

Paul Robeson Barred From Frisco Opera House

Noted Singer Not Permitted To Give Concert

SAN FRANCISCO

Paul Robeson, noted singer and Negro leader of international fame, was denied permission to give a concert in the War Memorial opera house here Monday when trustees of the opera house voted to reject an application for its use for that purpose.

The vote was 9-0 or unanimous against letting the place be used for the concert which is scheduled for May 22. Promoters of Robeson's appearance here are said to be seeking other quarters for the occasion which it is predicted will bring out the largest number of persons to witness a concert of such nature in this city in many years.

Edward Sharkey who is manager of the opera house stated that the denial was based on the belief that Robeson is a communist and admirer of Russia. Mayor Elmer Robinson stated that Robeson is a "consort of Communism."

N. C. Federation Women's Club Meet May 16-17

The Forty-third annual session of the North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs will be held at St. Joseph A.M.E. Church here Friday and Saturday, May 16, 17.

The president, Miss Ruth G. Rush, announced here this week that the program of the meeting begins with a business session on Friday morning continuing through the day.

The highlights of the business sessions will be the president's annual address, reports from the superintendents or their representatives on the status of the Negro correctional institutions and the Children's Ward of the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, and club reports summarizing the year's activities.

On Friday night at a public meeting, special recognition will be given Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, a former president of the N. C. Federation, and retiring principal of Palmer Memorial Institute. The speaker for this occasion will be Mrs. Josephine H. Kyle, Director of Christian Education, Washington Federation of Churches, Washington, D. C. The Young Peoples Choir of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church will provide special music.

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Last Rites Held For Mrs. Lizzie Rigsbee Sunday



Funeral service for Mrs. Lizzie Rigsbee, age 78, was held Sunday April 27 at 2 p. m. from the Mount Olive Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Rigsbee died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edna Harris on the Fishdam Road, Thursday April 24, after being in declining health for some time.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Mildred Jones, Mrs. Dollie Johnson and Mrs. Edna Harris, all of Durham, two sons, Robert and Weidon Rigsbee of Durham, three sisters, Mrs. Willie P. Brown of Louisa, Va., Mrs. Ellen Edwards, Durham and Miss Hattie Lewis, of New York; five grandchildren, two great grandchildren and one aunt.

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DURHAM TEACHER SEEKS DIVORCE WHEN MATE THREATENS HER LIFE

Mrs. Thompson Says Husband Slept With Open Knife In Bed

A suit seeking a divorce from bed and board was filed here Tuesday by a member of the Hillside High School faculty who charged that her husband threatened to kill her and that he accused her of trying to kill him.

The suit was filed by Mrs. Mary Sharpe Thompson against Flonnie Thompson. The latter is an instructor in the Veterans farmer training program at Little River High School, located in the northern part of Durham County.

Mrs. Thompson, the plaintiff, a sister of the Rev. R. C. Sharpe, pastor of the Cosmopolitan Methodist Church, and Mrs. C. D. Grandy, both of Durham, asks the court to appoint a commissioner to sell the home place of the couple, located at 117 Nelson Street, and to give her her share of the proceeds.

The plaintiff, is also seeking \$400 from her husband and all personal property which she placed in the home at her expense.

Mrs. Thompson charged that her husband has accused her of indecent relations with other men and being intimate with other women. She also charges that he has struck her and that he has threatened to kill her. She charges further that he accused her of attempting to poison him and that her husband sleeps with an open knife in his bed. She states that he accused her of "trying to kill him by cutting off his blood circulation through pressure on various parts of his body."

She further states that she and her husband bought the home together and that she paid \$3,000 of the \$3,900 down payment, paid the monthly installments on the balance, paid the premiums on two of his life insurance policies, all the premiums on the hospital insurance for her husband and herself.

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Race Track Stars May Dominate 1952 Olympics

NEW YORK

The likelihood of a repeat performance by America's Negro track and field athletes who came through with victories in half of the 1948 Olympic program—is forecast in an article in the current issue of SEE Magazine, released today.

Young stars like Jim Golliday, Andy Stanfield, Art Bragg, and Ed Conwell, says the article, are outstanding contenders for the 100 and 200-meter sprint events. Other Negro threats are Rafael Fortum, Pan American sprint champion, and MacDonal Bally of Britain.

"George Rhoden seems a certainty at 400 meters," declares SEE, "with Herb McKenley a challenger."

"At 800 meters, Mal Whitfield could repeat." Other probable winners featured in the article, all Negroes—are Bill Miller, javelin, George Brown, broad jump, and Ollie Matson, sprint.

Since they made their first Olympic bid in 1932, American Negroes have always been outstanding in the track and field events. Their young stars today, the SEE article concludes, have some shining examples to follow in Jesse Owens, Ralph Metcalfe, Eddie Tolan, Harrison Dillard, Barney Ewell, and many other Negro greats of the past Olympic teams.



Members of the Durham Academy of Medicine Auxiliary are serving in the local Cancer Detection Center, in operation at Watah Hospital every Thursday morning. This is a medical service made possible through your contributions to the American Cancer Society. Appointments may be made by calling the local office of the American Cancer Society, 308 Health Building, telephone 6-792 or 3-5172. A vigorous effort is being made to inform more and more people about the Cancer Detection Center. It is for all well persons women: 35 years of age and over; men: 40 years of age and over; and for any age where there is a cancer symptom or referral from Family Physician. REMEMBER: CANCER IS CURABLE WHEN DETECTED EARLY AND TREATED PROPERLY.

N. J. BAN ON MRS. BETHUNE PROTESTED BY THE NAACP

NEW YORK

Action of the Englewood, N. J. Board of Education in barring Mrs. Bethune from speaking in the junior high school "amazed and distressed" the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Walter White, executive secretary, today informed M. Leslie Denning, Mayor of Englewood.

The famous Florida educator and New Deal office-holder was denied the right to address a meeting in the school auditorium tonight, following protest by a group which charged that she had been affiliated with organizations on the Attorney General's subversive list. Upon being barred from the school, the sponsoring group, known as Citizens of Englewood, moved the meeting to a church.

Mrs. Bethune, the NAACP executive said in his telegram to Mayor Denning, "is a distinguished American who has served her nation effectively and loyally." The charges of communism-raised-against-her, Mr. White asserted, are "utterly absurd and unworthy of consideration in an enlightened community such as Englewood. Barring of this eminent Negro woman from a public forum in your city aids the Communist propaganda which exploits such needless discrimination."

Mrs. Wettach To Address Catholic Meet Here May 3

Announcement was made here this week by the Catholic Convention officials, John B. Cassidy, Mrs. Shepherd Storey and Dr. Norman Cordice that Mrs. Robert Hasley Wettach of the University of North Carolina will participate in the forthcoming combined Catholic Convention on Saturday, May 3.

Mrs. Wettach will be the principal speaker at the annual rally of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association which is scheduled for the Main Ballroom of the Washington Duke Hotel, Durham, North Carolina at the 3:00 p.m. Saturday session. John B. Murphy, President of the Catholic Laymen's Association, will introduce the guest speaker from the Greater University of North Carolina. The subject of her address will be "Our Apostleship For Youth."

DIRECTOR BOYS CLUB ATTENDS MEET IN OHIO

Lee W. Smith, Jr., executive director of the John Avery Boys' Club will leave Saturday May 3, 1952 for Columbus, Ohio to attend the 46th annual convention of Boys' Clubs of America. The convention which will consist of special interest meetings, workshop sessions, demonstrations and panel discussions has as its theme "Building Character for Tomorrow"

D. C. Deans, agency director and member of the Board of Directors of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, is shown here presenting a silver water pitcher to vice-president and agency director, Geo. W. Cox at a testimonial given the latter last Friday evening at the De-Nut Shop. The token of esteem was given Mr. Cox on behalf of the officials and employees of the company. Mrs. Cox, wife of the honoree is looking on admiringly while her husband receives the gift.

Tribute Paid G. W. Cox, Sr. For Long Years Of Service With N.C. Mutual Life Ins. Co.

Over 100 N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company representatives gathered here last Friday evening in the Jade Room of the De-Nut Shop and paid glowing tribute to one of its officers who has served the company for over 30 years.

The affair which was given in the form of a testimonial and banquet, honoring Geo. W. Cox, Sr., Vice President and Agency Director of the N. C. Mutual, climaxed a first quarter of 1952 drive for new business that resulted in nearly \$2½ million dollars worth of insurance being written with new premium collections amounting to \$45,850.52. This record of production is reported to be the best for the same amount of time in the history of the company and testified to the high esteem in which Mr. Cox is held by the company's agency force as well as home office officials and employees.

Presiding officer and toastmaster of the affair was Winfred Mundle, manager of the Columbia District of North Carolina Mutual and top motivator of the drive, who had earned the coveted position of toastmaster by heading the District which produced the most new business.

Greetings were extended by W. J. Bush, Savannah, Georgia; E. R. Williams, Goldsboro, N. C.; L. G. Spellman, CLU, Richmond, Virginia; K. M. Brown, Knoxville, Tennessee; J. D. Lewis, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; I. P. Stanback, Columbia, South Carolina. Mrs. Almarie Pearson of the Columbia (South Carolina) District, presented Mrs. Cox with a beautiful basket of American Beauty roses.

W. J. Kennedy, Jr., Vice President, traced the development of the increase in insurance in force of North Carolina Mutual during the administration of Mr. Cox. Mr. Kennedy further stated that the Company is greatly indebted to Mr. Cox for this growth and development.

from the Company. Mr. Cox, in his response, expressed appreciation for the testimonial program and gave credit for the growth of the Agency Department to the men and women who have been closely associated with him over the years.

Other out-of-town winners who participated are as follows: SOUTHWEST PLANNING COMMITTEE—K. M. Brown, manager, Knoxville; L. B. Green, assistant manager, Memphis; S. W. Wilson, assistant manager, Montgomery; C. J. Gaston, assistant manager, Memphis; W. H. Stokely, agent Knoxville; Mabel Purnell, agent, Memphis; T. R. Hogue, agent, Nashville; Zelma Darden, agent, Birmingham and J. H. Glanton, agent, Montgomery.

GEORGIA PLANNING COMMITTEE—William J. Bush, Manager, Savannah, C. M. Reynolds, assistant manager, Atlanta; C. W. Washington, assistant manager, Savannah; R. T. Roberts, agent, Atlanta; P. F. Blackburn, agent, Albany; M. V. Kemp, agent, Macon and C. G. Golden, agent, Savannah.

NORTHERN PLANNING COMMITTEE—J. D. Lewis, manager, Pittsburgh; Maude Y. Hawkins, assistant manager, Pittsburgh; A. Leroy Jackson, assistant manager, Baltimore; Fred Ables, assistant manager,

NAME NEGRO TO THE ICC, NAACP URGES TRUMAN

NEW YORK

Appointment of a Negro to fill a vacancy on the 11-member Interstate Commerce Commission is urged by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In a telegram to President Truman, NAACP Executive Secretary Walter White asked that such an appointment be made to replace John L. Rogers, who recently resigned after 35 years of service with the ICC, the government agency which has jurisdiction over interstate transportation.

The ICC, Mr. White charged, "has stubbornly refused to attack segregation in transportation, except under court order. Repeated efforts to get positive action from this agency have been met with stony refusal to curb discrimination."

Citing the large number of Negroes who travel, the NAACP leader said "they are entitled to representation on the ICC to aid in the implementation of the recommendation of your Civil Rights Committee for elimination of segregation from public facilities."



Mrs. Mandestine W. Hamlett, who has resigned her position as cashier-clerk at the Durham District office of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, terminating 12 years of service. Mrs. Hamlett will join her husband, Silas E. Hamlett in Hempstead, New York.

Pittsburgh; J. Wellington, agent, E. Baltimore; Leroy Hayden, agent, W. Baltimore; Comus Duster, agent, Washington; K. C. Waters, agent Philadelphia; J. T. Wright, agent, Pittsburgh; C. W. Robinson, Special Ord.,

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When the New Farmers of America met at the Colored Orphanage in Oxford recently it was a time of great rejoicing for its Superintendent, Reverend T. H. Brooks (left) who is shown above pointing out interesting places on the campus of the institution to J. L. Moffitt, instructor in Agriculture at Little River High School and President of the Agriculture teachers of North Carolina.

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