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# FDR WARNS NO JOBS NO CONTRACTS

## Wilberforce Affairs Assume Critical Stage

# Boys' Club Reports Added Growth

## Local Citizens Rally To Aid Boys' Club Organization Past Year

Durham — The adult members of the John Avery Boys Club, Incorporated, who constitute the group of sponsors of the club's activities, met in their first annual meeting as prescribed by the by-laws of the club, Tuesday evening, June 24, 1941 at 8 o'clock, in the gymnasium of the club headquarters at 418 Pettigrew Street, with W. J. Kennedy Jr. President presiding.

Following brief remarks reviewing the initial move by the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs to establish the club during the month of March 1939, the formation of the temporary organization on May 13, 1939 and the meeting held November 23, 1940, at which time the charter and by-laws were adopted and the permanent organization perfected, the Chairman announced that the meeting was opened for the transaction of business.

John H. Wheeler, Treasurer, presented a summary report of the income and disbursements of the club for the period from March 22, 1939 to June 24, 1941. The income totaling \$3,062.43, consisted of cash contributions of \$1,756.53 and donations to the club of furniture and fixtures and supplies valued at \$305.90.

Following the report of the Treasurer, John E. Payne, Executive Director, presented a report of the club's activities among Negro boys in the community, ages 6 to 18 years. During the period from November 26, 1940, the date the club was opened for the enrollment of boys to June 24, 1941, the report showed that the enrollment of boys totalled 115, and that it was his program along with that of the Activities Committee, John W. Bailey, Chairman, to expand the activities and facilities of the club so as to serve at least 250 boys.

Following brief remarks made by several of the members present, the following persons were duly elected directors of the club:

For term of four years: W. J. Kennedy Jr., J. H. Wheeler, E. R. Merrick, W. D. Hill, and Mrs. Rose D. Holloway. For term of three years: C. C. Spaulding, Mrs. S. Berry, Geo. White, C. O. Pearson, and Mrs. Grizzell Hubbard. For term of two years: J. J. Henderson, C. C. Cobb, R. L. McDougald, J. S. Stewart, and John W. Bailey. For term of one year: J. W. Goodloe, D. B. Martin, W. A. Kennedy, John Mayse and Donald Love.

### "Highest Rating"



Dr. William W. Gibbs, co-chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at Provident hospital, Chicago, who has just been notified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology that he has become a diplomate of that body, the highest rating group in the nation for this specialty. (ANY photo).

### Salutatorian



Miss Ruth Cornelius, St. Louis, Mo., was second ranking member of the 1941 graduating class at Lincoln University's 75th Anniversary commencement exercises last Monday. A major in English, Miss Cornelius graduated cum laude.

## 16-YEAR-OLD EAST DURHAM GIRL SUCCUMBS ON PLAYGROUND OF HEART FAILURE

Death stalked on the playground of Burton School, Wednesday evening around 8:00 P. M. and claimed Mildred Gladden, 16-year-old school girl of Bailey Street. According to witnesses, the girl rushed from her home to the playground out of concern for a younger brother of hers. On approaching, the grounds she fell and was dead before her parents arrived from their home only a half block away.

The Coroner's report was heart failure. Miss Gladden was a student at Hillside Park High School, and is survived by her mother, father, four brothers and one sister.

## Ohio Proposes To Take Over Liberal Arts Department Of Famed Methodist School; Prexy Under Fire

Wilberforce Affairs—Front — Xenia, O., July 3.—(ANP)—Efforts to compose the differences between the state trustees of Wilberforce university appeared to be at a temporary stalemate last week when the college normal and industrial board met and decided to set up its own educational program. The CNI board which is appointed by the state to administer the state supported side of the institution, set up a committee to formulate a complete and full educational and administrative program for its own work. The committee is composed of Wilber A. Page, Margaret Barnes, Charles Isom, Robert Shauter and Augustus G. Parker.

The committee is to develop its plans and notify the A. M. E. board of trustees of its action. The committee has also been ordered to notify the A. M. E. group that plans must be made for the immediate shouldering of the financial responsibility for their share of various services which the institution has received in the past, principally through state funds. July 15 is the deadline which has been set for a replay by the state trustees.

Wilberforce has been operated under an agreement whereby the church controlled the college work at the institution and the state handled the vocational end. The state provided the principal funds under which the college functioned. Political differences developed when President D. O. Walker was

named to head the school during a democratic administration. Dr. Walker, an ardent speaker, campaigned openly for the democratic ticket which he lost. The state group has demanded his dismissal. A recent A. M. E. board meeting on June 10 failed of voting Dr. Walker out by one vote. President Walker has given the school a vigorous administration and is popular with the students. The North Central association, an accrediting body, has given the school until Nov. 1 to compose its difference or lose its status as an "A" accredited institution.

### Tobacco Opening

Norfolk, Va. — The Tobacco Association of the United States meeting at Virginia Beach Friday unanimously adopted the report of its sales committee on the opening dates of the bright belt market as follows: Georgia, August 5, South Carolina and border markets, August 12, East North Carolina, August 26, Middle Belt, September 9, Old Belt, September 16, and dark Virginia, December 8.

There is nothing gained by working so hard one day that you have to rest the next.

Few men realize what they are in for when the sweet young thing is persuaded to say "Yes".

## President Sets Up Five Man Board To Insure Justice To Race In Defense Plants

Discrimination Outlawed By Presidential Order; March On Capital

Roosevelt Promises Front — Washington, July 3.—(By A. E. White for ANP)—Stung to action by the persistence of the organizers of the jobless march, President Roosevelt capitulated from his stand late Tuesday afternoon and promised his conferees that an executive order would be issued from the White House to all holders of defense contracts, declaring that no further contracts would be issued from the White House to organizations discriminating against Negroes and that furthermore, contracts would be withdrawn from the present holders if they continued their discrimination.

Further, the President has declared that a five man board will be named immediately to see that the provisions so outlined are carried out to the absolute letter of the order, and to insure this, the President himself will be a member of that board.

Upon this declaration, the leaders of the jobless march told Mr. Roosevelt they were calling off the march temporarily, but that a memorial meeting would be held here in Washington on the day originally scheduled for the march and that the group would meet at the Lincoln Memorial as originally planned and speeches would be made telling the Negroes what had happened and what to expect in the future.

This victory is one of the greatest yet scored by Negroes and indicates the value of pressure which has been brought to bear on the situation.

A. Phillip Randolph and Walter White, working in close conjunction throughout the entire matter, have had the entire and wholehearted support of hundreds of other well and right thinking Negroes throughout the organization and planning for the march.

And at the conference Tuesday, which lasted all evening it is reported, there was not the slightest deviation from the original intent of the group to stage the demonstration.

The ultimatum was expected within a short time and the defense industries operating un-

der these contracts are to receive the order, not the request, that all discriminations must stop. This is applicable to American citizens of Italian and German descent as well as to Negroes and more than justifies the statement of Dr. Ira DeA Reid, who only recently said the future of the Negro is definitely tied up with other similar groups.

Unyielding in their determination to see the thing through, the sponsors invited to a previous conference were told by the President that such a demonstration would be a bad influence and asked that be withheld. The

## Roosevelt Appoints 7th High Court Justice, Sets Record

Washington — Time has given Mr. Roosevelt what Congress refused to give him when he proposed his Supreme Court enlargement measure—the right to staff the Court with Justices whose social and economic ideals parallel his.

He has now appointed seven Justices, a record equalled only by Washington, who of course

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### "Honored"



Mrs. Mary Howell Reeves, above, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree recently from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, along with 134 other graduates. Many Gastonians witnessed her graduation and were proud of her achievement. Mrs. Reeves is principal of one of the leading elementary schools here. In addition to her work as principal she is active in the State as district teachers' Associations, the Parent Teacher Congress, is assistant secretary of the Gaston Schoolmasters' Club and is a member of St. Stephens AME Zion church. She is a popular young matron who has many admirers of both races. Her husband, Bert Reeves is a prominent business man. This couple has a beautiful home on Harrison Avenue. They have a young son, Gerl, Jr., who is a student at Highland school. Mrs. Reeves plans to begin work toward the M. A. soon.

## Charlotte Negro Body Points To Business Opportunities

Charlotte is the largest city in the Carolinas. There are many opportunities here for Negro business establishments that have not yet been explored. For example, there are no Negroes engaged in the following business: Building and Loan Association, wholesale grocery, ice cream manufacturing, automobile dealers, hardware stores, electrical service and supplies, laundry, plants, Chiropractors, baking, dairying, furniture dealers, hotel operation, millinery, plumbing establishments, taxi-cab service, etc. Some of these are greatly needed at present, e. g. there no hotel facilities; no place where the Negro Citizen might have a banquet or any social affairs.

This list is not complete but is merely cited to give an idea of the business opportunities that are still open.

The 1940 census shows that the population of Charlotte contains more than 35,000 Negroes. The city is growing in population and in more friendly relations between the races. The schools system here is one of the best to be found in the southland for Negroes. There are six elementary schools, two high schools, a commercial school for Negroes and a University which ranks with the best in the country in the training of young people.

There are around seventy-seven Negro churches in the city. Some are very progressive and active in promoting a more wholesome religious life.

The Charlotte Negro Chamber of Commerce invites inquiries concerning further information about Negro business. Anyone interested might address the Charlotte Negro Chamber of Commerce.

## N. A. A. C. IP. CONFERENCE HEAR WIDOW'S STORY OF INFAMOUS TEXAS COURTROOM MURDER

NAACP HEARS NN — Houston, Tex. — In the crowded auditorium of Good Hope Baptist Church here Wednesday, June 25, Mrs. Rubie Lee White, 33 year old widow of Bob White, murdered before her eyes in a Conroe, Texas, Courtroom week before last, last, told delegates to the NAACP conference meeting here that:

"The gun sounded like a bomb. I had to stop my ears. When I looked up there was a big hole in Bob's head and blood was running down the back of his neck." Mrs. White, dressed in pears,

mourning, was introduced to the audience by Walter White, NAACP secretary. She held the crowd soundless as she echoed the words of her husband on the day he died. She stated that they had hoped the Supreme Court decision in White's favor had ended the case and that she asked him why he was being brought to trial again.

ob said, "I don't know that, but God knows and I know that I'm innocent, and I'd rather die than go through the torture I've been through these last