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Volume XXIII - Number 23 BUY WAR BONDS TODAY Durham, North Carolina, Saturday, June 6, 1942 "KEEP 'EM FLYING"

NEW SHIPYARD TO EMPLOY 9,000 NEGROES

Washington Newspaper Man Sues AFRO For \$50,000

Large Crowd Hears Noted Divine Deliver Commencement Address

Last Monday morning 102 student received degrees at the annual Commencement exercises of the North Carolina State College for Negroes in Durham.

The commencement speaker was Dr. Norman Vincent Peals, pastor, Marble Collegiate Church, New York City. The program was presided over by the president of the College, Dr. James E. Shepard, with invocation and benediction by Dr. J. S. Nathaniel Tross and Dr. Miles Mark Fisher respectively. Dr. W. W. Pierson, University of North Carolina, and Dean of NCC Graduate School presented the following for the degree of Master of Arts: Nellie Louisa Baldwin, Education; Owens Hunter Davis, History; and Henry Albert Hill, Education. The Dean of Undergraduate School, Dr. A. Elder, presented the 99 undergraduates for Bachelor's degrees and Certificates in Commerce. All degrees were conferred by Dr. R. L. Flowers, chairman of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina College and president of Duke University.

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority scholarship for 1942-43 was awarded to Bertie Hayes. Prizes were won by the following:

Roland Allison, W. G. Pearson Prize for Excellency in Mathematics above the freshman years; Carter Smith, Phi Beta Sigma and Omega Phi Psi Fraternity prizes for highest scholarship average and general department during freshman year; Eddie Patterson, C. C. Spaulding Prize for Excellency in Commercial Department; Mary Austin and Fannie Gaines, Volkemia Club Prize for superior work in freshman class; Linnie Smith, Commercial Club Prize for superior work in Type-writing; Pearl Kornegay, Hampton Club Prize for superior work in Home Economics in Senior class; Sylvester Carter, Volkemia Club Prize for Excellency in English; and Thomas Keller, Commercial Club Prize for outstanding work in Department of Commerce as distinction in campus activities.



ROSCOE DUNJEE, fighting editor of the Black Dispatch, Oklahoma City, author of this week's guest editorial in the series, "NEGRO EDITORS SPEAK." (ANP)

Virginians Upset Over Suit For Equal Bus Transportation

Richmond, (CP) — Richmond and Virginia last week were still upset over a suit filed here recently seeking equal transportation for Negro and white school pupils.

The suit, filed in United States district court here, originated and filed by Miss Lula Winn, drew sympathy from both school and government officials, both of whom felt that at least some form of transportation should be provided for Negro pupils.

Delney B. Lancaster, superintendent of public instruction, said that in some counties, the problem of transporting Negro pupils is more difficult because of the widely scattered population, and added:

"I feel that transportation should be provided for Negro pupil, just as rapidly as arrangements can be made. There ought not be any discrimination."

The suit was filed Tuesday, May 19 and is scheduled to come up in the next term of Federal Court.

Richard Harrison Memorial Unveiled



PROF. H. CLINTON TAYLOR, head of the A and T College art department, Greensboro, is shown with his latest painting, an oil portrait of Richard B. Harrison, late star of "Green Pastures," which he unveiled at the college last week. Prof. Taylor has gained much publicity for his excellent work as an artist. (Photo by C. R. A. Cunningham)

New Shipbuilding Plant To Be Manned By Race Officials And Employees

Call For Pilots To Take Glider Courses Issued By CAA

Washington, (ANP) — Desperately in need of pilots to take glider courses under the new program of the war department, the Civil aeronautics administration is issuing a call for all qualified pilots, who have finished the CAA elementary pilot courses to qualify.

The order "throws the door wide open to thousands of pilots eager for action who, until now, have been unable to enter the armed services."

Any man pilot who holds a license of private grade or higher and who is between the ages of 18 and 35 is eligible. Any pilot who has satisfactory completed the CAA elementary program and glider pilots who have completed 200 or more glider flights are also eligible, as are candidates for the air forces who failed their screening test, but are otherwise qualified. Physical requirements are not as strict as those set up for aviation cadets.

Applicants will be enlisted as privates, and upon completion of their course be awarded wing, and rated as Staff sergeants, with a monthly income approximating \$180, including allowances. After further experience and demonstration of leadership qualities, they will be in line for commissioning.

Interested persons should write the Civil Aeronautics administration at Washington, D. C., for further information regarding enlistments.

VISITS DURHAM



Dr. S. S. MORRIS, director of Religious Education for the African Methodist Episcopal Church, spent a few days in Durham last week visiting the Rev. J. A. Valentine, pastor of St. Joseph AME Church. Dr. Morris had just completed a tour on which he attended several District Conferences and important Church meetings from New York to Virginia and was enroute to Nashville, Tenn., the home of the AME Publishing House.

BY AL WHITE

Chester, Pa., (ANP) — The first official announcement of the proposed expansion of the Sun Shipbuilding corporation plant here, including the erection of a new plant which will be manned entirely by Negroes, was made this week through the office of the president, John G. Pew.

Tentative plans call for the employment of nearly 9,000 workers in every phase of the shipbuilding industry. Negro professional, technical and other necessary workers will comprise the personnel of the vast enterprise, the first of its kind ever undertaken anywhere.

Sun Shipbuilding corporation is not a new concern. It is one of the oldest in the east and a recognized, going concern, handling millions of dollars of governmental contracts in the course of its business year.

Already 675 Negroes are in training under skilled whites preparing to take over supervisory positions in the plant and in turn train new Negro workers. The new plant is expected to begin operating by August.

Welders, ship fitters, electricians and every type of work known in modern ship building will be handled by Negroes in this yard, from the highest to the lowest grades of work inclusive.

Besides the general run of workers, a complete and competent Negro medical staff and assistants will be properly installed with full equipment.

Recreational facilities, will compare favorably with those of other large modern plants. Particular attention will be paid the general welfare and morale of the workers especially recruited for this demonstration.

Housing for the great influx of steel in the signs.

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N. C. Travel Off 45 per cent Since Gas Rationing

Raleigh — Automobile travelers took their last fling at pleasure driving on the week-end of May 9-10, according to official figures computed by Statistics Engineer James S. Burch of the State Highway and Public Works Commission. However, April 15-16, first week end to feel the pinch of gasoline rationing saw traffic take a tumble of about 45 per cent.

"Magic-eye" traffic counters on eleven important highways made the count. The only exception was from a counter near the important cotton mills of Cleveland County where the meter showed a 13.7 decrease. However, this was topped off a 25 per cent decrease already shown the preceding week end from the 1941 figure. "The small percentage does indicate," Burch said.

Network Ready To Hire Negro Musicians

New York — A whole new field of opportunity for Negro musicians is now open as a result of a commitment by the National Broadcasting Company and the Blue Network here to hire qualified Negro musicians who apply for work.

Both networks went on record as opposing discriminatory hiring after a conference, May 26, with John Hammond, NAACP board member and publisher of the magazine Music and Rhythm; Mark Woods, president of the Blue Network; Samuel Chotzinoff, music advisor for NBC; Dr. Frank Black music director for NBC; Joe Rines, musical director for Blue Network, and Leopold Spitalyn, chief contractor for the networks.

The staffs of the networks have already been instructed to hire Negro musicians.

Mr. Hammond said that most openings will be in dance and saloon groups. He stressed the fact that musicians who are expert in reading and those whose background and training fit them for "doubling" in a variety of types of music are most desired.

The NAACP director said that the broadcasting hire only on application, and that company officials maintained that no Negroes had applied for jobs. The officials all were convinced that there would be no friction between colored and white musicians working together because of their experience with gMr. Dixon, young Negro conductor who has worked harmoniously with the NBC symphony orchestra.

Woods declared that he and David Sarnoff, president of the Radio Corporation of America and member of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, would be "delighted if Negroes can be hired as quickly as possible at NBC to show the world that NBC does not discriminate."

Randall is reported as having been called to Washington for a conference with army officials.

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Dixie Cab Driver Held For Death Of Man Killed In Wilmington

OLIVER B. WEBB DIES WHEN STRUCK AT WILMINGTON

Wilmington, — (Special to the CAROLINA TIMES) — A coroner's inquest into the death of Oliver B. Webb, 61-year-old Charlotte man, who was instantly killed when struck by a taxi on the Princess Street road in the East Wilmington section last midnight, is scheduled to be conducted here tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Linwood N. McLaurin, driver of the Dixie cab, which is alleged to have struck Webb, is under bond \$1,500 pending the outcome of the inquest. Officers said he told them that Webb ran directly in front of his cab.

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Lt. Col. Randolph Taves Charge of 184th Field Artillery

Fort Custer, Mich. (A N P) — Lt. Col. Oscar Randolph is acting head of the 184th field artillery, formerly the 8th Illinois national guard, as Col. Anderson F. Pitts recuperates in an Atlanta hospital. Col. Pitts was visiting relatives in the Georgia city when he became ill.

It is rumored in certain quarters that Col. Pitts will be entirely relieved of command. Col

Miss Dorothy Mae Toole Weds George L. Wheeler, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Toole of this city announces the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Mae Toole to George L. Wheeler, Jr. of New York City on Friday, May 29 in Cheraw, S. C.

Mr. Wheeler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wheeler of New York City. He is now stationed in Tuskegee, Ala. with the Signal Corp.

The bride will join him in the middle of July.

Alexander Barnes To Seek Damages For Defamatory Article

Washington, (Special to the TIMES) — Alexander Barnes, circulation manager, Washington Tribune filed suit against the Afro-American newspaper, Baltimore, Maryland, for an alleged libelous article which appeared in the paper in the issue of May 9 last, headlined, "Cops Report 26 Gallons of Whiskey in Reporter's Car," in the District Court of the United States, here last week.

Barnes alleges that the story damaged his good name and reputation. He further alleges that

the story was unwarranted, maliciously composed and false. Barnes is well known along the eastern seaboard, having served several newspapers as promotion and circulation manager. He is also prominent in the civic, fraternal and church life of Washington and the east. He has served the AME Zion church in several capacities for a large number of years. He is general manager of a contracting firm that does business in three or four states. The suit was brought by Thurman L. Dodson, Washington attorney.