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Durham Firm Purchases Part Of N. J. Company

The North Carolina Mutual life insurance company announced this week the purchase of the Philadelphia operations of a 50 year-old New Jersey mutual insurance firm.

A statement released from the home office of the N. C. Mutual here Wednesday by public relations director Miss S. E. Bailey, revealed that the company had taken over the Philadelphia debit of the Progressive Life Insurance company.

Effective February 10, all weekly premiums and monthly debit insurance policies on that date issued by Progressive Life Insurance company and held by policy holders residing in the Philadelphia metropolitan area were reinsured by North Carolina Mutual, Miss Bailey said.

W. A. Clement, one of the N. C. Mutual officials who helped negotiate the transfer, said the Progressive Life Insurance company's Philadelphia debit amounted to \$3,080 in weekly premiums and \$467 in monthly ordinary premiums.

Clement explained that the Progressive Life transferred a certain amount of its legal reserve for the Philadelphia policies to the N. C. Mutual, and in turn, the N. C. Mutual accepted full liability for all of the Philadelphia business of the company.

Some ten former agents and two staff managers of the Progressive Life have been integrated into the N. C. Mutual's Philadelphia district, Miss Bailey's statement said. They will continue to work for the N. C. Mutual in that district.

Former Progressive agents who are now N. C. Mutual agents as the result of the transfer are Samuel W. Walker, Joseph J. Moore, Raymond B. Alexander, John F. Washington, Leroy Harold, W. Roy Colbert, Herman Runnels, Tillman J. Oglesby, Thomas D. Herrod, Clarence Wise, Herman Frasier, staff manager, and Alvin Singleton, staff manager.

The Progressive Life Insurance company maintains home offices at Red Bank, N. J. It was incorporated as a mutual legal (Please turn to page Eight)



Officials of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Progressive Life Insurance Company of New Jersey are shown here as an agreement of reinsurance between the two firms was signed recently. Left to right are C. B. Alexander, assistant to the Agency Director and Lester G. Spellman, Manager of the Philadelphia District of the

North Carolina Mutual; C. S. Jones, Manager (seated), W. S. Frank, Vice-President and Secretary and John H. Powell, Actuary of Progressive Life, N. H. Bennett, Assistant Secretary and Associate Actuary and W. A. Clement, Associate Agency Director of the North Carolina Mutual

Telling "Normandie Story"

Higgins Returns To Durham Sun.

Reverend Nelson B. Higgins, Jr., a former Durham school teacher whose appointment as the first Negro pastor of a white Los Angeles church catapulted him into the national limelight briefly last summer, returns to Durham Sunday for a speaking engagement at the West Durham Baptist Church.

Higgins will speak at the church Sunday evening at eight o'clock. Following his address, a reception will be held in the church basement.

His appointment as pastor of Normandie Avenue Methodist Church in Los Angeles last summer touched off a row within the thin ranks of the church's all-white membership. The entire congregation of 43 members resigned in protest.

However, when Rev. Higgins delivered his maiden sermon at

the church some three weeks after news of his appointment and the resultant reaction of the Normandie congregation had become public, a crowd of nearly 1,000 Negroes and whites jammed the small church for the new minister's first sermon.

Since that opening day drama of last summer, the church has received the support of its predominantly Negro neighborhood and Methodist clerical officials of the area and its growth has steadily progressed.

Higgins' appearance in Durham Sunday is part of a national tour the minister is making telling the "Normandie story."

In this area, some of the cities which he will visit include Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Hamlet and Greensboro.

Rev. Higgins, whose career has wavered between teaching



N. B. HIGGINS

and the ministry, was a former teacher and athletic coach at Hillside high school.

He left Hillside in 1955 to accept a job as assistant pastor at a Los Angeles church. He had left a pastorate in North Carolina to join the Hillside faculty.

While on the Hillside teaching staff, he continued to pursue his clerical interests. He served as assistant pastor at West Durham Baptist and was at one time a radio favorite with a show called

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Physician Explains His Relapse

New Livingstone Prexy To Take Office July 1

Million Dollar Expansion Also Set For School

SALISBURY

Bishop W. J. Walls, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Livingstone College, speaking for the Board, at the annual Founder's Day celebration, held at the college last week, announced that Dr. S. E. Duncan, supervisor of Negro high schools, for the state of North Carolina, had been named president of the A.M.E. Zion school, and would take office July 1.

He also announced that Livingstone would put into action an extensive expansion which would call for the spending of over a million dollars. The program calls for two new buildings, the bolstering of the Hood Theological Seminary and increased salaries for

Bishop Walls called the alumni, friends of the college and members of the A.M.E. Zion Church to "rally to the program and aid Livingstone in taking its place in the newly geared educational program of the nation."

The election of Dr. Duncan was a highlight of the annual Founder's Day program at the college. Another outstanding feature was the financial report which showed that contributions totaling \$82,242 has been donated the college from the Episcopal areas of the A.M.E. Zion Church.

Dr. Duncan was selected at the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The new president is the son of Mrs. S. E. Duncan of Salisbury and the late Mr. Duncan.

He attended grammar school and high school in Salisbury, was graduated from Livingstone and received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University.

He served as principal at the Dunbar High School and as principal at Reidsville Negro High School before going with the



S. E. DUNCAN

Complication Delays Recovery Of Dr. Swift

By Clathan Ross

Dr. Leroy Russell Swift, well-known physician of Durham now convalescing from a bullet wound at Duke hospital, told this reporter from his bedside Thursday morning that he considered himself "very lucky."

This illusion to his fortune referred generally to the overall rate of his recovery from a potentially fatal or disabling injury and immediately to a complication which has temporarily delayed this recovery.

The complication, which set in last Tuesday, was described by Dr. Swift to this reporter as a pulmonary embolus, which necessitated use of an oxygen tent.

Use of the tent provoked widespread rumors, the most prevalent of which were that the doctor had suffered a heart attack and that he had been stricken by a cerebral hemorrhage.

Duke hospital authorities spiked the reports of a heart attack (Please turn to page Eight)

Circumstances Surrounding Man's Death Provokes Many Questions

Durham police detectives were still trying to piece together details in a weird chain of circumstances which led to the death Saturday night of a 50 year-old man.

Nelson Belfield, resident of 412 Poplar street, was pronounced dead at 5:25 Saturday morning at Lincoln hospital about five hours after he had been found in a semi-conscious condition in the 500 block of Pine street.

Among the questions yet unanswered by police investigation are the following:

1. Who was the truck driver who reported striking something soft in the 500 block of Pine street after seeing two men fighting in the street?

2. Who was the other man with whom Belfield was supposed to have been fighting?

3. Was treatment delayed at Lincoln hospital?

Early this week, the police department was tracking down leads to the man who was reportedly fighting with Belfield shortly before he was discovered lying on a sidewalk in the 500 block of Pine street.

They were also attempting to locate the driver of a truck who called in to report to police Saturday that he thought his truck struck something soft after passing two men who were fighting in the street.

According to first reports, Belfield was discovered by passers-by on Pine street, and taken to Lincoln hospital shortly after midnight. He died around 5:25 a.m. at the hospital Saturday morning.

One unconfirmed report held that Belfield was dismissed by hospital authorities, turned over to police to be booked for public drunkenness and then returned to the hospital after police discovered he was not drunk.

There was no comment from hospital authorities on this report.

However, following his death, an autopsy was ordered conducted by County Coroner R. A.

Horton. Dr. Horton said results of the autopsy showed Belfield died of internal injuries and shock.

A. M. E. Officer To Install New Ministers' Body

A high ranking A.M.E. official will deliver the main address at installation rites for the Methodist Ministers Fellowship and Wives Auxiliary in Durham Sunday.

The service is set for three o'clock p.m. at the Russell Memorial CME Church on Alston Avenue.

Principal speech for the affair will be given by Dr. George Singleton, of Philadelphia, editor of the A.M.E. Review, official organ of the A.M.E. Church.

The installation service will be presided over by Dr. R. W. Wisner, president of Keturah College. Singleton will be introduced by Carl Fuqua, dean of the college.

Others scheduled to take part in the exercises are the Revs. J. A. Brown, Presiding Elder of the Durham District for the A.M.E. Zion Church, J. A. Davis, Presiding Elder of the Durham District for the A.M.E. Church; and W. D. Carlson, pastor of Russell Memorial.

Music for the services will be provided by choirs of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion, St. Joseph's A.M.E., and Russell CME Churches.

The main speaker for the occasion, Dr. Singleton, holds degrees from several schools, including Allen (A.B.), Boston and Harvard Universities (S.T.B. and A.M.), University of Chicago (D.B. and M.A.) and honorary degrees of D.D. and LL.D. from several institutions.

In his varied career, he has been a teacher, Seminary dean, (Please turn to page Eight)

National Figures To Durham

Rep. Adam Powell, Jr. To Appear, For NAACP Membership Campaign



Congressman Adam Clayton Powell will keynote a membership drive meeting for the Durham chapter of the NAACP at St. Mark A.M.E. Zion church on March 10.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the church, located at Pine and Pickett streets.

A spokesman for the sponsoring Durham NAACP organization said, "we feel the appearance of Congressman Powell here will serve to stimulate interest in the work of our organization and help us prosecute a successful membership drive."

Powell attracted national attention in the last Presidential election when he switched his support from the Democratic party to the Republicans. He consistently refused to support the local Democrats seeking office in the New York area.

The New York Congressman has been in the House of Representatives for a number of years and is conceded to have built up considerable support in New York.

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REP. ADAM POWELL

LARKINS IN FLA.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

J. R. Larkins, Consultant, N. C. State Department of Public Welfare will deliver two addresses and participate in work shops at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Tallahassee, February 19-21.

He will speak to the faculty and students and serve as a consultant in connection with the Vocational Emphasis Week Program.

He will also address a session of the Seventh Annual Florida Guidance Conference. This conference will be attended by guidance counselors and teachers, affiliated with guidance programs from all over the state.

Highest Negro In Ike Cabinet To Address Banquet In Late March

J. Ernest Wilkins, highest Negro in the Eisenhower government, will deliver an address in Durham in March, according to an announcement made this week.

News of Wilkins' Durham appearance was released by L. B. Frasier, chairman of the Civic Committee of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs. The Civic Committee of the DCNA is sponsoring Wilkins' speech in Durham.

Assistant Secretary of Labor for International Labor Affairs, Wilkins will speak at a subscription banquet at the North Carolina College cafeteria on March 29, Frasier said.

"Indications now are that a group in excess of 300 people will be present to greet Wilkins," Frasier stated.

"We're not sponsoring his appearance here to promote any special occasion," explained Frasier, an official of the North Carolina Mutual insurance company.

"Mr. Wilkins is an outstanding public figure whom we feel Durham would want to see and

hear. This is no fund raising project," he added.

Frasier said the affair was scheduled for the North Carolina College cafeteria because of its seating capacity.

Joining the DCNA's civic committee in sponsoring the affair (Please turn to page Eight)

Edmonds At UNC

Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, graduate professor of history at North Carolina College, has scheduled a speech at the University of North Carolina Library, February 26, on "The Negro in Politics."

She is author of a study of the Negro in Fusion politics in North Carolina.

Recently, she was Eisenhower's personal representative to the dedication of the Liberian Capitol Building in Monrovia, Liberia.

In addition to numerous articles and speeches in this country and abroad, Dr. Edmonds has (Please turn to page Eight)



GEORGE V. ALLEN

U. S. Diplomat To Speak At White Rock

In observance of Brotherhood Day, White Rock Baptist Church will have as its guest speaker Sunday, Feb. 23 George Venable Allen, Director of the United States Information Agency. A native of Durham, Mr. Allen is one of this country's top career diplomats and a veteran of international affairs with twenty seven years experience.

After his graduation from Trinity College (now Duke University) in 1924, Allen was a (Please turn to page Eight)

Contest Draws Big Field In 1st Week

Up to press time Wednesday, a total of 27 beauticians had been nominated in the Carolina Times Beauticians Popularity contest for the first week. With the nominations to run another week it is felt that many more names will be entered before press time next Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 6:00 P.M.

Actual voting in the contest will not get underway until March 1, at which time a red hot contest is expected to begin for the all free airplane round trip with hotel expenses paid for one week to the National Beauticians' Convention in Miami, Florida, August 3-9. Twenty per cent commission will be paid to all non prize winners.

All that is necessary to nominate your favorite beautician is to clip the coupon in the advertisement on page four, write in the name and address of your favorite beautician and mail or bring it to the office of the Carolina Times, 436 E. Pettigrew Street, Durham, N. C.

Nominations for this week are as follows:
Mrs. J. H. Love, Durham.
Mrs. Earle Grandy, Durham.
Miss Minnie Johnson, Rox-

boro.
Mrs. Ethelene Prayloe, Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Dilsie Chandler, Burlington.

Miss Sarah Dotson, Durham.
Mrs. Matins Dickens, Roxboro.
Miss Mary Foust, Chapel Hill.
Mrs. J. DeShazor Jackson, Durham.

Mrs. Estelle Freeland, Durham.

Mrs. Callie Daye, Durham.

Mrs. C. D. Ashford, Durham.

Mrs. W. D. Jeffries, Burlington.

Miss Daisy Hawley, Oxford.

Mrs. Irene Jackson, Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Alvena Monroe, Durham.

Mrs. Eula Steele, Durham.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Durham.

Miss Hazel McCoy, Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Laney Williams, Durham.

Miss Lillie Wells, Durham.

Mrs. Annie B. Tittle, Burlington.

Mrs. Rosie Harris, Roxboro.

Mrs. Josephine Day, Durham.

Mrs. Beatrice Moss, Durham.

Mrs. Odelle Leak, Durham.

Mrs. S. W. Weaver, Chapel Hill.