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# MRS. NELL HUNTER LEADS N.Y.A. GROUP YERGAN LOSES POST AT NYC COLLEGE

## Local Woman Directs NYA Choir In Hyde Park CBS Broadcast

MRS. NELL HUNTER  
TO DIRECT N. Y. A.  
BROADCAST—SUNDAY

SINGER



Mrs. Nell Hunter

The nationwide radio broadcast of the NYA Negro Mixed Chorus of Philadelphia on May 11 over the Red Network of the National Broadcasting Company featuring the appearance of Jules Bledsoe, world-famous baritone, will highlight the activities of this musical group which is now entering its sixth year.

This broadcast will originate from the Hyde Park home of President Roosevelt and will be heard between the hours of 5:30 and 6 P. M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt will speak during the broadcast.

A feature of this program by the National Youth Administration will be the performance of Jules Bledsoe's "Ode to America" for the first time on the air. Mr. Bledsoe, world-famous Negro baritone, will sing the solo part of this composition which he has dedicated to the President.

The National Youth Administration's Philadelphia Negro Mixed Chorus was organized on April 6, 1938, under the direction of Dr. W. Franklin Hooper. More than 50 Negro youth, between the ages of 18 and 25 who were eligible for NYA part-time employment and who expressed an interest in music, were assigned to the project. Some of them had certain previous experience in voice culture, however, the majority of them were untrained but wanted the opportunity to learn to express themselves in song.

As a first step, the group was encouraged to suggest to the director the songs they wished to sing and to make up their own programs. From the material a schedule of songs was made and lessons in sight reading were begun to teach the youth to recognize tunes. Then followed vocal exercises to improve both tone and control of the voice. In short time the group was able to do three and four part singing of simple songs.

Classes in music appreciation, History of Music and English were gradually added, with some of the youth advancing to the point where they requested courses in Harmony and Composition and individual training for solo public performances.

The purposes for the organization of the Choral Project were as follows:

1. To give the youth an opportunity to learn something worthwhile about the kind of music that best meets his needs, that makes for better citizenship, and better community relations.

2. To discover youth with unusual musical talent and help them equip themselves for employment in the entertainment industry.

NYA broadcast is under the general supervision of Mrs. Nell Hunter, Durhamite who has a distinguished record in the field of choral music and who is choral consultant to the National Youth Administration. Mrs. Hunter has arranged four of the numbers which are to be included on the May 11 program.

## SHAKE-UP IN HARLEM LABOR UNION FOLLOWS BUSINESS AGENT, ORGANIZER FIRED

New York — Difference of opinion over policy and method of functioning, particularly in connection with the recent successful collaboration of the organization in the campaign for the employment of Negroes on major bus lines here, last week resulted in the ousting from the Harlem Labor union of Joseph Allen, business agent, and Quentin Knight, an organizer.

The action comes as the latest development in the reorganizing process instituted by President Straughn, and took the form of a motion before the executive committee of the union to sever the relations of the two men from the group for "just cause." The vote was unanimously approved. Some two or three weeks ago Columbus A. Alston, publicity director of the union, was ousted.

In the explanation given for the committee's action, it was revealed that these three men disapproved of the tripartite arrangement arrived at between the United Negro Bus association, with which the Harlem Labor union is affiliated, the New York City Omnibus corporation

## Brothers Charge New Aerial Bomb Invented By Them

Greenville, S. C. (ANP) — Two local young inventors—C. A. and Henry B. Williams—are beginning to wonder whether or not they have been given the "round" by the war department, in connection with a new type aerial bomb they have invented.

About two months ago the brothers saw an Associated Press picture in the Greenville News showing one James N. Ice of Martin's Ferry, O. holding a model of a new type aerial bomb which he had invented and which had attracted the attention of the U. S. army.

The Williams brothers recognized the bomb at once as it was identical to the one they had designed and submitted to the war department in 1938. The only difference in the Williams' design, and that of inventor Ice, they said, is that Ice had used machine gun bullets for his horizontal spray, instead of the high explosive shells suggested by the brothers.

After several disappointments in having their device considered, the brothers went to Washington, and when they finally got to see a colonel in the ordinance department he had their plans on his desk, although he wasn't expecting them. The colonel went through a sheaf of air patents with the man and agreed that nothing else embodying the same horizontal explosion principle had been submitted.

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## Adventists Look To World Conference In San Francisco

Washington, May 7.—(ANP) Final arrangements are being made here for the quadrennial world conference of Seventh-day adventists which will be held in San Francisco, May 26 to June 7, and which will attract 12,000 delegates and visitors.

Next week the first vanguard of colored delegates and church leaders will leave from the principal cities of the North and many of the southern cities to attend this international gathering.

National Secretary F. L. Peterson who is head of the Negro department of S. D. A. of the denominational progress and the growth among the races.

Revs. J. E. Johnson and L. J. Pryor of this city will make their westward trek in a few weeks.

Other prominent leaders who will be in attendance as delegates will be Revs. Theodore Rowe of New York City, J. E. Peters of Philadelphia, J. H. Webb of Baltimore, A. E. Webb of St. Louis and T. H. Allison of Chicago.

In San Francisco the Revs. N. S. McLeod and H. D. Dobbins are making arrangements to house the delegates, they are members of the official locating committee.

Rev. Owen A. Troy of Pasadena who served outstandingly on the housing committee in 1939 when Negro delegates were housed in the leading hotels of San Francisco has been asked to assist in the housing of delegates this year.

Other pastors expected to head groups to the conference are Revs. J. G. Thomas, and F. S. Keitts of Atlanta, J. Gershon Dasant of Texas, F. J. Bryant of Arkansas, T. M. Fountain of Nashville. It is expected that either Dr. Carl Dent or Business Manager Lewis Ford of the Riverside sanitarium of Nashville will be in attendance to represent and report for that institution. Profs. T. T. Frazier and James Moran will represent Oakwood Training school of Alabama.

At this conference only general officers are selected. Rev. Peterson's term of office expires at this conference and a new secretary for the Negro department will be elected. Rev. J. E. Johnson of this city, Rev. A. E. Webb of St. Louis and formerly of this city, and Rev. Thos. Rowe of New York are mentioned as possible successors to Rev. Peterson.

Also prominent among those expected to go to the conference will be Revs. W. Fordham of Pittsburgh, L. H. Bland of Detroit, U. S. Willis of Cleveland, L. H. Laurence of Indianapolis, A. W. Clarke of Boston, S. Huddleton of Texas, H. D. Singleton of N. C., and L. B. Reynolds of Kansas City.

While the bus incident precipitated the Monday debate, it was said that other facts were presented which mitigated against the men. Allen, heretofore registered.

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## MURDERED



Miss Olivia Ferrall, resident of Drew Street, who was recently stabbed to death by Rosetta Gurley, on Pettigrew St., as the climax to a quarrel between the two young women over a man. Miss Gurley is in jail here and will go on trial at the next term of Durham county criminal court. "CRIME DOES NOT PAY."

## Durham Ranks High In Per Capita Rate Of Crime Says F. B. I.

Durham had more murders, robberies, assaults, burglaries, larcenies and auto thefts in '40, in proportion to population than the average city in this country, according to a survey of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In all, the number of crimes handled during the year by Durham police totaled 1,354, which is equivalent to a rate of 2,270 offenses per 100,000 population.

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## Times Editor To Deliver Series Of Addresses In May

In a statement released today by the Public Relations department of the Carolina Times it was announced that Editor L. E. Austin delivers the Commencement Address to the students of the Princeton Graded School, Princeton, on Thursday, May 8.

On Sunday, May 11, he will speak at the Penn Avenue Baptist Church, Oxford.

Sunday, May 18, the Editor will address the Greensboro Civic Forum from the subject "Good Government As It Touches Youth", and Sunday, May 25 at 2:30, he will speak at Liberty, N. C. At 5:45 on the same date he will deliver a radio address on the "Negro In National Defense" over station WDNC.

## YERGAN LOSES HISTORY POST AT N. Y. COLLEGE

Former State Citizen  
Ousted From Negro  
History Post

New York, May 7.—(ANP) Speculation continued rife as to the true reasons why the College of the City of New York has refused to reappoint Dr. Max Yergan, for four years lecturer in Negro history and culture and now president of the National Negro congress, for the term beginning in September.

Dr. Lawrence D. Reddick, curator of the famous Schomburg collection of Negro art and literature of the New York Public Library system who is spending this month in Haiti where he is seeking to foster the development of cultural relations with and among the natives of Latin America has been recommended for the lecture assignment and will in all probability be approved by the board of higher education.

In his statement announcing the determination of the administration, Dr. Harry Wright, acting president of the city administered institution, said:

"Some groups are apparently trying to create a furor about the disinclination of our history department to reappoint Dr. Yergan for next year. The assignment is entirely unjustified for the department is considering standards of scholarship. Dr. Yergan has never been a full-time member of the department and has for the past four years been hired from term to term to teach one class a semester at an hourly rate.

"For sometime the department has been considering a replacement for Dr. Yergan. It feels that if a man is to give a course in history, he should be a historian. Dr. Yergan is not. He has published nothing on Negro history and has demonstrated no special scholarship in the field. The department therefore has decided through its democratically elected appointment committee not to reappoint Dr. Yergan for the full term."

The intention to continue the course was made clear in the statement of Dr. Wright which continued:

"The course in Negro history and culture will be given by a young scholar, also a Negro, who received his doctorate in history at the University of Chicago and who has been active in Negro scholarship and culture. His appointment has been under consideration for many months and he will be hired as special lecturer to teach the course in the fall term and in the college of liberal arts and science in the spring semester."

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## Ashville Citizens Given Memory Test Before Being Allowed To Vote

Oxford Pastor



Rev. V. E. Brown, Progressive young Durham minister, who has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Penn Avenue Baptist church of Oxford. Rev. Brown is also pastor of Orange Grove Baptist church of Durham. Both churches pastored by Rev. Brown report an unusual increase of interest and membership under his leadership.

## 575 LB. WOMAN DIES

Gary, Ind. — Mrs. Bertha Claiborne, weighing 575 pounds, was buried Saturday in a 1,475 pound specially constructed casket. Sixteen pallbearers were used and the casket was tilted sideways to be moved through the chapel doors.

## National Association of College Women Again Elect Talladega Dean As Head

Nashville, (ANP) — Miss Hilda A. Davis, dean of women at Talladega college, was unanimously reelected to head the National Association of College Women when they met in 18th annual session at Fisk university.

One of the principal speakers appearing at the conference was Miss Pauline Redmond, assistant information specialist, of the NYA, who advised the group that the college woman must defend her role of leadership, declaring, however, that self-aggrandizement on the part of the college woman has made her less acceptable as a leader. Miss Davis, speaking at the president's council luncheon, asserted that the college woman should seek to defend, our right to struggle as a free people, our right to act voluntarily, and our right to make a mistake.

Ashville — As bad as the old "grandfather" clause in the practice employed by election officials here to prevent Negroes from registering to vote.

To United States Attorney General Robert H. Jackson, Thursday, April 23, sent affidavits showing that S. I. Thomas, Revs. M. C. Eickelberger and W. R. Saxon, all of this city, were denied the privilege of registering to vote in the last presidential election.

The affidavit states that the registration official demanded that the men read a long paragraph in three to five minutes, close the book, then write from memory what they had read, claiming that this procedure was a state law. The men testify that while they stood there a white man was able to register after answering only the questions of who he was and where he was from. No impossible feats of memory were required of him.

Urging immediate investigation of the facts by the office of the attorney general, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People stated, "The fact that Negroes were required to meet tests not required of white citizens effectively denied to Negro Americans in Asheville their constitutional right and is a violation of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the United States constitution.

"We therefore urge an immediate investigation to the end that the guilty persons be prosecuted under the laws of the United States."

## Bennett College Orchestra To Give Spring Concert

The Bennett College Orchestra, under the direction of F. N. Gatlin will appear in its Spring Concert in the Henry Pfeiffer Science Assembly May 16, 1941, at 8:15 P. M. Members of the orchestra include:

1st violins: Vera Suggs, Dorothy Jackson, Martha Hawkins, William Player, Zadie Williams, Virginia Sharp.  
2nd violins: Hattie Vincent, Thad Nelson, Evelyn McNeil, Lillian Pettiford, Mittie Sellers, Lonnie Johnson.  
String bass: Dorothy Brown, Doris Newland.  
Clarinet: Carrie Carter, Ella Perry, Inez Lawhorn, Prank Jones.