

Sunny Smiles From The South



Chicago's current contribution to the pulchritude assembled now at the Lord Calvert Hotel in Miami are: standing, Merdis Thomas and Jackie Greenwood of Chicago.

Rocky Mount's School Musicians Get Top Ratings In Band Festival; Hillside Band Cops "II" Rating

GREENSBORO — The Booker T. Washington High School Band of Rocky Mount, N. C., topped all other in the state in ratings made at the North Carolina Band Festival held at A. and T. College last Friday, May 1. Rated No. 1, or excellent, this band directed by Charles Woods, was considered easily the best in the "A" division. Nearly 3,000 young musicians from throughout North Carolina participated in the big event.

Other ratings in the "A" division included: Williston Industrial High School, Wilmington, clarinet quartet, saxophone quartet and band, III each; Second Ward High, Charlotte, woodwind sextet, I, Saxophone solo, II and Band II; Dudley High, Greensboro, band III; Hillside High, Durham, Band II; William Penn, High Point, band III; Hillside High, Durham, Band II; William Penn, High Point, band II; Jordan Sellars High, Burlington, Bass II, Baritone, III and cornet solo I; West Charlotte High, Charlotte, band II; Washington High, Raleigh, band II and Plato Price High, Charlotte, band III.

Class "B" ratings for bands included: Price High, Salisbury, I; J. J. Jones High, Mt. Airy, I; Columbia Heights Elementary, Winston-Salem, I; Stephens Lee High, Asheville, III; Freedman High, Lenoir, II; Lincoln Heights High, Wilkesboro, II; Carver High, Winston-Salem, III; Lincoln High, Chapel Hill, III; Darden High, Wilson, IV; Central High, Newton, IV; Hillside High, Durham, II and Henderson Institute, Henderson, I.

Also included in the Class "B" ratings for bands included: P. S. Jones High, Washington, I and also trumpet, II and clarinet quartet I; P. W. Moore High, Elizabeth City, I; E. E. Smith High, Fayetteville, I; Lee County Training School I; G. C. Hawley High, Creedmoor II; John R. Hawkins High, Warren, I; Randolph County Training School, Asheboro, III and Washington High, Reidsville I.

Those bands in the "C" division were rated as follows: Rosenwald High, Fairmont II; Caswell County Training School, Yanceyville, II; Person County Training School, Roxboro III; Carver High School, Mt. Olive, II; J. A. Chaloner High, Roanoke Rapids, II; Upchurch High, Raeford I; Kin-

Theodore Megginson, Albert Fisher 6-9, 6-0.

In the doubles, Pirate Theodore Megginson teamed up with Eric Blake to win over Albert Fisher and Richard Johnson 6-1, 6-0; while John Mudd and Robert Martin defeated Daniel Henderson and Miles Fisher 6-2, 6-1.

On April 25 the Pirates had to fight a bit harder for their victory over Howard. The Blisons took two matches but the Pirates won 5.

as guaranteed by the Constitution is now illegal and is a violation of the 15th Amendment," Marshall explained.

By an 8-1 vote, the Supreme Court ruled that the Jaybird Democratic Association, better known as the "Jaybird party" in Ford Bend County, Texas, was a political party whose express purpose was to prevent Negroes from voting in the primaries, "the only election in the county that counted." Since 1889 every candidate for office in Ford Bend County was endorsed by the Jaybird party.

Cancer Kills More Men Than Women

NEW YORK — In recent years the death rate for women victims of cancer regardless of race or color, has fallen below that of men.

This trend is being strengthened by the increasing use of cytology, a technique for detecting cancer in various sites and particularly in the womb. A new technique, known as the smear test, permits detection of cancer of the womb at a very early stage. Last year more than 16,000 women died of cancer starting in this site. In nearly all cases the disease could have been found in time for cure by a smear test.

A broad program for training pathologists and technicians in using this test is supported by the American Cancer Society. This is only one of the new cancer detection techniques that ACS is fostering.

So that this work, and the ACS's research, education and service programs will not languish for lack of financing, the Society is holding its Spring crusade. The goal is \$18,000,000 and its achievement is the responsibility of everyone. GIVE.



Samuel L. Green, instructor of Art at Shaw University since 1951, has been awarded a Fulbright foreign scholarship to study during the school year 1953-54. The grant provides for study in Art at Courland Institute of the University of London. In addition provisions are made for Green to visit and study art galleries in England and on the Continent. His special study at London will be in the area of museum curatory.

Texas 'Jaybird' Primary Killed By High Court

NEW YORK — The rights of Negroes to vote in the South was guaranteed by the United States Supreme Court in its decision outlawing the "Jaybird primary" in Texas, Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel said today in a statement election authorities a statement following the high court's historic judgement.

The decision, handed down on May 4, also rules out all other schemes Southern election authorities might devise to prevent Negroes from voting, Mr. Marshall asserted.

"The 'Jaybird primary' decision," he declared "should end all such devices as the 'white primaries' and other clauses used to segregate or discriminate against colored voters."

"The Supreme Court has now made it clear that any and all devices and methods of preventing qualified Negro voters from exercising his voting privilege

New Trial In Tex. Rape Case

AUSTIN, TEXAS — The 99-year prison term imposed upon 19-year old John Taft Roseborough of Brownwood, convicted for the alleged rape of a white woman, was reversed here last week by the Court of Criminal Appeals.

The decision was reversed on the grounds that the trial court, the District Court of Brown County, erred in refusing to let Roseborough testify concerning a 7-hour inquisition he was subjected to by a bondsman who encouraged the boy to sign a "house-peeping" confession with the promise of getting him out of trouble.

Roseborough was first arrested in San Angelo, Texas, Dec. 19, 1951, on suspicion of house-peeping. He was held in jail four days before any official charge was made against him. He was then charged with raping Mrs. Dorothy Bartlett who

LABOR COUNCIL REJECTS GE REPLY ON HIRING POLICIES

DETROIT, MICH. — The National Negro Labor Council's Resident Committee, meeting in Chicago, Illinois on April 25th and 26th, laid plans on intensifying its drive against the biased hiring policies of the General Electric Company in its Beuchel, Kentucky plant, and called for an all out drive nationally to force the General Electric Company to hire Negroes on production jobs in this new appliance plant.

This was the Council's reaction to a reply recently received from the Manager, Employee and Plant Relations of the Appliance Division, C. M. Lyng, to a letter written March 12th, by NNLC President, William R. Hood, in which Mr. Hood demanded an end to the discrimination against Negroes as production workers in the new GE appliance plant in Beuchel.

The letter of Lyng is reported to have said in part, "Naturally we resent the false accusation that we are refusing to hire negro production workers, and as to your demand that we hire negroes on a percentage basis, we are convinced that this is the rankest sort of discrimination." Lyng's letter is reported to have stated further, "Our Company policies with respect to racial discrimination is well known and has been publicly enunciated at Louisville. In addition, our policy is well understood by representative agencies who have the interest of minority groups at heart."

A spokesman for the Resident Committee of the NNLC said, "Mr. Lyng's letter is both insulting and dishonest, indicative of the arrogant attitude of a representative of a giant corporation, cloaked in the Jim Crow of the South. Is it any wonder that where the masses of the people desire a Federal FEPC, such action is perennially blocked by congressmen whom these same corporations control?"

It was further stated that the Urban League repudiated the GE story, and it seems that no organization in Louisville is willing to accept Lyng's label of "representative agencies," which would be tantamount to an endorsement of discrimination.

The Council statement said that in its drive to change the biased policy of the GE corporation in Beuchel, the fight will

ultimately lead to the use of the "boycott" if a democratic policy is not instituted.

According to Council representatives, the GE Corporation moved to this southern area in order to escape the higher wages paid in other areas such as Bridgeport, Connecticut and Erie, Pennsylvania. The wage rates in this new southern area appliance plant is 20 to 40 cents lower than in the northern area. Indignant citizens, Negro and white, have protested to the GE management, but, no Negroes have been hired on production jobs.

The Board of Education in Louisville, at the request of the Louisville Area Negro Labor Council, started a training course to prepare Negro workers for the GE plant and other production jobs. Hundreds of Negroes took these courses, however, to date, the Council said, no Negroes trained by the Board of Education have been employed in any capacity.

Durham G. I. Serving With 7th In Germany

STUTTGART, GERMANY — Army 1st Lt. William D. Glover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Glover, 308 Red Oak St., Durham, N. C., is now serving as assistant administration chief of the Quartermaster Section at Seventh Army headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany.

Before his latest assignment, Lieutenant Glover was with the Seventh Army Food Service School and later with the 35th Quartermaster battalion in Germany. He has been in Europe since 1951.

The Durham officer was commissioned through the ROTC in June 1950 upon graduation from the Reserve Officers Training Corps program conducted at the Agricultural and Technical College at Greensboro.

CAMP PICKETT, VA. — Capt. Houston L. Melvin, son of Lee A. Melvin, Hope Mills, N. C., is now at Camp Pickett, Va., where he will participate in the Army's fifth annual logistical support maneuvers, May 4-9.

Two thousand Army, Navy, Air Force and Allied officers from 16 Army schools in the U. S. will perform all the technical and administrative functions

necessary to provide a half-million men combat army with everything it needs to live and fight.

In the "classroom war," future logistical support officers will gain valuable experience by maintaining continuous services and supply under adverse terrain conditions and in the face of an enemy atomic, chemical and biological weapons.

Captain Melvin is commander of Company D, 3d Battalion of the Transportation Replacement Training Group at Fort Eustis, Va.

He formerly attended North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College.

WITH THE 25TH INFANTRY DIV. IN KOREA—Army Pvt. Charlie Henderson Jr., son of Mrs. Carrie Glenn, 611 Broad St., Beaufort, N. C., recently arrived in Korea for duty with the 25th Infantry Division.

Now the senior American division on the peninsula, the 25th landed in July 1950, shortly after the Communists attacked the Republic of South Korea.

Private Henderson has been assigned to Company E of the division's 35th Regiment.

A graduate of Queen Street High School in Beaufort and a former student of North Carolina A. and T. College in Greensboro, he entered the Army in May 1952.

Roberts, Caliver Finals Speakers At KC June 1

KNOXVILLE, TENN. — Fifty-five KC'ans are expected to receive degrees in the college's commencement program when the annual exercises honoring the graduates of the class of 1953 are held here on Monday, June 1.

Activities of commencement week begin on Friday, May 29, when President and Mrs. James A. Colston are hosts to members of the senior class at 6:30 p.m. The annual alumni reunion is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, with class night exercises to be held at 7:45 p.m. that night.

The Baccalaureate session will be delivered by the Rev. Joseph L. Roberts of Detroit, Michigan, minister of Bethel A.M.E. Church. Dr. Ambrose Caliver, of the United States Office of Education, Washington, D. C., will be the commencement speaker.

Senator Irving Supported By NAACP In Taft-Hartley Change

NEW YORK — The efforts of Senator Irving M. Ives to secure enactment of an amendment to the Taft-Hartley Labor Act to prohibit discrimination by employers or labor unions will have "the whole-hearted support and genuine appreciation" of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Walter White, executive secretary, has assured the New York Republican.

employer or a labor union "to discriminate against or to agree to discriminate against any member of a labor organization with respect to hiring, firing, upgrading, promoting, tenure or employment on any term or condition of employment on account of race, religion, color or national origin."

Pirate Netters Win At Home

HAMPTON, Va. — On their home courts, the Hampton Institute Pirates smashed Virginia Union 6-0 on April 23 and dealt Howard University some of the same medicine by defeating the Blisons 5-2.

In the match with Virginia Union, the Pirates took the first two sets of each match. In the singles, Robert Martin defeated Miles Fisher of Union 6-0, 6-4; John Mudd, Daniel Henderson of Union 6-1, 6-0; Eric Black, Richard Johnson 6-0, 6-0; and

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