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JOHN W. MITCHELL, district farm agent of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, who was promoted to the position of state agent in charge of Negro extension work.

Lay Problems Before Dept. Of Justice

WASHINGTON — In Washington this week are victims of brutal treatment by the Ku Klux Klan in South Carolina and two escaped Negro farm workers from a Georgia peonage farm who were held in bondage for more than ten years. They were brought here by the National Negro Congress for the purpose of presenting their complaints to officials of the United States Department of Justice. An appointment for them is scheduled for sometime during the coming week with Assistant Attorney General O. John Rogge.

At a meeting held here Tuesday of this week, at which Congressman Vito Marcantonio, president of the International Labor Defense, presided, the witnesses who came to Washington told a tragic story of brutal terror and semi-slave conditions in South Carolina and Georgia. On witness, Will Fleming, the father of ten children, told a horror-stricken audience of Washington citizens, that he had been chained in his cabin at night to prevent his escape from a peonage farm in Oglethorpe County, Georgia. He testified before the audience that he and his wife and his children had all been forced to work on the plantation during a period of some 25 years and that in that whole period the family earnings for any one year had never been more than \$10.00.

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ATTORNEY



L. F. HARRIS, prominent Charlotte, N. C. attorney, who recently won a brilliant victory in a damage suit against the city of Charlotte. Attorney Harris represented one of seven persons who were suing the city for the death of seven Negro children who were drowned after the collapse of a bridge several months ago. The case in which he was the attorney came to trial first and the six other cases depended on the verdict found in it. Though the jury was apparently hung and a mistrial was ordered, Attorney Harris was able to secure a liberal settlement for his client. In the case which governed all the other six, the jury, it is said, was about to agree on lower damages than were finally secured by Attorney Harris.

USHERS TO HOLD MID-YEAR SESSION AT REIDSVILLE

Florida Conference Closes Annual Meet

Confab Declared Most Successful Ever Held Here

TAMPA, Fla., (ANP) — The Central Florida Annual Conference of the AME church closed last week, ending the series of Florida annual conference begun last November. Meeting in Saint Paul church here with Bishop H. Y. Tookes presiding, Dr. James Murray and Presiding Elder C. S. Long as hosts, the meeting was declared most successful by all who attended.

Dr. M. D. Potter, presiding elder of the St. Petersburg district acted as master of ceremonies during the opening worship hour assisted by the following officers: John H. Clayborne, editor of the Southern Christian Recorder; A. E. Adams, secretary of education for the AME church; George A. Singleton, editor of the Christian Recorder; and Mrs. Lucy M. Hughes, connection president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society.

The presence of Bishops John A. Gregg is prelate of the 4th district of which Chicago is the center, and Bishop R. R. Wright presides over the 15th district comprising South Africa. Other prominent visitors were, Drs. H. Hilton Mickens, Mississippi; D. H. Stanton, Atlanta; T. J. Miles, South Carolina; J. S. Johnson, Florida's standard bearer; J. E. Beard, R. D. Davis, J. S. Brookins, Frank M. Reid, Leonard F. Morse, Edward Waters college, W. G. Alexander, A. C. Wells, S. G. Baker, R. B. Sutton, C. A. Gibbs, E. D. Dampsey, R. Jones, Mrs. L. G. White, Mrs. M. P. Tookes, Mrs. A. E. Heath, Mrs. and R. J. Wright, Jr. Dr. J. J. Heath, pastor of Bethel, St. Petersburg, led the conference in Dollar Money and all other items, closely followed by the Rev. W. F. Foster, pastor of Allen Temple, Dr. James

SFMI Co. Holds Stockholders Conference

DURHAM — The Southern Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company of Durham, North Carolina held its fourteenth annual policy and stockholders meeting on Thursday last week with a gathering of notables from several North Carolina cities.

Outstanding in the report to policyholders and stockholders was the progress that the company had enjoyed during 1939 by showing an increase in all income—both in the Health and Accident and Fidelity and Surety Departments. As compared with its total income five years prior, 1939 showed an increase of 67 per cent. It was also notable that over \$6000.00 was returned to policyholders in claims during 1939, and a dividend of 75c per share paid to stockholders. Since its organization \$17,263.11 had been returned to policyholders and \$41,391.98 to its many satisfied policyholders. Net admitted assets were reported at \$68,877.44, and surplus to policyholders of \$24,364.94, with a Guar-

SOUTHERN FIDELITY OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS



OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS of the Southern Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company, caught by the cameraman at the fourteenth annual meeting in Durham. Seated at desk is W. G. Pearson, president. Others left to right: A Moore Shearin, secretary and treasurer; G. A. Edwards, director; C. C. Spaulding, vice-president; E. R. Merrick, vice-president; W. J. Kennedy, director; J. C. Scarborough, vice-president; R. L. McDougald, director; Wm. Jay Walker, Jr., assistant secretary; J. H. Wheeler, Director.

Program At St. Joseph Sun. Night

DURHAM — Climaxing the regular Easter Day services, under the auspices of the Sunday School Board, a very interesting program will be presented at 7:30, Easter Sunday night, March 24. Music will be furnished by the Male Glee Club from the North Carolina College for Negroes, directed by Prof. Isadore Boyd Oklesby. The speaker for the evening will be Dr. J. T. Taylor of the North Carolina College. Dr. Taylor is considered a very interesting and outstanding speaker. The pastor, officers and members of the Sunday School are inviting other Sunday Schools of the city as the public at large to attend what is planned to be a very enjoyable program.

Protest

WASHINGTON — Recognizing radio as a medium of tremendous force in shaping the public's mental reactions, Dr. Algernon B. Jackson, prominent physician here, this week deplored the use of the term "darky" in songs and jokes on the radio. Dr. Jackson, feeling so strongly about the humiliating practice urged editions to stir the Negro radio public from their lethargy in regard to the matter. The physician asks that protests be made by telephone and letter to broadcasting systems and radio stations whenever the term "darky" is heard over the air.

Hold Final Rites For Dr. W. S. Creecy

RICH SQUARE, N. C. (Special) — Fatally stricken while walking around his farm here, funeral services for the Rev. Dr. W. S. Creecy, pioneer North Carolina educator and minister, were conducted at the First Baptist Church here on Thursday, March 14. The services which were attended by hundreds of persons of both races, were directed by the Rev. P. A. Bishop who was assisted by the Rev. J. L. S. Holloman of Washington, D. C., who delivered the eulogy. Dr. Creecy, who was principal of the Creecy High School here recently named in his honor, was stricken on Monday of last week. Born in Edenton, N. C., the distinguished educator-minister came to Rich Square 28 years ago. During this period he had erected three school buildings, and at the time of his death was the active pastor of four churches. The deceased was a graduate of Roanoke Collegiate Institute of Elizabeth City, N. C., and Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C. The latter institution of which he was a member of the board of trustees, conferred the honorary M. A. and D. D. degrees upon him several years ago. For some years Dr. Creecy served as president of the Shaw University Alumni Association and as moderator and at one time auditor, of the Beauty Association. Prior to accepting the principalship of the Creecy High School, the deceased taught at Roanoke Institute.

Appoint Mitchell Negro State Agent

COLLEGE STATION, Raleigh, (Special) — John W. Mitchell, Negro district agent of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service for the past 10 years, has been appointed State agent in charge of Negro extension work. It was announced here today by Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of Extension of State College. He succeeds the late C. R. Hudson, pioneer farm demonstration worker in North Carolina and State agent in charge of work for 18 years. Dr. Schaub also announced that J. W. Jeffries, Negro farm agent in Alameda County since 1922, will succeed Mitchell as district agent. Both appointments are effective April 1. Mitchell and Jeffries will maintain headquarters at A and T College, Greensboro, but will work through the State College offices of the Extension Service. Mitchell has been an Extension worker in North Carolina for 22 years. He is a native of North Carolina, receiving his elementary education at Fayetteville. Please turn to page eight.

Mme. Walker Agents Hold Convention

CHICAGO — With Mrs. Mae Walker Perry, granddaughter of the famed Mme. C. J. Walker agent and beautician of Illinois and Northern Indiana will hold their regional convention here March 31-April 1. Meeting at the Walker Beauty college in the heart of Chicago's Southside, a revolutionary trend, permanent waving on pressed hair will be demonstrated to the group attending. Attorney F. A. Ransom, manager of the Walker company, will deliver an address before the convention when they convene at the Cosmopolitan Independent Church on Sunday night. A mammoth coiffure revue and dance at Beon's Casino on Monday night will climax the convention. Mrs. Marjorie Stewart Joyner, manager of the Walker Beauty college here, is in charge of plans for the meet.

CHAMP'S WIFE AT MAYO CLINIC FOR OBSERVATION

ROCHESTER, Minn., (ANP) — Mrs. Marva Trotter Barrow, wife of world's heavyweight champion, Joe Louis arrived here from Chicago Monday for observation at Mayo brother clinic. The nature of her illness was not disclosed, but a hospital bulletin gave her condition as satisfactory. Having appeared in a fashion show in Chicago Saturday night, Mrs. Barrow's departure the following day came as a surprise to her many friends.



BISHOP HENRY Y. TOOKES, who presided over the Central Florida Annual Conference of the AME church closed last week ending the series of Florida annual conference begun last November. Bishop J. Gregg presided Wednesday night when the Rev. W. C. Jones delivered the sermon.

Complete Plans For Gathering

REIDSVILLE (Special to the TIMES) — Plans for the annual Mid-Year session of the North Carolina Inter-denominational Usher Association to be held at the First Baptist church here Sunday, March 31 were about completed this week according to J. R. Neal, president of the local usher association.

From all indications the mid-year session this year will be attended by the largest delegation in the history of the organization, and the local entertainment committee has left no stone unturned to assure visiting ushers from all parts of the state of every convenience.

Registration will start promptly at one o'clock, and will be followed by twenty minutes devotions at 1:10 p. m. At 1:30 the visitors will be served dinner in the basement of the church, and the session proper will get under way promptly at 2 p. m., with a short welcome address by A. D. Owens of the local Ushers union. Mrs. Ethel McMillan of Salisbury, member of the Board of Directors of the association will respond to the address of welcome. The entire session will be presided over by L. E. Austin, president of the association and editor of the CAROLINA TIMES. Many important discussions of the work will be led by prominent ushers of the organization.

The N. C. Interdenominational Ushers Association is the only organization of its kind in the state that includes ushers of all denominations, it has had an unusual growth in influence and membership during the past 15 years. Its entire membership numbers nearly 4,000 and each year sees a decided increase over that of the former. The annual mid-year session this year will be preceded by a big Easter usher rally in Selma, Sunday, March 24 when ushers Please turn to page eight.

THRILLED AUDIENCE



MISS DOROTHY MAYNOR, who appeared in recital at the B. N. Duke Auditorium at North Carolina College on March 13. The audience was enthralled by her personality and gracious bearing. The artistry was reflected in the handling of her well chosen program which included such numbers as "Ave Maria" by Schubert, "Im Herbst" by Franz and "Communion" by Debussy and other beloved numbers and spirituals.