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Durham Bank Reports Unusual Growth For Last Year

FIGHT FOR RACE POLICE TO CONTINUE

Memphis Police Bar Negroes From Interracial Meet

MEMPHIS, (ANP) — Commissioner of Public Safety Boyle Wednesday afternoon notified the Memphis Commission for Interracial Cooperation that he would meet with them to discuss better white-Negro relations in Memphis but that the conference would be limited to the commission's white minister members only.

His notice was sent to Dr. Sam E. Howie, white, president of the commission, in response to a renewed request by a special committee appointed by the commission for a conference with city officials on the question of better race relations, for which the organization was formed.

The first request for such a conference met a firm refusal from Boyle, who pointed out that he considered certain commission members inimical to better racial relations here.

Plans are being made by the interracial group to stage a mass meeting of whites and Negroes here in February to promote improved racial relations, with Dr. Will W. Alexander, executive secretary of the National C. I. C. and administrator of the Farm Security Administration, as principal speaker.

Boyle's letter said in part: "It is true I declined to discuss the racial question with your committee and wrote you giving my reasons, that some of the newspaper Negroes on your committee for many months had been carrying on a campaign with inflammatory articles calculated to disrupt the present relations between the white and colored race in this community.

"We have no race trouble here, and there will be none unless some foolish, misguided persons are determined with the help of outsiders to foment strife. Negroes are giving every opportunity to engage in any honest endeavor. They will not be disturbed, but to the contrary will be given all possible encouragement."

Man Walks Eight Miles To Kill Rival

WILSON, — Herbert Bynum, 27-year old Shapshbury resident walked eight miles Tuesday night to kill a man after a quarrel over Bynum's wife, then walked four miles to give himself up to police.

Assistant Cashier



J. J. Sanson, who was elected assistant cashier of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham at its last annual meeting in January. Mr. Sanson is a native of Atlanta, Georgia, and has been employed at the Mechanics and Farmers Bank since 1938.

Negro Medical Officers Will Be Called To Service

WASHINGTON, (Special to the CAROLINA TIMES) — The War Department announced today that about 110 Negro medical officers and nurses would be called to active service within the next sixty days.

In addition to the immediate plans it is anticipated that the three Negro National Guard Regiments will require a small number of Negro doctors and dentists to bring their medical staffs to full strength. It also is anticipated that a number of Negro Medical officers and nurses will be authorized soon for assignment to other regiments and station hospitals where there are Negro troops.

In the large general Army hospitals, it is not planned to use Negro professionals, although Negro patients will be accommodated without discrimination, receiving the same treatment and facilities as other patients.

As Negro officers are called from the Medical Reserve, additional Reserve appointments will be made. Please turn to page Six

75th Anniversary Founders Day Program Held At Lincoln 'U'



USHERETTES and attendants at the 75th anniversary Founders' Day program in Page Auditorium at Lincoln University, are left to right: — Wendell Pruitt, St. Louis; Florence Ann Brown, Okmulgee, Okla.; Wanda Wheeler, Galesburg, Ill.; Leontine Golden, Saint Louis; Thelma Legion, Miss.; Marjorie Beck, Kansas City, Mo.; Laura Polk, Saint Louis, Mary Louis; Strawn, Saint Joseph, Mo.; and Roy Kenner, St. Louis.

Mechanics and Farmers Bank Deposits Increase Over \$50,000 For 1940

DURHAM — According to the report of President C. C. Spauldport, the Mechanics and Farmers Bank made at the annual meeting of stockholders held recently, deposits of the bank have increased more than \$50,000 over the amount shown in last year's report. One item in president Spauldport's report that was of unusual interest stated, that during the year 1940 the bank made loans of \$100,000 and paid out \$100,000 in interest. Please turn to page Six

TO COMPLETE BOYS' DORMITORY AT LIVINGSTONE



The annual drive for Livingstone College is now in full swing, and according to President W. J. Trent it is hoped that the campaign will not only net enough funds for the maintenance of the school during the next fiscal year, but enough to complete the boys' dormitory, pictured above, which is much needed to take care of the increase in enrollment that has been realized this year.

Battle For Race Law Officers Looms For Spring Election

Supreme Court Saves Man From Chair On Eve Of Execution

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (ANP) — Two men sentenced to die in the electric chair for murder between midnight and dawn Thursday, received stays of execution Wednesday, one through court action and the other through executive reprieve.

Joe Vernon of Birmingham, through his attorney in Washington, obtained a stay of execution from Associate Justice Felix Frankfurter until his counsel could file a motion for a review of the case by the United States Supreme court. After the clerk of the supreme court had advised Atty. General Thomas S. Lawson of the stay Gov. Frank M. Dixon reprieved L. C. Bell, convicted with Vernon for slaying a filling station attendant in a holdup.

Earlier the Alabama supreme court had sustained a lower court's action in denying Vernon's plea for a writ of habeas corpus. The plea contended Vernon had been denied his constitutional rights because Negroes were "intentionally and systematically barred" from juries.

Wins Award



RICHARD WRIGHT, 32, author of the famous best seller, "Native Son" who has been awarded the 1940 Spingarn Medal Award by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. — Photo by Ernest Brooks.

Colored Nurses To Serve In U. S. Army

WASHINGTON, D. C., (ANP) — Climaxing their long fight for induction into the nursing service of the U. S. Army Medical Corps, members of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses have been informed by the American Red Cross that the Army is going to use Negro nurses, it was learned here this week.

It was stated that the names of 117 eligible, registered nurses have been sent to Army officials by the American Red Cross, which is the authorized agency through which nurses are selected for the Army and Navy branches of the War Department.

Of the 117 eligibles, it was said that 48 would be selected for the Fourth and Fifth Corps Areas. The Fourth Area is in the South, while the Fifth comprises Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia.

In just what capacities the nurses would be used, or the nature of their assignments, was not immediately known, but with the induction into Federal service of various State National Guard regiments, as well as the Draft selectees, it was thought the nurses would be integrated into the medical personnel stationed at the various Army training camps.

CHARLOTTE — Presenting their case with the skill of congressional lobbyist, The Crusaders, Charlotte's answer to the crime problem, met again with the City Council at its January 29th session to present new evidence for the case of Negro police, and to ascertain the attitude of the Council itself on this burning question.

Another filibuster of the ilk pulled at its Jan. 15th session was, seemingly in the making with Mayor Ben E. Douglas recent in the role of opposition spokesman, when reverberations from the inner sanctum of the Council itself, apparently, saved the day or the Crusaders as the Councilmen for the case, heretofore non committal, literally, blitzed the opposition forces with a barrage of motions for ease.

To begin the fire works, the report of the Advisory com. appointed at the Jan. 15 session, the study the question was read by City Manager Armstrong, chairman. Somewhat vague as to the actual situation, the report suggested as a possible remedy for the local crime situation the closing up of some questionable Cafes and Beer parlors, and the enactment of an ordinance for the confiscation of pistols and knives. Opening the hearing, Mayor Douglas asserted that at the previous meeting, the data presented by the delegation was insufficient to warrant any action on the issue, and that in all due respect to the delegation, there existed in his mind a question as to whether the issue should be taken up. Please turn to page Six

Question May Appear As Issue In Spring Election

NEW YORK, (Special to the CAROLINA TIMES) — Plans have been completed for the introduction in Congress next week of a resolution calling for an investigation of the treatment of the Negro in the entire national defense program including the Army, Navy, Air and Marine Corps, with particular emphasis on jobs in defense industry, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced today.

Walter White, executive secretary of the association, who spent some time in Washington this week. Please turn to page Six