

WIFE NCM FOUNDER PASSES

"MISS HILLSIDE"



Miss Ruth Josey, popularly known as "Miss Hillside," the local high school. The above photo was taken just after Miss Josey had been awarded the beautiful loving cup by the judges. Photo by Jones.

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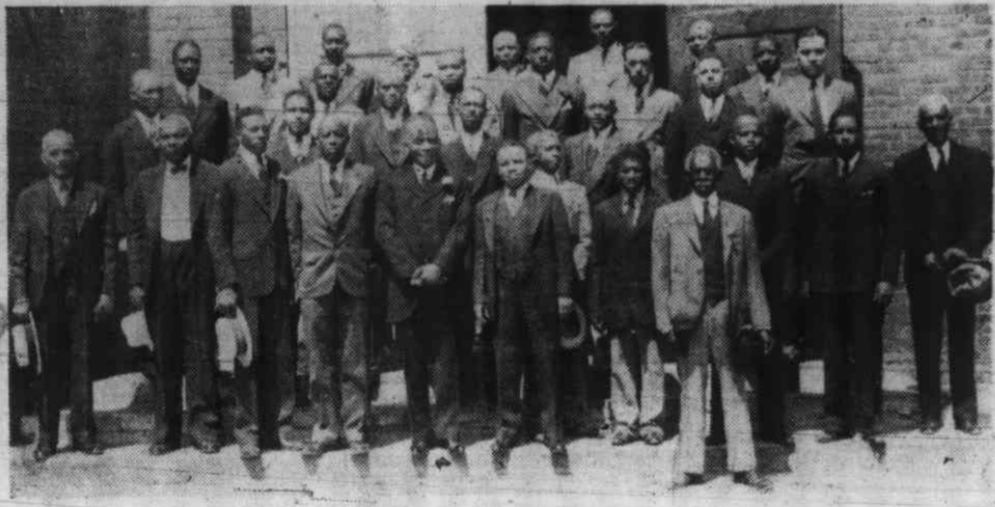
Finals Speaker Named At NCC

The commencement activities at North Carolina college have just been announced by President James E. Shepard and will extend throughout the remaining nine days of the school year beginning May 27.

During this time, some of the most outstanding speakers of the country will appear at the Country will appear at the college. The commencement program follows in full:

- Saturday, May 27, Dean of Women's reception for senior women, 5:30 p. m.
- Friday, June 2, 8:00 p. m. Senior play, "The Call of Youth"
- Saturday June 3, 4 p. m. Physical Education demonstration, gymnasium.
- Sunday, June 4, 2:00 p. m. Baccalaureate Sermon, Rev. J. E. Kirkland, Pastor Mount Olive Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Monday, June 5, 4 p. m. Senior class day exercises.
- Monday June 5, 8 p. m. Alumni Reunion and meeting, with Rev. W. R. Hestey, pastor of Twelfth street Baptist Church Boston, Mass., speaking.
- Tuesday, June 6, 10:30 a. m. Commencement Address by Dr. Louis K. Anspacher of New York City.

LEADING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ST. JOSEPH A.M.E. CHURCH



The above picture is that of the Berea Sunday School Class of Saint Joseph A.M.E. Church. The class is the most outstanding of the well known church, and one of the best in the entire city. In the front row reading from left to right and standing fourth from the end is George Ingram, president. Next in line is Doctor J. A. Valentine, pastor of St. Joseph. At the right of the pastor is D. B. Martin, superintendent of the Sunday School. Fifteen other members of the class were absent when this photo was taken. Photo by Jones.

Brothers To Face Jury For Murder

ILLD TAKES HAND IN CONVICTION

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—Everett and Earl Blackwelder were being held on murder charges this week after a coroner's jury found they "did wilfully kill" Lee Snell's Negro taxi driver, trial coming up sometimes in the fall. The brother, who had been in "hiding" since the lynching of Snell, leisurely surrendered after attending the funeral services of a younger brother, accidentally killed by Snell's taxi. Local authorities had made no effort to arrest the men prior to their surrender.

The Blackwelders seized Snell from a constable on April 30 while the taxi driver was being taken to a hearing on manslaughter charges in Benny Blackwelder's death. Snell, a World War veteran, is survived by a wife and adopted child. Police Constable James Durden testified before the coroner's jury that he was transporting Snell from Daytona to near Deland after the Blackwelders had made threats against Snell's life. He positively identified the two brothers as the slayers of Snell.

SHOT IN BACK
"I was about three and a half miles west of the city," Durden testified, "when a Ford coupe sped past me and then stopped and turned across the road about 100 yards ahead of me."

The Blackwelder brothers, according to Durden, attacked Snell, who attempted to flee when Durden got out of the car. Please turn to page eight.

UNION LEADER



T. J. ATWATER
labor leader and president of local tobacco workers union number 194. It was largely through the efforts and fine leadership of Mr. Atwater that the tobacco workers of Durham have been kept organized. Mr. Atwater is also a prominent member of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion church.

Death Comes To Mrs. John Merrick

Funeral services for Mrs. John R. Merrick took place two o'clock Monday afternoon at Saint Joseph A.M.E. church surrounded by the quiet solemnity which paralleled the entire life of the deceased.

Mrs. Merrick who died Friday afternoon following a prolonged period of incapacity, was the widow of John R. Merrick, founder of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company. Mr. Merrick having died August, 1919.

Before a packed audience Rev. J. A. Valentine, pastor and skilled theologian that he conducted the ceremony with the dignity which characterized all of his activities. At the first toll of the bell, the organ softly peeped forth "Flee As A Bird," while an almost endless train of ladies proceeded down the aisle each bearing large wreaths which completely obscured the altar.

After the procession, the choir sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Rev. J. H. Thomas pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist church, delivered the invocation. This was followed by the scripture with Rev. W. A. Cleveland, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. church, Greensboro, officiating. The choir then sang, "Jesus is All The World To Me," and at the conclusion of which, R. N. Harris read an acknowledgment of the myriad of telegrams and others forms of condolences received by the family.

DEVOTED MOTHER
By special request, Mrs. Marguerite Rice Morgan very touchingly offered: "The Rosary" in solo. The obituary was read by the pastor who immediately went into his sermon which was based on the Twenty-third Psalm the same being the favorite passage of Mrs. Merrick.

Stating that the family could please turn to page eight

M. I. Page Succumbs

M. I. Page, age 42 well known tailor of this city died at Lincoln hospital, here Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. after an illness that extended over a period of more than six months.

The deceased was a native of Durham county, having been born in the rural community known as Nelson. He had lived in Durham practically all of his life.

At the time of his death Mr. Page was the owner and operator of the M. I. Page tailoring establishment located on Mangum street. He was a member of the White Rock Baptist church and a Mason.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillie Page, and several brothers. Funeral arrangements had not been completed at press time on account of the late arrival of several relatives.

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Prominent East End Resident Passes

The death of Mrs. Lucy Goode at her Hazel avenue home on Thursday, May 5, came as something of a surprise to her many friends and well wishers, although she had undergone durations of illness for several years. Mrs. Goode had been a resident of Durham for about seventy years and until the time of her death was quite active in the affairs of her church and community.

She was one of the oldest members of the Mount Gilead Baptist Church, having joined there soon after its organization, and was one of the most loyal members. She was at one time a choir member, a Sunday School worker, and president of the missionary society. It was through her tireless efforts in the club organized in the church under the name "Bell Club" that the bell which tolled for her funeral was put into the church.

She is survived by four sisters, two brothers, a step daughter, and numerous other relatives.

FUNERAL SUNDAY

Impressive funeral services for Mrs. Goode were held from the Mount Gilead Baptist church on Dowd street Sunday afternoon, May 7, with Rev. E. Wimberly, pastor, in charge.

The body lay in state at the church from one o'clock until the beginning of the funeral at three o'clock.

Resolutions of respect were read by Benjamin B. Rogers and came from the following organizations: The Church, The Mount Gilead Missionary Society and The Ever-Ready Prayer Band. Letters of respect came from Rev. Albert Smith, former pastor of Mount Gilead Church, and the pastor and congregation of the Union Baptist Church. Rev. Croon also made impressive remarks in tribute to Mrs. Goode.

"Mount Gilead has lost a good member," Rev. Wimberly said. "The chain has been broken, her seat is vacant."

HONOR MOTHER



MRS. HATVE E. SHEPARD
Although she must wear a white rose Sunday, she makes it possible for Doctor James Edward Shepard, president of North Carolina State College, to be able to wear a red rose, for Mrs. Shepard is the mother of the President.

GETS LONG SENTENCE FOR SALE OF CHURCH HE-DID NOT OWN

NEW YORK—William Corbin, the man who sold a New York pastor a church on time payments, but who could not deliver the church, was convicted of grand larceny this week and sentenced to 2 1/2 to five years in Sing Sing.

Corbin and another man who has not been arrested sold a church to the Rev. N. Frazier for a small sum down and the remainder in time payments, amounted to \$630 before the pastor became suspicious when keys given him didn't fit the doors of the church.

Ruth Josey Crowned New 'Miss Hillside'

Amid the pomp and splendor due one of her station, Miss Ruth Josey was crowned "Miss Hillside" for 1939-40 in the Hillside auditorium last Monday night.

It was a glorious affair, the culmination of the Popularity contest which had been in progress at the local high school for a period of several weeks, and the crowning was equally as befitting as the setting which surrounded it.

The auditorium had been made to resemble a dream garden complete with flowers, gates and hanging vines. To appropriate music which was played by the William Coles directed school band, the procession of contestants entered.

Following the procession, the actual coronation took place.

this honor being reserved for Miss Clara Douglass, the retiring "Miss Hillside."

A special program was rendered by a group of students from Lyon Park school under the direction of Mrs. Stephen and Miss Walton in behalf of the newly injected Lady for a Year and her attendants.

As a matter of personal record, Miss Josey a very unassuming young lady, belongs to St. Joseph A.M.E. Church, where she is actively connected with the Sunday School, ACE League and the Willing Workers Club.

Runners-up for the coveted title were: Sybil Brewer, first attendant thereby winning the title of Miss Brewer; and Valeria Kelley, second ranking at. Please turn to page eight.

USHER LEADER



J. W. Doak, president of the Greensboro District of the Interdenominational Ushers Association of North Carolina and treasurer of the state association. Mr. Doak held one of the finest and largest district meetings in the history of the association at Bass Chapel ME Church last Sunday afternoon. L. E. Austin, president of the state association was the principal speaker.

FORMER DURHAM TEACHER DIES IN ASHEVILLE

ASHEVILLE, N. C. (Special to THE TIMES)—Miss Alda J. Fortune, former teacher in the public schools in Durham, died here May 7th. Funeral services will be held Thursday May 11. She was the daughter of Mrs. Regina and Giles Fortune. She was teaching in the Stevens Lee High School.

BANK EXECUTIVE ILL

McDonough, cashier of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, was taken to the Lincoln hospital Monday, May 8, suffering from a throat infection. As we go to press, however, Mr. McDonough is showing a decided improvement and an early release is expected from the hospital.

Griffin's Lover To Grand Jury

Althea Eatmoh, 23, was bound over to the grand jury at Wednesday's hearing for the Sunday night, April 30, slaying of Walter Griffin in the Bull City inn.

According to Georgia Moore, aunt of the defendant and landlady at the inn, her niece came there on the night of the tragedy and openly expressed intentions to kill Griffin "if she could find him."

An eyewitness to the slaying by the name of Net Purvis states that she met Griffin in the dining room and, throwing her left arm around him as if an embrace, she plunged the blades

of a pearl-headed knife into his abdomen.

The defendant, a Croatan Indian by birth, and the slain man had been friendly for quite some time and just what action might have precipitated causing her to take his life is not known.

No evidence was introduced at the hearing by the defendant's lawyer, Elmer Long, who is definitely building up a plea of self defense.

"HONOR THY MOTHER AND FATHER"

CROSSES THE BAR



MRS. MARTHA MERRICK
Widow of John R. Merrick, founder of the North Carolina Mutual, who died on last Friday afternoon and was interred Monday from St. Joseph A.M.E. church where she had been a member since the early days of the church's history.