

J. W. Mitchell To Deliver Address At Cotton Festival

J. W. Mitchell, of Greensboro, state farm agent for Negroes will officially open the Negro Cotton Festival at Charlotte Monday, October 13, C. A. Irvin executive director of the event announced today.

A full three-day program is being arranged for the event, which will be the first festival of its type attempted by the Negro race. Director Irving said. Preliminary features, which will include the church programs, are being planned for Sunday, October 12.

Farm Agent Mitchell will open the event Monday after a motorcade to three counties adjacent to Mecklenburg. Special films dealing with cotton will be shown Tuesday. Wednesday will be featured by a parade and presentation of Negro Drama, "Cotton Picking Time". The program will end Thursday with a cotton show.

In staging the festival, Mr. Irvin said, emphasis will be placed on promoting the uses of cotton, and at the same time making an effort to bring out the "Fine employer-employee relationships existing in the cotton industry". It is the desire of those sponsoring the Festival, he said, to make a definite contribution toward national defense.

The festival is being presented by the Carolina Times and the Charlotte Negro Chamber of Commerce.

ENCOURAGING

Something of an encouraging prediction in regards to the production of defense material, comes from John D. Biggers, of the OPM, who says that with new plants and converted plants coming into operation this Fall, the rate of acceleration should change from an angle of thirty degrees to sixty degrees and this will apply to machine-guns, tanks, powder, TNT and many other weapons.

In Scotland it is still considered bad luck if a haddock fisherman sees a red-headed woman, a minister, a lawyer, a cat, or a pig, when he is going out to sea.

NAACP Blames Government For Biasness

New York.—Civilian Defense Administration Fiorella H. LaGuardia has received requests from the President instructing the army to issue a directive abolishing all racial segregation in army camps and other places in control of the army; that Negro military policemen be placed on equal footing and equipped as are all other military police; that orders be issued assuring protection for Negro troops stationed in southern areas and that law enforcement agencies should attend the illegal actions of state police and police at Gordon, Ark.

Mr. LaGuardia received the requests from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People along with four affidavits from members of the 94th Engineers division stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark., who went AWOL rather than submit to intimidation by state patrolmen and civilians there.

The affidavits were made after a protest mass meeting held in Detroit, Michigan, by the local branch last Sunday. The four men had made their way back to Michigan by hiking and riding freight cars, and their sworn statements underscored the vile treatment to which they were subjected.

The men testified that not only were Colored troops forced off the highways at machine gun-points by bands of whites, but Commanding officers were insulted and one white lieutenant, D. Curry, was slapped by a strolman. Protesting against the imperious demands of the southerners to get those damn blacks off the highway, the white officers were called low names and damn Yankees.

The NAACP placed the respon-

sibility for race clashes in and around military camps on the government's policy of segregation. It stated that the episodes in Arkansas and North Carolina are the direct outgrowth of the philosophy of the War Department which caters to southern segregation tradition. The NAACP emphasized the imperative need for a change in this philosophy.

The basic fact, the Association said, that the army has apparently not decided what it intends to do in utilizing Negro soldiers. It would appear that the present plan is to assign most, if not all, Negro troops to abhorrent battalions. Practically none of the Negro units are as yet parts of the army divisions. It would appear to be imperative that the army make up its mind definitely as to whether or not it is going to use Negro troops on the same basis as other troops or to dismiss Negroes from military service.

Well Known S. C. Teacher Succumbs

Miss Woodie V. Collier, mathematics instructor of Mather Academy died at Camden, hospital following an operation, last Thurs.

She was a graduate of Sam Houston College, and had studied one year at Clark, where she served as chaperone of the freshman girls. Before coming to Mather, she also was matron of the small children at Sager-Brown orphanage Baldwin, La.

For three years, she has been sponsor of the junior class at Mather and last years she became adviser to the girls living in the dormitory.

Her unselfish devotion to the welfare of her students could not have been surpassed. She was never too busy, day or night, to take time to talk with an individual about his personal problems.

Miss Collier's home was in Atair, Texas.

ORDNANCE

Production will begin this month at the \$93,000,000 St. Louis Ordnance Plant and the \$35,000,000 Denver Ordnance Plant. Both plants are producing ahead of schedule.

Back At N. C. C.



Reginald Ennis, all CIAA Captain for 1941, and one of the greatest basketball players ever produced by North Carolina, put in his appearance at N. C. College this week and sent hopes for the Eagles this year's team skyrocketing. Ennis played at forward.

British Government Aids Rebuilding of Ethiopia

Washington, D. C.—Reliable British sources here described Sir Phillip Mitchell, recently appointed by the British Government to assume charge of aiding Ethiopia in that country's reconstruction program; as a Government official, whose long and successful career in African affairs, has earned for him the highest respect of the African peoples.

The statement was made in support of an editorial appearing in the Chicago Defender of September 13, titled "South African Audacity," which takes the Union of South Africa's Government to task for its hostile attitude toward Great Britain's program of aid to Ethiopia's reconstruction program. The editorial quotes the "Forum" published in Johannesburg, South Africa as saying: "It (the appointment of Sir Phillip Mitchell) means that the first vital steps in the rehabilitation of Ethiopia are likely to be influenced more by imperial than purely South African considerations."

The Defender editorial describes the "Forum" article as stating further, "that the Europeans of South Africa did not volunteer to go and fight the Italians just in order to restore Ethiopia to the natives."

According to informed British sources here, "No man who was unjust or who was unsympathetic to the African peoples could have had as long and as successful a career as Sir Phillip Mitchell."

These sources stated that Sir Phillip's work in African affairs extends back to 1918, when

he was acting governor of Nyasaland. In 1926 he became Secretary of Native Affairs for Tanganyika, an African territory, under Britain, comprising 360,000 square miles, with a population of 5,250,000 Africans and several thousand Europeans and Asiatic groups. He remained here until 1935, when he was made Governor and Commander-in-chief of Uganda, a post which he occupied until 1940.

Officials of the National Negro Congress, which has urged President Roosevelt to extend immediate aid to Ethiopia under the Lend-Lease Act, pointed out that the hostile attitude of the Union of South Africa, together with the recent announcement of joint plans worked out by Nazi Germany and her two vassal states Vichy-controlled France, and Spain, to carve up Africa for the Axis powers, makes the position of Ethiopia even more grave.

The ominous threat to the security of the United States, with the completion of Axis plans for devouring West Africa, through the Nazi occupation of Dakar in Vichy-controlled Senegal less than a thousand miles from Liberia, is inescapable, Congress officials said.

Congress officials continued their efforts in behalf of obtaining immediate aid for Ethiopia under the Lend-Lease Act. This week, John P. Davis, national secretary of the Congress held conversations on the matter with Charles Lewis, of the State Department's Near East Division and officials of the British Embassy.

Twelve Lettermen Back At Hampton

Hampton Institute, Va.—The football season for the Hampton Institute Pirates looked bright this week when 12 lettermen reported to acting head coach James "Little Train" Griffin on the opening of fall training.

Headed by Captain Elwood L. Hill, of Newport News, Va., the pirate veterans began conditioning themselves and training under the new system being inaugurated this year by Coach Griffin.

The former Hampton back who achieved national recognition as a lightning backfield runner two years ago, has lined up a powerful coaching staff to prepare the Pirates for their opening game against St. Paul, on Hampton's Armstrong Field, Saturday, October 4.

Handling the line is veteran coach Gideon Smith, who has produced more CIAA championship teams than any other coach in the league. Tutoring the ends is George Davis, one of Hampton's great ends and all-CIAA in 1927. Davis, who has been appointed executive secretary in the Division of Trades and Industries, assisted on the coaching staff at Hampton in 1939 and formerly coached at Dover State College. Assisting Coach Griffin with the backfield is Hiawatha Harris, former Hampton quarterback and captain of the 1932 football and baseball teams and basketball great while at Hampton. He has been appointed campus supervisor. Mr. Harris is a former coach at Macon, Ga., City College. Melvin W. Taylor will continue as coach of the freshman squad.

The freshman rule at Hampton has been modified this year according to an announcement by the Director of Athletics, C. H. Williams. Though a freshman team will be molded under Mr. Taylor, the cream of the first year crop will be available for the varsity squad, Mr. Williams said.

Paul Jenkins and Theodore Bush, both from last year's freshmen squad, look like good prospects for Hampton's number one team this season.

Coach Griffin announced that as a result of his work with Bernie Bierman at the University of Minnesota last spring, some of the Minnesota system is being used in Hampton's new formations.

31 MEMBERS OF FAMOUS DETROIT CLUB VACATION IN N. Y.

New York, (TYP.)—31 members of the Jolly Strollers Club No. 2, of Detroit, of which Walter Bates is president, completed a week's vacation at the Hotel Theresa and returned to the Motor City after taking in the town this week. One of Detroit's most interesting and active organizations, the Jolly Strollers annually take a vacation en masse.

Important in the social and political life of the Motor City, the Strollers' membership includes such persons as Naomi McKinney; Rainey Savoy; Rosa Murphy; Mildred Johnson; Lena Martemas; Ollie Bates; Milton J. Savoy; Missouri Duffy; Audrey Wheeler; B. Anderson; A. Foster; G. M. Duffy; A. Bell, A. M. James; and E. M. Duffy.

GREATEST SEA POWER

Already the greatest sea-power in the world, the United States Navy with 322 new combat ships under award, will very soon be able to surpass the combined strength of any two other nations with the exception of the British. Sometime before 1946 the U. S. Navy will include 32 battleships, 18 aircraft carriers, 91 cruisers, 364 destroyers, 186 submarines, and uncounted auxiliary vessels, torpedo boats, etc.

Eccles warns of credit curbs, urging people to get out of debt.

ROBESON TO STAR IN "FREEDOM'S PEOPLE" BROADCAST

Paul Robeson will star in the initial broadcast of a new radio series, "Freedom's People," to be presented over the Red network of the National Broadcasting Company Sunday, Sept. 21. The broadcast is scheduled from 12:30 to 1 p. m. EDST.

Robeson heads a cast that will depict in music and drama the origins and evolution of Negro spirituals, ballads, and blues, and their influence on American music.

Other featured participants are Joshua White, famed Negro ballad singer, Noble Sissle and his orchestra, swing aggregation since the early 20's, and W. C. Handy, father of the blues, whose famous musical composition is probably the "St. Louis Blues."

"Freedom's People" is sponsored, in cooperation with the U. S. Office of Education, by a national advisory committee whose 28 members represent white and Negro organizations with outstanding records of service to Negroes. The series is made possible by grants from the Rosenwald Fund and the Southern Education Foundation.

Succeeding broadcasts, to be presented about once a month, will dramatize achievements by Negroes which have sped pro-

gress in national defense, industry, science, agriculture, social services, and the arts.

The "St. Louis Blues" will be heard in a special medley arranged by Sissle which include also Handy's "Memphis Blues." White will sing of "John Henry—the steel drivin' man," and the chorus under the direction of Leonard de Pau will sing "Steal Away" and other Negro spirituals. Robeson will close the show with a song of his own choice.

Scripts are by Irve Tunick, veteran radio writer, and incidental music and arrangements by Dr. Charles Cooke. The series, under the direction of Dr. Ambrose Caliver, U. S. Office of Education Specialist in Negro Education, is presented as a public service by the NBC and its network affiliates.

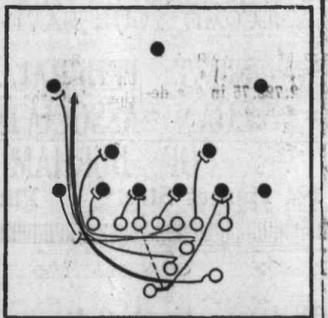
2 DOCTORS GET DRAFT BOARD POSTS

WINSTON-SALEM, Sept. 22 (CP)—Dr. R. L. Smith, and Dr. J. M. Walker, Jr. associated physicians, have been appointed examining physicians for local draft board No. 4, it was announced here Saturday.

Dr. Smith recently moved to the twin city from Moline, Illinois where he was one of the first three examining physicians for the local draft board of the city.

TOUCH-DOWN TACTICS

★ UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
by
Bernie Bierman
Head Football Coach
★



This is the third in a series of six outstanding diagram plays by leading college coaches from Grantland Rice's new Cities Service Football Guide.

THE reverse play diagrammed above has shown consistently good results for us over a period of years.

The fullback receives the ball, takes a short lead to the right and passes it to the wingback who has made a half pivot to his left and continues around the left side as fast as he can. This play depends largely on speed, and everything has to be done in a precision-like manner.

Although this diagram shows an unbalanced line to the right we use this same formation from which we run plays through any spot of the line, or throw forward passes.

The principal blocking assignments are on the line of scrimmage until the play gets into the open field. For that reason it can readily be seen that speed and precision are paramount if this play is to succeed.

Dark Laughter

BY OL HARRINGTON



"I guess we over-practiced—we got no men left for the real game."