

VOTES TO ADMIT WHITE STUDENTS

Thousands In Memphis For CME General Conference

In CBS Television Religious Drama



An all-star Negro cast dramatized "The Challenge" on CBS Television's religious drama series, "Lamp Unto My Feet." John Marriott portrayed a minister who defied a witch doctor (Emory Richardson) to save a sick boy (Josh White, Jr.) and combat ignorance among his people. Rosetta Lenore (left) played the boy's mother, and Frances Foster, the pastor's wife. The television drama was written by Jerome Coopersmith.

Jim Crow Armed Forces Luncheon Protested

WINSTON-SALEM
A protest, in the form of telegrams sent to President Eisenhower and a letter sent to Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens, has been raised by the Winston-Salem NAACP Branch against a ban prohibiting Negroes from attending the Armed Forces Day luncheon at which Secretary Stevens is to speak on May 12 at an exclusive white hotel in the city.



Durham NAACP Membership Drive Launched

Durham's Branch of the NAACP launched its 1954 membership drive with a kick-off dinner at the Do-Nut Shop's Jade Room at 8 p. m., Friday, April 30, with W. J. Kennedy, Jr., chairman of the membership committee, officiating.

Dr. Theodore R. Speigner, professor of history and director of the Division of Resource-Use Education at North Carolina College, will deliver the commencement address at Robert L. Vann High School in Ahoskie, May 23; Brawley High School, Scotland Neck, May 24; Bladen County Training School, Elizabethtown, May 26; John R. Hawkins High School, Warrenton, June 3.

Marking the first event of the Armed Forces Day program, the luncheon will be in the ballroom of Hotel Robert E. Lee. The general chairman of the celebration, Attorney James M. Hayes, Jr., said this week that he nor his co-worker could remedy the situation.

Attorney Hayes also said that he asked to meet with the NAACP members to attempt an explanation of the problems which would result if Negroes were admitted to the luncheon, but the Branch agreed to take other measures before such an opportunity was given him.

Negro Doctors Refused By State Society

PINEHURST
On the bases of its inability to secure adequate hotel accommodations for meetings, and under the pretense that Negro physicians would seek to engage in all social activities, the North Carolina State Medical Society outlawed a proposal this week which would admit Negro doctors to the State membership in the Society.

South Carolina Episcopalians Admit Negroes To 164th Annual Convention In Charleston May 9

CHARLESTON, S. C.
Negroes are now invited to join formerly all-white Episcopal parishes in Michigan, according to the forthright policy of the Rt. Rev. Richard S. M. Emrich, Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan.

SHAW FINALS TO BE HELD MAY 30-31

RALEIGH
Dr. William R. Strassner, president of Shaw University has announced the schedule of Commencement events as follows: The annual musical concert featuring the University Choral Society will be held in Greenleaf Auditorium Sunday, May 23, at 6 p. m.

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Oust Carver Teachers On Morals Charge

College Prexy Held For Crime Against Nature

CHARLOTTE
Two Charlotte teachers, the president of Carver College and a French instructor in the Second Ward High School, were ousted from their positions here last week on a crime against nature charge brought when the two are reported to have been caught in the act.

Negro Named To Jamaica Supreme Court

KINGSTON, JAMAICA
For the first time in Jamaica's 300-year history as a British colony, a colored jurist has been appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He is Justice John Edward Dostin Carberry.



Ernest "Pete" Ward, left, a junior student at North Carolina College, was recently elected president of the Student Government Association for the 1954-55 term. He won the post over Miss Yvonne Scruggs, the opposing candidate. Mr. Ward is the son of Mrs. J. A. Tillery of Vyne Street, Rocky Mount.

On the eve of its 1954 Spring Membership Drive, the Durham Inter-College Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, comprised of NCC and Duke University students, has released figures on a vote taken among NCC students on the admission or non-admission of white students to NCC.

High Point Host To 45th Annual Meet Federated Women's Club

HIGH POINT
The North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs will hold its forty-fifth annual convention May 14-15 at the William Penn High School building in High Point. Many delegates and members at large from cities and towns throughout North Carolina will participate in the business session Friday and will engage in the workshop discussions Saturday.

Bishop J. Arthur Hamlett, New Bishop To Preside; First General Conference In Memphis Since 1906

MEMPHIS, TENN.
For the first time since 1906, the General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church will be held here May 4-21, and indications are that the sessions will draw the largest attendance in the history of the denomination, which had its beginning in 1870, having been "setup" by request of the Negro members of the then Methodist Episcopal Church South, following the Emancipation Proclamation. Negroes of the South had previously been members of the Southern branch

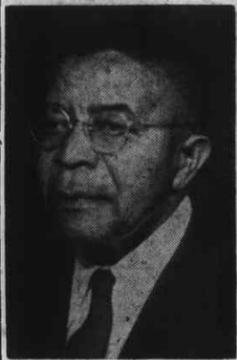
of the Methodist Church, then known as the M. E. Church, South.

Odd Fellows, Household Of Ruth In Annual Celebration Sunday

The Rev. W. F. Cox, pastor of Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, will deliver the sermon Sunday, May 9, when the Household of Ruth, the Odd Fellows, and the Patriarchs celebrate their anniversary at the Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church.

Day F. Reed Elected Hillside P. T. A. Head

At the final meeting of the Hillside High School P.T.A., the following officers were elected: D. F. Reed, President; Mrs. Gladys Faucette, first vice president, Mr. W. P. Flintall, Jr., second vice-president; Miss Lucille Baines, Secretary; Mrs. Julia Henderson, assistant secretary; Mrs. Otelia Stewart, Treasurer.



TO HEAD OBSERVANCE
W. W. Page, local businessman and colonel of the Patriarchs, an auxiliary of the Odd Fellows, will preside over the program Sunday afternoon, May 9, when the Order holds its anniversary at the Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church.

A parade will be held prior to the services at the church with bands from N. C. College and Hillside High School participating.

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The present Bench of Bishops is composed of the following bishops in order of their seniority: Bishop J. Arthur Hamlett, Kansas City, Kan.; Bishop Henry P. Porter, Louisville, Ky.; Bishop W. Y. Bell, South Boston, Va.; Bishop Luther Stewart, Hopkinsville, Ky.; Bishop Felix L. Lewis, Shreveport, La.; Bishop Bertram W. Doyle, Nashville, Tenn.; and Bishop Arthur W. Womack, Indianapolis, Ind.

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Mr. Reed was elected by the organization's secretary.

Supporters of the idea of election of new Bishops point out that there has already been two deaths since the last General Conference, that of Bishop J. H. Moore and Randall A. Carter.