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"KEEP 'EM FLYING"

150 Draftees Leave For Camp With Big Send-off \$65,000 Recreation Center Approved

White Professor of Brooklyn College Joins Father Divine

President Roosevelt Puts Final O. K. on Durham Negro Recreation Center

Richmond, Va.—The President has approved the construction of a recreation center at Durham at an estimated cost of \$65,000, C. L. Vickers, regional engineer of the Federal Works Agency, was advised today by Assistant Federal Works Administrator Baird Snyder, acting for Administrator Philip B. Fleming.

The building will provide recreational facilities for about 7,500 Negro troops to be stationed at Camp Butler, which is under construction. The entire cost of the project, including necessary equipment, will be financed by a Federal allotment.

Just where and when construction on the new recreation center will begin has not yet been determined, but it is thought that the building will be completed to take care of Negro troops which is scheduled to be completed and ready for occupancy, August 1.

Editor L. E. Austin

Finals Speaker For Pleasant Grove

Mebane, May 1.—The commencement address to the graduating class of 1942 of the Pleasant Grove High School will be delivered by L. E. Austin, editor of the Carolina Times and president of the North Carolina Interdenominational Ushers Association.

\$1,681,000 Of Savings Bonds Is May Quota

Washington.—North Carolinians will have to increase their purchases of War Savings Bonds by \$1,681,000 in May if they are to meet the quota set for the State by the Treasury Department in its renewed drive to sell a billion dollars worth of bonds a month.

CANDIDATE



Dr. J. N. Mills, physician of Durham who has entered the race for the office of County Commissioner. The primary will be held in May and much interest in his election is in evidence among Negro voters.

Interdenominational Ushers to Meet May 3rd Near Guilford

Greensboro.—On Sunday, May 3, at 11:30 the Interdenominational Ushers District Meeting will convene at the Persimmon Grove A.M.E. Church located on the Winston Road near Guilford Station. A very outstanding program for the occasion has been prepared. The speaker will be L. E. Austin, President of State Ushers Association and editor of The Carolina Times.

Dinner will be served at 1:30 on the church grounds. An award of badges to the Ushers Board bringing in the largest number of ushers from the rural district will also be made. The meeting is expected to be one of the most successful district sessions ever held.

U. S. Marines have many names for coffee. Some of them are "java," "jamoke" and just plain "joe."

White Brooklyn College Professor Follows Father Divine and His Ideas

New York.—(C)—Edward Thorlakson, professor of speech at Brooklyn College in New York, is a follower of Father Divine, the Harlem Negro who is called God by his followers. Prof. Thorlakson, who is white, has been active in Father Divine's movement for two years, he said this week at the College, and has been a regular attendant at Harlem meetings, a frequent visitor to the various Promised Lands and a speaker at many functions.

Prof. Thorlakson is of Canadian birth, he said, and spent the four years of the World War in the Canadian army. Ever since then, he has been looking for the true meaning of religion. "I tried occultism, metaphysics, Christian Science; I read Tolstol and Gandhi," he said. "The churches I found empty and depressing and I had learned through my analysis of society that people do not practice the Christianity they profess. "At a great crisis in my life—the death of a very dear friend in Chicago—a follower of Father Divine came into my home and it was just as if Jesus Christ had walked in. All the gloom lifted. He suggested that I drop in at meetings when I came here."

to life again. There were all the symbols and there were people rejoicing in God, drawing inspiration from Him, I didn't get much out of it, but I did get something of the spirit of cleanliness. I kept coming back and I found that there were people living Christianity—actually living it."

He went to the Promised Lands, Prof. Thorlakson said, and there he found rest and peace. Father Divine does not own them, he said, and, in fact owns nothing himself. "Suppose you and I were doing this—living the Christian life," he said. "We could get together and open a restaurant and charge evangelical prices, 15 cents for a meal and 50 cents for a bed for the night. I've slept in palaces for that."

Receives Award



Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, outstanding Negro woman of America, was presented the Thomas Jefferson award, by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at the Southern Youth Conference held in Nashville, Tenn., last week. Dr. Frank P. Graham of the University of North Carolina received the other award, both of which are given each year to the two Southerners making the greatest contribution to the South and the Nation. The above photo shows Mrs. Roosevelt presenting the award to Dr. Bethune.

Five Would-Be Lynchers Are Given Total of Six Years Road Sentences

Dr. J. N. Mills Enters Race For County Commissioner

Dr. J. N. Mills, well known physician of Durham, will make the race for the office of County Commissioner it was announced this week by his campaign manager who is urging every Negro in Durham who has not already done so to place his name on the books which will open for new registrants Saturday, May 2.

Durham has a population of approximately 25,000 Negroes, but this vast sector of the citizenry has no representative in the city or county governments and in view of this fact it is felt that not only will Dr. Mills receive a heavy Negro vote, but that there are many fairminded white people who feel that the Negroes of this city ought to have representation in the county government will cast their votes for him.

Dr. Mills is one of the oldest and best known physicians in the city, and has a large number of friends who are greatly interested in his candidacy. He is active in both civic and religious affairs of the city, being a member of the Trustee Board of St. Joseph A.M.E. Church, and a member of the staff of Lincoln Hospital.

Grand Polemarch



James Scott, Grand Polemarch of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, of Washington, D. C., was the speaker at the observance of the Guide Night program of the Durham Chapter of the fraternity last Sunday. Mr. Scott in the picture above, is shown addressing the audience that attended the program held in B. N. Duke auditorium at N. C. College.

Majesty Of The Law Upheld As Superior Court Says Defendants Guilty

Roxboro, April 24.—The majesty of the law in North Carolina was given a decided boost here yesterday when five white men were convicted in superior court on a charge of "unlawful assembly" in connection with a lynching attempt of Cy Winstead, a Negro, who had been held in jail here on a charge of raping a young white woman in August of last year.

The case which lasted for three days attracted national attention, due to the fact that it was the first time in the south that members of a mob acting against a Negro had ever been brought to justice. During the entire trial, which was presided over by one of North Carolina's most able jurists, Judge R. Hunt Parker, the court room was packed to capacity by members of both races.

Immediately after the verdict of guilty was brought in, Judge Parker pronounced sentences on the defendants which totalled six years. Coy Harris and A. P. Spriggs received a sentence of 18 months each on the road. P. L. Holt, Willie Aiken and Johnny Holt received sentences of 13 months each on the road.

The original charges against the men were "unlawful assembly" and "inciting to riot." A verdict of not guilty was brought in as to the inciting to riot charge. It took the jury a little more than three hours to reach the verdict which was pronounced at 3:45 P. M.

Merely for the two Holt men was recommended by the jury, and Judge Parker stated that he took this in consideration in pronouncing sentence on the men. He also stated that he took in consideration the fact that Aiken did not go on the stand and deny the testimony made against him by the SBI officials and officers. Judge Parker also called attention to the fact that it was only through the mercy of providence that an officer of the law was not killed during the riot. The consequences he stated "would have been far more serious than those being felt today."

Due to lack of evidence, Solicitor William F. Mawhood requested that verdicts of not guilty be extended Edward L. James, W. Bradsher and LeB Dixon. The verdicts were ordered by Judge Parker. A

Shepard, Spaulding And Kennedy Deliver Inspiring Addresses Negro Draftees

Hillside School Band Furnishes Music For Farewell Occasion

Last Tuesday at 12 o'clock, noon 150 Negro draftees gathered at the City Armory in Durham to listen to a farewell program which included addresses by W. J. Kennedy, secretary of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company; Dr. James E. Shepard, president of the North Carolina College; Judge R. H. Sykes and Dr. C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual who also presided over the program.

which bristled with patriotism, music for the occasion was furnished by the Hillside High School band, under the direction of Prof. W. H. Cole and the N. C. Mutual Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. B. A. J. Whitted.

In addressing the men who left the following morning for Fort Bragg, Mr. Kennedy admonished them that the United States is their country just as much as it is anybody else's. "One of your ancestors was a pilot of one of the boats in the fleet of Christopher Columbus when he discovered America," said Mr. Kennedy.

Jack Blackburn Loses Last Decision To The Grim Reaper

Chicago.—(ANP)—Jack Blackburn lost his last decision Friday. The veteran boxer who took them all, big or little, during his career in the ring as a lightweight and who once fought Jack Johnson, succumbed in Provident hospital Friday at 1 P. M. after a losing bout for several weeks with pneumonia.

It was cagey old Jack Blackburn whose ring wisdom helped Joe Louis win the championship. Considered the best trainer in the business, Blackburn was in the Brown Bomber's corner in all of his professional fights.