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SCENES AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW MT. VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY, JUNE 15th.

The picture at the top center is that of the Rev. J. H. Thomas, pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist church at the beginning of his first sermon in the new edifice opened to the public here Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock services. The photo at the left shows a part of the mammoth crowd that jammed every inch of the spacious auditorium. The balcony which can be seen at the top of the picture was also filled to capacity. At the left is a group of visitors from the First Baptist church at Winston Salem where Rev. Thomas pastored several years ago. The visitors standing (reading from left to right) are: Mrs. J. W. Paisley, Mr. Paisley, Miss Thelma Jones, Attorney W. A. Jones, and Mrs. Petronell Jones. The bottom picture shows the choir of the church.

Roanoke Island Pilgrimage Planned For July 8th

Manteo — Extensive plans for a Negro day pilgrimage to Roanoke Island on July 8 have already been made, it was announced Sunday. Distinguished guests, including Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell, Richard Wright and the most prominent educators in the East have been invited. The tentative program would begin at 1:00 in the afternoon with a fish fry for the special guests. The Norfolk Excelsior Band, 50 other jubilee singers from Virginia and Miss Nell Hunter of Durham, who will direct group singing, will provide music. Plans for the pilgrimage are

being made by D. Bradford Fearing, producer of the play, "The Lost Colony" and Dr. H. L. Trigg, President of Elizabeth City State Teachers College, who served so well in the state department of public instruction at Raleigh. Special arrangements will be made to feed the guests during the day, Fearing said, a special host committee to be appointed on the island. During the night the guests will see "The Lost Colony." Coast guardsmen from the Pea Island Coast Guard Station, the only Negro coast guard station in the United States, will give a life saving demonstration during the afternoon. The pilgrimage has been endorsed by Governor J. M. Broughton, State Superintendent of Schools Clyde R. Ervin and the late Dr. W. P. Few, former president of Duke university. Dr. J. E. Shepard, president of

Fort Bragg Gets Twenty New Chapels

Ft. Bragg — Contracts for construction of 64 mobilization type buildings, and 20 regimental chapels, including one for Negroes, have already been awarded. Lt. Col. Lawrence L. Stimpson, constructing quartermaster, announced Tuesday morning. The chapels, each seating 360 men and each with a pipe organ, represent Ft. Bragg's share in the army's 550 unit church construction program throughout the country. Five of the chapels will be located in the Ninth division at Ft. Bragg, five for white troops and one for colored troops will

North Carolina college, will deliver the main address. be placed in the field artillery replacement training center and others will be placed in various other areas on the post.

The Old North State Medical Dental And Pharmaceutical Society Ends Meet

Rocky Mount — The Old North State Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Society, Inc., the oldest Negro Medical Society in the world, closed a three day session here Thursday evening with the Annual Ball, held at the Community Center. The meeting opened Tuesday evening, June 10, with a program featured by an address by J. Percy Bond, assistant to the Ad-

ministrator of the NYA in North Carolina. The speaker was introduced by Dr. J. B. Davis, Recording Secretary and Official Reporter for the Society.

Mr. Bond fully lived up to his elaborate introduction as he told of the work and objectives of his organization in unmistakable terms. Among other things, the speaker told of the vast amount of money already expended on Negro youth as well as what may be expected to come. More than 100 colored workers are under Mr. Bond's supervision and his work has gained by leaps and bounds during the three year of his administration.

During the election of officers Dr. R. E. Wimberly, Raleigh Pharmacist, was unanimously elected president elect, Dr. Clyde Donnell of Durham who has served the society as Secretary-Treasurer and Dr. J. B. Davis of Louisburg, who has served similarly as Recording Secretary and

Reporter, were re-elected with acclamation. Both men also ended their 24th consecutive year without missing a meeting and their 21st as officers.

Among the prominent white physicians of Rocky Mount who assisted as essayist and speaker were: Drs. A. L. Daughtridge, Rocky Mount Sanitarium, Roentgenologist, J. N. Smith, Medical Service, Parkview Hospital, New some L. Battle, Surgical Service, same hospital, J. M. Whitaker, city health officer, H. Lee Large, G. U. Specialist and John Smith, Secretary, Treasurer, State Pharmaceutical Society.

Excellent papers were read by Society members as follows: Dr. M. B. Davis, connected with High Point Clinic, Dr. R. S. Halliday, Statesville, Dr. Edson E. Blackman, Charlotte and Doctor L. E. McCauley of Raleigh. Valuable information to the doctors was furnished in the general discussions that followed each paper.

more interested in interesting our own health problems and creating means and methods of solving them. Since it the first conference of its kind ever held in this country, it represents to us a real challenge for study and investigation for doing constructive health work in our respective communities, he told the conference.

Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, our own State Health Officer, said "Dr. Hughes, was the first in this country to attach a Negro to his department. He had the vision of a prophet, of the possibilities and potentialities of Negroes doing health work among their own people."

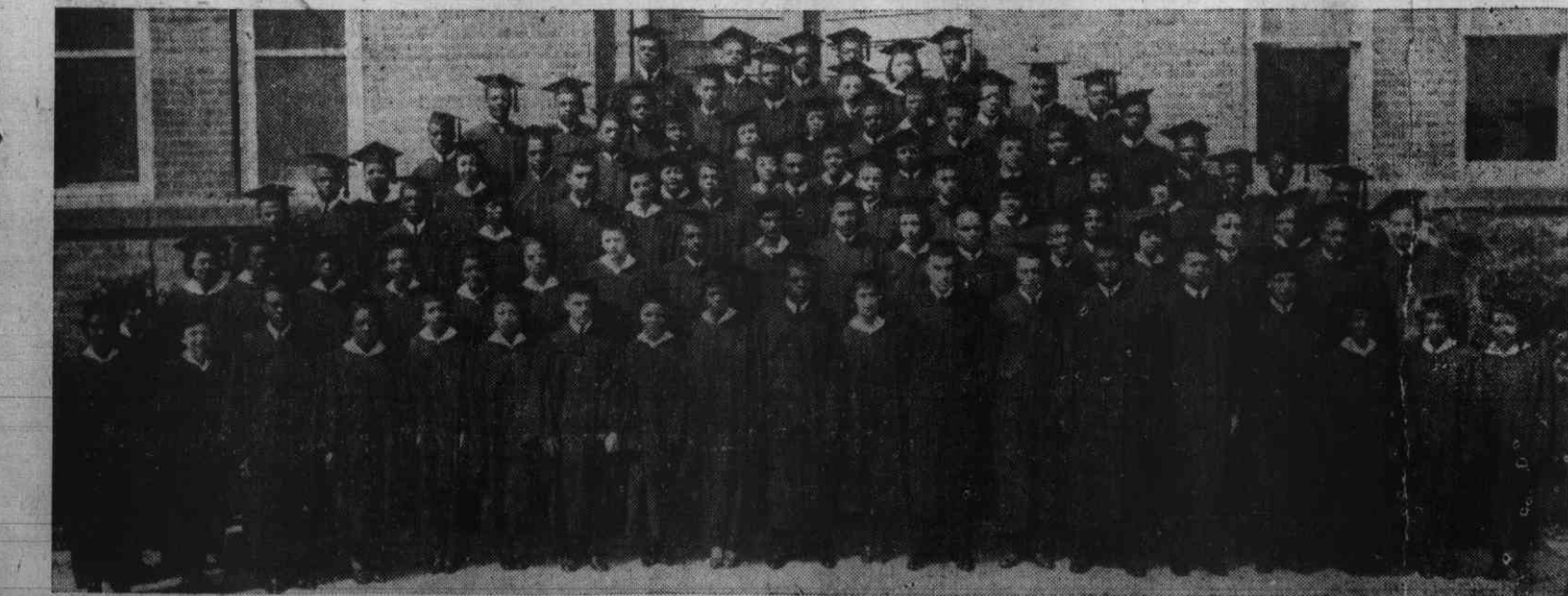
"Hence it must be said he was the first to open the door to the Negro in public health. Although several states have followed the example of North Carolina in using Negro workers, the state still holds the distinction of hav-

ing the largest Negro personnel of any state in the union.

"There are a full time physician, a well trained health director, six dentists, eleven part time physicians and 30 nurses."



Johnson C. Smith University Graduates 121, Largest Class In The History Of The Institution



Members of the 1941 graduating class of Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina. The class was the largest in the history of the institution, numbering one hundred and twenty-one. This class contains some very promising young people, who by reason of their advanced education will be expected to shoulder a fair share of burden in this period of world crisis, a time of great import in the progress of their race.

State Health Dept. Has Largest Negro Personnel In The U.S.

Durham — North Carolina's health department has the largest Negro personnel of any state in the union, Dr. Walter Hughes of the North Carolina board of health told the School Health Coordinating Service at its second school in health here Saturday.

The school opened here Friday and is being held in cooperation with North Carolina college. It is a conjoint activity of the State Board of Health and the State Department of Public Instruction.

The conference is being attended by representatives of many Southern states and heads of State Board of Health divisions Duke university and the University of North Carolina are assisting in the instruction. While the school has didactic features, Dr. Hughes said, it is

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