

## Dr. W. H. A. Stallings Leader In Organizing Negro Co-op Groups

### Local Minister Applies Activities to Express Christian Principle

According to G. E. Cheek, president of Shaw University, Raleigh, Dr. W. H. A. Stallings of Edenton, stands in the front among ministers of North Carolina in his interest and leadership in stimulating cooperative activities in various communities in the eastern section of the state.

Although his record shows that he has had for a long time interest in cooperative adventures—such as insurance companies, real estate companies, grocery stores, etc., it was not until the late thirties that Dr. Stallings became acquainted with the credit union movement at Columbia, N. C., through the "Light of Tyrell Credit Union." Dr. Stallings was pastoring in Columbia where S. P. Dean was school principal and the organizer and moving spirit in the "Tyrell Credit Union." Dean gave his pastor, Dr. Stallings, a book on Credit Unions, written by Roy F. Burgengren. Dr. Stallings says he

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"ate that book up," and then told Dean in a joking mood, "I am going to organize a credit union that will make the 'Light of Tyrell' look like a gnat beside the Atlantic Ocean."

At any rate a joke carried a little ways may become a reality. In 1941 Stallings organized a credit union at Edenton which now has assets of over \$100,000. In 1943 he organized credit unions at New Bern and Belhaven. In 1944 he organized a credit union at St. Luke near Windsor. Through his influence Merritt and Colerain are ready for the organization of a credit union.

The store which Dr. Stallings organized two years ago did upward of \$25,000 worth of business last year. The directors are now drawing plans for a larger building to house their growing business.

Dr. Stallings says he has more calls from communities to come and preach the gospel of credit unions and cooperatives than he can fill. Several years ago he organized a real estate business in Belhaven, a town in which he has been a pastor for a number of years. This company has a state charter and is doing a thriving business. Every family in his church owns their home.

Dr. Stallings believes that one of the best ways to express the Christian principle is through cooperative activity in business and in handling money cooperatively. The cooperative organizations which he has promoted are now handling over \$200,000 annually. Dr. Stallings is a genius not only in making and organizing men, but also in selecting men of leadership to fit into key places in business organizations. The Rev. J. E. Tillett, secretary-treasurer of the Edenton Credit Union, the

mond Branch No. 4. The item referred to was carried in The Chowan Herald under date of January 2, 1947. "Subject: Recruitment of nurses. Your reference slip dated January 9, 1947, attached newspaper clipping from The Chowan Herald, Edenton, North Carolina, on the above subject, has been noted with gratitude and appreciation by Personnel Service and the Contact Division of this office. Signed: William R. Jesse, Chief Contact Division."

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In the meantime, Dr. Frank Wood and the nurses at the hospital are on vacation pending providing heat 24 hours daily in the hospital. The hospital, according to Dr. Wood, is practically ready for operation, and efforts are now under way to install separate boilers for the hospital and nurses' quarters.

A committee from Town Council called on Mr. Hervey to secure the keys to all buildings on the base, but they would not be surrendered. With Town Attorney John W. Graham attending the General Assembly as Representative for Chowan County, the services of J. C. B. Ehringhaus has been secured to advise Town Council as to the legal aspects of the present situation.

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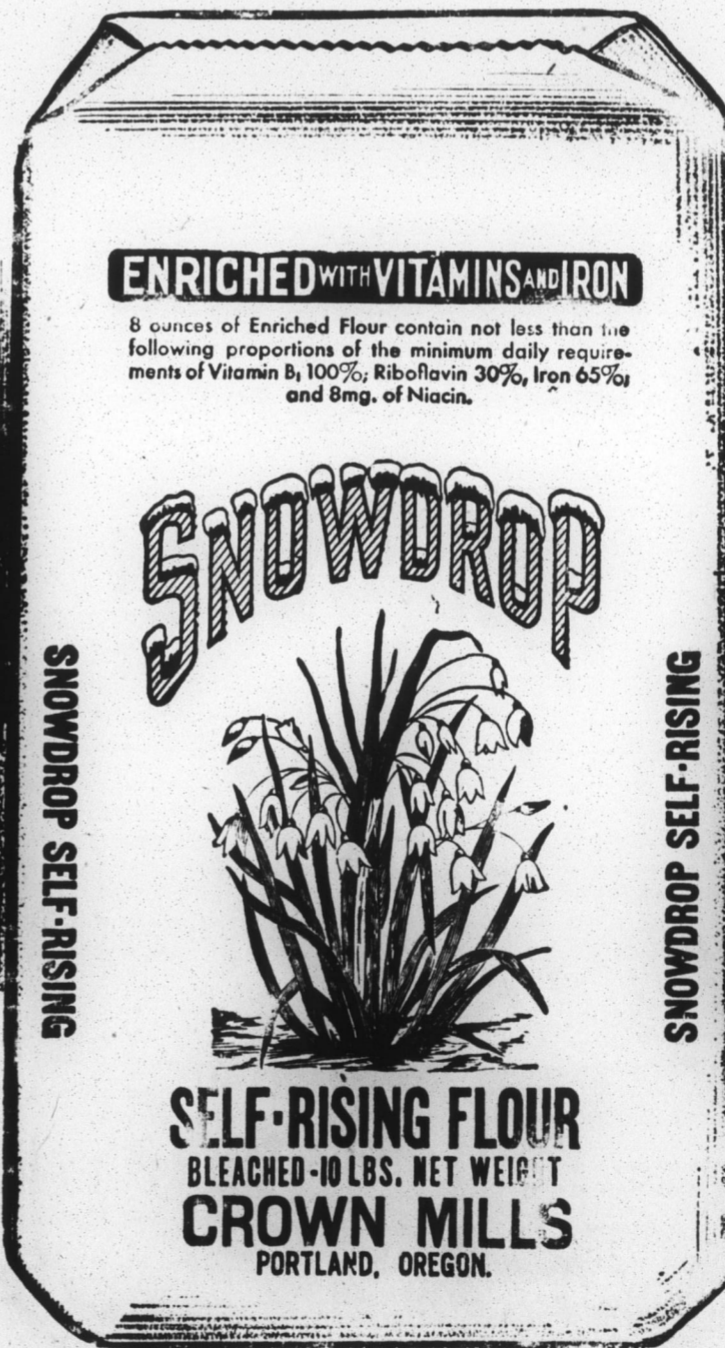
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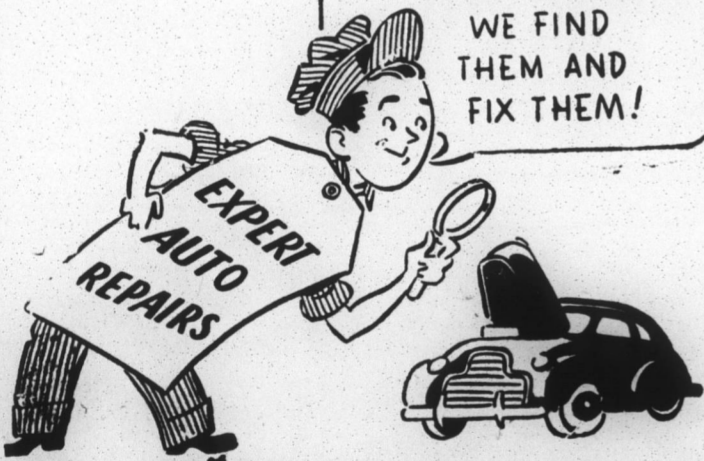
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