

Calvert Host At Kappa Confab



Shown at the Calvert Distillers party at the recent annual conclave at the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity are, left to right, James Allen, Columbus, O., Dr. Henry "Stud" Greene, Washington, D. C., Joseph F. Makel, national public relations representative for Calvert Distillers Co. and Attorney William Brooks, president, NAACP, Columbus, O.

City In Financial Shape To Handle 8-Point Bond Program

With Durham city residents scheduled to go to the polls on Saturday March 17th to voice their desires concerning Durham's 8-Point Bond Program in the amount of \$5,400,000, the question of the city's financial condition has been raised.

Reports indicate that the financial condition as well as the Bond Program to be voted on, if approved, are both sound.

In the first place, it is pointed out, bonds can only be issued if they fall within the safe limitation required by North Carolina law.

Durham's position among other North Carolina cities has also been cited. In the matter of bonds, Durham rates are at the top among North Carolina cities and has held this position for some time. Since 1945, Durham has approved bonds in the amount of \$10,432,000. This rate favorably with our neighboring cities of Raleigh, \$9,055,000, Greensboro, \$7,110,000, and Winston-Salem, \$10,940,000. It is far exceeded by Charlotte which, since 1945, has approved \$37,113,000 in bonds.

Included in the \$5,400,000 total being requested by Durham are tight of the city's most pressing needs. The final figure is the result of many months of looking into the city's multiple needs. Once presented to the Council, a careful cutting process was carried thru on each of

the requests based on the immediacy of the need, the desires of the public, the effect on the city tax rate and the city's financial condition.

The total finally set represents what is regarded as the minimum requirements for each of the eight individual issues.

Broken down, the program includes \$700,000 for residential Street Improvements, \$1,000,000 for Thoroughfares as a step towards easing the city's traffic problems. \$1,250,000 for Water Department repairs, improvements and extensions, \$500,000 for Sewer Extensions of main lines and other work \$950,000 for repairs, improvements and additions to Sewage Disposal Plants, \$300,000 each for new headquarters buildings for Police and Fire Departments, and \$400,000 for repairs, improvements and additions to the Incinerator Plant which is presently working in excess of capacity.

City residents of Durham will go to the polls this Saturday, March 17th, to cast their votes on Durham's 8-Point Bond Program.

The election is the culmination of many months of study on the part of the City Council regarding the community's most pressing needs. Issues seeking

approval of the voters totaling \$5,400,000 include \$700,000 in Street Improvements; \$1,000,000 earmarked for Thoroughfares as a start towards relieving Durham's acute traffic problem; \$1,250,000 for Water and \$500,000 for Sewer Improvements and Extensions; \$950,000 for improvements and additions to Sewage Disposal Plants; \$400,000 for repairs, improvements and additions for Incinerator Plant; and \$300,000 each for new Police and Fire Station Headquarters Buildings.

Although admittedly not a small sum, it is the belief of the Council that, if past experience is any indication, the present Bond Program should have little if any effect on the city tax rate.

Substantiating this feeling is the fact that in recent years, the Sewer and Water Department has been self-sustaining, and present operations indicate that Bonds to be used by this Department, totaling \$2,950,000, could be self-liquidating.

Furthermore, it was pointed out that petitions for new streets promise to pay off approximately 60 percent of these needed Bonds which would cover in excess of another \$1,000,000. This would leave an amount of approximately \$1,700,000. At the present rate of growth, normal increases in tax valuations could well hold any increase in the tax rate to a minimum.

Mrs. Margaret Allen Hostess To Garden Club

On Tuesday evening, February 28, Mrs. Margaret Allen was hostess to the West Durham Blossom Garden Club at her home on Thaxton Avenue. The meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Mrs. Carrye Cole, and after the opening of the Garden Gate by Miss Margaret Stephens, a brief business session was held. During the evening, the planting and care of roses was discussed. From this discussion much helpful information was gained. Mrs. Addie Cole was welcomed as a new member.

Mrs. Allen, the hostess served a salad course, ritz, brownie, coffee, peanuts and candy to the following members: Mesdames Allene Brown, Carrye Cole, Jessie Foster, Beatrice Spence, Adelle Burch, Katie McDaniel, Addie Coley, Misses Ruth, Mary Louise and Margaret Stephens.

A WORD ABOUT SCOUTING

BY HENRY W. GILLIS
District Scout Executive

"EXPLORING FOR DADS AND SONS"—Exploring is our opportunity to dream. Furthermore, for some of you dads as well as Explorers, it also helps to face squarely the realities of busy life and responsibilities that you will soon be accepting.

By realities we mean such things as your health. How many of you Explorers have false teeth? That may sound ridiculous to you at this moment, and I daresay that there wasn't a one of your dads that thought about having false teeth or work at your age. Yet, those are part of the realities of life. If, at your age, you squarely face this possibility and recognize what an important part health and diet play in your development, it can be of tremendous value.

Now about dreaming a little. Many of you dads have been busy with business responsibilities, earning a living, that there doesn't seem time to do things with these young men who are your sons. In only a few short years, they will be leaving your homes and establishing homes of their own. This Explorer Program provides an opportunity for your sons to do things of common interest together.

Exploring, in addition to being a continuation of the Scout Program for young men, provides a clean slate upon which to write the needs of the group of young men as they are. Experience has indicated there are four general areas of interest that fit well into Exploring. They are:

First, vigorous physical activities which requires the use of intelligence and skill. Every dad here can help with that phase of the program by teaching us some of the skills they learned as young men, or some of the skills that you cherish most as a hobby today. The Explorer activity program is largely an out-of-door program and includes such skills as swimming, boat-

ing, canoeing; field sports, such as archery, marksmanship, expeditions; and high adventure camps. Then, there is mountain climbing, aviation, orienteering and seamanship skills. Many of these will fit right into the experiences of you as fathers and the interest of your sons. Do them together as often as possible.

Second, vocational exploration is an important challenge to every young man in the last years of his high school. Are you going to college? Become a professional man? A Politician? Have a business of your own? Or are you going to learn a trade? Or are you going to drift from one job to another as opening exist? A planned future makes a secure future.

Dads can help in this phase of the program by giving insight into their own life work. Not only to their sons, but to other young men. What training is necessary for success? What's the best way to get started in a given trade or profession? How much educational background is needed today? From this point Explorers will explore industry, agriculture, community leadership, in fact, every phase of their surroundings in business science, and the arts. They will correlate their findings with their experience in school.

Next week we will continue with the third and fourth general interest that fit well into Exploring.

On Saturday, March 17th, at the State Fair Ground, we shall have our Boy Scout Exposition. All parents and friends of Scouting are asked to be there. Get your tickets from a Scout in your community. Units from Durham taking part will be: Troop 55, White Rock Baptist Church, and Troop 118, Red Mountain Baptist Church, displaying model airplanes: N. B. White and McCoy Bullock, Scoutmasters. Explorer Post 55, White Rock Baptist Church, and

Explorer Post 118, Red Mountain Baptist Church, displaying Pioneering: J. W. Carrington and Vader Johnson, Explorer Advisor. Troop 129, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church displaying Foil Cooking: R. W. Dalton, Scoutmaster. Pack 62, C. C. Spaulding Elem. School PTA displaying Ervin Allen, Cubmaster. Troop and Explorer Post 187, Burton Elem. School PTA displaying Pioneering: R. Kelly Bryant, Jr., Scoutmaster, and B. L. Upchurch, Advisor.

These men and their boys will be on 4 TV Stations Saturday, March 17, between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

Reorganization Program To Cost Fisk \$1,750,000

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Fisk University has embarked upon a \$1,750,000 educational reorganization program, it was revealed here by Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Fisk president. A \$300,000 initial grant for the program from the Fund for the Advancement of Education was announced simultaneously.

Fisk's plan is expected to change many aspects of traditional campus life. The program, attempted by an American university, is designed to reorganize campus life for more effective learning, to utilize fully the latest advances in technology for instructional purposes, to gear the university for the predicted increase in enrollments that is expected to flood all institutions within the next few years, and to stabilize the increasing costs of education.

Plans call for implementation over a three year period, to begin immediately, and the construction of three major buildings.

"Raise A Square Meal" Meetings Well Attended In Chatham

PITTSBORO — Approximately 400 persons attended the "Raise a Square Meal Around Home" meetings held in fourteen communities of Chatham County during February.

The initial phase of the program, which has state wide emphasis, was conducted by the County Farm and Home Agents, J. A. Turner and Mrs. Mildred B. Payton. With North Carolina ranking 44th in the nation in per capita farm income, the necessity for raising "a square meal around home" was stressed as the solution to raising the farm income as well as improving the health of the family.

With the aid of slides, the home Agent pointed out the importance of a garden from the aspects of both health and wealth. The Farm Agent concluded the meetings with an illustrated discussion of garden cultivation practices.

During the next months similar community meetings will be held on milk for the family and poultry for the family.

Communities holding meetings were: Pittsboro, St. Luke, Webster, Mt. View-Mt. Olive, Bynum-Hamlet, Hinton-Beckwith, Bennett, Mt. Zoar, Bonlee-Bear Creek, Milliken, Lambert Chapel-Jordan Grove, Haw River, Mitchell and Goldston.

NORTH CAROLINA DURHAM COUNTY Administrator's Notice HAVING QUALIFIED as administrator of the Estate of Oscar D. Page, deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of March, 1957, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. Dated this 29th day of Feb. 1956. Mechanics & Farmers Bank, Administrator of Estate of Oscar D. Page, Deceased. March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7.

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