

Western N.C. AME Conference In Most Successful Annual Session



The above are scenes of the 63rd annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Church held in Asheville, November 16-20. The Rt. Rev. Frank Madison Reid, presiding prelate of the Seventh Episcopal District and the southern section of the Second Episcopal District, presided. With the exception of the Sunday session which was held in the Asheville City Auditorium, the Conference was held at the Saint James A. M. E. Church of which the Rev. C. C. Scott is pastor. The photo at the left shows youth leaders of the Conference. Reading from left to right they are: Miss Bernice Harrison, Greensboro; Clarence Williams, Morganton and Miss Helen A. Holt, Burlington. Center photo, left to right are: Mrs. T. P. Duhart, president of the Women's Missionary Society of the state; Mrs. Frank M. Reid, Jr., daughter-in-law of Bishop Reid. Mrs. J. Lawrence, (center) vice president of the Conference Branch, is shown pinning a corsage on Mrs. Duhart. At the right is a group of missionary women who were in attendance at the session. They are: from left to right, Mrs. A. M. Jones, Burlington; Mrs. W. A. Page, Morganton; Mrs. L. M. Thompson, Raleigh and Mrs. J. L. Lawrence, Asheville.

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MR. AND MRS. JOHN RANDOLPH SMITH

First Brewing Company Launched By Blind Negro In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA
A pioneering move in American Business was launched here last week at a huge banquet when the first Negro in the history of beer brewing unveiled his product before an audience of civic leaders, distributors, and tavern owners.

Making his entry into the multi-million dollar industry, John Randolph Smith makes history. Mr. Smith formerly of Atlanta, Georgia, lost his sight at the age of seven. This misfortune did not retard his progress but served as an incentive in his business career.

Entering the highly competitive brewery field with a premium beer under the label, "Colony House," Mr. Smith announced that fifty metropolitan cities in the United States had already been selected as prospective distribution areas.

This will afford an opportunity for Negroes to invest in the wholesale beer distribution at a local level along Eastern seaboard, Mid-west, and Southwest sections of the country.

There is no instance, heretofore, on record wherein a Negro has attempted the brewery business at a brewery and bottling level. Mr. Smith's brand Colony (Please turn to Page Eight)



REV. L. W. REID

30th Annual Ushers Meet Nov. 27

Celebrating their Thirtieth Anniversary, the Durham Inter-denominational Ushers Union will hold a special service at the White Rock Baptist Church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Selected to preach the anniversary sermon is the Rev. L. W. (Please turn to Page Eight)

Arson Attempt Draws Heavy Road Sentence

NEGRO DEAN SPEAKS AT OGLETHORPE

ATLANTA, Ga.
Dr. Albert N. Whiting, Dean of Morris Brown College spoke before a special convocation in the chapel at Oglethorpe University last Wednesday morning.

Dr. Whiting discussed the elements characteristic of modern middle class life which, he feels, tend to make Americans a notably tense and emotionally insecure people. In the very informative speech the Morris Brown dean said that such a trend is reflected in the following statistical facts: "Ten (Please turn to Page Eight)

GASTONIA
Judge J. P. C. Froneberger sentenced a Negro couple to prison Monday to serve terms of 10-12 years after they had pleaded guilty to a charge of arson. The couple, Charles Lee Schenck, 25, and his wife, Laura Jane, 29, were convicted on the basis of evidence that they had set fire to a house in Belmont on September 3. They started the fire by dousing some rags with kerosene which they ignited after putting them under the house in which two adults and three children were sleeping.

The crying of one of the children, a baby, awoke the adults in the house who fled the fire. The house was totally destroyed.

The Schencks claimed that they could not remember much about the incidents as they were drunk at the time. But it seems that an alleged quarrel which Schenck had with Georgia Mae Cooper, one of the adults in the house, might have given him motive.

First Negro Golfer To Play At Asheboro Quits His Porter Job

ASHBORO
Claiming that he believed he was "being blamed" for bringing other members of his race to the Asheboro municipal golf course, Fletcher Williams quit his job Monday as porter and bootblack in a local barber shop.

The operator of the shop, J. C. Davis, said Williams failed to show up for work Monday morning. The latter, Davis said, "quit of his own free will." He was not asked to leave.

Friends said Williams had told them last week that he thought he was "being blamed" for bringing other Negroes to play on the previously-segregated course and that he planned to find a job in another town.

At least 20 white members of the golf club resigned last week when the first Negroes played on the course, but Golf Commission Chairman Edward Cranford said today that four of them had rejoined the club.

Cranford had said earlier that it appeared the club would have to close because of the presence of Negro players who took advantage of the anti-se-

gregation ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court.

The club is supported by membership and green fees and Cranford said it could not remain in operation if there were many more resignations.

First President Of Shaw Praised Founder's Day

RALEIGH
Shaw University's Ninetieth Anniversary was observed Nov. 19 with the annual Founder's Day Services. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends were present to pay tribute to Dr. Henry Martin Tupper, Founder and first president of Shaw in 1865. The tradition wreath was placed upon the founder's grave by Miss Helyn Payne, a junior of Raleigh, and "Miss Shaw University Church. Dr. Dennis

The program was held in University Church. Dr. Dennis Branch, a native of Raleigh, and physician of Newport, Ten- (Please turn to Page Eight)



MRS. ETHEL S. BERRY

Funeral Held For Mrs. Ethel Sanders Berry

Mrs. Ethel Sanders Berry, 49, former secretary and aide to the late business tycoon Charles Clinton Spaulding, was funeralized in Durham Monday. Dr. Spaulding was a noted banking and insurance executive.

Death came to the late "Dr. CC's" chief aide and confidante for a quarter of a century last Friday in Durham's Lincoln Hospital from cancer of the lung.

Dr. Miles M. Fisher, pastor of White Rock Baptist Church, was scheduled to officiate at last rites with interment planned for Beechwood Cemetery.

"I've got cancer of the lung, but I'll recover," the plucky lit- (Please turn to Page Eight)

URGES RACETO USE GANDHI METHODS

HAMPTON, VA.
Harrison Wofford, white Washington, D. C. lawyer, urged a Hampton Institute Assembly audience to adopt the methods of Mahatma Gandhi in its fight for civil rights.

The 29-year old leader and scholar said that the work of Gandhi introduced two new dimensions into successful minority leadership. These are: 1) constructive service; and 2) civil disobedience.

Wofford, a graduate of the University of Chicago, Howard University and the Yale University Law School, studied in India on a fellowship from the Foundation for World Government. He, with his wife, Clare, traveled many miles in that country by foot and lived with Indians in Indian villages, including Senagram, the town Gandhi chose as his home.

These two dimensions, Wofford said, were the bases for (Please turn to Page Eight)

Governor Orders Doors Opened To All Races

BALTIMORE
An order issued last Sunday night by Governor Theodore R. McKeldin and sent to National Guard Commander Milton A. Reckord has set machinery in motion to end immediately segregation in Maryland's National Guard.

The governor calling for prompt action demanded that steps be taken without delay to abolish segregation in the military service of the state.

Complying with the Governor's decree, Maj. General Reckord said he would "issue the proper directives" Monday to carry out the order.

McKeldin's order instructed Reckord to "initiate without delay all such steps as are necessary to bring an end to racial segregation in the organization of the Maryland National Guard."

The order also states that 15 Negro officers who saw military duty in the Korean War should be considered eligible (Please turn to Page Eight)



HEADS ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES — Dr. Cornelius V. Troup, president of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, will preside at the opening session of the 22nd annual convention November 28 to December 1 at the Booker T. Washington high school in Miami. Dr. Troup is president of Fort Valley State College, Fort Valley, Georgia.

Bishop Frank M. Reid Hurls Blast At Segregationists In AME Annual Conferences

ASHEVILLE
What many agreed was the most successful session ever held by the Western North Carolina Conference of the AME Church came to a close here, Sunday with the preaching of the annual sermon in the morning and the reading of appointments by Bishop Frank Madison Reid, presiding prelate of the southern section of the Second Episcopal District and the Seventh Episcopal District. It was the 63rd annual session of the conference.

All sessions of the North Carolina Conference were held in the historic St. Stephens AME Church while the Sunday session of the Western North Carolina Conference was held in the spacious City Auditorium of Asheville with over 2,000 persons present. Previous sessions were held in St. James (Please turn to Page Eight)



Shown above are three of the principals of the 63rd annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Church held in Asheville last week. From left to right they are: Rev. Frank Madison Reid, Jr., Chicago pastor and son of the Bishop, who preached the ordination sermon; Rev. C. C. Scott, host pastor, and Bishop Reid.