

# Epps Challenges Bias In Address Before PTA Congress

**SALISBURY**  
The South is economically unable to provide equal education for both white and colored students; therefore, all Americans should begin with the schools and work for complete integration in all phases of American life.

So said Attorney Harold T. Epps, speaking before the 8th District PTA Congress School of Instruction held here Saturday at Monroe Street School.

The young Winston-Salem lawyer asserted that the first step toward complete integration is in education on all levels, from the elementary schools through the universities.

Speaking on the legal aspects of the theme: "Every Child an Equal Chance," he pointed out that our greatest enemy in the fight against communism is our own institution of segregation. "If we are to win the cold war," he said, "we must work for the abolition of segregation."

He added: "It is the best and only solution to this racial problem in America."

In working for integration we are doing a service to our country, he said.

To accomplish the task (of integration) he urged colored people to vote and to help organizations like the NAACP and Americans for Democratic Action, but he warned the race to be cautious and to analyze groups to which they contribute because "Communists sometime jump on the bandwagon."

Epps' address came during the afternoon session of the Congress which convened Saturday morning at 10 o'clock when Dean J. H. Satterwhite, president of the local PTA Council, led devotions.

Among participants from the 12-county area meeting to instruct, inform and inspire proper procedures in PTA work for benefit of youth were delegates from Rowan, Iredell, Catawba, Stanley and Anson counties. J. R. Henry, of Bessemer City, president of the 9th District PTA Congress, was a visitor.

Words of welcome came from Prof. C. A. Carson, principal of the City School Board of Trustees, and from City Superintendent J. H. Knox.

Mrs. E. Carter Smith, president of the district, gave the purpose of the school and brought greetings from Mrs. H. H. Davis, state PTA president.

Mrs. M. A. Hightday of Asheville and William Littlejohn of Statesville spoke on the roles of the community and church, respectively, in their responsibility to the total education of youth.

The school was divided into four sections: "Policies," led by L. H. Hall of Salisbury and E.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Sears (Miss Harriet Wheeler) owners of the Harnett Music School and the Wheeler Music, Inc. (a recording Company) have, through their enterprises, provided opportunities for young Negro artists who have not been given encouragement by other recording companies. Their musical director, Leroy Kirkland, is a Negro.

E. Waddell of Albermarle; "Adolescence," by Mrs. B. R. Hall of Salisbury; "Moral Development," Miss Annie R. Lowery of Salisbury; and "Sex," Mrs. Lois H. Reeves of Livingstone College.

Reporting on policies, Lowden Anderson of Albermarle and James A. Clark of Cleveland pointed out that the PTA should not be dictatorial; rather, it should cooperate with other agencies to formulate policies for benefit of pupils. The group suggested educational meetings of the PTA and school administrators to inform PTA workers of certain important administrative policies.

Mrs. Constance Henry of Bessemer City, in reporting on adolescence, pointed out that parents should show affection for their children and provide parties at home, that the church provide intelligent leadership,

wholesome recreation and forums, and that the school furnish a program of diversified education.

Mrs. Miriam S. Little's group sought an answer to the question: "Who's responsible for teaching sex to children?" While admitting they could draw no conclusions, members said children should be given facts.

"If the question (of sex) comes up first in school, let it begin there," they said.

Mrs. C. S. Hayes of Statesville reported on moral development of youth. She asserted that the church and school should cooperate in planning wholesome activities for children.

Music for the occasion was furnished by local choral groups from Lincoln and Monroe Street Elementary Schools. The former group was directed by Miss Celeste Farrington and the lat-

## Roxboro Notes

The new Home Economics Department of the Person County High School was the scene of a mothers and daughters banquet on Friday, March 14. A very splendid program was rendered. Mothers and daughters enjoyed a three course menu prepared and served by the girls in the home economics classes.

Marie Holloway served as Mistress of Ceremonies and Ruth Royster gave a very warm and cordial welcome. Both are members of the first year classes. Mrs. Elizabeth Lawson, a mother of identical twin sisters, who registered in the first year home economics class gave the response. Other students who appeared on the program are as follows: Josephine Ross, Sadie Faulkner, also of the first year classes.

Many mothers expressed their appreciation for their daughters honoring them in such a fine way. G. L. Harper, supervising principal of Roxboro Elementary and Person County High School, spoke some very encouraging words to the group.

by T. M. Johnson with Mrs. N. J. Lash as assistant.

Mrs. Alice B. Ford, Vocational Home Economics teacher of the department expressed thanks and appreciation for the cooperation of all who helped to make the occasion possible and a success.

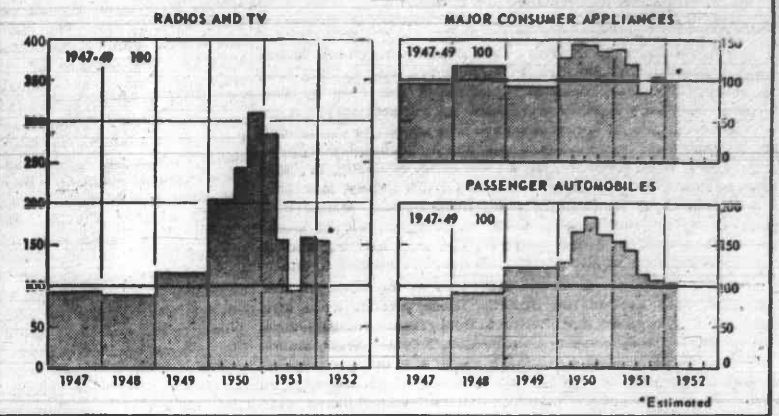
The Civic Improvement League met at Roxboro Elementary School Wednesday, March 19, with Fred Buckner, the president presiding. The topics discussed during the meeting were: The need for a gymnasium; The necessity of improving instructional activities from the standpoint of enriching the courses offered as well as the need for a greater variety of courses such as Industrial Arts, etc.; The necessity of encouraging all eligible citizens of Person County to register and vote in the coming election.

The meeting was well attended and everybody seemed to have had a clear conception of his duty as a citizen.

Le Cercle Francais met on March 17. The officers are as follows: President, Marilyn Walker; Vice President, James Royster; Secretary, Ernestine Lawson; Assistant Secretary, Alene Jeffer; Treasurer, Betty Winstead and Chairman of Program Committee, Shirley Perry. The Program Committee presented the topic for discussion, "Jeanne D'Arc".

The club motto is "Il peut

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qui pense qu'il peut", He can who thinks he can.

The Dramatics Club has just completed its engagements in the Tri-County activities. The last performance was at Pleasant Grove High School, March 18 at which time Pleasant Grove Training School and Person County High School clubs.

Members of the Dramatic Club, teachers and many well wishers made the trip.

The Entre Nous Club met at the home of Miss Wilma Clay-

ton on Friday evening with Mrs. Hilda H. Fountain as co-hostess.

After a brief business meeting, a social hour was enjoyed by members and guests present. Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Members present were: Mrs. R. T. Hester, president; Mrs. Gertrude Clay, Miss Wilma Clayton, Mrs. Sarah Galbreath, Mrs. Maggie U. Harris, Mrs. Hilma Jones, Mrs. S. J. Mials, Mrs. Mary L. Owens, and Mrs. Ruth J. Tillman.

Guests present were: Mrs. Lillie D. Barnett, W. D. Bryant,

Cliff Galbreath, Otis Hester, A. W. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Jones. Mrs. Sarah Galbreath and Mrs. Maggie U. Harris will be the hostesses for the April meeting.

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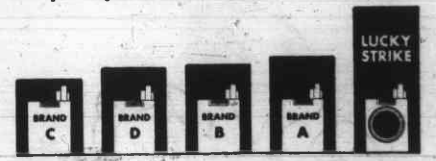
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