

RIOT CAUSES "LAXITY" CHARGE

Officers Of Ushers Association

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Officers of the Interdenominational Ushers Association of North Carolina pose for the photographer after the close of the 1949 annual session in Wilmington last week, reported

to have been the most successful in the history of the organization.—STANBACK Photo.

Robeson Forces Blame Police

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A full scale investigation of riot at Peekskill last Saturday which broke up a concert by Paul Robeson and which resulted in 13 persons being stabbed and several others beaten has been asked for by Robeson and the Civil Rights Congress.

In addition Rep. Vito Marcantonio, New York State Labor Party has chimed in and asked for action on the part of officials to bring the perpetrators of the riot to justice.

The Civil Rights Congress was branded "subversive" by former Attorney General Tom Clark along with several other organizations.

Robeson demanded this week that New York's Governor Thomas E. Dewey order an investigation of the three hour riot and William Patterson, Executive Secretary of the



Civil Rights Congress, called for arrests of the instigators of the melee.

Meanwhile the Westchester county district attorney said in effect that the riot was started by pro-Robeson forces instead of the Peekskill Veteran's Council which took part in the fight Saturday. District Attorney George Fanelli declared: "The facts in my possession would indicate that the demonstration by the veterans was peaceful and orderly, after they disbanded the pro-Robesonites provoked

when William Secor was stabbed by one of their number.

He said he would present the case to a grand jury in the facts warrant it.

Paul Robeson, at a press conference here Monday, charged that laxity of local authorities caused the riot, touched off by marching veterans' group which had announced plans to silence the singer.

The Civil Rights Congress charged that the Peekskill police and state troopers deliberately allowed Klansmen and hoodlums to attack a scheduled open-air concert. Patterson, head of the group, said "this shocking anti-democratic, anti-Negro violence was planned and carried out by Klansmen and a mob of fascist hoodlums hiding behind a so-called 'veterans front.' The Peekskill police and state troopers in the area were well aware of the fact that mob action was being planned to back up the concert of Paul Robeson. The so-called Joint Veterans Council of Westchester County had brazenly (Please turn to Page Eight)

To Air From India



Waiter White, on leave from his secretaryship of the N. A. A. C. P., who will be one of a panel of four speakers heard on "America's Town Meeting of the Air," to be broadcast through transcription from Karachi, India on September 6 over ABC stations.

Local Shepard Foundation Begins \$50,000 Drive



The Reverend Mrs. H. Hardin and the Mount Temple Holy Church is in the midst of a Ninth Anniversary Celebration which began August 22 and will end September 11. A noted evangelist, she travelled extensively before coming to Durham in 1940.

9th Anniversary

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Gift Division Drive To End September 10

By FRANKLIN BROWER
Assistant Chairman A. T. Spaulding called a meeting of a division of the gift committee of the James E. Shepard Memorial Foundation at the Algonquin Club House here Monday night for the kickoff of the campaign to raise \$50,000 in Durham by the September 10th deadline for solicitations.



The James E. Shepard Memorial Foundation takes to the air via radio station WDNC to send out a statewide plea for contributions to a fund to be used in effecting a memorial to the late Dr. James E. Shepard. Participants of the broadcast originating from Durham are, left to right: Prof. J. T. Taylor, Campaign Director of the Foundation; Norfleet Whitte, WDNC announcer; Rep. R. M. Gantt of the North Carolina College trustee board; A. T. Spaulding, Treasurer of the Foundation; and C. C. Amey, Field Representative for the Foundation.

Local Telephone Service Becomes Increasingly Worse

Housewives League Gets Charter



The Durham Unit of the National Housewives League received its Charter last week at the 49th Annual Convention of the Business League, and the 12th Annual Convention of the Housewives League held in Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. Christina Fuqua, president of the National Housewives League is shown presenting the Charter to Mrs. Callie B. Daye, local president, and Mrs. J. DeShazor Jackson, local president-emerita, and parliamentarian, while Mrs. Fannie B. Peck, first national president and Mrs. Magnolia Leak, National Regional Chairman and local secretary, look on.

The apparent "public-be-damed" attitude of the Durham Telephone Company which furnishes telephone service for the city of Durham and several nearby communities became more pronounced here this week when case after case of inadequate and the worst kind of telephone service was uncovered by the CAROLINA TIMES.

Of the many patrons of the telephone company interviewed here the past two weeks only one, the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Frank A. Pierson, stated that he was not aware that the telephone service in Durham was not up to standard. Mr. Pierson told a representative of the CAROLINA TIMES that he had not heard of any complaints against the service rendered by the local phone company.

It will be recalled that Mayor Dan K. Edwards appointed a committee to investigate the telephone system in Durham and referred the matter to it at a meeting of the City Council on July 18. The Public Utilities Committee had taken no action on the matter up to Wednesday of this week. The committee is headed by Councilman W. K. Rand.

Some of the complaints disclosed in the investigation TIMES over the past several months included: No private phones available even for businesses; no additional phones of any kind, private or party lines, available on many thickly populated residential streets; phones too frequently out of order, sometimes running as high as five times within a week on the same phone; the poorest kind of service for out of order phones, sometimes forcing customers to be without service as long as five days, overloaded party lines; a lack of interest on the part of the Durham Telephone Company officials and employes when repairs are needed for phones too long out of order and numerous other minor inadequacies that are annoying.

The manager of the Booker T. Theater told a representative of the CAROLINA TIMES that the phone there had been off since Monday, August 29 and that he had reported the matter repeatedly (Please turn to Page Eight)

Succumbs



Willie Hunter, age 41, of 110 East Piedmont Avenue, died suddenly of a heart attack, here Friday, August 26, at 902 St. John Street. For 22 years has had been employed as a bellman at the Malbourng Hotel. He was a member of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church, where Reverend E. T. Browne, pastor, officiated at the final rites on Monday, August 29.

Mr. Hunter is survived by his wife, Mrs. Theresa Hunter, and two children, Margaret Hunter, age 22; and William Frederick, age 5. Interment was at the Beechwood Cemetery.

McRae Is Named Dean Of Men At Lincoln U.

LINCOLN, PA.
Professor James B. McRae has been appointed Dean of Men at Lincoln University, it was announced this week by President Horace Mann Bond. Professor McRae, who joined the Lincoln faculty in 1947 as Director of Public Relations, succeeds Dr. Frank T. Wilson, who resigned to become Dean of the School of Religion at Howard University.

The new Dean, who graduated cum laude from Lincoln in the class of 1924, received his Master's degree from Columbia University. He has had two additional years of graduate study there. He taught in the Wilmington, N. C., public schools in 1924-25, and was principal of the high school there during 1925 and 1926. He also served as Supervisor of Elementary Education from 1926 until 1931, when he joined the faculty of the Fayetteville, N. C., State Teachers' College. He served as Dean of the college from 1935 (Please turn to Page Eight)

High School Classes To Make Tour

The Mill Grove School classes in Vocational Homemaking and Agriculture will tour homes and farms of its members on Monday, September 5th. The tour begins at the school at 12:30 p. m. It will make seven stops at homes and farms of members who have made better than average accomplishments during the year. The group will return to the school at 3:30 p. m. where the community will engage in a picnic of barbecue, ice cream and punch. At 4:00 o'clock a five innings ball game is scheduled between the veterans who are enrolled in Farmer Training at Mill Grove and Little River Schools.

The first stop of the tour will be made at 12:30 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Pollard at Bragtown. Both parents are members of the Vocational Evening Classes at the Mill Grove School. At this home canning, utilization of space, and home beautification will be observed. The tour will move next to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams, Adult Evening Class members, where the installation of rural water and sewer will be on display.

The third stop will be made at the home of Taylor and Rosa Lee Mason, N. F. A. and N. H. A. members respectively. There, a project of complete home renovation will be seen. The work was done by the high school boys and members of the family cooperatively. The tour moves then to Mr. and Mrs. Ludie Scoggins, Adult Evening Class members, who have made kitchen improvements.

At 2:15 p. m. the tour should reach the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Holloway in the O. and C. Junction community. Mr. Holloway is a member of the Veterans Class in Carpentry.

The couple has built a beautiful rural home with their own (Please turn to Page Eight)

WEAVER-McLEAN POST TO HOLD HARVEST FAIR

The Weaver-McLean Post Number 175 of the American Legion of Durham, will hold its Harvest Festival and Fair the week of Sept. 19 through 24, 1949.

Again this year, after a lapse of 11 years, the local Negro American Legion Post will hold its Festival and Fair at the American Legion's Fair Grounds, located just off the Oxford highway, at the northern city limits.

The Harvest Festival and Fair will be held immediately following that of the white American Legion and will be opened to the general public. The Festival and fair was quite a success in 1938 and at the time it was thought that the post would hold a fair annually, but in 1939 another group of local Negro citizens organized a fair association.

Believe It Or Not: Cave Man Ate Ham, Eggs

PRETORIA, AFRICA
Ham and eggs or pork and eggs for a breakfast relish is nothing new according to Prof. C. J. Van Riet Lowe, who directed the archeological survey in the Cave of Hearths in the Makapan Valley in South Africa.

Prof. Riet Lowe recovered from the cave a fire-scarred but well-made axe from the ash of a fire made by man in the Early Stone Age, more than 100,000 years ago. Near it were found the mineralized remains of pigs' teeth and fragments of the shell of an ostrich egg. Well did King Solomon say "There is nothing new under the sun."

BERRY IS FIRST RACE COMPANY TO GET NCC BUILDING CONTRACT

The Berry Company was one of several Durham contracting firms which last week submitted low bids for construction work on North Carolina College's proposed faculty apartments building.

A precedent was established in the state when the Berry Company was awarded the contract for the faculty apartment building. It marked the first time in the history of the state that a Negro firm had been awarded a general contract for construction on a building of an institution supported by the state.

Several observers say that it is probably the first time in the South that a Negro firm has been awarded a contract for work on a state supported college.

Low bids for the construction of North Carolina College's proposed classroom building totaled \$221,916, approximately \$90,000 less than the \$312,000 estimate previously made. Bids for the faculty unit totaled \$125,101; \$101 more than an earlier estimate.

Bids awarded were: Classroom building: general contract, R. H. Pennix Company, \$189,721; plumbing, Durham Plumbing and Heating Company, \$9,395; heating, Rowe-Walsh-Jones, Inc., \$12,500; and electrical work, Durham Electrical Construction Company, \$10,300.

Faculty apartments building: general contract, The Berry Company, \$102,606; plumbing, Leyd and Copeland, \$8,925; heating, B & D Plumbing and Heating Co., \$5,340; and electrical work, Durham Electrical Construction Company, \$5,230.

The buildings are part of a \$4,000,000 construction program underway at the local college.

Business Chairmen Named
F. K. Watkins and H. M. Michaux, with W. J. Kennedy, Jr., J. H. Wheeler, and R. C. Foreman advising and assisting, will co-chairman the campaign among the larger colored corporations and President Theodore Speight of the Business and Professional Chain, together with R. Kelly Bryant, and N. B. White were assigned to the smaller businesses.

Doctors J. N. Mills, J. M. Hubbard, and A. S. Hunter were named to chairmen the professional groups, being assigned to solicit among the local physicians and dentists. Attorney M. Hugh Thompson will head the lawyer group as to solicitations; W. T. Willis was assigned to the North Carolina College teachers, Fred Pratt and Albert A. Cain to labor, together with the presidents of the seven locals in the city; and J. M. Schooler and H. M. Holmes to cover the public school teachers and groups.

SCROLL WILL NAME CONTRIBUTORS
Every contributor of any amount (Please turn to Page Eight)

Ushers Conclude Successful Meet; Austin Is Re-elected

WILMINGTON
The 25th annual session of the Interdenominational Ushers Association came to a close here Sunday, August 28 with a masterful sermon by the Reverend E. B. Bolding, pastor of St. Stephen A. M. E. Church, the scene of the convention.

Other highlights of this year's annual session was an address Thursday night by W. J. Kennedy, Jr., vice-

president and secretary of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and a visit to the convention by Allan A. C. Griffith of Washington, D. C., president of the National Ushers Association and B. T. McMillon of the Public Health Department of North Carolina College at Durham. DONATES \$1500

The North Carolina Ushers Association has long been a supporter of the Oxford Col-

ored Orphanage and in keeping with that custom presented a check for \$1500 to Supp. T. A. Hamme to be used in helping to pay for the new boys dormitory just completed at the Orphanage.

Sunday morning the annual parade was held with hundreds of ushers participating. As has been the custom through the years, the parade ended at the church when those taking (Please turn to Page Eight)