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Durham Committee Negro Affairs Meets

Officers Election Expected to Swell Attendance Sun.

DURHAM—The 1939 annual meeting of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs will be held at the Hillside auditorium, Sunday September 17 at three o'clock. It was announced this week by R. N. Harris, secretary of the local branch. Several vacancies on the Executive Committee are to be filled this year and this particular part of Sunday's program is expected to draw a large number of persons from all walks of life to the meeting. Membership on the Executive Committee is limited to three two and one year which means that three post are to be filled.

Because of the importance of the Executive Committee selection to its membership always calls for an unusual amount of interest. While there has been no indication that any of those who come up for reelection this year will not permit their names to be used as a candidate, several persons have been mentioned as being in the race, and a heated contest is expected to take place on next Sunday afternoon.

EVERYBODY INVITED

The Durham Committee on Negro Affairs is a wide open organization so far as Negroes

are concerned. The only requirement for membership is that be identified as a Negro. Every Negro in Durham is invited to Sunday's meeting and officers of the organization hope to fill the high school auditorium to capacity with citizens from all sections of the city.

PROGRAM PLANNED

In addition to the election of three members of the Executive Committee, an interesting program has been planned. Several speakers will appear on the program and several quartets have been invited to render music for the occasion. Other equally interesting numbers are expected to be rendered.

The purpose of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs is to look out for the civic, political, economic welfare of all the race in Durham. A report of its activities for the year will be read by the secretary.

The committee is now composed of C. C. Spaulding, chairman; Dr. James E. Shepard, vice chairman; W. D. Hill, R. N. Harris secretary; James T. Taylor, Mrs. Nell Hunter C. O. Pearson, Mrs. I. H. Russell and R. L. McDougald.

HEADS FAMILY



MRS. EMMA DAVIDSON, 88 year old resident of the Hoskins section who was the oldest representative at the Davidson family reunion at Sunset Park in Charlotte recently. The reunion was the tenth consecutive annual one the family has enjoyed, and was the most successful in history. The family numbers among its members a large number of ministers and some of the most influential persons in Charlotte community life.

6,000 Greet Father Divine In Phila.

PHILADELPHIA.—A crowd of 6,000 of his local followers greeted Father Divine at the Broad Street Station on his arrival here to lead a three day series of "peace" meetings. The cult leader arrived by train from one of his New York "kingdoms" and was accompanied by 640 of his "angels."

He later addressed a meeting of 6,000 person at the Phillies' baseball park.

When Father Divine seated on the back of a large touring car with the top down arrived at the ball park at 3:30 he found some 1,500 persons inside and an equal number without. He announced to his disciples that he was going back downtown to have supper.

"I'll be back at o'clock with a message," he told them. "I'll be here in the spirit and I'll be here when I get back."

Asked about the war situation, Father Divine told interviewers that he could not comment until it came "voluntarily."

PENNSYLVANIA WON'T BAN "COME WITH THE WIND"

PITTSBURGH, (C. N. A.)—The Grand Army of the Republic veterans heading homeward this week from their annual encampment head this their protest against the showing of the movie "Come With The Wind" said be in vain Republican dominated Pennsylvania.

A resolution charged that the film based on Margaret Mitchell's anti Negro novel depicted a Union soldier as a "hideous marauder attacking women." It urged that members absent from any theater showing this "defamatory film."

Mrs. Edna R. Carrol of Philadelphia chairman of the State Board of Motion Picture Censorship.

Monday is the day of consecration and the devotionals and prayer service will begin at 10 a. m. and will continue until 11 when the first business session will open. The Bible Study period begins at 2:00 p. m.; there is another business session

NAACP Launches Fight For Graduate Work In Three Border States

NEW YORK—With eight persons filing application for entrance to graduate schools in three states for the fall term the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced today that it will push its drive at open colleges in southern and border states to Negroes in Missouri, Tennessee and Maryland.

All the persons have sought the aid of the NAACP in pressing their cases.

According to the Association applications are listed in the following categories: Law 3; biology 1; sociology 1; education 1; chemistry 1; Journalism 1.

The names of the students, and the universities to which they seek admission follow:

University of Tennessee, Knoxville: P. L. Smith, Joseph Michael law; Clinton Marsh sociology; Homer L. Saunders education; Ezra Totten chemistry all resident of Knoxville; and Walter S. E. Hardy, Charlotte N. C. chemistry. University of Missouri,

Columbia: Miss Lucille Blufford, Kansas City, Missouri journalism. University of Maryland, Baltimore: William Murphy, Baltimore Law.

RANSOM TO HANDLE TENNESSEE CASES

The NAACP announcement said that L. A. Ransom professor of law at Howard University and a member of the Association's national legal committee, will handle the University of Tennessee cases. He will be assisted by the law firm of Cowan and Looby of Nashville. Ransom is scheduled to go to Nashville September 19 to prepare the ground or court action.

GAINES CASE TO BE

Charles H. Truiston, special counsel of the NAACP will handle the case of Miss Blufford at the University of Missouri. He is expected to leave shortly for Columbia Mo.

It was also stated that plans to seek further court action in the Lloyd Gaines case. The U. S. Supreme Court handed down a decision December 12th 1938 ordering the University of

FSN Mentor Denies Report of Resigning

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—Rumors that "Army" Armstrong Fayetteville State Normal mentor had resigned his position as coach at the school was denied this week in a special wire sent to the Carolina Times by Coach Armstrong himself.

It has been going the rounds for several weeks that Armstrong had resigned his position as head of athletics at the Fayetteville School to study medicine.

Armstrong went to State Normal several years ago from Shaw University. Since taking up his work as head coach the Fayetteville State Normal Athletic department has taken on new life. He has turned out some of the best teams in football and basketball the school has ever had.

Last year the Fayetteville team met some of the strongest teams in and out of the CLAA and on very few occasions did they show signs of not being well trained. This year's schedule is equally as hard if not a harder one than last year.



Above is show a recent crowd before Baptizing conducted annually during the month of September by the House of Prayer in Charlotte. Standing in the black robe is Bishop C. M. Grace, "Daddy" Grace to his followers in Charlotte and many other places.

A view of the Bishop Grace parade at Charlotte last Sunday showing several members of the Col. Charles Young Post of the American Legion's Drum and Bugle Corps, which was a very popular feature of the parade. A view of the Bishop Grace Auxiliaries, carrying as did most of the parades, large and small banners showing "Daddy" Grace holding the world up in one hand. This year marks the first time the banners have been used. (Another picture on page 9)

Seven Ministers Baptize 489 As Convocation Ends

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Last Sunday night will be termed "Daddy" Grace Day here as it marked the culmination of a week's convocation at the House of Prayer, featured by a mammoth mass baptizing with four hundred and eighty nine men, women, boys and girls and babies being immersed by seven preachers connected with the House of Prayer before a crowd of approximately four thousand that packed every inch of available space around the pool behind the House of Prayer and parade many blocks long before streets crowded with people to witness the spectacle.

Bishop C. M. Grace founder of the House of Prayer, started a series of Convocations in New York City on August 6 and to conclude the series on October 1 at Columbia South Carolina. In each town he visited there was a week's convocation preceding his coming. He goes to Savannah and Augusta Georgia before terminating the meetings in Columbia.

At the conclusion of the baptizing the crowd dispersed and plans were begun for the mammoth parade. The parade left House of Prayer about four o'clock in the afternoon and followed a route that took it over the principal streets of the Second Ward section of town. Long before it began buses and taxicabs in all parts of town were taxed beyond their capacity as thousands of people tried to get to Second Ward to see the parade. When it finally got underway it passed streets literally crowded with people on both sides and on the tops of cars second story windows, the roofs of houses and trees that lined the way.

The parade brought most of the membership of the house of prayer, divided into neatly uniformed groups in the various auxiliaries connected with it. Many of the women wore gorgeous evening dresses others wore colored uniforms and the men were also uniformed. Bishop Grace himself rode alone in the back seat of his car driven by a smartly uniformed chauffeur, differing from his former custom of having one or more "angels" to fan him on the way. Several musical groups were in the parade and the Drum and Bugle Corps of the Colonel Charles Young Post of the American Legion was featured as were several boy and girl scout outfits.

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Service began at the House of Prayer early Sunday morning and the baptizing was scheduled to begin at eleven A. M. but it was twelve thirty before "Daddy" Grace came to the pool followed by his preachers and the four hundred persons who were to be baptized. Bishop Grace made a short address to the assembled thousands and then the baptizing got underway with seven preachers doing the actual baptizing under the direction of "Daddy" Grace. Many of the baptizings were impromptu a number of persons dressed in regular street attire "feeling the spirit" and rushing into the pool. These along with those dressed beforehand for the occasion, brought the total to 489.

The baptizing lasted about two and one half hours and went forward with admirable dispatch except when some "spirit filled" convert would rush into the pool from any direction and break up the line that was in the pool. The persons to be baptized were all led into the pool from one side and passed from hand to hand to the middle of the pool where one man did all the actual immersing and then from

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ACTORS UNION WINS COURT FIGHT

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HOLY CONVOCATION TO HOLD 45TH ANNUAL SESSION IN DURHAM

DURHAM—The 46th Annual Convocation of the United Holy Church of America, Inc. (Southern District) will be held at the Gospel Tabernacle Church on Piedmont Avenue for one week, beginning Sunday September 17 and continuing through Sunday Sept. 24th. The church will be the scene of all of the daily meetings but all evening service will be held in the Auditorium of the Hillside Park High School.

The convocation will get off to a start at 4 a. m. Sunday morning with a sunrise service which will continue until 7 and at 9:30 the Bible Church School will take place with Supt. K. W. Bowden conducting. This will be followed by 45 minutes of prayer and consecration and at noon the special opening will take place, during which time there will be fellowship greetings. The message to the convocation is scheduled for 12:30.

The afternoon will be occupied with a 3:00 o'clock special platform service, intercession for dinner and devotional services with testimonies. Another gospel message will be heard at 5 p. m.

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at 3:00; dinner is served at 5, and at 7:30 there will be devotional and praise service as a prelude to the formal opening of the convocation. During the formal opening program there will be words of welcome and greeting from representatives of the City of Durham, Churches, The Ministerial Alliance, Colored Business and the Press.

The high points of Tuesday's program will be the President's annual report at 1:30 p. m. and the evangelistic message at nine. Of course the regular business session will be held at 11 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.

Wednesday will be known as Missionary day and all devotional services will be led by missionary workers. The program of the will consist of special prayers for Missionaries in Heaten Lands, an exhibition of fancy needle work special missionary Song Services and offerings, and a climactic message at 9 p. m. on Missions at Home and Abroad.

The main address on Thursday will come at 1:30 and will be on the subject of Christian Education. A special gospel message will come at 9 p. m.

Friday is Young People's day and special devotional services and Bible Study periods will be conducted by various active young men and women. The outstanding features of this day



MRS. MARTHA JOHNSON, tall Store and in addition to her work in the store and her sales work inside and outside, she found time to assist in 36 cooking schools during 1938. According to a statement from R. H. Watkins, sales manager of the Retail Store "her sales have been most satisfactory and she is a remarkably keen judge of the credit standing of her customers, there has been only one re-possession on her account during all the years she has worked with us."

STAR SALESLADY

NEW YORK—A new bibliography listing all the latest reference books containing any material about Negroes, has just been published by the National Urban League's Department of Research.

This bibliography which is expected to be particularly valuable to students of Negro life and history is a revision of one issued in 1937. It contains all of the books listed in the first edition and the supplement in addition work published in 1938 and the first half of 1939. It is thoroughly annotated and especially designed to assist persons interested in the selective reading of books—by and about the Negro. Among the subjects covered are: "General reference works, biograph social and economic problems literature—drama art music—education fiction and history."

The bibliography is mimeographed and may be obtained through the Department of Research of the National Urban League 1133 Broadway New York City for 15 cents per copy or \$1.50 per dozen copies.