

Livingstone College Summer Graduating Class. From left to right (first row): Willie Clifton, Christine Snow, Sarah V.

Nixon, Mary E. Miller and Willie Neal. (Second row) left to right: Lorene H. Heath, Mozell S. Kelsey and Janie S.

Mayfield. Not pictured: Emma M. Sanders and Mrs. S. L. Hopkins, advisor.

## Significant And Steady Improvement In The Feelings Toward Negroes Takes Place In Most Trade Unions

NASHVILLE. Significant and steady improvement in the attitudes and policies of American trade unions towards Negro members has taken place in the past ten years, a national survey released here reveals.

Delegates to the Tenth Annual Institute of Race Relations, which was held at Fisk University in July, heard a report of progress in breaking down racial barriers in labor organizations from Emanuel Muravchik, National Field Director of the Jewish Labor Committee's Anti-Discrimination Department, who disclosed for the first time the findings of a special study conducted by his organization based on replies to questionnaires submitted to international and local unions, specialists in labor research and community and interracial organizations.

Muravchik pointed out that in 1943 thirty international unions discriminated against Negroes by constitutional provisions, their consent or segregation in separate auxiliaries. The unions which discriminated in the above categories represented 8.3%, 5% and 5.4% respectively of the total trade union membership. In all, the membership of the unions which discriminated in one form or another in 1943 represented 18.7% of the total number of organized workers.

Since that time there has been great progress in eliminating discrimination against minority groups. Today, the membership of those unions which still discriminate in some form has been reduced from 18.7% to 4% of the total number of organized workers. In actuality it may be less than 4% since even these unions have been compelled to comply with Fair Employment Practice Laws which are now in effect in 12 states and 28 cities. This means that 75% of those unions which discriminated ten years ago no longer do so.

Muravchik also pointed out that employers who once used racial antagonisms to depress wage standards no longer find it possible or profitable to do so in the face of a strong and united trade union movement.

Muravchik highlighted another aspect of this encouraging development by pointing out that 20 international unions now have special Fair Practices Departments or programs devoted to safeguarding

the rights and expanding the employment opportunities of all members regardless of race, color, creed or nationality. These unions spend approximately one half million dollars on this program.

According to Muravchik, the changes in union racial policies developed largely through defense employment needs, operation of the President's FEP Commission and state and local FEP laws. Another major factor, aside from the general climate of opinion, was the active

role taken by the trade union leadership in the fight for civil rights.

Muravchik concluded by pointing out that this study is an effective answer to the Communist campaign to smear the United States as the citadel of racism and discrimination. "As a matter of fact," he said, "the Communists and their phony fronts have served to hinder and not help the labor movement in its fight against racial and religious discrimination."

## Funeral Services Held For Bishop Robert Brooks At New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, La. Funeral services for Bishop Robert N. Brooks of the New Orleans Area of the Methodist Church were held Thursday, August 14 at Mount Zion Methodist Church here.

The eulogy was delivered by Bishop John W. E. Bowen, Jr. of Atlanta. Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr. of Saint Louis conducted the service.

Other prelates assisting were Bishop Edgar A. Love, Baltimore, and Bishop Robert E. Jones, retired, Waveland, Miss.

Bishop Brooks succumbed to a lengthy illness. He had recently returned from Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., and was reported improving when death came suddenly Sunday afternoon, August 2nd.

Bishop Brooks was born in Cleveland County, N. C., May 8, 1888. He was educated at Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.; Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Northwestern University and Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.; Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and Oxford University, England.

After holding pastorates in Red Springs and Maxton, N. C., he was appointed field secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He later served as president of Haven Teachers College, Meridian, Miss.; Central Alabama College, and Samuel Houston College, Austin, Tex. For several years he was head of the

Department of History in Gammon Theological Seminary. In 1936 he was elected editor of the Central Christian Advocate.

He was a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church in 1924, 1928, 1936, 1940, and 1944. In the last named year he was elected to the episcopacy in Greensboro, N. C., and assigned to the New Orleans Area, where he has served continuously since.

He was a member of many Methodist boards and commissions, and presided over a session of the General Conference of the denomination in 1948. He was president of the Boards of Trustees of the three colleges in his Area, Wiley, Marshall, Tex.; Rust, Holley Springs, Miss.; and Samuel Huston (now merged with Tillotson College). He was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Kappa fraternities.

He was chosen by the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church to review and appraise Methodist work on the Continent of Africa in 1947, and by the Methodist Board of Missions to visit mission fields in 1948.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edith Croghan Brooks, to whom he was married September 3, 1919.

## Wheat Farmers Vote August 14 In Referendum

RALEIGH. Each person on a farm growing 15 acres of wheat that is interested in the wheat crop is eligible to vote in the wheat marketing quotas referendum on August 14.

According to state officials of the Production and Marketing Administration, any person declaring his intention to plant over 15 acres of wheat this fall is also eligible to vote. This declaration can be made to referendum committees or poll holders.

Absentee voting is also permitted. PMA officials say any one planning to be out of his county on Friday, August 14 can request a ballot and vote by mail.

The PMA committee in each county has announced polling places. Each county PMA office will be a polling place, and other polling places have been established in most counties.

The polls will be open from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. Although only around 6,000 North Carolina farms will be affected by marketing quotas, PMA officials are urging all eligible wheat growers to vote.

They point out that a vote by a small North Carolina producer is equal to that of the nation's largest producer. They are also labeling this referendum as one of the most important in recent years.

The question to be decided is whether prices will be supported on the 1954 crops at 50 per cent or 90 per cent parity, and whether or not there will be marketing quotas with their penalty controls. Acreage allotments will be in effect, regardless of the marketing quotas referendum outcome.

To be approved, two-thirds of the farmers voting must vote in favor of marketing quotas.



MOSES C. BURT, JR., a 1953 graduate of the North Carolina College at Durham and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses C. Burt, Sr., Hillsboro, was scheduled to be inducted into the U. S. Army at Fort Jackson, S. C., on August 12. The older Burt is Orange County Farm Agent. Another one of the members of the Burt family will enroll at NCC in September. She is Fortia, winner of two scholarships, one each in home economics and commerce. The junior Burt was active in fraternity, student government, and musical affairs during his college career.

## Hampton Institute Begins Its 86th Year Sept. 9; 22 States Represented

HAMPTON, VA. Hampton Institute will begin its 86th year on September 9th, when the college faculty return to the campus for the Faculty Institute and new students from 22 states and five foreign countries begin registration.

The four-day Faculty Institute, under the direction of Dr. Mary P. Holleran, will bring distinguished educators to serve as consultants and speakers. Scheduled to speak, to read papers, or to direct discussion groups are: Dr. Alonso Grace, former Commissioner of Education of Connecticut and Florida, and now associate dean of the school of Education, New York University; Dr. Martin Jenkins, President of Morgan State College; Dr. Joseph Schwab, professor of social science, University of Chicago; Dr. Joseph Ivins, acting chairman of the Department of Education, Roosevelt College, Chicago; and Dr. Lawrence Borogage, director of the Bureau of Vocational Training, U. S. Office of Education, Washington.

New students enrolling at Hampton Institute will come from five foreign countries: The Gold Coast, Liberia, India, Trinidad, and Jamaica. The majority of these new students will come from 22 states: North Carolina, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Florida, Virginia, Texas, New York, Kentucky, Illinois, Oklahoma, Maryland, New Jersey, Mississippi, West Virginia, Kansas, Connecticut, Arkansas, Missouri, Delaware, Alabama, Ohio, and the District of Columbia.

Health Services, will be among speakers talking to the students in Duke Auditorium at 8:30 Wednesday morning, Sept. 16. Russell and Dean Kyle will also participate in the Thursday morning program in the auditorium when the new students will also hear from Elliott B. Palmer of Durham, president of the Student Government Association, Miss Louise M. Latham, dean of women, and John L. Stewart, dean of men.

Tests scheduled during the orientation period include: English, 11 a. m. to 1 p. m., Duke Auditorium, Thurs., Sept. 17; Mathematics, 8:30 a. m. to 10:30 a. m., Duke Auditorium, Friday, Sept. 18; Psychology, 11 a. m. to 1 p. m., Duke Auditorium, Friday, Sept. 18; French, 8:30 a. m. to 10:30 a. m., Saturday, Sept. 19, Duke Auditorium; Test for Music Majors, Room 308, Music and Fine Arts Building, 10:30 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Other events scheduled during this period include a movie at 7 p. m. in Duke Auditorium on Thursday, a Student-Government sponsored social in the Women's Gymnasium from 8 to 10 Saturday night, a special Sunday School program at 9 a. m. Sunday, Sept. 20th in the Music Assembly Hall and the special vesper program for new students at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. The annual faculty-new students tea will be held in the Senior Bowl on the campus from 4:30 to 5:30 p. m.

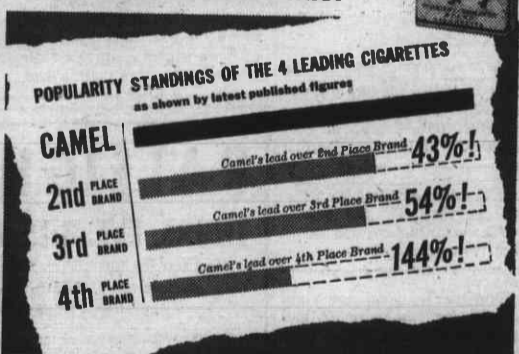
Orientation At N. C. College Set For September 16

DURHAM. The week of SEPTEMBER 16 through the 23rd will be given over to orientation activities at North Carolina College, Durham, this year. Classes for the fall term start September 24.

A busy round of activities including tests, physical examinations, conferences with prospective advisors, social events, religious programs, and campus tours will occupy the new students through Tuesday, Sept. 22. Former students will also register on Tuesday. The freshmen and new students will complete their registration on Wednesday prior to starting classes on Thursday.

President Alfonso Elder, Dean George T. Kyle, Counsellor Roger D. Russell and Dr. Charles D. Watts, head of the Student

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These two graduates of Hillside High School in Durham, honor students in the classroom and versatile in extra-curricular activities, are typical of today's students at Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia.

At Spelman Miss Clement has participated in the mixed chorus, composed of singers from Morehouse and Atlanta University; the Spelman Glee Club, the Swimming Club, the Freshman Quartet, and the French Club. In addition to serving as president of her freshman class, Miss Clement was pianist for the Spelman College String Trio.

At the left is Miss Yvonne Miller, salutatorian of the 1953 class at the Durham school, who will be a freshman at Spelman this fall. At right is Miss Alexine Clement, valedictorian of the 1952 class at Hillside and president of the freshman class at Spelman last year.

Miss Miller, who will enter Spelman in the fall, was also co-editor of the Chronicle, section leader in the school band, was active in the Y-Teens, and a member of the National Honor Society. Miss Miller, like Miss Clement, is interested in Music and she is the official pianist at the Saint Titus Episcopal Church in Durham.

Shown here on the campus of their high school alma mater, the Misses Miller and Clement boast two of the most significant records ever compiled at their high school.

In addition to winning valedictory honors, Miss Clement, as a senior, was co-editor of the HILLSIDE CHRONICLE, chairman of the social committee of the National Honor Society, president of the Drama Club and also secretary of the Quill and Scroll.

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