

CHARLOTTE Social Notes

CHARLOTTE — Mr. and Mrs. Carson H. Beckwith of First Street celebrated their first wedding anniversary on Sunday December 31st. Guests included Misses Carrie E. Robinson, Mary Pettice, and Louise Spears, Mr. Meadows and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Malone. The hostess served a delicious New Years Eve Buffet Supper.

William Harris, Robert Harris, Miss Hattie Harris, Mrs. Maud Blanchard, of New York were in the city last week to bury their father, Robert Harris of South Church Street. While here they were the guests of J. C. Graham, of East First Street.

Members of Hobby Lobby Sewing club entertained their husbands at a party during the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grier on Monroe Road. The home was beautifully decorated. The evening was spent playing games and dancing. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grier, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Grier, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Gill, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Murphy, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Dale, Rev. William Blackwell, Mrs. Mildred Alexander, and Mrs. Margaret Patterson.

The Duchesne club formerly known as the Siren club held their first meeting in the New Year Wednesday at the home of Miss Estelle Foster on East Third Street. Those present were Misses Minnie Oliphant, Clara Gordan, Pearl Miller, Hazel Witherston, and Mary Louise Jones.

Miss Marie Guest entertained members of her Kewpie Cousins Club Saturday evening at the home of Miss Jessie Palmer on West Hill Street. Guests invited were Miss Louise Taylor, and Mrs. Harriet Williamson.

Southern Board of Officials met at the home of D. W. Clark on Oaklawn Avenue Tuesday evening. Officers are F. L. Wylie president, T. M. Martin, secretary-treasurer. The Southern Board of Officials will meet next Tuesday with A. E. Colston, on North Myers Street.

G. T. Nash was host to members of the Pick Wick Bridge club Thursday evening at his home on North Myers Street. Four hands of Bridge were played at three tables. Harry Mills was awarded first prize and C. W. Crawford second prize.

Arthur Anderson of Beatties Ford Road returned to the city, after attending the funeral of his father in Washington, D. C. Mr. Anderson is the executive secretary of the Colored YMCA.

Mrs. Grace Wylie was hostess to members of the Bird Club Friday evening at her home on Oaklawn Avenue. Miss Edna Morris and Mrs. Lucille Harris were the winners of prizes from the club and Mrs. Wilma Williams received the guests prize.

Miss Charlotte Hunter of Baldwin Avenue is improving after an illness of two weeks.



Photo shows group responsible for the entertainment of the forthcoming general conference which will be held at John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Fourteenth and Corcoran Sts., Northwest, May 1940. This committee was selected from the several A.M.E. Zion Churches in and around Washington. Among the head of committees and officers shown are the Rev. D. C. Lynch, chairman, entertainment committee; T. F. Harper, secretary, general committee; Dr. V. J. Tulane, general treasurer; Dr. H. T. Medford; the Rev. R. W. Alstork, general chairman; A. A. Crooke, vice chairman; S. M. Dudley, chairman housing committee; Dr. S. G. Spottswood, host pastor.

Citizens At Home Will Determine Fate Of Anti-Lynching Bill In Senate Says White

NEW YORK — "We're going to have a tough fight to pass the Anti-lynching bill in the Senate. Whether or not we will win this fight depends almost entirely on the pressure that can be exerted, and exerted at once by the people back home."

This was the statement made by Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, as a forecast of what is to happen to the Gavagan-Fish Anti lynching bill which passed the House on Wednesday, January 10, by a vote of 262 to 131, and has been sent to the Senate.

The NAACP secretary, pointing out that it is necessary to be done now, in the fight to pass the bill in the Senate, said he believes that Senator Tom Connally, of Texas, an avowed enemy of the bill, will insist on holding hearings. Although Senator Henry F. Ashurst of Arizona chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has not announced the names of members of the sub committee which will hold hearings, it is understood that Senator Connally will probably be a member of the committee.

Mr. White urged individuals and organizations interested in pushing the passage of the bill through to:

"Write to your Senator and tell him that you want hearings to be held at once, and that you want him to exert his influence to bring this about, and that you urge him to vote for cloture (limitation of debate) if a filibuster is started against the bill."

The secretary of the NAACP said that the association plans to corral witnesses from many of the southern states and to have them testify, when hearings are held. Many of these witnesses will come from Texas, the home state of Vice-President Garner, Senator Connally, and Representative Martin Dies. "These witnesses," he said, "will show that in Texas, which has had more than 500 lynchings to its credit since statistics were first undertaken in 1882, continues to operate as one of the key southern states where denial of civil liberties, leading to lynchings, has been most flagrant."

Urging that citizen buy Anti-lynching buttons, Mr. White added: "We need money badly to carry this fight forward. That is why we want to see every one of our 145,000 anti-lynching buttons sold."

Commenting on the passage of the bill in the House this week, he said:

"Two things stand out in the passage of the bill in the House. The first is that Representative Joseph Gavagan, who made such a spirited fight two years ago, saw the results of his labor this week. There was a mildness about Southern reaction to the bill today, except for the tirades of Rankin, of Mississippi and Cox of Georgia, that was absent two years ago. With Representative Gavagan driving forward in his usual hard hitting manner, the bill went through despite opposition."

"The second important note in the House fight was the ap-

preciation by Representatives of the fact that the Negro vote in 1940 is an important balance of power in those states which will have the final say about the presidential election, and that this vote is increasingly intelligent and independent.

The NAACP secretary made it clear that every effort will be welcomed from throughout the South to supply authority information about conditions surrounding lynchings and near lynchings in their communities, particularly in Texas. The information should be mailed promptly to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York. He stressed the importance of drafting the information in the form of signed affidavits, records of court proceedings, and newspaper clippings, in order to assure authenticity.

To Develop Dramatics

NASHVILLE, (ANP)—With a special grant of \$2,500 from the General Education board of the South to be used in developing dramatic work at Fisk university during the next few years, the Stagecrafters are well on the way to becoming one of the outstanding Negro organizations in this field. Part of the grant is being expended for new lighting equipment and a course in stage lighting will be given. The director, John Ross, who joined the Fisk faculty last September, studied stage lighting under the noted authority, Professor Stanley Macandless of Yale university, designer of lighting set up at Radio City and college theatres throughout the country.

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Young Musicians Urged To Apply For Jobs

NEW YORK — Young musicians who have real talent were urged by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to send their names to Miss Margaret Valiant National Administration, Washington, immediately in order to arrange for auditions for jobs in Leopold Stokowski's All-American Youth, 109 piece orchestra.

According to an announcement made last week by Aubrey Williams, NYA administrator, "general requirements of the players are that they be within an age range of 16 to 25 with no restrictions regarding race, color, or sex. Great ability as orchestra players and a good technique are necessary, but even more important are beauty of tone variety of tone color, good phrasing, musical feeling, imagination, poetry."

"The players should concentrate especially on beauty of tone," Williams' announcement said, "good phrasing, a fluid ability to play very loud and very soft. It would be taken for granted that they read music fluently, have a good ear and play in tune. Orchestral experience is valuable but not one of the most important requisites. Great talent is more important than experience."

The NYA administrator said that preliminary auditions will be held under NYA auspices from January 16 to March 15. Regional and final auditions for the selection of the members of the orchestra will be held thereafter with agents of the famous conductor in charge.

The NYA announcement quoting Stokowski as follows in explaining his central idea for the musical aggregation:

"The idea of all All-American Youth Orchestra is to create a musical organization which represents the whole of the United States and will be a messenger of beauty and good will to the Latin American countries. We wish to give these talented young players opportunity to play in a modern symphony orchestra of 109 players, and we would like to have one or more representatives from each state. I feel confident that we can build up an orchestra that will be a unique expression of the vitality, enthusiasm, and originality of American youth today."

Stokowski will hold his final auditions in April. The noted conductor will be entirely responsible for all arrangements incident to the tour itself.

Garner Gets Second Query On Race Voting

NEW YORK — Failing to get a reply from Vice-President Garner on the question of whether he believes that Negro Democrats in Texas and other southern states should be given the opportunity to exercise their constitutional right of franchise in voting during 1940 primaries, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has again written Garner asking him to interpret the statement he issued last December 16, when he threw his hat into the ring as a 1940 presidential candidate.

Last December, when he announced this candidacy, Garner issued a forty four word statement, which said in part:

"The candidate for president should be selected at primaries and conventions as provided by law, and I sincerely trust that all Democrats will participate."

It was on that part of the statement which said:

"all democrats" that the NAACP queried the vice-president, in a telegram sent to his home in Uvalde, Texas. The telegram asked Garner to clarify his statement and to state whether he included Negro democrats in his thinking when he made the statement.

Garner, through his secretary Louis Friday, refused to enlarge on the statement. In a letter o-

Hold Farm Demonstration

BY J. E. TUCK County Agent

LOUISBURG, N. C. — E. V. Vastel of the State Extension Service, held a demonstration in cutting and curing meat for the benefit of Negro farmers in Franklin county on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd. The purpose of this demonstration was to give the farmers practical information in cutting and curing meat. This demonstration was held on the farm of Charlie Bibby, Franklin and about twenty farmers were present. W. C. Boyce, county agent of Franklin county was present and assisted E. V. Vastel in the demonstration.



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