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High stepping majorette here is Miss Betty Hunter, senior from Mt. Olive at Winston-Salem Teachers College, Miss Hunter is getting ready for Saturday's homecoming at Winston-Salem. Anyone care to help?

DIGGS SEES EARLY INTEGRATION

Vote Power Termed Race's Best Weapon

"Despite all the smoke spread by hatemongers, this generation will see mixed schools at every level in this state and all other states."

This prediction came last Monday night from Congressman Charles C. Diggs, Jr., who spoke in Durham at the opening program in the Durham Business and Professional Chain's Trade Week series.

The youthful-Democrat from Michigan based his optimistic forecast on a combination of factors which he declared are making for a hopeful picture of the American racial troubles.

Among the factors working toward erasing what he termed the evils of racial discrimination he listed the ascendance of attitudes for racial justice in this country, the pressure of foreign policy considerations and the patience of the Negro.

But he cautioned that Negroes must be aware of their responsibility in helping to bring about a solution to race problems.

"The lack of political action is the principle source of our trouble. The number one target in this and all other states is to excercise the right to vote," he asserted.

Diggs was introduced by John H. [illegible] of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs and a leading Chain member. W. J. Kennedy, Jr., president of North Carolina Mutual, presided over the program. He was assisted by J. S. Stewart, city councilman.

Other participants on the program included W. G. Rhodes, president of the Chain, and Mrs. L. M. Harris and H. E. Goldston, chairman of the Trade Week committee.

A member of the Michigan delegation in the United States House of Representatives, Diggs described the Negro's attitude in the segregation struggle as one of patience and pointed out that although this patience has in the past gone unrewarded, there are definite signs of a shift of sentiment in this country toward granting racial justice.

"Despite all the discriminatory inventory, there is evidence of a groundswell of church organizations who are going on record against the evils of discrimination. This should transform your despair into hope and should lead you to see that majorities do not rule America or the world—thought rules."

Of the effect of U. S. race troubles on the country's foreign relations, Diggs, who was a member of the U. S. delegation to the celebration of the independence of Ghana last Spring, said "the State department can testify that prestige of this country has been sorely affected by the Little Rock and similar incidents of that nature."

He said that the United States could not afford to withold the practice of democracy from a segement of the population and protect its national security at the same time.

"America cannot afford . . . to let hoodlums and race baiters crawl out from under rocks and defy the law of the land. America cannot afford to have her prestige in the free world diminihed in the eyes of Asians or Africans, who constitute two thirds of the world's population.

"As the world shrinks, the struggles between two ideologies for dominance comes into sharp focus. Isolation and hatesmanship can result in the destruction of the free world and all the things we believe in."

In addition to the obligation to vote, Diggs declared that Negroes have other responsibilities

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Congressman Charles C. Diggs, Democrat from Michigan, is shown with H. E. Goldston prior to his address in Durham Monday night at Hillside High

LISBON BERRY, JR.

W. G. PEARSON, II

Two New Attorneys Sworn In Before Durham Court

Two new attorneys joined the ranks of Durham's legal profession last week. They were Lisbon C. Berry, Jr., and William G. Pearson, II, who were officially sworn in by resident Judge W. C. Hall.

Berry was introduced to the court by Attorney Floyd C. McKissick and Pearson by Attorney C. O. Pearson.

Berry will enter partnership with Attorney McKissick. Pearson also plans to open practice in Durham.

A native of Wilmington, Berry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lisbon C. Berry. He graduated from North Carolina College and received the law degree from Howard University.

As an undergraduate at N. C. College, he was active in student affairs, holding at one time the post of Student Government president. He is a member of Beta Delta Mu Fraternity.

Pearson is the son of the late J. L. and Mrs. Mary Pearson of Durham. He, too received an undergraduate degree from N. C. College and was graduated from the NCC law school. He completed one year's study in Law at New York University before enrolling at the Durham institution.

Pearson is active in many business and civic interests in the city, where he holds membership on the board of directors of Bankers Fire Insurance Company and Southern Fidelity Insurance Company. He is a mason is past Basileus of the Beta Phi Omega Psi Phi Fraternity chapter and is a member of St.

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Trade Week, Homecoming Climax Saturday

The North Carolina College Shaw football game on the Eagles' O'Kelly Field at 2 p. m. Saturday will be the highlight of one of this section's most event-filled weekends. 30,000 visitors are expected to witness the festivities.

At NCC and throughout Durham this week, the autumn air has been surcharged with talk of football, Homecoming, Trade Week, and the 11th State Business League meeting.

A United States Congressman, Charles Diggs (D., Ill.), opened Trade week with a talk at Hillside High School Tuesday night.

That was the kickoff for the 15th Trade Week activities.

The Business League held a day-long session at NCC Tuesday.

It reelected Lee Frasier of Durham president and set up plans to extend the organization's influence next year.

At NCC, elaborate plans have been made to welcome an unexpected overflow crowd of alumni, former students, and visitors.

Alumni headquarters are in the Men's Gymnasium.

The classes of 1942 and 1947 will stage special reunions.

On the glamour side, the NCC Student Government and the DBP Chain plan a mile-long parade to start promptly at 11 a. m. Saturday from Durham Athletic Park.

This will be the parade's route: South on Morris to Main; East on Main to Roxboro; South on Roxboro to Pettigrew; East on Pettigrew to Fayetteville; South on Fayetteville to Lawson; East on Lawson to O'Kelly Field.

Parents and friends visiting

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North Carolina College's Homecoming Queen and her attendants, who will reign over the college's annual homecoming festivities Saturday, managed these smiles for the photographer during a break in their campus activities. Left to right are Barbara Overton, Edenton sophomore, who was selected "Miss Homecoming," Zenobia Newton, junior from Wilmington and Ruth Pierson, Philadelphia senior, who are attendants to the queen.

Durham Area Deaths May Have Set Record

Reports of some 26 deaths occuring in the Durham area during the past two weeks were received this week by the TIMES.

Records were not immediately available at the County Health Department to determine if the number of reported deaths set a new record high for a two week period, but an official said that an "unusually large number" of burial permits had been issued recently.

Funeral services were conducted for the following Durham area residents in the past two weeks:

Robert Hyman, 510 Colfax St., who died at his home Oct. 19 Services at St. Joseph A. M. E. Church, Oct. 25.

Sandy Guy, 120 Cora St., who died at Lincoln Hospital Oct. 20 Services at Scarborough Chapel Oct. 25.

Mrs. Cora Holland, 87, Morrisville, who died Oct. 21. Services at Shiloh Baptist Church of Wake County.

Tommy Williams, 1127 Second St., who died Oct. 21 Services at St. John Baptist Church.

Mrs. Olivia McGhee, 67, of 2522 Pine St. Road, who died at Lincoln Hospital Oct. 22 Services at Palmer Memorial Holiness Church. Oct. 26.

Louie Howard, 29, of 513 Cecil St., who died at his home Oct. 23 Services at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Mrs. Mary St. Claire, Rt. 6 who died at N. C. Memorial Hospital Oct. 21. Services at Raeford, Oct. 27.

Ed Tobe, 1504 Gleen St. Extension who died at his home Oct. 25. Services at Chestnut Grove Baptist Church in Wake County Oct. 27.

Mrs. Laura Shaw, who died at Gibson's Convalescent Home Oct. 25. Services at White Rock Baptist Church, Oct. 29

James H. Evans, 2339 Church Road, who died at Lincoln Hospital Oct. 20. Services at Hickory Grove Baptist Oct. 23.

John Stewart, 61, of 610 McMannen St., who died at VA hospital Oct. 20. Services at Mt. Taborn Methodist Church at Lancaster, S. C.

William White, 2211 W. Pettigrew St., who died at Lyons Convalescent Home Oct. 15. Services on Oct. 21.

Hayes Rich, 53, of 2708 Hay St., who died at hi home Oct.22. Services at Holloway Funeral Home Oct. 25.

Harry Harris, 43, of Creedmoor, who died at Duke Hospital Oct. 14. Services Oct. 20 at his home.

Lonnie Mercer, 56, of 509 Matthews St., who died Oct. 16. Services at Ellis D. Jones Chapel Oct. 19.

Mrs. Lula Hinton, 72, of 1011 Fourth St., who died at Lincoln Hospital Oct. 18. Services at Ellis D. Jones Chapel Oct. 23.

Mrs. Mattie Jeffreys, 66, of 1310 Hyde Park Avenue, who died at her home Oct. 19. Services at St. Paul Baptist Oct. 23.

Willie R. McNeill, 16, who died at Duke Hospital Oct. 19. Services at his home Oct. 22.

Mrs. Hattie Curtis, 65, of Rt. 2, who died at Lincoln Hospital Oct. 24. Services at Semany Grove Baptist in Creedmoor Oct.

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Prominent in the new leadership in Monroe is the above trio, left to right, John McDow, Robert Williams and Dr. Albert Perry. Dr. Perry is facing trial on charges of performing an abortion on a white woman. Williams is president of the Monroe NAACP and McDow is treasurer. They are displaying pictures showing some Negroes who were invited to a city hall meeting where they reportedly concurred in a statement clearing Monroe police of charges of sympathizing with the Ku Klux Klan.

Correspondent Says Division In Ranks Of Leaders Provides Background For Violence, Race Troubles

Indications that a power struggle between two factions of Negro leadership in Monroe provided the background for recent KKK activity and resultant racial troubles came this week from on the spot reports of a special correspondent.

The latest developments in the Monroe situation this week saw the opening of a trial of Dr. Albert Perry, a leader in the integration movement, for criminal abortion.

Attorney Samuel S. Mitchell of Raleigh, handling the defense for the accused physician, won a change of venue from Union County to Anson County on grounds that the Doctor could not receive a fair trial in tension charged Union County.

Mitchell's earlier attempt to have the indictment against Perry quashed on grounds that he was indicted by an all white jury failed.

Dr. Perry, who became the center of a controversy between NAACP leaders and Monroe police as the result of charges that police failed to halt Klansmen from firing on his home, was charged with performing an abortion on Mrs. Lille Mae Rape, a white woman, at his office on Oct. 4.

Police said Mrs. Rape signed a statement accusing the physician.

According to reports received by the TIMES from a corresponding reporting from Monroe, a rift created between two factions of Negro leadership paved the way for the outbreak of racial troubles.

Rev. C. C. Johnson, pastor of the Baptist Church in Monroe and other leaders including Drs. J. A. Alston, N. H. Creft, Jr. Atty. B. N. Nivens, and Rev. S. S. Riggs told the TIMES reporter that the only obstacle in the path of a return to peace and harmony in the town was the lack of understanding between the "new group which now seeks to take over Monroe."

Johnson, Alston, Bivens and Riggs are generally regarded as representing the established "old guard" Negro leadership. Their reference to the "new group" include Dr. Perry and the present NAACP President Robert Williams, who have become leaders of the newly risen leadership faction.

The new NAACP leaders were accused by spokesmen for the "old guard" of operating the NAACP in a dictatorial fashion, failing to call regular meetings and denying membership to persons with opposing points of view.

Rev. Johnson told the TIMES reporter that he feels he has not been fairly represented.

Rev. Johnson was charged with pursuing "Uncle Tom" policies after he and several other Negroes were invited to a city hall meeting with Monroe officials where they reportedly gave their endorsement to a statement clearing Monroe police of charges of being in sympathy with the Ku Klux Klan.

Dr. Perry, who has maintained the charges of abortion brought against him constituted an attempt by segregationists to penalize him for leading the leading the movement for integration in Monroe, told the TIMES reporter "I'm willing to put all I have in this situation, because it is not me that is on trial but the whole colored race. I believe there is something personal in this situation. You can't say where it is."

Commenting on support received from local citizens who have contributed to his defense,

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THOMAS J. MOORE

War Veteran Returned Home For Funeral

Funeral services for Thomas J. Moore, known widely by his popular nickname "Applejack," were held at White Rock Baptist Church last Wednesday at 3:30.

Moore a World War II combat veteran, died in Kingsbridge VA hospital in New York last Saturday. He was 35.

Foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brodie Wilson, Moore was born in Goldsboro and moved to Wilson at nine where he attended public schools.

He served four years in the Army during which time he saw combat service in the South Pacific. He was awarded the Pacific Theater Campaign medal with four service stars, the Distinguished Unit Badge and Liberation Ribbon with one star.

Moore came to Durham following his release from the service and worked as an interior decorator. In 1950, he married Miss Alma Hart of Durham.

He earned the "Applejack" nickname becauê of a comic routine he and another friend performed.

Moore moved to New York last March where he worked until two months before his death.

Surviving are his foster parents, his wife, a daughter Linda Marie, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Cora Sneed.

Mrs. Alice H. Jones, 65 year old Wilson school teacher, was killed Tuesday night when the auto in which she was riding with her son and daughter plunged down a 50 foot embankment. The accident occured at the Wake Forest road overpass at highway 70 just outside of Durham. Hospitalized as a result of the crash were Mrs. Alice Logan of Durham, daughter of Mrs. Jones, and James Robert Jones, who was driving the accident car. Jones was released after a short time. He reportedly fell asleep while driving.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jones have been scheduled for Monday at Wilson.

Last Rites Held For Mother Of Of Durham Man

Funeral services for Mrs. Leona Humphery Tilley, were held in Durham Thursday at St. Joseph A. M. E. Church.

Mrs. Tilley died at Lincoln Hospital Tuesday, Oct. 29 following illness of several years. She was 65.

Rev. D. A. Johnston, pastor of St. Joseph conducted the services. He was assisted by N. H. Bennett.

Mrs. Tilley had lived in Durham for the past several years with her son. Fordyce Jeffers on Dunbar Street.

Daughter of the late Mrs. Sallie Humphrey, Mrs. Tilley was born in Roxboro on July 22, 1892 where she lived until she came to Durham several years ago.

She was married first to the late George Jeffers then later, following his death, to the late Otho Tilley.

Mrs. Tilley was a member of the Lawson Chapel Baptist Church for many years before coming to Durham where she joined St. Joseph A. M. E.

Her survivors include two sons, Fordyce and Thebaud Jeffers, both by her first marriage; three brothers, Eugene, Charles and Rev. Nathaniel Humphry; two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Nelson of Baltimore and Mrs. Exie McIntosh of Wahington, D. C.

This scene was taken from the luncheon at the one day convention of the North Carolina Business League held Tuesday at North Carolina College. R. Kelly Bryant, Jr., (extreme left) registration official for the convention is shown introducing luncheon guests.