

# DURHAM BANK HAS BIG GAIN FOR YEAR

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BUY WAR BONDS TODAY

# TO ASK CONGRESS TO REDUCE MEMBERS OF POLL-TAX STATES

## President Reports Assets Over Two Million For Mechanics & Farmers Bank

The annual meeting of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank was held on the sixth floor of the home office building of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company last Friday evening, January 8 at which time President C. C. Spaulding made his report to the stockholders of the bank which showed that the institution has increased its assets during 1942 from 1,559,701.88 to \$2,112,017.25, an increase of over a half million dollars for the year.

The President told the stockholders that the past year has been the best in the history of the bank and that the institution was now well on the way to even becoming of more service to the race and the community.

With assets of well over two million dollars the Mechanics and Farmers Bank is now the largest owned and operated by Negroes anywhere in the world. In addition it is the only bank in the race that operates a branch in another city. It was also brought out at the meeting that the Raleigh branch has shown remarkable growth during the past year, as well as the home office.

In referring to the further progress of the bank Mr. Spaulding had the following to say:

"We are happy to report that in 1942 we experienced the greatest growth in deposits of any single year during the history of the bank. From the statements which have been handed to you, you can see that the deposit liability of the bank increased \$581,000.00 from December 31, 1941 to December 31, 1942. A large portion of this increase was due to the fact that the bank has been able to attract new deposits from the colored community. Please Turn To Page Five

## Ministers Asked To Preach Food For Freedom Sermon

CHICAGO, (ANP) — All of the nation's ministers are asked to devote part of the services Sunday, February 14, to a message on food for freedom and designate February 12, Lincoln's birthday, to February 22, Washington's birthday as a period of prayer for a more abundant production of food in 1943 to aid the united nations' effort to defeat the axis.

This was part of the program outlined by the executive meeting of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America held in Chicago at Monumental Baptist church Wednesday and

## Succumbs



Pictured above is Mrs. Cynthia Mathis Ross, wife of Dr. W. H. Ross of Southern Pines, N. C., who died at L. Richardson Memorial Hospital, Greensboro, December 29, 1942, after an illness of two months. In addition to Dr. Ross, the late Mrs. Mathis is survived by her father - Hume Mathis of Greenville, Ky., two sisters, Mrs. Prineice Faulkner, wife of Dr. W. H. Faulkner, Nash, Tenn., and Mrs. Eleanor Fields of Maysfield, Ky. wife of Prof. C. M. Fields.

The late Mrs. Ross received an A. B. and M. A. degree from Fisk University and up until the past two years was a member of the faculty of Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va. She was well known by the young social set of North Carolina and Virginia and was highly esteemed by all of her acquaintances. She was 29 years old.

The deceased was carried to Greenville, Ky., home of the family, for burial.

Thursday. Present were 24 of the 28 members, representing all the major and many of the smaller denominations, with Bishop James A. Bray of the CMB church, president, presiding.

The council also prepared a militant, 17 point charter for the Negro churches which it is hoped will be adopted by all. Among its salient points are a request for appointment by congress or the President of a special committee to survey every aspect of Negro life, as well as abolishment of the various forms of jim crowism.

The proclamation asking church observance of the food for freedom program was signed by Bishop Bray, Bishop R. R. Wright Jr., Wilberforce, AME church. Please Turn To Page Five

## Dr. Johnson Gets Race Relations Post With AMA Group

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ANP) — Important developments in the work of three organizations which have played vital roles in the progress of the American Negro in the past and which seem destined to exert equally important influence in the future are observed in the announcement that the work of the social science department at Fisk university here will be enlarged to become the Fisk Institute of Social research under the leadership of Dr. Charles S. Johnson.

In addition to the increased scope of the social science division of Fisk university, the American Missionary Association division of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian churches announces that Dr. Johnson will become its director of race relations as of this month. At the same time and as a part of the institute program Dr. Johnson will also assume the post of co-director of the expanded race relations program of the Julius Rosenwald fund, of which he is already a trustee. The related

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## Rev. Miles M. Fisher Slightly Improved From Serious Illness

Although much improved the condition of Rev. Miles Mark Fisher, pastor of White Rock Baptist Church was considered serious by physicians attending the noted minister here this week. Rev. Fisher was taken to Lincoln Hospital last Tuesday night, after suffering a serious illness, from which he has remained practically unconscious until Tuesday noon of this week. He had just completed a booklet which portrayed in pictures and words the ten years he has spent as pastor of White Rock when he was stricken.

Always a hard worker and a student, Rev. Fisher has paid little or no attention to his own physical welfare, but has worked continuously for the improvement of his church and its people. Practically each year since coming to Durham he has spent several months working on

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Miss Mae Ponville-Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Mitchell, of 1308 Lindsay Street, Greensboro, became the bride of Jewitt Lorenzo White, Friday, December 18, in Dillon, S. C. Mrs. White is a former student of Bennett College, and at the time of her marriage was a junior at N. C. College for Negroes, Durham.

## RED CROSS APPOINTS FIRST NEGRO TO IMPORTANT POST

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The American Red Cross has appointed Jesse O. Thomas of Atlanta and Washington as special assistant to the director of domestic operations. Mr. Thomas thus becomes the first Negro to serve in an important executive capacity in the Washington office here.

The appointment, which has had the hearty concurrence of Chairman Norman Davis, comes as the direct result of recommendations made by the national colored advisory committee which has held several meetings with Red Cross officials and staff members during recent months. It is expected to implement far reaching suggestions which the committee has made to Red Cross, Vice Chairman at Large James L. Fieser, who has been vitally interested in seeing that the far flung activities of the Red Cross, touching the lives of Negroes at so many points as they do, are properly integrated and interpreted, feels that a new period of effective service to one of the major groups served by the organization will result.

Mr. Thomas and his secretary will have offices in the headquarters here. He will assume active charge of his new work as soon as he secures his release from the war savings staff of the U. S. Treasury with which he is now associated.

Mr. Thomas, a native of



At Fort Huachuca, the largest Negro training camp in the world is located. Here both men

## NAACP Seeks Federal Legislation Against Poll Tax Or Cut In Congress

## Ku Klux Klan Invades Chicago As District Attorney Watches

Chicago, (A. N. P.) — It was learned this week that the United States district attorney, J. Albert Well, was studying circulars distributed here by the Ku Klux Klan, appealing to "morally sound" Americans to join the organization. The circulars were dispatched from Dallas, but were distributed from an undisclosed local source.

"My attention has been called to this situation," said Well, "and it will be watched closely by office."

The circular demanded "drastic action now in removing Communism, Nazism, Fascism, and all other isms from the shores of America." They said further that: "The membership of the Ku Klux Klan today is made up of clean, morally sound, white Please Turn To Page Five



ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS — Governor Charles Harwood of the Virgin Islands has announced appointment of Dr. Eric O'Neil and Dr. Randolph Henderson, both of New York City, as Municipal Physicians of the islands of St. Thomas and St. Croix, respectively. Governor Harwood, who visited Washington, D. C., on official business recently, revealed that Malcolm Jackson, also a Negro, was recently appointed to the Office of Price Administration in the Virgin Islands. Dr. William H. Dean is already stationed there as an OPA price executive.

If you burn letters from your sweetheart, you will burn his love.

NEW YORK, Special to the TIMES — At the annual meeting of the NAACP January 4, at 69 Fifth Avenue at which a statement was made to NAACP delegates the association declared that it will ask the 78th Congress to enact federal legislation to abolish the poll tax and machine, to give desperately-needed federal aid to education and health services, and to reduce representation in the House of Representatives, as provided in Section 2 of the 14th Amendment, from those states where the right to vote is denied to qualified voters. This will give filibustering Southern Senators and Congressmen the choice between abolition of the poll tax, the Democratic "white" primary, and other unconstitutional and improper abridgments to the right to vote on one hand, or drastic reduction in the number of Representatives from these states on the other hand.

In addition to these specific measures, the NAACP's Washington Bureau, national office, and 600 branches, will ask in Please Turn To Page Five

and women of the race are given the necessary preparations for service in the armed forces. Located at the en the necessary preparations camp are some of the highest for service in the armed forces. race. Many of the nation's best colleges and universities are represented among the industries.