

NELL HUNTER CHORUS TO SING FOR KING AND QUEEN

Invitation Comes From The President

MARIAN ANDERSON ALSO ON SAME PROGRAM

FESTIVITIES SET FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 8

When the king and queen are formally entertained at the White House dinner in Washington Thursday June 8, portion of the Nell Hunter chorus embracing the units from Durham and Winston-Salem will be among those to be presented on the program.

Thirteen from each chorus twenty six in all, will make the trip leaving Durham midnight of June 7 by chartered bus so as to be in Washington in time for the event. At the conclusion of the program, they will remain in the capital a day returning Friday night.

For their performance at the dinner, the chorus will offer the Negro spirituals of which they have been so successful in the past.

MARIAN ANDERSON TO SING

Marian Anderson, who was highly publicized several weeks back because of the DAR's refusal to permit her to sing in the tax-exempt Constitution Hall in Washington, has also received an invitation from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt to sing.

Miss Anderson, world famous contralto, will render several selections including her beloved spirituals.

The two choruses, both of whom are outstanding, have approximately thirty-five members each. They have presented many local performances and also two joint concerts. The first of these appearances taking place when President Roosevelt visited Chapel Hill December 6, and Music Week in Raleigh was the occasion for the latter on May 7.

Winston-Salem's unit has been organized two years and has the distinction of being the first choral group in the south to be accompanied by a white symphony orchestra. This unique performance took place in Winston-Salem and the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, composed of sixty-five pieces, accompanied them to the utmost delight of the audience.

The Durham group came into being three and half years ago when a group of young men known as the "Master Singers"

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RECOMMEND CHANGES AT A. & T.

TO SING FOR KING



MRS. NELL HUNTER

Whose trained chorus will leave Durham Wednesday June 7, in order to appear at the White House dinner for the King and Queen of England the following days in Washington.

later became a mixed chorus under the direction of Mrs. Nell Hunter, director of WPA music project in the state. Since that time they have had many broadcasts over station WDNC, Durham; and Station WPTF, Raleigh; although they have appeared at Duke and the University of North Carolina, their most outstanding performance came with the presentation of a parent entitled, "NEGRO BRINGS MUSIC" last fall at North Carolina College.

President Roosevelt was so well pleased with their performance in Chapel Hill last December that they were extended this invitation to sing for King George and Queen Elizabeth of England. Due to lack of space in the East Room of White House only the very limited number twenty-six can make the history making trip.

AT A. & T. Board Committee Investigate Strike

GREENSBORO, (Special to the TIMES)—The personal committee of the board of directors of the Agriculture and Technical college, Greensboro, met Saturday to probe the recent disturbances at the institution and grave changes may be a result of the meeting.

Harry B. Caldwell who is chairman of the committee which also includes Major L. P. Mc Lendon and Charles A. Hines, met to draw up its recommendation to the full board which met Thursday.

The trouble began on May 31 when the student body, in protest to the discharging of Inman Breaux, athletic director staged a strike followed by a demonstration. A similar demonstration was held Monday, May 15, at which time an estimated \$250 property destruction took place.

East Durham School Will Graduate 23

HENINGBURG TO SPEAK
At the end of his first year as principal of the East Durham School F. G. Burnette is presenting in connection with the regular commencement exercises a graduation program for the twenty-three boys and girls who will bid goodbye to the East Durham school to enter Hillsdale Park High School in the fall. The graduation will take place in the school auditorium at eight p. m. Tuesday, May 30, and the feature of the program will be the address by Dr. Alphonse Henningburg, assistant to the president of North Carolina College.

A song by the graduating class will begin the program and a poem will be read by Louise Melver, after which the class poem will be read by Louise Dawson. Ella Dewer and Irene Harris will render a vocal duet just before Bernice Mann tells a few class jokes. Another song by the class and an oration by Elizabeth Cross will immediately precede Dr. Henningburg's address there will be another song and the final event of the night will be the elementary school careers of these youngsters, will be the award.

Those expecting to graduate are: Julia Barrett, Virginia Belton, Charles Bridges, Tezelle Couch Elizabeth Cross Louise

Today, the poor whites realize how they were reeducated and are fighting shoulder by shoulder with the Negro people for the abolition of the discriminatory tax.

Child Prodigy To Appear In Recital Here

Friday evening, June 23, at 7:30 the Junior Activities' Committee of the Algonquin Tennis Club, is bringing quite a treat to the children and citizens of Durham by presenting Philippa Schuyler, seven year old pianist and composer, in a recital at the E. N. Duke Auditorium, North Carolina College for Negroes.

Philippa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Schuyler, of New York City. She has received highest Honors three times from the National Piano Teachers' Guild. The New York Philharmonic Symphony has awarded her twice for her musical achievements. Just this year she was among 33 children who received medals and ribbons at Carnegie Hall, which were presented by Lily Pons, coloratura soprano of the Metropolitan Opera.

During the past musical season she has given concerts in Newark, Orange, and Summit New Jersey; in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Warren, Ohio; Boston Mass. New York City and White Plains, New York. She has also been invited to Fisk University for a recital next fall. This little artist frequently played over NBC's Children's Hour, Coast to Coast on a Bus, Milton Cross, announcer.

This will be Philippa's first southern tour.



PHILIPPA SCHUYLER

She has been writing and composing music ever since she was three years old.

It is the hope of the Junior Activities Committee, of which W. D. Hill is president, and Mrs. B. A. J. Whitted is chairman, to bring to the children of Durham outstanding Junior artists.

Special seats will be reserved for children. Prices of admission will be as follows: Children 25c General Admission 35c; Patrons 50c. Tickets are now on sale, and may be secured from Mrs. Whitted.

Marcantonio Asks U. S. To Probe Fla. Lynching

WASHINGTON, (C N A)—Vito Marcantonio, New York Congressman from Lower Harlem and President of the International Labor Defense, this week demanded that the Federal government investigate the lynching of Lee Snell, Negro taxi driver, at Daytona, Fla., on April 28, and prosecute the slayers.

Snell had been arrested after an automobile accident in which a 12 year old white boy was killed. He was seized from a police officer who was removing him from Daytona to Deland, Fla., for safekeeping. Everett and Earl Blackwelder, brothers of the boy, shot the taxi driver to death while the officer looked on making no attempt to prevent the lynching. The two brothers were arrested and charged with murder following a campaign by the I.L.D. to force local authorities to act. Following their arrest the Daytona Ku Klux Klan began a systematic threatening of prospective jurors to influence the trial.

In a letter to Attorney General Frank Murphy requesting that the government intervene, Marcantonio said that the delay in arresting the brothers and other incidents connected with the case might easily be construed as indicating collusion between police and the lynchers in the murder itself, and part of a conspiracy to defraud justice by preventing a fair trial of the murderers.

The Attorney General was also informed by wire from M. Jardine Osborne, field representative of the I.L.D. now in Daytona, that all members of the panel from which the jury will be selected are being approached by Klansmen demanding that a not guilty verdict be brought in for the Blackwelder killers. The I.L.D. representative urged Murphy that he consider the urgent need of assigning a federal investigator to Daytona without delay to inquire into the intimidation of jurors and weigh the possibility of transferring the case to a federal court.

Students Riot At Hickory High School

HICKORY, N. C.—In a situation paralleling the one at A. & T., the students at Hickory Ridgeview school here, upon learning of the dismissal of J. T. Wilson as science teacher and coach, staged a rally in front of the building last Thursday in protest. The scene became so tense until A. W. Booker, principal of the school, was compelled to call the police to disperse the crowd.

Professor Booker states that upon seeing the students congregating, he left the nearby teaching where he resides and went to the school. After speaking to them, the younger members of the crowd withdrew but the older ones failed to take heed. Upon returning to the teaching he was followed by the remaining crowd who began to throw stones on the roof of the teaching. It was then that the principal fired two shots in the air in a futile effort to frighten the boys away. When this failed, Professor Booker called the police.

Negro - White Unity Theme of Communist Worker's Diet Inadequate

HONORED AT BANQUET



DOCTOR J. W. SEABROOK

President of Fayetteville State Teachers college, was honored with a banquet Wednesday night by the Alumni Association in the dining hall. Including among the notables attending this affair were Doctor Trigg, Dr. J. E. Shepard, Dr. F. D. Bluford and Dr. Robert Daniel.

WASHINGTON, (C N A)—About half of white workers' families in 43 industrial centers and over 60 per cent of Negro families in southern cities did not have adequate diet in the period, 1939-47, according to a survey made by the Bureau of Home Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The report points out that the study did not include families on relief, those employed less than 50 weeks in the year, or those receiving yearly incomes under \$500, and that this means that the group studied represents a higher economic level than characterizes city-wage earners as a whole.

Fight To Kill Poll Taxes Grows In South

BY BOB F. HALL
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (C N A)—The tide against the poll tax is definitely rising throughout the South. In Tenn., Texas, Virginia and Alabama, the American Federation of Labor has gone on record for its repeal. The Congress for Industrial Organization in every Southern state and in its national convention has instructed its affiliates to engage actively in the fight for the abolition of the poll tax.

In Tenn., the A. F. of L., the CIO and the Railroad Brotherhoods, collaborating in the state Conference for Progressive Legislation, initiated a drive for a million signatures calling upon President and the Congress to enact a federal uniform registration law abolishing the poll tax and other restrictions on the right to vote.

Stars In Play



ROSEBUD WASHINGTON, who lends her charming name and personality to "Life and Death of an American," George Sklar's new play which the WPA Federal project is presenting at Maxine Elliott's Theatre.

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NEW YORK, (C N A)—Unity of Negro and white youth in militant defense of democracy and of the rights of minorities and behind a program for economic security for the nation's youth, white and Negro, keynoted the Ninth National Convention of the Young Communist League held in this city during the past week end, with a colorful opening in huge Madison Square Garden and regular sessions at the Hotel Center, 108 West 43rd St.

Negro youth from many cities and rural communities throughout the country were among the 650 regular and 350 fraternal delegates to the convention. They played a leading role in all phases of its work, including a special panel on Negro problems. Problems affecting Negro youth were also discussed in all the other panels—on student work, rural youth, national groups etc.—in line with the policy of the organization of educating the white youth on the Negro question and on the common interests of the two groups.

The convention adopted a new preamble to the YCL Constitution pledging the organization to the defense of civil liberties, religious freedom and equal rights for all nationalities and peoples and the condemnation of all concepts of race or national superiority.