

Hopping About
TARHEELIA'

By Jay Bee Aytch

NEGRO HISTORY
BY JOHN MEBANE

TARBORO—One of the few remaining colored "oldtimers" in Tarheelia who is well-versed in the educational, religious, and fraternal history and folklore of the Negroes as they have striven to advance since the Emancipation is the 74-year-old Rev. John Alexander Mebane, a native of Bertie County (Windsor) in the eastern "Black Belt" where several counties—not unlike Mississippi and Alabama—have larger colored populations than white.

During a recent political action meeting in Tarboro, the chairman indulged Mebane in reviewing the start and struggle of Negro education as he related that Shaw University (now suffering from old age and the lack of attention from former students) was the pioneer, not only among Baptist of the State and South; but was the producer of the men who later founded the present group of State Colleges for Negroes which are now known as Elizabeth City State College, Fayetteville State, North Carolina College at Durham, Winston-Salem College and even the giant Agricultural and Technical College at Greensboro.

Visiting a few years ago with Mebane the old house where he was born, he reminisced about lying in bed as a boy and hearing his father—who served in the North Carolina Legislature just before disenfranchisement—help the late Dr. P. W. Moore plan for the founding of old Elizabeth City Normal School (now college).

Rev. Mebane says 37 schools were privately organized by Negroes who went north and begged money with singing student groups to build the nucleus of colored education the program and building of which (many) were later turned over to the several counties and state to start the flow of public education for Negroes at a time when there was nothing beyond elementary school publicly provided for them. All other schools were from the Mission Department of the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, in a few instances Catholics; and the Negroes themselves.

Mebane points to the noted Joseph K. Brink School (later junior college) Enfield begun in 1898 by the American Missionary Association (Congregational) with the late Thomas S. Inboden at the helm for 38 years. William Claude Chance, Sr. and Rev. I. S. Riddick built small Baptist schools at Parnell in Martin county. (Chance later became famous for his stand against railroad segregation and paved the way for the breaking down of that barrier to freedom, as did John Williams of Spring Hope in that area of bus segregation. Both men went to jail and federal court and won their cases in the early 80's.)

On the political side, Mebane says "Edgewood County was once the greatest political stronghold for Negroes in Tarheelia; and has now become one of the most complacent about voting." He lists Congressman H. P. Cheatham and George White as having come from this area. White was the last Negro in Congress until Oscar DeLoach came on the scene from Chicago. Dred Wimberly was in the N. C. Assembly and his one vote saved the then fledgling University of North Carolina from closing if it failed to get a \$15,000 appropriation. Frank Daney was mayor of Tarboro during those years.

Frederick Mebane recalls when white persons instead of driving the Negroes off to north and west as is the case now, passed laws

arresting and jailing anyone whites trying to hire the Negroes away from their farms and labor jobs here.

Mebane's philosophy says: "These closest to the mountains often fail to see or appreciate the height, beauty and magnitude of them." Thus he says that Negroes are so close to the victory of obtaining their rights and equal opportunities in life if only they will avail themselves of all educational opportunities leading to better jobs through better personal deportment and the exercise of all chances to improve themselves.

"... AT GUNPOINT"

Mebane remembers that the Negroes were forced out of politics at gun-point about the year 1901 when they were driven out of the old courthouse at Tarboro; and at Wilmington they were killed or driven away or into the river. In New Bern the colored homes were burned and citizens frightened away. Many never returned. In many areas the ballots of Negroes were noted counted as they were driven from the polls. (It takes a venerable "Red Buck" Bryant a white reporter last heard from living near Charlotte, to tell of how he was in Tarboro as a young reporter when Negroes were driven from the courthouse and away from politics.)

Negro school teachers were under the influence of the white school boards in those days. (1901 to 1908) who had instructed them to offer Negroes from \$16 to \$22.50 per month for a three, four or five months term. (The writer recalls that his father the late Prof. Benjamin Harren got only \$20, \$22.50 and sometimes \$25 monthly as late as 1909 through 1913.)

According to Mebane, Congressman George White, after making his farewell speech in Congress, warning that other darkness would return to the historic halls, settled in New Jersey where he built a town and named it Whitesboro. Peter W. Moore and a Rev. Morley published a book—"THE MORE TO COME"

Negro In The Bible

EASTERN STAR MEETS

PENDLETON—The 14th Annual Session of the District No. 7, Order of Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliation, Jurisdiction of North Carolina, convened as guest of the Evening Star Lodge No. 583, Mrs. Hattie B. Brown, Worthy Matron, at Pendleton's Willis Hare High School recently.

Mrs. Helena Harris, District Worthy Matron, presided over the sessions. Greetings were by Mrs. Helena Brown of the host chapter. Response was by Mrs. Mollie Carterlow of Goodwill Chapter No. 587.

The annual Message by Mrs. Helena Harris, DWM, was entitled: "Have You Seen His Star?"

Mrs. Addie Byrd, District Grand Deputy reviewed the activities of the district over the past twelve months and thanked the members for their support and asked for a continuation of same.

Among the officers installed were the following: Mrs. Hattie Banks Glover, Worthy Matron; Mrs. Theola Moore, Associate Matron; Mrs. Lucy Dunn, Conductress; Mrs. Viretta Porter, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Georgia Pierce, Secretary; and Mrs. Helena Brown Treasurer.

Other officers include: Meadanes Nettie Clark, Ethel M. Foriest, Hattie B. Brown, Clarissa S. Dupree, Ann Mullen, Janice Pettaway, Emily Paison, Addie Lawrence, Dorothy S. Majette, Alon Bros Robert Anderson, R. L. Moore, and J. A. Hunter.

Following a delightful dinner

APEX

BY MRS. LOUISE COLVIN
Church Activities

APEX—Sunday, June 21, the Rev. W. M. Phillips conducted the devotions at the 11 o'clock worship service at the First Baptist Church. The Young Adult Choir and the junior choir furnished the music and looked very beautiful in their new robes, as they marched to their designated places. Mrs. W. T. Bigelow is in charge of the junior choir and Mrs. J. F. Hunter is director of the young adult choir.

Our pastor, the Rev. W. T. Bigelow, brought to the congregation a very interesting sermon. His text was taken from the Book of Galatians, 6:14. Subject: "The Glory of the Cross." Visitors worshipping with us were: Mrs. Annie Harrington of White Oak Baptist and Mrs. Ralph Collier of Newark, N. J.

On Sunday at Mrs. COLVIN 3:00 p.m. Rev. Bigelow and Stephen rendered service at the High Street Baptist Church in Martinsville, Va. The Rev. Theo. Marsh was the sponsor of the program.

On Sunday at 4 p.m., Men's Day was observed at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Frank Williams, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Greensboro as the guest speaker. His text was taken from the Book of St. Matthew, 8:23. He used as his subject, "What Manner of Man is This?" Accompanying him were his male chorus and a large number of his congregation. First Baptist's Male Chorus also appeared on the program. We congratulated the committee for planning such an interesting program. Rev. W. M. Phillips is chairman of the committee. Many thanks to Mr. N. M. McMillan for preparing the program, and to Miss Ida Hayes and Mrs. Colvin for preparing and serving the guests. The offering taken up for the day came to a total of \$70.50.

Persons Mr. and Mrs. James Lassiter recently moved into their new home on the corner of West and Second Streets.

Lassiter's sister, Mrs. Carrie Riley of Portsmouth, Va., spent the weekend with her recently.

Library News

On Monday at 8 p.m., the Friends of the Library met. The Junior Friends of the Library were assigned to read articles out of a magazine, and give reports on them, by our advisor, Mr. P. A. Williams. Miss Jacqueline Williams gave an interesting report on the "Ten Most Trusted Whites." It was very interesting and helped the interest of all. We regret very much that Mr. P. A. Williams was absent, (but we know it was for a good reason). The attendance was good and refreshments were served. The Ever Ready Club is off to a good start, and we are still inviting the Youth to visit the library.

Rhamkatta News

BY MRS. LUCILLE CHAVIS

RHAMKATTA—Sunday School began at 9:45 a.m. with the superintendent, Mr. George Tucker, presiding. An enjoyable lesson was discussed.

St. John Church celebrated Men's Day Sunday, with the Rev. E. E. Worthy in charge. Rev. Worthy delivered a wonderful sermon. He took his text from the Book of St. Matthew, 11th chapter and the 10th verse.

Bible School closed Friday. There was a Bible School closing program Sunday, at the church at 5 p.m. The Rev. G. A. Jones was our 7:30 p.m. speaker. We must admit he delivered a wonderful sermon.

The 4-H Girls of this community left Monday for a 4-H camp which is being held at A&T College in Greensboro. We are sorry that names of the individuals are not known at this time.

Mr. William Ballentine, Sister Bettie Ballentine and Clydia Mae Hill, are reported the sick of the community. We all wish to send prayers for them and we hope for them very speedy recoveries.

served by the host lodge, the Amaranth Degree was conferred on candidates and the Session adjourned to meet with the Rose of Sharon Lodge No. 563, Liberty, N. C., in May 1958, according to Mrs. Hattie Glover, district reporter.

Galen Martin, working with the State Commission on Human Rights, Frankfort, Ky., spent a few days in Rocky Mount last week interviewing members of both races on a special assignment for the U. S. Civil Rights Commission, part of a 13-city study in human relations sampling of opinions, problems and progress. The next nearest cities to be studied were Savannah, Ga., and Danville, Va.

Youthful Rev. Roy Julius Williams Jr., has just graduated from the Douglas High School at Warsaw, where W. E. Smith is principal. The remarkable thing about 18-year-old Roy Williams is that he is already licensed to preach in the AME Zion Church at the age when far too many youth think only of frivolity. He goes to A&T College this fall and expects to study for the ministry at his con-nec-tional school, Livingstone College.

Rev. M. S. Branch, United Presbyterian minister, says he is trying to encourage Williams all he can in his desire to enter the ministry.

St. James U. Presby. Church Snow Hill (Greene County) is nearing completion with the dedicated work of officers Darius D. Burge, A. L. Jones, J. W. Edwards, Mrs. Nannie Brown, Mrs. Inez Burge, Rev. M. S. Branch and others.

A BEATNIK was caught beating up a small boy. "He broke one of my guitar strings," the bearded one explained. "And he won't tell me which one." CATHOLIC DIGEST

NEWS
AND
VIEWS
—BY—
J. B. HARREN

VOTE FOR LEAST BAD

ROCKY MOUNT—We hope that all citizens of color will go to the polls in large numbers and make themselves really felt June 27th, as never before, as we choose between the two pairs of candidates seeking the number one and number two spots as co-pilots of our Tarheelia Ship-of-State for the next four years. We wish that the entire 150 thousand colored people who are registered would turnout for the sake of freedom and democracy.

And if we really appreciated the hard struggle seventy-three valiant Senators have put up for our freedom and the good name of America—we could go to the polls and vote "EX" before the man considered the least evil toward our cause—freedom.

Our noble contemporary, The Carolina Times says editorially that many Negroes were surprised to read that gubernatorial candidate L. Richardson Preyer had stated that, he, too, was against the Civil Rights bill, which is conceded a 89 per cent chance of being enacted into law by July 4th—after the Lower House of Congress reviews it.

This column can hardly conceive of any informed Negro even lifting an eyebrow at that assertion by Preyer, which was much milder than what his opponent, Dan Moore had to say about our welfare and the National reputation as a citadel of freedom. (Moore said he is saddened and will have the law studied by the attorney-general, if elected.)

No Negro can expect any candidate below the Smith and Wesson Line (at least, south of the Potomac River) to say he is for the civil rights bill. That would be political suicide. Remember the fate of the most noble Dr. Frank Porter Graham, an honest man, standing up for truth, freedom and humanity as well as education. He was too noble a character for the mass of his constituents. They dumped him because he wanted to treat you and me as human equals. So, what we do vote for the man who says the least against us. Put your vote on Preyer and Robert Scott for a good team of active leaders. They will keep Tarheelia moving forward, we believe, with education toward freedom.

Did you ever notice that the more informed (educated) usually have or display far less prejudice or race-hate than the others of whatever race-group? You may say that did not hold true regarding the eliminated candidate I. Beverly Lake in the race for governor, for certainly he was very learned college instructor and a teacher of the Holy Bible in Sunday School for many years! (We don't know how he squired the Bible with his own beliefs). But there are always exceptions to the rule.

On the eve of the passage of the C-R bill by the Senate, the Ku Klux Klan of Tarheelia, led by grand dragon Robert (Bob) Jones of Granite Quarry (near Salisbury) rode into Elm City, a Wilson County village, midway between Wilson and Rocky Mount, and gave a small group of northern white teenagers—16 to 19 years old—just twelve (12) hours to leave their summer project of cleaning and painting the small First Presbyterian Church which has only nine members. The group and two adult leaders, after conferring with the Rev. James H. Costen, minister, (whose regular charge is Mt. Pisgah U. P. Church in Rocky Mount) left the State for their homes in Pittsburgh, Pa. Read full story elsewhere in this newspaper.

If such as that doesn't shock you and you, into joining and supporting the NAACP, then surely nothing shorter than death will do it! When anybody tells you that Negroes should not bloc-vote, you tell them that every group, trade, profession—farmers, craftsmen, teachers, mechanics, railroaders, lawyers, doctors and what-have-you, all lobby and bloc-vote for what they want. Then why not us?

Don't be too lazy or disinterested in your own personal welfare to go to the polls and vote Saturday, June 27th. Just your one vote can change the election. It has been done that way many ways. One vote once elected a President of the USA. A few years ago the flip of a coin broke the tie vote which elected Dr. G. K. Butterfield of Wilson as the town's first and only Councilman in modern times. Go and vote for the least bad!

The Republican and Democratic gubernatorial candidates seem to be united on at least one thing—that we don't need rabble-rousing Gov. George Wallace of Alabama entering Tarheelia politics to stir up more racial strife than we already have as he seeks (no doubt will get) ten thousand names welcoming him to the presidential race in an effort to divert voters from thinking clearly on the real issues before our nation in these very grave times of crisis.

The KKK, other segregationists and all who would continue to attempt to keep the Negroes down do not realize that they are pouring more oil on the fire, as it were, spreading it much farther to endanger it erupting in a holocaust of world-wide potential.

This matter of treating all men equal stems from the Congo River to the Mississippi, Alabama and Florida swamps; as well as to the ghettos of NYC, Chicago, Quaker City, Dee Dee and Eastern Carolina "Black Belts" where Wallace is starting to gather pledges. (Two of his emissaries have launched their drive from Rocky Mount already.)

Children (we mean Oldsters) can't you see our freedoms are fast being hedged in on every side? Why don't you join the NAACP and help stem the tide? Join up today!

Before you read this we hope to go to NAACP in Washington and back in time to vote Saturday. Please cast your vote and help others to do likewise. If you don't we'll lose.

At St. Matthew Church Sunday: Mrs. Elizabeth Wallace Dupree, Mrs. Boyer Women's Day Orators

The women's Day speaker for Saint Matthew A. M. E. Church on Sunday, June 28, will be Mrs. Janet Elizabeth Wallace Dupree, daughter of Mrs. Eliza Wallace, 608 Hadley Road, Raleigh. Mrs. Dupree is a native of Raleigh and graduated from the public schools and Shaw University. She will speak at 11 a.m.

She has done further study at North Carolina College at Durham and Columbia University, N. Y. Mrs. Dupree is presently a science teacher at the Drake High School, Thomas, Georgia, where she is also Dean of Girls and Health Coordinator. She has been selected as "Teach-

er of the year" 3 times, in Georgia. Mrs. Dupree is now a member of the Saint Mary AME Church, Thomas, and Saint Matthew AME Church, Raleigh. She is the wife of Arnold Dupree, Raleigh.

Mrs. Emma Perry Boyer, director of the Sejourner Truth branch of the YWCA, will be the afternoon speaker at 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

Mrs. Boyer is the wife of Dr. James A. Boyer, president of St. Augustine's College.

HONORED ON RETIREMENT—Samuel G. Thomas, left, supervisor of grounds maintenance at A&T College and who has been employed at the institution for the past twenty-five years, was honored last week with a testimonial program. He shows the watch, a gift from his colleagues, to his wife and M. B. Greaser, superintendent, Department of Buildings and Grounds.

the building, Mr. George Crenshaw, Jr. acted as master of ceremonies. Mr. J. C. Atwater was chairman for Men's Day.

Women's Day at Oak City Baptist At 11 o'clock Sunday morning Women's Day will be observed at Oak City Baptist Church. Miss Thelma Cumbo of this city will be the guest speaker. She is quite an experienced young lady and will surely have a great message to give to the audience. All who can should avail themselves of the opportunity to hear her.

Pinney Grove's Women's Day Service Both Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon at St. James AME Church, there will be services for Women's Day by Pinney Grove's congregation. Mrs. Dunn of Raleigh will speak at 11 o'clock and at 3:30 Mrs. Shirley Sheares will be the speaker. Those who can are urged to come and hear these wonderfully talented ladies.

Prayer services are held weekly and all are urged to attend one or both meetings.

Sick Mrs. Lillie Rogers is not too well. Our other sick ones are doing fairly well at this writing.

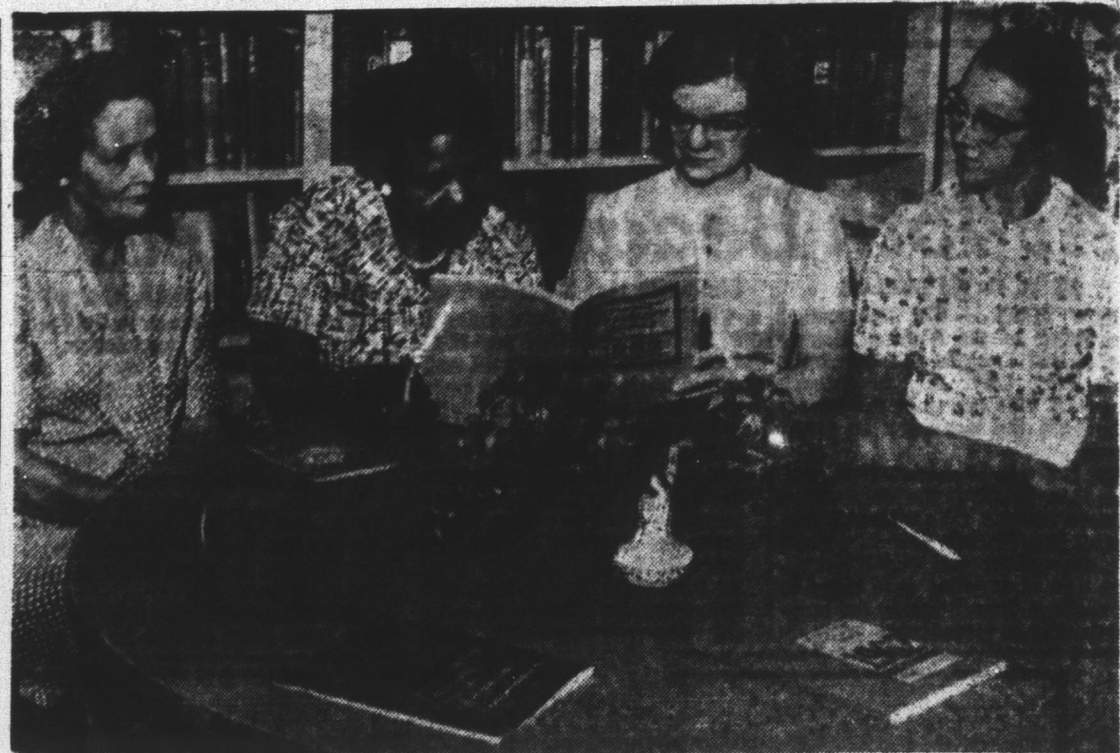
Visitors from Durham Mr. and Mrs. James Moses, Mr. Moses' sister from Alabama and another lady and young man were visitors here Sunday with the Rogers, Marriott and the Curtis-Stroud families.

Returns from Mid Western Trip Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Puley and little daughter, Adrain, have returned home after a motor trip to Ala., Cleveland, Ohio and Chicago, Ill. They report having had a delightful time.

Ladies Community Club The Ladies Willing Workers Community Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Sarah Sanders on Thursday night of this week to celebrate her birthday. Every member is urged to be present for Mrs. Sanders' first birthday in the club.

Club Picnic The picnic, an annual event of the ladies club, will be held at Chevy Park on Sunday, July 12. Cars will park near the A. M. E. Church. Those who wish to be on time are urged to be at the church ground before or right at two o'clock. Others may come later if they find the hour too soon. Bring a friend and have a good time together.

Club Tea The club's annual tea will be held at the president's home (Mrs. Ailie W. Small) on the 4th Sunday



NURSES HOLD WORKSHOP—Mrs. Helen S. Miller, chairman of the Department of Nursing, North Carolina College at Durham, is seen discussing the Psychiatric Nursing Traineeship Program of the Public Health Service with three women attending the first session of a Psychiatric Nursing Workshop. Seated, from left, are, Mrs. Myrtle Register, Cumberland County Health Department, Fayetteville, N. C.; Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Nancy Jones and Mrs. Miriam King, both of the Albemarle County Health Department, Charlottesville, Va.

METHOD NEWS

BY MISS DORA D. STROUD

CHURCHES

Visit Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church THOD—The junior choir, officers and members of Oak City Baptist Church rendered service at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. A wonderful time was experienced by all present. The young folks sang beautifully. Misses Lorraine Dunston and Karen Bethea are the organists for this choir. Dinner was served and enjoyed by all.

St. James AME Church

Regular service was in order at 11 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. J. N. Sheares, spoke on "What makes a father?" It was a grand message and the spirit of God was felt throughout the house. The senior choir, with Mrs. W. R. Gaynor at the organ, rendered music.

Men's Day Service

Rev. Leotho Debnam, his junior choir, officers and members were the chief participants in the Men's Day service at St. James AME Church Sunday p.m. At 3:30 Rev. Debnam preached on "Who is great?" Such words of eloquence that all could understand and feel the need of becoming more useful and more like christians and Oak City Baptist sang very sweetly, with Misses Bethea and Dunston. A deep feeling of friendliness and cooperation could be felt all over

Burlington News

BY MRS. MAUDE M. BROWN

BURLINGTON—George A. Byrd, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Byrd, of 652 Gunn Street, is attending the fifth Summer Institute for Talented High School Science Students at North Carolina College at Durham. The Institute is supported by the National Science Foundation. Byrd was among the 30 boys and 10 girls chosen solely on the basis of merit.

Byrd is a rising senior at Jordan Sells High School. He is a member of the Crown and Scepter Club, an honor society, and was selected to participate in the All-State Band Concert held at Dudley High School in Greensboro. He is a member of the baseball team and recently was elected vice president of the student body at Jordan Sells High School.

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THE WORD SENT FORTH

By Charlotte Ann Wall

Still, still with Thee, when purple morning breaketh, When the bird and the shadows flee; Fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight Dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with Thee. Alone with Thee, amid the mystic shadows, The solemn hush of nature newly born; Alone with Thee in breathless adoration, In the calm dew and freshness of the morn.

When sinks the soul subdued by toil, to slumber, It's closing eyes look up to Thee in prayer; Sweet the repose beneath Thy wings o'er shading, But sweeter still, to wake and find Thee there. —Amen.

Dunn News

MRS. EVA M. MINTER BANQUET SPEAKER

DUNN—The Friendship Club of the Original Free Will Baptist Middle Eastern Conference sponsored a testimonial banquet honoring the Rev. T. T. Platt, former moderator, on his 64th birthday.

The affair was held at the H. B. Suggs High School Cafeteria, Farmville.

Mrs. Eva M. Minter, a teacher at the Harnett High School, Dunn and organist at the Dunn Chapel Church, was the keynote speaker. The Rev. W. M. Gorman of Sanford was the toastmaster.

Others appearing on the program were the Rev. W. R. Wallace of Mount Olive, representing the Ministerial Alliance; the Rev. R. V. Wheeler, pastor of Mount Moriah United Holy Church; and Mrs. Viola Hope, who read the history of the conference.

The Rev. W. M. Summerville of Goldsboro is moderator of the conference.

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