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Banking Dignitaries Visit Durham Negro Enterprises

Local Negro Business Institutions Praised By Financial Leaders

(By W. A. Turk) (Times Special Feature Writer)

On Wednesday, April 6, a group of officials of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Banking Department of North Carolina were the guests of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Mechanics and Farmers Bank. The group consisted of Gurney P. Hood, Banking Commissioner for North Carolina, Dan C. Boney, Insurance Commissioner of North Carolina, Hugh Leach, President of Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond Virginia, W. J. Hobbs, personal representative of Jesse Jones, chairman of the RFC, George B. McLeod for Leo T. Crowley, head of the FDIC, J. F. Herson, administrative assistant of the RFC, E. A. Kincaid, economist and consultant for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond Virginia, J. Forbes Campbell, of the FDIC and J. G. Allen, State Banking Examiner.

The groups spent most of the afternoon visiting the various Negro institutions of Durham which furnished for them factual evidence that the great progress being brought about by Durham's Negro leaders and business men is not mere publicity.

They arrived at the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company building at two P. M. and were greeted by President C. C. Spaulding and a group of his co-workers; namely, R. L. McDougald, Cashier of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank; J. H.

Wheeler, assistant cashier of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Dr. S. L. Warren, chairman of the Board of Directors; W. J. Kennedy, Secretary-treasurer of the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company; E. R. Merrick, Treasurer and G. W. Cox, vice president and agency director.

After pictures of the group were made in the lobby of the bank, the group made a visit to Lincoln Hospital where they were guided through the building by the superintendent of the hospital, W. M. Rich, who joined the tour to continue visits to other places. More pictures were made on the roof of the hospital and the many modern homes in the vicinity, most of which are owned by Negro real estate companies and furnished an excellent background.

The next stop was at the N. C. College where a program was presented. President J. E. Shepard of the college was master of ceremonies and beautiful music was furnished by the college choir. The choir sang the spirituals, "Go Down Moses," "Talk about a Child that Do Love Jesus," and "Swing Low Sweet Chariot."

Mr. Hood had charge of the introduction of the guests, some of whom made talks. In his remarks Mr. Hood stated that if all of the Negro property in Durham, including the North Carolina College and Lincoln Hospital, could be grouped together and made into a separate town,

DURHAM VISITOR



NOBLE SISSELE, internationally known musician who was a visitor in Durham this week. Mr. Sissle's orchestra played an engagement at the city armory on last Wednesday for a dance given by the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and the North Carolina College alumni association.

It would be one of the finest towns in the United States. Introduced from the platform by Dr. James E. Shepard and Mr. Spaulding respectively were Victor S. Bryant and John Allen, who were referred to as real friends of the Negro. The entire group expressed real pleasure at his made at the college and it was said that his work (and his

Fight On Bootleg Barbers To Be Started Here

War on "bootleg" barbers was declared here this week when the local Colored Barbers Association set in motion plans to curb the practice of many persons known to be engaged in the practice of cutting hair and shaving in their homes without license, and without having passed the state examination required of those desiring to work as barbers.

In addition to not having license to work, and not having passed the state board, none of the "bootleg" barbers are providing sanitary service for those they wait on, it was stated by J. S. Shipman, president of the local barbers association.

It is believed that the barbers association will have the cooperation of the police department of Durham, and the health department in their effort to stamp out "bootleg" barbering here. Already many of the names of those engaged in the practice are known to the local barbers and the state inspector of barber shops. As soon as definite information can be obtained about others, the names will be handed

over to the local police and wholesale arrests are expected to follow.

Bootlegging barbering in Durham has gained impetus by leaps and bounds according to officials of the association, due to the fact that those engaging in the practice are able to cut hair and shave in their homes without regular barber shops which are forced to meet the demands of the board of health as well as pay license fees to operate.

According to our informant "bootleg" barbers are known to be operating on Grant, Lyon, Glenn, Proctor, Carrington, Nelson, South, Willard, Powe, Cameron, Thaxton streets and Spackman Alley. Others will be included as soon as their names are obtained by persons employed to locate those engaged in the practice, it was said.

According to an act passed by the legislature of North Carolina it is a misdemeanor to engage in the practice of barbering without license punishable by a fine of not less than \$10 and not more than \$50 or thirty days in jail or both.

The progress that Dr. Shepard (results) compares very favorably with that of Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee.

After leaving the college the group drove through the new developments in the colored sections and then returned to the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company building where another program had been arranged by the N. C. Mutual Treble Clef Club under the direction of Mrs. B. A. J. Whitted. This program consisted of spirituals led by Madam Nell Hunter and the

Husband Of Missing Woman May Be Released Next Week; Search To Be Continued

LENENT MUSICAL PROGRAM AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Music lovers of Durham have a treat in store, and no one who appreciates the best in music can afford to miss the Lenten Musical Program which is to be presented at St. Joseph Church, Sunday evening at 7:30 P. M.

The first half of this program will feature a group of fourteen select voices, under the direction of Madam Nell Hunter, state choral director for the Federal Musical Project, and the soloist will be Miss Delle Mae Bridgforth.

In the second half of the program the group will present a Motet, "Gallia" by Gounod. In "Gallia" the obligato will be taken by Madam Hunter.

It is not after that one has the opportunity to hear the type of program that this presentation of Lenten music promises to be, and it is certain to be wonderful if for no other reason than the fact that it offers an opportunity to hear the lovely mezzo soprano voice of Madam Hunter, whose natural qualities of voice, combined with her extensive training in this country as well as in Europe has made for her a place among the leading musicians and singers of the race and of the United States.

The proceeds from this program will go toward St. Joseph's "White Elephant" drive.

TALLADEGA SCHOLAR



Talladega College scholar in Chemistry is T. R. Sherrod, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Sherrod, of Towns Creek, Alabama. Mr. Sherrod's project is "The Determination of the Solubility curve of Sodium Iodide in Ethyl Acetate."

Efforts of local police to perfect a solution to the disappearance of Mrs. Lillian Hailey were balked here this week when it was announced that every clue to ascertain the whereabouts of the missing woman had been run down and proved of no avail.

Instead of weakening their efforts to solve the crime, Sheriff E. G. Bevin announced that the men in his department are still putting forth every effort to locate Mrs. Hailey, and that they will never give up the hunt for her.

In the meantime the husband of the missing woman, W. D. Hailey is still being held in jail as a suspect, but police officials are of the opinion he can not be held indefinitely unless evidence can be uncovered which will involve him as being responsible for the disappearance of his wife. Although it is the belief of police and others here that Mrs. Hailey has met with foul play, sufficient evidence has not been obtained to place the responsibility on any person or persons.

It has been revealed here that the husband of the woman got her salary check cashed at a local coal dealer soon after his wife disappeared. This however does not tend to show that he had anything to do with her being missing as it is not unusual for married persons to cash each others salary checks.

Mrs. Hailey who was an employee of the Liggett and Myers tobacco company was highly respected here and a prominent member of the Mt. Vernon Baptist church.

According to Mr. Hailey his wife informed him the morning (Continued on page eight)

Picketing Is Upheld By U.S. Supreme Court

NEW YORK, April 6.—The victory won by the New Negro Alliance, of Washington, D. C. in the United States Supreme Court last Monday, was called a signal step in the fight to open job opportunities for Negroes in a statement by the NAACP. The New Negro Alliance was formed five years ago in Washington to increase job placement for Negroes. It launched a "Spend Where You Can Work Campaign" to get merchants having stores in neighborhoods to employ Negro clerks. It succeeded in several cases but when it approached the Sanitary Grocery Company which operated a chain of stores throughout the city, it met stiff resistance and started a picketing campaign.

The Sanitary Grocery Company obtained an injunction against the Alliance on the ground that the controversy between the Alliance and the Company was not a labor dispute and the company was not protected against court interference by the federal Norris-LaGuardia anti injunction act. The United States supreme court reversed the lower court in a decision handed down March 28 stating:

"The desire for fair and equitable conditions of employment on the part of persons of any race, color, or persuasion and the removal of discriminations against them by reason of their race or religious beliefs is quite as important to those comprehended as fairness and equity in terms and conditions of employment can be to trade or craft unions or any form of labor organization or association. Race discrimination by an employer may reasonably be deemed more unfair and less excusable than discrimination against workers on the ground of union affiliation."

The Court ruled squarely that the dispute was a labor dispute and that the Alliance had the right to picket peacefully without interference by the District courts. "This decision will serve as a precedent," said the NAACP, "in all states having labor disputes anti injunction laws similar to the federal Norris-LaGuardia act. If Negroes and their friends conduct careful and sober campaigns they should be able to do much in enlarging job opportunities for Negroes, especially in public utilities and in stores located in Negro neighborhoods."

Teachers' Association To Meet Here April 14-16

On Thursday evening April 14 the Association will hold its first general session in the E. N. Duke auditorium on the college campus.

The Mayor of the city W. F. Carr, Captain L. H. Earbour, Superintendent of Durham County schools, W. F. Warren, Superintendent of City schools and Mrs. Cora T. Russell for the Negro teachers, will make brief addresses of welcome.

President Modest W. Johnson of Howard University will address the teachers on Citizenship and Education.

On Friday afternoon Doctor C. L. Bromwell, professor of physical Education Teachers College Columbia University, and measure on Negro trade."

The NAACP warned, however, that picketing or boycotting solely to get jobs for Negroes in stores in Negro neighborhoods has to be used with caution.

Councils representing the Alliance in the Supreme court were Belford V. Lawson, Thurman L. Dodson, Edward P. Lovett, James N. Nahritt, Jr., Theodore M. Berry and Thurgood Marshall, assistant special counsel, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Doctor Robert J. Maaske, professor of Education, the University of North Carolina will address the teachers.

On Friday afternoon inspirational addresses will be made by Doctor N. C. Newbold, Director of Negro Education for North Carolina and President Rufus E. Clemgnt of Atlanta, U.

Friday evening Doctor Edgar W. Knight of the University of North Carolina will bring a message to the teachers.

Interesting Section meetings will absorb the attention of the teachers during the three-day session. At these meetings talks will be made by invited speakers, among them Miss Louise Hall of the department of Fine Arts, Duke University, and Miss Ada Valentine, in charge of the Spring Hope Experiment program.

The Session will close with a business meeting Saturday morning.

Dr. James E. Shepard, president of the North Carolina College for Negroes heads the teachers. Dr. C. E. Davis is the Executive Secretary and Dr. J. A. Cotton, Treasurer.

The Conference Theme is Education For Citizenship.

LUTHER KING, TENOR THRILLS AUDIENCE AT N. C. COLLEGE

Luther King, one of the race's most promising tenor singers was presented in recital at the North Carolina College on the evening of Tuesday, April 5. He was accompanied at the piano by Jean Houston, who is known in private life as Mrs. Luther King.

The first part of the program consisted of the compositions of Handel, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms, Strauss, and other musical masters. The second part included compositions with which the audience seemed to be a great deal more familiar, and the closing group was a group of spirituals, most of which were arranged by the accompanist, Jean Houston.

The audience, consisting mainly of students, gave the singer a very warm reception and at times during the program showed genuine enthusiasm. There was deafening applause for "Lindy Lou" and "Water Boy," and the spiritual, "Plenty Good Room" received two encores.

North Carolina Adult Education Council
Dr. James E. Shepard, Pres.
John W. Mitchell, Sec'y; Dr. F. L. Atkins, Pres. Winston Salem Teachers College, Winston Salem; Dr. J. H. Blas, Pres. Elizabeth City State Normal, Elizabeth City; L. G. Blackus, Supervisor of Negro Activities, WPA Recreation Program, Raleigh; Dean L. S. Cosart, Barber-Scottia College, Concord; Dr. Robert P.

Governor Hoey Asked To Save Mann Smith

Students of North Carolina College joined others of the state and nation in asking executive clemency for Mann Smith, 16 year old Negro boy, sentenced to die for raping a white woman, it was announced here this week. The action of the student body of the local college follows that of the University of North Carolina which has also sent a protest to the governor, which objects to administering capital punishment to person of juvenile age.

A letter replying to the protest sent by the local college student chairman of the North Carolina student forum has already been received from the governor's office, and reads as follows:

April 4, 1938

Mr. Charles Black
N. C. College for Negroes
Durham, N. C.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 30th, asking clemency for Mann Smith, who is scheduled to be executed Friday of this week. Governor Hoey and the Commissioner of Paroles have asked me to assure you and the other students at the college that this case is being given the most careful and painstaking consideration, and whatever may be their final decision you may rest assured it will be based on a study of every angle of the case.

Yours very truly,
Robert L. Thompson
Private Secretary

Every Negro Man and Woman Must Register And Vote

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR CLYDE R. HOEY TO MEET APRIL 13, 1938

The first meeting of the Negro Membership of the North Carolina Adult Education Council, appointed sometime ago by His Excellency Governor Clyde R. Hoey, of which Dr. James E. Shepard is the president, is called to meet in Durham, North Carolina at North Carolina College for Negroes, April 13, 1938 at 2:30 P. M.

At this meeting Dr. N. C. Newbold will present the plan for the State wide Coordinated Literacy Drive. Mrs. May E. Campbell, State Coordinator of Works Progress Administration, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Morris, State Director Adult Education WPA and State Department of Public Instruction, and Mrs. J. M. Day, Field Representative, will be present to bring greeting and assistance in the discussions.

In the 1930 census North Carolina had 2,261,261 illiterates who were 10 years of age and over. This was 10 per cent of the population. For the nation as a whole the percentage of illiteracy was only 4.8. Among the states North Carolina ranked forty second in percentage of illiteracy.