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Durham Host To A.M.E. Conference

Soldier Teaches Lesson In Real Democracy On Bus

Race Trouble Looms Again In Motor City Over Mixed Housing

Associated Negro Press
DETROIT — In the wake of the bitterest political campaign in the city's history that saw the area flooded with racial propaganda of a highly inciting nature, the old bugaboo of mixed housing broke out a new. The "incident" centers around a house occupied by a Negro family just one mile from the scene of the Sojourner Truth housing project riots of February, 1942.

Charley Reynolds, a public school teacher, his wife, an OPA employee, and their six-year-old son face court action instigated by hostile whites seeking their eviction because of an alleged clause in the deed prohibiting anyone of the "African race" from occupying the premises. A 24-hour police cordon has been thrown around the two story brick structure to protect the Negro occupants.

Reynolds, quiet, cultured, graduate of Lincoln and Columbia universities, purchased the building recently and moved in. The upstairs apartment is rented by Cleus Paparoli.

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Negro Press Target Of Continuous Attack By Bishop

By J. D. HOPSON

The Negro press in general was the target of continuous rebuke and attack here this week by Bishop M. H. Davis, presiding over the fifty-first annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Church which is convening at St. Joseph.

So caustic and frequent have become the outbursts of the Bishop that the editor and business manager of the local Negro newspaper, both of whom are members of St. Joseph, have made themselves as scarce as possible at the various sessions of the Conference for fear of disturbing the tranquility of their church's most honored guest.

On the contrary reporters from the local white press have been accorded every courtesy that becomes a mem-

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Presiding Bishop



Rt. Rev. M. H. Davis, Bishop of the Second Episcopal District of the A. M. E. Church who is presiding over the 51st Annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference here this week. The distinguished prelate will deliver the closing sermon to the Conference, Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, after which the appointments of the ministers to their various charges will be read.

Presiding Elder



Rev. E. H. Lucas, Presiding Elder of the Durham District, who is host presiding elder to the conference now in session at St. Joseph A. M. E. Church. Rev. Lucas has had years of experience as a pastor and presiding elder of the A. M. E. Church. His son, Rev. B. H. Lucas, Jr., is also in attendance at the conference, and is well known here having preached at St. Joseph on several occasions while accompanying his father on his quarterly visits here.

Host Pastor



Dr. J. A. Valentine, host pastor to the Conference, and popular minister of Durham and the A. M. E. Church. Dr. Valentine who is in his eighth year as pastor of St. Joseph, has the distinction of having pastored the historic church longer than any other minister in its entire history. Under Dr. Valentine's leadership, St. Joseph has expanded in spiritual, numerical and financial strength. Members of the church and citizens of Durham are all pulling for his reappointment to St. Joseph.

Delegates And Noted Visitors at A.M.E. Meet; CME Conference Dec. 1-5

BISHOP RUSSELL TO PRESIDE AT CME MEET

On November the 1-5 the 72nd Annual session of the North Carolina Conference of the C. M. E. Church will convene here at St. Matthew church with Bishop C. L. Russell of the Eighth Episcopal District presiding.

According to Rev. J. A. Davis, pastor of St. Matthew a large number of officers delegates and visitors from all over the state and many places in the nation will be present for the purpose of attending the session which are scheduled to get under way here at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, December 1.

The local church is located in the Winston Salem District of the Conference and is presided over by Presiding Elder W. L. Lyles of Monroe. Other presiding elders are Rev. J. W. Roberts, Asheville District; Rev. H. C. Walker, Charlotte District and Rev. R. F. Fullwood, Washington, N. C. District.

Since coming to Durham three years ago Rev. Davis has had great success at St. Matthew where he has led in ridding the church of any indebtedness and this year has installed a \$10,000 pipe organ. Other improvements have been made at St. Matthew until it is now considered one of the most successful churches in the community.

Presiding Bishop



Rt. Rev. C. L. Russell, Presiding Bishop of the Eighth Episcopal District of the C. M. E. Church, who will preside over the 73rd session of the annual Conference of the C. M. E. Church which will convene here December 1-5 at St. Matthew. Rev. J. A. Davis is pastor of the local church and states that everything is in readiness to entertain the conference in first class order.

BISHOP DAVIS PRAISED BY DURHAMITES

The fifty-first annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Church got under way here Tuesday evening at 7:30 with the Rt. Rev. M. H. Davis, Bishop of the Second Episcopal District presiding.

The program Tuesday evening was for the general public as well as delegates and visitors to the conference and consisted of welcome addresses from Honorable W. F. Carr Mayor of the city of Durham; Rev. B. H. Lucas, presiding Elder of the Durham District; Dr. J. N. Mills, prominent physician of Durham; Carter Smith who represented the young people of the church; Dr. A. S. Croon, president of the Durham Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance; Attorney C. J. Gates, prominent Durham attorney; Dr. J. E. Shepard, president of North Carolina College; and Dr. C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Mechanics and Farmers Bank.

Response to the welcome addresses was made by Dr. W. C. Cleveland, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, Greensboro. Music for the occasion was furnished by the famous St. Joseph A. M. E. Choir, under the direction of Mrs. B. A. J. Whitt.

Immediately following the response to the welcome addresses Bishop Davis was presented to the conference by Rev. J. D. Cowan, Presiding Elder of the Asheville District who paid a glowing tribute to the leadership of Bishop Davis.

Outstanding among the welcome addresses delivered at the opening session was that of Attorney C. J. Gates who told of the part the Negro lawyer was playing in breaking down discrimination against the race. Said Attorney Gates:

"The Negro today as never before, need fearless, militant leaders—the Negro lawyer, with the other professional men and women of his group, has always fought far and must continue to fight for such rights and privileges as equal accommodations in public places and upon public carriers; equal educational opportunities in public schools, and equal rights to teach at equal salaries in public schools."

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White Bus Patron Objects To Soldiers Fraternizing On Bus

BY O. B. TAYLOR
Associated Negro Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Knoxville public school teachers got an eye full of race prejudice in action last Friday, while enroute to the East Tennessee Teachers association convening at Chattanooga.

At one of the bus stops a white soldier in uniform boarded the car along with others. Seeing a colored uniformed man seated at the rear (jim-crow section), he made a bee-line to him. "May I sit with you," he requested; with given consent the two with arms around each other's shoulders, began to swap army experiences.

This proved too much for a white passenger. Finding himself unable to take it any longer, the offended man came to the rear of the bus and ordered the white soldier to move forward, according to an eyewitness, and to observe the "proper respect" for southern jim-crow custom. This unexpected turn of affairs seemed to somewhat daze the soldier, who sat motionless and pale for an interval. Finally becoming flushed of face he rushed forward and asked the bus drivers in animated tone if there was any law against white and colored passengers standing together in his bus.

"I reckon not," was the answer. Back to the rear of the bus went the soldier motioning. Please turn to Page Four

NMU Attorney Promises To Take Segregation Case To Highest Court In The Land To Halt Practice

Associated Negro Press
WASHINGTON — With promises to take the case to the "highest court in the land, if need be," NMU Attorney William Standard continues his fight on behalf of 18 Negro members of the NMU who were jim-crowed on board a train last year after signing off the SS Seminole. Standard will soon go before a hearing of the Interstate Commerce commission where he will demand that the ICC order the Atlantic Coast Line railroad to discontinue its practice of segregation and discrimination. The NMU lawyer is asking the co-operation of all organized labor, AFL and CIO.

This month also, the Interstate Commerce commission is acting on a complaint presented by the NMU through Atty. Standard condemning the Atlantic Coast Line railroad for having unlawfully refused to provide the 18 Negro NMU members with accommodations equal to those of white passengers.

Still a third complaint, filed by Atty. Standard, against the railroad demands cash damages for the 18 whose civil rights were evaded by the railroad, whose right to do busi-

ness the seamen defend by keeping 'em sailing.

In June, 1942, 20 members of the crew of the SS Seminole were paid off in Tampa and given first class transportation and meals for a trip to their original shipping port. Eighteen of the 20 members were Negroes. All had planned to make the trip together, but railroad company officials saw fit to spirit the two whites away from the 18 Negroes and thus present a case of segregation.

On the following morning the 18 seamen were refused dining car services as the diner was "for whites only," and were told that they could either be served privately or go without food. All agreed to go without breakfast. Startled by the united refusal, the steward wired his boss for the next step; the boss in turn, told the steward to advise the 18 men that they would be served in the dining car, "after completion of regular meals." At three o'clock the 18 brothers ate their breakfast in the diner. They were to be told concerning the next meal but that information was never received.

Immediately after NMU Atty. Standard filed two se-

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Shortage Of Medics In Georgia Whites Use Negro Doctors

ATLANTA, (ANP) — The doctor shortage in Georgia has become so serious that there have been "recent instances of veterinarians and Negro doctors delivering white babies and otherwise administering to the sick," Dean Herman D. Jones of the Oglethorpe School of Medicine said here Wednesday.

The statement, which observers said was "just horrible," was made by Dr. Jones in an effort to strengthen his argument before the Grady Hospital Board of Trustees, urging them to open the wards of the hospital to the use of Oglethorpe medical students.

Use of hospital facilities must be obtained by Oglethorpe

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Leader



Mrs. Estelle Nixon, home demonstration agent of Durham County, whose unusual efforts as chairman of the County neighborhood group in the recent War and Community Chest campaign resulted in a total amount of nearly \$500 being raised among Negro farmers of Durham County. Mrs. Nixon is the wife of Prof. C. B. Nixon, principal of the Little River High School of Durham County.



Last Tuesday evening, Durham business and professional groups were hosts to Captain Haskel A. Hudson, native Durham young man, who was visiting relatives and friends here while on a furlough from Fort Devins, Mass. Captain Hudson is shown in the above picture being presented a gift by Dr. C. C. Spaulding on behalf of his fellow citizens.