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Christmas Greetings 1950

They Rejoiced With Exceeding Great Joy



The above is a photo of the "Nativity" as exhibited by the Mount Vernon Baptist Church family of which the Reverend E. T. Browne is pastor. The beautiful display is located on the lawn of the church and is being viewed by hundred of spectators each night. It is the hope of the Mount Vernon Church family that the display will help to create a more wholesome appreciation of the real Christmas spirit. — Photo by STANBACK.

Attorneys For Daniels Boys Fighting Grim Battle In U. S. Eastern District Court

TARBORO — Attorneys for Bennie and Lloyd Ray Daniels were fighting a grim battle here this week before Judge Don Gilliam of the Eastern District to save the lives of the two youths, under sentence of death for murdering a Greenville cab driver on the night of February 5th, 1949.

Attorneys for the defense are O. John Page, former assistant U. S. Attorney General, C. J. of Durham and Herman of Raleigh.

The opening gun for the defense was fired the early part of the week when attorneys for the boys produced evidence which tended to show that Negroes are discriminated against in Pitt County in the selection of jurors.

Discrimination Attacked
Following the attack on discriminatory methods used in the selection of jurors the defense presented evidence to prove that the confessions which the State obtained from the youths were made under duress.

Daniels boys are being defended under a writ of habeas corpus obtained by the "Daniels Defense Committee" in an effort to have a higher court review the case after the boys were sentenced to death in a Pitt County Superior Court hearing.

Why Evidence Suppressed?

The committee has demanded explanation why evidence centering around a white woman, her clothes and person spattered with blood, and seen leaving the "lover's lane" where the body of William B. O'Neal, the slain cab driver was found, was suppressed by police and court officials.

The committee has publicized the case to produce funds for the taxicab in which the crime was committed.

Instantly named the circumstances of the crime, the locale, the nature of the wounds inflicted upon the driver, as indicating the crime smacks more of passionate jealousy and vengeance centered about the illicit romantic relations of the cab driver and a woman, and her wronged husband or lover, than one of simple robbery and murder, which the Daniels cousins stand convicted for.

Ray Of Hope Seen

The granting of the writ of habeas corpus by Judge Gilliam was the first ray of hope and a new lease on life for Lloyd Ray and Bennie and their distracted and poverty stricken families who had almost despaired of saving the youths from the State's gas chamber.

At the scene of the murder a coat was found spread on the ground, new and used contraceptives and a woman's glove. O'Neal was reported to have left a dance with a woman a short time before he was slain and his car was reported to have been entering the lane followed by a speeding car. The second vehicle was reported to have

President



Miss Vivian Farribault, newly elected Student Council president of Hillsboro Central High School. Miss Farribault won out over two young men candidates for the position. They were William Currie and Waymond Pinix of Efland.

National Teachers Committee To Meet At S. C. State

Orangeburg, S. C. — A meeting of all regional members and the planning committee of the National Teachers' Research Association will be held at State A. and M. College, Friday, December 29 according to an announcement released this week by Dr. J. Irving E. Scott, president of the association.

The agenda to be considered at the sessions include (1) the matter of accepting other research groups as affiliates to the organization; (2) increasing membership in the organization and subscription to The Negro Educational Review; (3) preparation for the annual research clinic and (4) plans for the selection of the classroom teacher of the year.

All members of the organization in this region are urged to attend the meeting whether or not they are committee members, according to the announcement.

Bennett College Gets \$75,000 Gift From Kresge Foundation

Reaches Half-Way Mark In Drive For Funds

With the announcement of a \$75,000 conditional gift last week from the Kresge Foundation of Detroit, Michigan, the Bennett College Quarter Century Fund now has achieved a total of \$136,550 in gifts and subscriptions, according to N. S. Calhoun, general chairman. "This splendid contribution is a real tribute to Bennett College and brings us slightly beyond the halfway point toward the \$260,000 goal," said Mr. Calhoun. It is now all the more important that Greensboro achieve its \$70,000 home town quota. The \$75,000 contribution from the Kresge Foundation is a conditional gift which will be granted to the college only if the balance of the \$260,000 objective is raised by the end of 1951, according to Mr. Calhoun.

With over \$50,000 in Greensboro subscriptions now officially reported and audited, it is hoped that delayed and postponed gifts from Greensboro firms and individuals will push the local return up over the \$70,000 quota.

In announcing the \$75,000 Kresge Foundation gift, President David D. Jones stated that, "It is our first grant from the Kresge Foundation and it comes to us during our Quarter Centennial year as a challenge and an encouragement to continue and improve Bennett's program of Christian education for women."

Funeral Of Well-Known Raleigh Woman Held

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Bond Cheek who died at Duke Hospital in Durham, Thursday, December 14th, were conducted Sunday, December 17th from the First Baptist Church, with a capacity filled church of friends from various sections of the state present.

The principal eulogy given by Dr. O. S. Bullock, pastor, who hailed the late educator and church leader as a person who had chosen the best in life and as one who had made a distinct contribution in cultivating the Christian spirit in the home, church and classroom.

Other tributes to her life were paid through expressions from the County-Wide P. T. A. of Warren County made by James Carter Jones, president of the Warren County Sunday School Convention; the Washington High School P. T. A. by C. H. McLendon, principal; Jeffrey's School and P. T. A. by Mrs. Ophelia Leathers; N. C. Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers by Mrs. Ada M. Jarnigan, executive secretary; and the General Groups of the First Baptist Church by Mrs. Pattie Smith.

The Rev. Charles Jones, minister of the Presbyterian Church of Chapel Hill, read the scripture, and the Rev. Paul H.

Four Court-Martial Appeals Being Argued

WASHINGTON — In accordance with a recent announcement that defense of Negro GIs who have been victims of racial discrimination in army courts-martial is the No. 1 item on the legal agenda of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People appeals of the court-martial convictions of four 24th Infantrymen are being argued here today by NAACP Assistant Special Counsel Jack Greenberg. The arguments are being held at the Pentagon, before the board of Review in the office of the Judge Advocate General.

One of the cases involves a Master Sergeant who was convicted and sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment by a court martial in Masan, Korea, for alleged failure to obey an order to return to the front. Information gathered by the NAACP about this soldier, a veteran of World War II with five battle stars and a record of exceptional bravery, reveals that he had suffered a head injury in combat which doctors state could cause considerable residual brain damage. He had been suffering from severe headaches and was given drugs capable of inducing a hypnotic state. In his defense, he asserted that he took

These latest figures give N. C. Mutual in the undisputed leadership of all Negro companies operating in the United States or elsewhere.

Standing second to the local company is the Atlanta Life Insurance Company of Atlanta, Ga., with \$136,315,242 insurance in force and a total of \$21,490,194 in admitted assets.

The third largest Negro company is the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company of Chicago with \$114,374,189 insurance in force and assets of \$9,442,051.

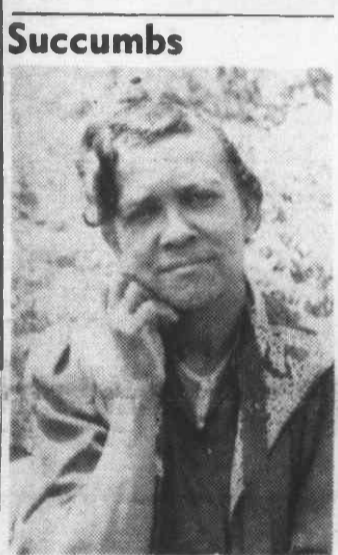
It is also significant that N. C. Mutual has a little less than one sixth of all the life insurance carried on the lives of Negroes in the United States by old line legal reserve companies on the race.

A recapitulation of the insurance in force and admitted assets of the four largest companies of the race is as follows: N. C. Mutual, Durham, N. C., Insurance in force, \$146,241,142. Assets, \$26,250,001.

Atlanta Life, Atlanta, Ga., Insurance in force, \$136,315,242. Assets, \$21,490,194.

Supreme Liberty, Chicago, Ill., Insurance in force, \$114,374,189. (Please turn to Page Eight)

N. C. Mutual Claims Undisputed Lead Of Negro Companies



Funeral service for Mrs. Her Evans, wife of Roger Evans, who died at her home, 1003 South Street, December 13, was held at the Christian Chapel Church in Wake County, Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 P. M. Reverend J. A. Henderson is pastor of the church.

Mrs. Evans death climaxed an illness of several months duration.

At the request of the deceased the Rev. J. S. Stewart, moderator of the New Hope Baptist Association and pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church delivered the eulogy.

Other ministers assisting Rev. Stewart were Rev. J. H. Peppers, pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church of Durham and Rev. S. J. Gordon, pastor of Bethel Tabernacle Holiness Church of Durham.

The funeral was attended by a large number of relatives and friends.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Evans is survived by one daughter, Miss Katherine Evans of Durham.

Hillside High Student Gets Number One Savings Plan Book



Pictured above is James Allen, Jr., of Hillside High School being presented the Number one bank book by President C. C. Spaulding in the recent savings program for public school students established by the Mechanics and Farmers Bank here. Approximately 3400 students are already participating in the program

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Durham Officer Cited For Bravery In Korea

Wounded



Lt. E. C. Wynn, Durham resident, who was recently cited for courageous action in the Korean war. Col. S. L. A. Marshall, Army Efficiency Expert says Lt. Wynn and his mixed outfit's performance was "perhaps unequalled in American military history."

LT. E. C. WYNN WOUNDED IN FIERCE BATTLE

Osaka Army Hospital, Japan — First Lieutenant Ellison C. Wynn, whose company has been designated by the Army's roving efficiency expert, Col. S. L. A. Marshall, as the bravest in the Korean War, told a first hand account here on December 10 of just how fierce the fighting was in the stand he and his men made recently against Chinese Communists and in which he was badly but not seriously wounded.

Lt. Wynn says he was hit on the right side of the face with a mortar shell which knocked out all of his back teeth but one. As a result of further injuries from the blast physicians were forced to cut off part of his tongue and amputate part of the third finger on his left hand.

The lieutenant also stated that physicians resorted to plastic surgery to replace part of his lip. "Numerous stitches were necessary to sew up the right side of my face and head," he stated.

Lt. Wynn said the mortar shell just missed his eye. "I am still alive and walking just as ever, so I consider myself lucky. It didn't ever knock me out, so I'm glad I'm hardheaded after all."

Lt. Wynn is an officer in a mixed unit of Negro and white soldiers of the U. S. Second Division. His unit is known as the "Baker" Company of the Division's Ninth Regiment.

Said Col. Marshall, "That company's stand was perhaps unequalled in American military history. It entered action with 125 men and withdrew only on regimental orders with its tail fighting like hell 24 hours later with only 24 men not wounded."

The commander of the company, Capt. William C. Wallace, of Petersburg, Va., was wounded in the first hour of fighting and Lt. Wynn, his executive officer, led for the next 24 hours.

Said Col. Marshall further, "The C. O. from Virginia, a Negro second in command and two non-coms, Cpl. Donald Crawford of South Boston, Va., and Sgt. L. C. Smith of Sandstone, Va., distinguished themselves along with Wynn."

The fight was at close quarters and was so savage that there were instances of fist fighting between American and

NAACP Annual Meet Set For January 2nd

NEW YORK — The annual meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be held on Tuesday, January 2, it was announced today by Walter White, the Association's executive secretary.

At the meeting, members of the executive secretary and heads of departments. Ballots sent in by NAACP branches to elect new members of the board of directors will be counted, and the results of the election made known.

The meeting, open to all members of the Association, will begin at 11 A. M.