call veteran attorney and NAACP member and national board member A. T. Walden an "Uncle Tom" when he has been fighting in the forefront for civil rights when many of those now rushing the cause were afraid to stick their collective heads out the door for NAACP.

TEACHER INSECURITY
We see by the daily press that a dismissed Washington, North Carolina, colored teacher is suing two principals for \$52 grand, alleging that she was summarily fired without being given a hearing or the reason; contending that it has hampered her chances for securing employment elsewhere. We are sure it must have done so.

We have always had the feeling that law was passed during the heat of the start of the integration drive with the direct focus on Negro teachers with integration leanings (thank God there were a precious, even then) so that they would forever trim in fear of their jobs and dare voice integration nor the program of the NAACP which had

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TAKE PART IN NEGRO HISTORY WEEK ASSEMBLY — Pictured above are some members of nine-third section of the ninth grade at Washington School here who presented "We Shall Overcome," a special assembly in recognition of Negro History Week. Reading left to right, front row: Milton Dolby, Daniel Williams, Rebecca Bryant, Yvonne Beckwith, Betty

Watson, Rozie Poole, William Cooley, Samuel Smith, Shirley Hunter, Peggie Bailey, Peggy Bryant, Frederick Flagg and Howard Jones. Back row, left to right: Dorothy McNeil, Betty DeBose, Melvin Baker, Billy Barner, John Lyons, Prentice Poole, Charles McNeil, William Yates, and Anthony Ratliff.

Washington School News

Washington Junior High School climaxed its Negro History Week observance with an assembly program sponsored by the nine-third section of the ninth grade last Thursday during the regular assembly period. The class, attired in navy blue and white, opened the program by singing James Welton Johnson's "Lift Every Voice and Sing" followed by a choral speaking of the Twenty-fourth Psalm and the Lord's Prayer.

The play, "We Shall Overcome," written especially for the class's presentation, showed how the Negro spirit of 1975 had taken education as his primary method to use in obtaining first-class citizenship. Participants were Yvonne Beckwith, who portrayed the Spirit of 1975, Charles McNeil, who represented the Declaration of Independence, Samuel Smith, who represented the Constitution of the United States, Betty Watson, who represented the American's Creed, and Dorothy McNeil, who portrayed the voter of 1975.

The Voice of the Past Negro was narrated by Dempsey Hardy, student-teacher from Shaw University. Betty DeBose recited "The Master Key," Rebecca Bryant was Mistress of ceremonies. The program was under the general supervision of Mrs. Hazel N. Logan, instructor.

BUNN NEWS

BY HENRY M. GATTERWHITE
BUNN—The Bunn Chapel Sunday School began at 10:00 o'clock with the superintendent, Mr. Phillip Dunston, in charge. Title of the lesson was, "A man made whole." It was enjoyed by everyone present.

The Zion Springs Church began its regular worship service at 11:30 with the Rev. Beamon in charge; the choir rendered music. The service was enjoyed by those present. Sick and Shut-In:

Mrs. Vernell Booth of Bunn; Miss Linda Payne Moore of Bunn; Miss Ellen Jean Crudup of Bunn; Mr. Dave Crudup of Bunn is sick at Duke Hospital.

Also sick are: Mr. Richard Diekens of Bunn; Mrs. Lizzie Satterwhite of Route 2, Zebulon; Mr. Norman Thompson of Route 2, Zebulon; Mrs. Orestre Clemons of Rt. 2, Zebulon; Miss Janet Hartsfield of Bunn; and Mrs. Lena Anderson of Bunn.

given them equal pay and equal educational opportunity.

It is our regret that this Beaufort County former tutor did not have the courage to include the entire school board as a party to her suit instead of just the two principals, who, after all, were mere puppets of the school board and had to dance to the tune when the school board and superintendent played the fiddle. That is the ugly truth all over Tarheelia and the South. And that's why colored teachers should get up enough intestinal fortitude (stug, backwards) to join the NAACP in Tarheelia One Hundred Per Cent Strong—all 12,000 of you State employees—so that we could adequately cope with just situations as this which occur every year.

No teacher can do his or her best work for the children and be under constant fear of firing or harassment, working on a year-to-year, even month-to-month basis. And the legislators who passed that law had only subjugation of black people in mind, being too stupid to realize that to continue to bridge the freedom of expression of a million Negroes in the Old North State was but to continue to hold down the much-needed progress of our beloved diversified State. Thank God FREEDOM IS COMING ANYHOW!

And if that lady can win a cash judgment (first, she should amend the suit to include the school board as afore-stated), she should donate half of it to the NAACP.

Now the embattled principals will have to tell their school board: "White folks, you got us into this, so you'll have to pay our way out." We sympathize with them.

We are looking to hear from our friends the Andrews, 1503 Fifth Street, N. E. in Dec. Cee, recent subscribers to this column. Dausunly still reigns at Mt. Zion Baptist Church here, following the lifting of a temporary injunction which had restrained the Rev. George W. Dudley from using the church or pulpit for two Sundays. It is intimated that there will be further legal actions taken by the dissent group, who had been dismissed from the church months ago. Look for further developments soon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McCalop of Calypso were also guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. McCalop. Mr. M. Blackmore and Mr. L. Marshall of Calypso visited Miss Linda Armstrong recently.

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PRINCIPAL AWARDS PLAQUE — N. M. McMillan, principal of the Apex Consolidated High School, is shown at left presenting the plaque for "Best Class of the Month" for January to Samuel Stewart, Jr., right; and Oscar Farrar, center, representatives of the senior class.



USHER BOARD OBSERVES 32ND YEAR — The Usher Board of Payne's Temple AMEZ Church of Mt. Olive, celebrated its 32nd anniversary recently. Pictured above are its members. Seated, left to right: Mrs. B. W. Smith, secretary; Mrs. N. G. Washington, chairman. Standing, left to right: Donnie McClain, H. Kennedy, Miss M. Powell, Mrs. A. M. Bowden, C. L. Fov, president, and Mrs. J. Jones. Mrs. N. G. Washington was crowned the most popular usher for raising the highest sum of money for the occasion and Mrs. B. W. Smith was the runner-up.

Mount Olive Highlights

BY ALFONZA EZZELL
MOUNT OLIVE — Payne's Temple's Usher Board celebrated its 32nd anniversary recently at the church. With the support of other usher boards of the city it was a great success. The program was highlighted by the Carver Glee Club, directed by Mrs. Chasten, and an oration, "Negroes in America," by Miss Mary King.

The members of Payne's Temple Usher Board rallied among themselves to see who could raise the highest amount of money for the occasion. Mrs. N. G. Washington reported the highest amount, \$14, and was crowned the most popular usher of the board. Mrs. B. W. Smith was runner-up, having \$2. First and second prizes were presented to the winner and runner-up by Mrs. M. V. Wynn.

Mr. Hardy Kennedy was surprisingly honored with a gift from the board, presented by the president, Mr. C. L. Fox, for being with the Usher Board during its 32 years. Flowers were presented to Mrs. N. G. Washington by the board for her splendid leadership.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKinley and family of Smith Chapel visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ezzell, Jr., and family. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Armstrong and family recently.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Cromartie and son of Calypso, Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. J. Bell, all of Durham spent Sunday afternoon in Warsaw visiting Mr. B. Stevens of Calypso, and Mr. D. Waters of Faison, at Duke Hospital.

Rev. A. G. Boon of Fayetteville, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Calypso, was the weekend guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. McCalop.

Among our visitors were: Mrs. Amy Crews, Mrs. Bessie Perry of Newark, N. J.; Mrs. Walter Crews, Jr., and children of Plainfield, N. J.; Mrs. M. W. Askew of Raleigh; Miss Laura Ann Harris, Wake Forest; Mrs. Dorothy Jones, Rolesville. Also visiting with us were friends from Durham.

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Apex News

BY MRS. LOUISE COLVIN

APEX—Worship service began at First Baptist at 11:00 A. M. The pastor, the Rev. W. T. Bigelow, delivered a very interesting sermon. His text was taken from the 17th chapter of St. John, verses 1-56-20. Subject: "Prayer in the upper room."

The Junior Choir was in charge of the devotion.

Youth Fellowship Hour
The Youth Fellowship Hour was very interesting.

Several group leaders were appointed, certain passages of scripture were read, mentioning food, and they were to bring in the food mentioned. Some had to be substituted. The foods spelled out the word "Lucky", so that's what it was. Many attractive plates were prepared and served to the youngsters and adults too. It was lots of fun and a large attendance was noted.

On Sunday night at 7:30, the Usher Board of First Baptist observed its 9th anniversary. Rev. J. R. Burt, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist in Chatham, was the guest speaker. Others on the program were: Mr. Lawrence Manow, who gave the welcome address; Miss Branda Beard, of Holly Springs Christian

Church, who gave a very good reading as did Mrs. Flora Hatley of White Oak Baptist. The Rev. M. P. McCleave and a large number of his members of Siler City were present. Other Usher Boards represented were: Union Memorial, Brazzel Creek, First Baptist, Piquety, New Light Baptist and Mt. Zion of Greensboro, St. James, Holly Springs Christian, White Oak Baptist and Locust Grove. Rev. Brown was present also.

Mrs. Doris Richardson and Miss Floya Cotten were mistresses of ceremony. The offering taken was \$120.00. The president, Mr. Frank Coffield, and members of the Usher Board deeply appreciate all groups helping to make this a very successful anniversary.

Library News
On Monday night at 7:30, the friends of the Library met at the Apex Public Library where plans were discussed as to how to make one of the projects we are working on more effective. That is: getting all eligible non-voters registered. We hope you will notice the posters in every church represented, and public business places, that the Junior Friends have worked out, urging the citizens to please register and vote. Help them and yourselves by getting your name on the book and voting. A film entitled "World Artist Marian Anderson," was shown. We had to move across the street to the basement of First Baptist for that showing.

The members of the Atwater Rest Home enjoyed the visit of four of the Junior Friends of the Library: Misses Jacqueline Williams, Patricia Bigelow, Floya Cotten and Teresa Colvin, who sang for them, played a Bible quiz game with them and had prayer with them. Their plans are to visit at least once a month.

The Citizens Club will meet at the Apex Public Library Monday night at 7:30. All citizens are invited to attend.

Apex School

Seniors Receive "Best Class of Month" Award

APEX — The Apex Consolidated High School honored its first "Best Class of the Month" in a special assembly on Tuesday, February 11, in the school gymnasium. Receiving his honor were both sections of the Senior Class, who had tied for first place in the merit points they had received for good behavior during the month. Both sections had accumulated 98 points each.

In presenting the beautiful plaque to the senior class representatives Samuel Stewart and Oscar Farrar, Mr. McMillan, the principal, spoke in high praise of the seniors. He also urged the other classes to strive that they, too, might win the honor of "Best Class of the Month." In addition to receiving the plaque, the Seniors were also honored at a social hour given on their behalf by the principal.

many innovations made by Mr. McMillan, who is in his second year as principal of the Apex School. Under this system, each homeroom section is given 25 merit points per week as an incentive for good behavior. If any member of the class commits an offense during the week, merit points are deducted from that class for each offense reported. There is a possibility of a class accumulating as many as 100 merit points a month.

The incorporation of the merit system has greatly enhanced the attitude of the student body toward improved behavior patterns. It carries with it the connotation that students should be rewarded for exemplifying outstanding conduct and behavior as well as punishment for undesirable behavior.

The student body as a whole is enthusiastically receiving this plan for improved conduct. Miss Sarah Steele, president of the Student Council, was in charge of the special assembly.

Ralph J. Bunche School News

Faculty Play

WELDON—On February 3, the Bunche Elementary Players presented a three-act comedy entitled, "Aunt Samantha Rules the Roost" to a packed house in the Bunche Gymnasium. From beginning to end this sure fire hit brought howls of laughter. The guest speaker, sponsor from the audience showed a keen appreciation of the play and its characters.

The Bunche Elementary faculty wishes to thank all sponsors and everyone else responsible for the success of this program.

Bulletin Boards
The bulletin boards in the various buildings of the Bunche Elementary School are just as attractive and informative as those of the previous month. February, the little month of fame and fun, has been justly treated in these eye-catching displays by students and teachers.

Many classes observed Children's National Dental Week February 3-8. Health habits in relation to the teeth were stressed. The students concluded that as the teeth play an important role in making us look better, eat better and talk better, it is very essential to take good care of them.

Negro History Week
The observance of Negro History Week February 9-16 at the Bunche Elementary School was highlighted by the presentation of two chapel programs. Mr. L. H. Mosely, principal Gumbery High School, Gumbery, was the guest speaker on Friday. He delivered a very inspiring address to the student body. Mr. J. Raburn, supervisor of the Weldon Unit, was also a platform guest and made some very timely remarks.

Weldon Unit Meeting
The Bunche Elementary Teachers were host to the Weldon City Unit of the N. C. T. A. recently. Mr. F. D. McNeil, field representative of N. C. T. A. was the guest speaker. His speech was enjoyable as well as informative.

PTA Meeting
The PTA of the Bunche Elementary School met recently in the school cafeteria with the president, Richard Boone, presiding. After opening there was a short business session followed by remarks from the principal, J. A. Campbell.

GOSSIP of the MOVIE LOTS

BY CALLA SCRIVNER

POITER'S "LILIES OF THE FIELD" NOMINATED
The Academy Awards nomination ball was held recently to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as the selection process for the 1963 "Oscar" Awards began.

In the nomination process, voters indicate five preferences in eight categories: best direction; best picture of the year; best story and screenplay written directly for the screen; best performance by an actor and actress; and best supporting role.

Polls for nominations in these categories closed Feb. 14. All nominations will be announced Feb. 24.

Almost half of the 290 feature-length motion pictures eligible for "Oscars" this year were filmed in color, a survey of films released during 1963 disclosed.

Of those pictures which meet requirements for consideration for Oscars at the 36th Annual Presentation, 135 were produced in color and 155 in black and white, including the Sidney Poitier starrer, "Lilies of the Field."

Only those feature-length motion pictures in English or with English sub-titles shown commercially for the first time during 1963 in Los Angeles are eligible for Academy Awards.

Last year's list of eligible films totaled 311.

Separate consideration is given films competing for the Foreign Language Film Award. Pictures submitted in this category need not have been shown in the United States, and English sub-titles are not required.

Jack Lemmon will be the master of ceremonies for the "Oscar" show, to be held for the fourth consecutive year at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. The "Oscar" show will be carried over the combined radio and television facilities of the American Broadcasting Co., the television facilities of the Canadian Broadcasting Co. and the world-wide radio network of the Armed Forces Radio Service.

KHJ-TV (Channel 9) has recently purchased a series of 10 first-run, hour-long documentaries titled "The Living Camera," according to Mal Klein, vice president and general manager.

The episodes are "Nehru—James" a chapter on actress Jane Fonda; "Eddie," featuring race driver Eddie Sachs; "Susan Starr"; "The Chair," a story of a Chicago murderer which won the top 1962 Cannes Film Festival Award for a TV film.

ZEBULON
BY MADDIE FLOYD
ZEBULON—Sunday School began at 10 a.m. with the superintendent in charge of the devotional period. Subject of the lesson, "Gadarene Demoniac."

Morning worship service began at 11:30 with the Rev. Mangum reading the scripture. He delivered a wonderful sermon, using as his subject, "Look on us." The Junior choir was in charge of the music with Mrs. Verneta Harris as the director.

ETU began at 6 p.m., with the president in charge. A very fine discussion was heard.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Bridgeman celebrated her 19th birthday Feb. 17. We wish for her a very happy day and many happy returns.

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