

Register And Vote For Progress

Reports from over the State indicate that interest among Negroes on the matter of registering and voting is higher than it ever has been in North Carolina.

Every Negro home should be visited in every community. Every church, school, club and individual must work hard and long in order that Negroes who have never registered and voted will do so in this election.

Will This Report Serve Its Intended Purpose?

The report of the Education Committee on Durham County Schools, a copy of which is in this office, presents a sad picture of conditions, in spite of the fact that it falls far short of what one might expect in the findings of a real first-class survey.

The report gives little or no details of the actual needs of the white or Negro schools but, more or less, confines its remarks to generalizing on the conditions, although it styled a part of its report "Recommendations In Details."

While we are not familiar with the shortcomings and needs in the white schools of the county, we are satisfied the usual Southern pattern is followed, thereby resulting in the needs of the Negro schools being greater.

Already certain evil forces are at work in the State, preparing to crucify friends of the Negro, as well as friends of the common man.

In this election every vote is needed to hold the line against those who would throw North Carolina back into the days when the state was ruled by a handful of men who were mere puppets of the financial interests.

is now served by the high schools at Bahama and at Bragtown.

When this is done the present school at Bahama will be an elementary school center. As soon as is feasible, pupils attending the small elementary school at Rougemont should be transported to the Bahama center.

At the Glenn school, the immediate and urgent need is for a cafeteria to replace the present inadequate and outmoded log cabin. As the school population increases, there should be a three-classroom addition to balance the recent annex at this building.

The Oak Grove school has recently occupied its new elementary building. The immediate need at this school is for an adequate cafeteria annex. The present temporary building used for a cafeteria should be removed.

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Spiritual Insight

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND Pastor, Mount Gilead Baptist Church

"Deep-Freeze Religion"

"There came down a certain priest that way... He passed by on the other side..." Luke 10:31.

The history of religion reveals a tendency towards indifference and coldness—a loss of the inner fervor, warmth, tenderness and compassion. This loss of spiritual passion seems to come with the increase in elaborate creeds and dogmas and ornate places of worship.

The Priest in the Parable of the Good Samaritan and deep-freeze religion. He was wrapped snugly and snobbishly in a mantle of indifferent coldness. He had lost the essential quality of good religion—tenderness and compassion.

misfortune. Good religion keeps us responsive in the midst of the wreckage of human misery. Why? Because it has the fire of the Divine flame burning within. And with this divine passion burning in our souls, we cannot remain cold and unresponsive in the midst of the agonizing cries of human need.

If the regular channel becomes clogged, God will open up a new channel. Deep-freeze religion blocks the channel of social justice, compassion and service. In many areas in America and the world the channels of divine compassion are stopped up.

What kind of religion do you have? Is it deep-freeze or burning with the passion of Divine power? There is something near you today wounded, bleeding and half dead. Don't you see someone staggering under the weight of a heavy burden? Do you see that person caught in the agony of loneliness? There is someone near you anxious and afraid.

Ambassador Charles Pledges Haiti's Aid In Unceasing Quest For Liberty

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pointed out yesterday afternoon in a press conference. Mayor Dan K. Edwards of Durham welcomes the diplomat. Additional welcome was extended by President Alfonso Elder of North Carolina College.

In his speech last night, Dr. Charles said Haitians will "always cherish the ideals of freedom and equality and those who espouse these ideals. That is because the price we paid for our liberties was too dear for us to take those liberties lightly.

"We are a small county but I do believe that we stand well in the forefront of those and Nations of the world who believe sincerely in democracy and think everything must be done to reserve it."

North Carolina College' mixed choir furnished music for the occasion. Other participants on the program included Ezekiel Morris, who presided, and Drs. T. R. Speigner and J. Neal Hughes of North Carolina College who conducted opening and closing devotions.

Livingstonians Celebrate Silver Anniversary Of Dr. Trent's Tenure

A holiday was declared last week at Livingstone College when students and faculty members of the institution paused for a day to pay tribute to their president, Dr. William J. Trent, for his having entered his 25th year as president of the college.

Activities for the occasion began at 10:30 last Thursday morning with a program in the College Auditorium under the auspices of the college's student government organization. In the afternoon an open house of all dormitories and a tea in Goler Hall Dining Room was held, and in the evening a buffet supper and a spiritual recital by the Livingstone College Choral Union rounded out the festivities.

Livingstone now boasts of having one of the best science departments among schools of comparable size in the South. New departments have been added to the school in the last ten years and plans are now underway for enlarging the physical plant still more.

School Supervisor Talks To Livingstone Seniors

SALISBURY Dr. Samuel E. Duncan, State Supervisor of Negro High Schools, Raleigh, in a talk to seniors at Livingstone College last week, gave a brief analysis of the teaching situation as regards Negro teachers in the State of North Carolina.

Speaking of the availability of jobs, Dr. Duncan pointed out that last year there were a total of 1,206 Negro graduates of the State holding teacher certificates, but of this number there were jobs available for only about 450. However, he explained, this year college graduates holding teacher certificates have about a 50-50 chance of getting a job.

Asked how he had arrived at such conclusion since only one out of every three were able to get jobs last year, he stated that many teachers are expected to resign and some schools are expected to add more teachers to their staffs.

There are at least three fields which are wide open," he explained; "they are music, health and physical education and library science."

On applying for jobs, the supervisor stated that, in general, teachers are hired around the year of their application in the month of April. He stated also that the month of November is a good time to

make applications, since a number of presently employed teachers fail to return from the Christmas holidays or resign at the end of the first semester's work.

Dr. Duncan stated also that out of 230 Negro high schools in the State, 185 are accredited, but out of over 1,800 elementary schools about 40 are accredited. This discrepancy lies in the fact that increased emphasis is placed upon the high school as has been the case ever since high school became a reality in this country.

The speaker stated that the beginning teacher in North Carolina may expect to start out with a salary of \$239 per month if he holds a bachelor's degree and at \$342 if he holds a master's degree. Various city systems however give a supplement to this amount, which ranges from less than ten per cent of the salary to as much as 50 per cent of the State salary.

YMCA Older Boys Conference Held At Adkin Hi School

RALEIGH The 20th Annual North Carolina YMCA Older Boys Conference held at the Adkin High School, Kinston, April 21, 22, 23 was attended by over 200 boys representing 35 YMCA's and high schools, officials of the Conference have announced.

The opening address was delivered by Kelly Alexander, Charlotte, president of the State Conference of NAACP branches who discussed the conference theme "Making Democracy Work." In a forceful and inspiring address Mr. Alexander urged the delegates to look forward to a new day when they will furnish the leadership to overcome present injustices and inequalities between the races in North Carolina.

Rev. U. S. Johnson, pastor of the St. Augustus A. M. E. Zion Church delivered the conference sermon on the subject: "The Glory of Young Men Is Their Strength." The annual banquet address was delivered by E. J. Baker, supervisor of the Housing Project.

Discussion group leaders included D. W. Morehead, of Greensboro YMCA Executive Secretary, C. J. Barfield, J. H. Lucas of the Adkin High School, Kinston who discussed Education And Job Opportunities; E. C. Goodwin, Charlotte YMCA, H. L. Alston, Winston-Salem, Community Relations Field Secretary, F. L. Wiley, Charlotte who discussed "Race Relations"; and Rev. U. S. Johnson and Rev. McKinley Hawkins, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Kinston who discussed Religious Life.

Leslie D. McClellon, Winston-Salem, YMCA Executive

was the coordinator for the discussion groups and H. E. Staplefoot, also of Winston-Salem conducted the conference devotions.

Lee Roy Canty of the Williston Industrial High School, Wilmington, president of the conference presided. The delegates were welcomed to the City by the Superintendent of Schools, J. H. Horne, C. B. Stewart, principal of the Adkin High School, Alfreddie Barnes, president of the student council, Julius Fuller, Miss Swannie Kornegay, presidents of the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y Clubs respectively. Earnest Fair of Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte a former conference vice-president, responded on behalf of the visiting delegates.

New Officers elected by the delegates to serve during the ensuing year are Spencer McCurry, Winston-Salem, president; James Canty, Wilmington, Vice-President; Harper Samuels, Winston-Salem, Secretary; Thomas Smith, Charlotte, Corresponding Secretary, G. L. Crews, Shepard High School, Zebulon, Treasurer.

The 1951 Conference will be held at the E. E. Smith High School, Fayetteville. The Executive Committee of the North Carolina YMCA is composed of E. L. Raiford, Raleigh, director; H. T. Johnson, G. L. Crews, Charles Farrar and J. W. O'Kelly, also of Raleigh; Miss B. B. Leonard, S. J. Howie, of Wilmington; D. W. Morehead, Greensboro, L. D. McClellon, Harvey L. Staplefoot, Winston-Salem; H. C. Gore, Burlington, George T. Hyman, Louisville; E. C. Goodwin, F. Williamson, Emanuel Wilson, L. Wiley, Charlotte, W. L. Wooten, Elizabethtown, C. A. Whitaker, High Point, E. S. Houston, Kinston.

National Magazine Features Bennett Health Program

GREENSBORO The story of the health program of Bennett College is being featured in the current issue of National Negro Health News. Written by Dr. Walter J. Hughes, director of the college health service, the article discussed various phases of the college's health program including the medical facilities provided for students, the out-patient services available, health education emphasis, preservice teacher demonstrations and community extension of the program.

The article points out that "health education in the college is carried on as an integral part of the total program for healthful and useful living." Writes Dr. Hughes, "Health instruction is done by members of the health service and faculty members of the college divisions of the health service and faculty members of the college divisions of the biological sciences, the social sciences, home economics, and the humanities."

Regarding preparation of students for the teaching profession, the former director of Negro health service for the state of North Carolina points out that "through cooperative arrangements with the Department of Education and Health, these preservice teachers visit selected schools. They observe and participate in the physical inspection for screening of an assigned group of children; they receive instruction on the proper procedures for referrals; and they are encouraged to learn about the health conditions of the school and home communities of the school and to make necessary contacts for the use of available community resources."

A recent broadcast emanating from the studios of station WGIC, local affiliate of the Columbia Broadcasting System, cited the work of the college health service. The program prepared by Dr. Hughes and Mrs. Thelma Morris of the Guilford County Health (Please turn to Page Seven)