

R. NATHANIEL DETT PASSES



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Committee Negro Affairs In Annual Session Sunday President Of Talladega College Resigns Post Negro Soldiers Abroad Lauded By Three Senators

Noted Composer Passes Suddenly In Rochester From Heart Ailment

Special to The TIMES
ROCHESTER, N. Y. — Dr. R. Nathaniel Dett, eminent composer and former director of music at Bennett College, died suddenly at his home here today of a heart attack. The funeral has been arranged for Wednesday at the home of the deceased.
Dr. Dett was born on October 11, 1882, the son of Robert T. and Mrs. Charlotte Johnson Dett. On December 27, 1916 he was married to Miss Elsie Smith.
The deceased received his musical education at Oliver-Willis Conservatory of Music at Lockport, N. Y. from 1901-3. He received the degree of Bachelor of Music from Ovelon Conservatory and studied at Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania, the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago, Ill., Harvard University, from which he received an honorary degree of Doctor of Music. He was also awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Music from Howard University in 1924 and



R. N. Harris, chairman of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs and secretary of the Bankers Fire Insurance Company who will preside over the Committee's annual session to be held in the Hillside School auditorium Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Election of the Executive Committee of the organization will take place.

Chairman Many Notables Are Scheduled For NCC; Roland Hayes, Nov 8

Internationally famous artists will appear as feature attractions in a special fall-winter series announced at North Carolina College for Negroes this week by President Shepard. A List of the attractions follows:
October 22 — Dr. Franz J. Polgar, "The outstanding photographic brain in this country today."
October 29 — Miss Gustava McCurdy - a gifted and promising Negro soloist
November 8 — Roland Hayes the world famous tenor
December 16 — Alexander Kipnis — basso from the Metropolitan Opera Company
February 8 — Madame Maria Russa - operatic singer
February 17 — Teresita and Emilio Osta, South American dancer.
April 4 — Natalie Badanya of the Metropolitan Opera.
Tickets for the series are priced at \$6.50 and may be obtained at North Carolina College. \$1.50 will be the admission for each individual performance.

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Dr. R. Nathaniel Dett, famous composer and former Director of Music at Bennett College, who died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Rochester, New York. Dr. Dett's sudden death came as a

Trustee Board Of Famous College Names Successor To Dr. Buell Gallagher

Professor Edwards Principal Whitted School Succumbs

Prof. Gaston Alonza Edwards, beloved principal of Whitted elementary school and former president of Kittrell College, died suddenly here Tuesday morning of a heart attack. Although Prof. Edwards had been in declining health for the past several years, he was not considered seriously ill and had been about his duties as principal of his school, the day before his death.
Possibly the most beloved principal of the entire school system of Durham, Prof. Edwards had endeared himself to the community to such an extent that the announcement of his death came as a distinct blow to his many friends and acquaintances.
In speaking of his passing, C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, had the following to say: "When Prof. Edwards came to Durham several years ago, he immediately fell in line with our various business institutions here by investing his money in them. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, the Southern Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company and the Bankers Fire Insurance Company. His wise counsel, cooperative spirit and even temperament at all times and under all circumstances made him a most important asset to every business with which he was connected here. He will be greatly missed."
Prof. Edwards was born at Belvoir, N. C., on April 12, 1875, the son of William G. and Mrs. Mary E. Edwards. He was married to Miss Catherine Ruth Norris, September 1, 1909. The deceased was a graduate of A and T College with a degree of B. S. an M. S., Cornell University in 1909. For a long number of years he was a member of the faculty of Shaw University, but resigned that position in 1917 to accept a position as president of Kittrell College.

Passes Suddenly



Prof. G. A. Edwards, principal of Whitted Elementary School who died here suddenly Tuesday morning from a heart attack. Prof. Edwards prior to coming to Durham was president of Kittrell College. He was also the only licensed Negro architect of North Carolina.

Associated Negro Press
TALLADEGA, Ala. — A committee from the board of trustees of Talladega college has been named to select new president to succeed Buell D. Gallagher who has resigned to accept a position as professor of social ethics in the Pacific School of Religion in California.
The announcement of Dr. Gallagher that he would no longer be at Talladega came as a shock to the student body as they arrived Monday for the opening day of school. Dr. Gallagher, familiarly known as "prexy," has been well nigh idolized by the students here. In explaining his leave talking at the first chapel exercise, Dr. Gallagher said that his primary interest is in putting the Christian religion to work in life as it exists today. For the past 10 years all of his efforts have been concentrated on race, as explained. Now, he said, an opportunity has come which will permit him to express himself on all fronts and

DCNA Committee To Elect Officers At Sunday Meet

The annual meeting of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs will be held in the Auditorium of the W. G. Pearson Elementary School on Umstead and Merrick Streets at 3:30 p. m. Sunday, October 10th, according to an announcement made here this week by R. N. Harris, acting chairman of the committee.
Officers of the local organization are anxious to have as many representatives from all sections of the city attend the meeting, as the annual report of the activities of the organization will be made and members of the executive committee are to be elected. Members of the committee are supposed to represent the various Negro sections of the city and it is important that citizens

Father of Blues Aids Memphis Bond Drive

Associated Negro Press
MEMPHIS — W. C. Handy the father of the blues, returned to Memphis last week and led the Negro population on a bond buying spree, and according to an announcement by Lt. George W. Lee, chairman of the Negro division, war finance committee, purchases now total \$1,042,407.
Handy, composer of the "Memphis Blues" and the equally famous "St. Louis Blues," came back to Beale St. which he made nationally famous, this time to lead some 3,000 people down Beale on to the Ellis auditorium where he played his jazz melodies to the tune of \$2,500,000 a part of which will go toward the purchase of a Flying Fortress "Memphis Blues." The original craft of that name was shot down over France last April.
Climaxing the rally was the

Poll Tax Bill Gets Favorable Report From Subcommittee

A favorable report to the Senate Judiciary Committee by the McFarland Subcommittee considering HR 17, the bill to abolish the poll tax, was hailed as a major victory today by the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax.
"Senator McFarland is to be congratulated," said Mrs. Katherine Shryver, Executive Secretary of the Committee, "on this step in giving the vote back to 10,000,000 American citizens now deprived of the franchise by the poll tax in 8 Southern states. This is the first step in final Senate approval of the bill which was passed by the House of Representatives by a vote of 265 to 110 on May 25th."
A decision of the full Judiciary Committee however to delay action until constitutional arguments could be heard on October 25th was

Georgia Senator Sings Praise Of Negro Soldiers

Negro soldiers abroad were praised by three of the five United States Senators, who have just returned from a round-the-world investigation of the American war fronts and centers of Allied war direction, at a press conference held in the Senate Office Building on September 29th. The Senators who held the conference were Richard D. Russell, Democrat, of Georgia, Ralph E. Brewster, Republican of Maine, and James M. Mead, Democrat, of New York.
The group made the trip as representatives of the Senate Military and Naval Affairs Committee and the special Committee on Investigating War Activities which is headed by Senator Truman of Missouri.
The other two members of

Rev. J. Neal Hughley Dr. Edward Weeks Vespers Speakers

The Rev. J. Neal Hughley, resident minister at North Carolina College for Negroes, will be the speaker at the college's regular Sunday vesper services this Sunday at 3:30 o'clock.
Sunday, October 17, marks the return to North Carolina College for Negroes of brilliant Edward Weeks who will speak at 3:30 o'clock in the Duke Memorial Auditorium during the college's regular vespers services.
Originally scheduled for an earlier date, the Weeks' en-