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Rocky Mount Park Named For Leader

Aldermen Vote To Change Name Of Facility In Honor Of T. A. Stith



STITH

ROCKY MOUNT
The Rocky Mount Board of Aldermen voted last Thursday to change the name of Riverside Park to the Thomas A. Stith Park.

The action was interpreted as a tribute to the late Thomas A. Stith, one of the area's outstanding civic leaders.

He died at his home last August.

A native of Edgecombe County, following service in World War I, Stith inaugurated the Boy Scout movement among Negro youth in his county in 1919. Despite difficulties over a long period of time in securing a charter for the group, he kept the movement alive and built one of the strongest troops in the East Carolina Council - Troop 161, of which he was the popular Scoutmaster. An estimated 1,000 boys have held membership in this troop.

After serving the Rocky Mount School System for approximately 20 years, he was employed by the local Post Office for 18 years. His interest in the education field reasserted itself when, in 1957, he became a founder and honorary trustee of The Southeastern Business College in Durham.

Although his interests focused upon the development of the Boy Scout movement, he supplemented Scout efforts with teaching Sunday School, for 15 years, at the St. James Baptist Church and participating in various civic and religious activities in his community.

Direct appeals to the Governor by T. A. Stith and his See STITH, page 8



Mr. and Mrs. Asa T. Spaulding have been appointed chairmen of one of the Durham Business and Professional Chain's Trade Week events. The Spauldings will handle arrangements for a public program to be held during the week, to be observed Oct. 25 through Nov. 1. Appointment of the well-known Durham couple brought to three the number of husband-wife teams

Final Rites For AMEZ Cleric Draw Thousands

WILTON
Funeral rites for the Rev. Caesar T. Tharrington were held at Union Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church here Tuesday and is believed to have attracted more than two thousand persons.

The venerable minister, who was known to have been ailing, died at his home, near here Saturday morning. He was reported to have been more than 80 years old and to have preached more than 60 years. He was born in Granville County and had lived in his native community throughout his life time.

He married the former Miss Tremila Walker, who preceded him in death, in 1935. Six children were born to this union. He is survived by four of them; Ben Tharrington, Mt. Vernon, New York; James Tharrington, Newark, N.J.; Rev. George T. Tharrington, Henderson; Mrs. Bettie McCrimmon, Franklinton and Miss Nancy Tharrington, Washington, D. C.

Segregation Is Now Left In Only 4 Dixie States

NEW YORK
With the admission this week of George H. Starke to the University of Florida law school, there remain only four states with completely segregated systems of public education from the kindergarten through the graduate and professional school levels—Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and South Carolina.

Reviewing the present situation, NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins noted that "each year since the Supreme Court ruling of May 17, 1954, has witnessed the extension of desegregation in education in some measure. The once South-wide solid phalanx of segregated education has been steadily whittled down. We expect the trend to continue."

Starke's matriculation at the University of Florida came after a nine-year fight by the NAACP to open that university to Negro students. The original case, instituted by the NAACP, was

Homecoming Events Slated For Two Durham Churches Sunday

"Homecoming," a church event during which out of town members and friends are invited to return, will be observed at two Durham churches Sunday.

Special services will be held at St. Joseph's A.M.E. and the First Calvary Baptist Church in celebration of Homecoming Sunday. Guest speakers will appear at both churches.

St. Joseph's will hear two guest speakers at its morning and evening worship Sunday.

The Right Reverend Frank Madison Reid, presiding Bishop of the second A.M.E. district, will speak at the regular 10:45 morning worship at St. Joseph's.

The Rev. L. S. Penn, pastor of St. Paul's A.M.E. of Raleigh, will be heard at the evening service, at 7 o'clock.

Special music for the morning service at St. Joseph's will be furnished by the combined four church choirs. For the evening See CHURCHES, page 8



BISHOP REID



The members of the first all-Negro Life Underwriters Training Council Class to receive graduate certificates are shown here with certificates following graduation ceremonies last week in Winston-Salem. The class was sponsored by the Winston-Salem Underwriters Association and the National Life Underwriters

Training Council of Washington, D. C. J. L. Lassiter, seated center, front row, was instructor of the class. Lassiter is Educational Director of Winston-Mutual Life Insurance Company of Winston-Salem. Those who received certificates are Walter Adams, Winston-Mutual; Walter E. Baird, Winston-Mutual; Cothe Booker, North Carolina Mutual; Mammie Gilliam, N. C. Mutual; John Green, N. C. Mutual; Edward Lewis, Winston Mutual; David Lowery, Sr., N. C. Mutual; Prince Simmons, Winston Mutual; George Vaughn, N. C. Mutual; Sullivan Welbourne, N. C. Mutual; Gladys Wilson, N. C. Mutual and Lassiter.

Assailant Gives Mixed Reasons For Stabbing

NEW YORK
So many different reasons were given as to why Mrs. Izola Ware Curry, aged 42 and weighing 151 pounds, stabbed Dr. Martin Luther King with a letter opener, that Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy closed down all explanations with the fact that she made many "incoherent" statements and appeared deranged.

Reason cited at first were: "You have caused enough trouble and suffering"—"I haven't been able to go to school because of you." Still a third said she told him "Why are you in a white store signing autographs when you should be in a colored store?" And another version was "I've been after you for six years."

Dr. King was seated at a desk in a roped off area to the rear of the department store L. Blumstein's on West 125th St. He was autographing copies of his new book with several waiting in line. Many people were near him when the woman stepped through an opening and asked: "Are you Mr. King?" Then when he answered she stabbed him.

It appears that she didn't know him and had no intention of meeting him at the store. While in the store, she learned he was there. Following the stabbing in the upper left side of Rev. King's chest, Mrs. Curry is believed to have remarked "I'm glad."

Police detectives thought she suffered a persecution complex and thought that by stabbing King: "He would listen to my problems because I've been followed in busses and people have been making me lose my job."

Mrs. Curry couldn't seem to hold a job. She travelled in many parts of the south with different families—not staying anywhere longer than a few months.

The operation on Dr. King was performed by a team of physicians headed by Dr. Aubrey Maynard at Harlem Hospital and he pronounced his famous patient in good condition.

N. C. Youngsters To Hear NAACP Youth Leader

RALEIGH
NAACP Youth Secretary Herbert L. Wright will serve as keynote speaker for the youth and college section of the North Carolina State Conference meeting to be held here October 9-12, it was announced Wednesday by Dr. Marguerite Adams, North Carolina NAACP youth work chairman.

The conference is expected to attract 150 delegates from high schools and colleges throughout the state. The delegates will attend and participate in workshops on career guidance, leadership training, membership and fund-raising techniques and civil rights action.

Prime emphasis will be placed on the important roles which youth and college students can play in furthering racial integration.

Hula Hoop Contest Sat!

A hula hoop contest for children of all ages (grown-ups, too) will be held Saturday morning at ten o'clock on the North Carolina College athletic practice field at Lawson Avenue.

The contest is being jointly sponsored by the Durham Business and Professional Chain and North Carolina College.

A spokesman for the Chain said prizes will be awarded in the hoop twirling contest. Contestants must furnish their own hoops, he said.



FOOTBALL IN THE AIR
The leaping Allen University cheer leader symbolizes the rise of the autumn gridiron sport football, which will be much in the air Saturday as schools in this area send their favorites to battle for "Alma Mater." This particular cheer leader may be on hand at O'Kelly Field in Durham Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. when North Carolina College opens its home season against the Allen University Yellowjackets. Local rooters hope, however, she won't have much to cheer about.

Rivera photo

Chain-Sponsored Movie Stars Ivan Dixon, N. C. College Grad

Ivan Dixon, North Carolina College graduate, is one of the stars in the film "Something of Value", which will be shown at the College View Drive-Inn theater September 28 through September 30 under the auspices of the Durham Business and Professional Chain.

Dixon, who has been seen in several Broadway and Television dramas, studied dramatics at Western Reserve's Karamu

House. His wife, the former Berlie Ray of New Bern, was also a graduate of the Ohio dramatics school.

They now make their home in Hollywood.

Also to be seen in the picture are Sidney Poitier and Rock Hudson.

Proceeds from the film will be used for the Chain's Trade Week activities.



Some of the officials of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, whose convention committee met in a planning conference at Harriet Tubman YWCA in Durham Saturday, are pictured here with State Welfare Department officer John R. Larkin. Left to right are Mrs.

A. P. Collins of Smithfield, financial and corresponding secretary of the NCFWC; Mrs. E. M. Spellman of Elizabeth City, president of the Federation; Larkin; Mrs. F. D. Newsome of Rich Square, editor of Federation Journal and chairman of the convention committee; and Mrs.

E. M. Barnes of Greensboro, treasurer. The Federation is planning for its annual convention, to be held next year. A subsequent meeting of the convention committee was scheduled for October.

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J. S. Stewart, City Councilman And Veteran Political Leader Will Be Honored By White Rock Church Sunday

White Rock Baptist Church will honor City Councilman J. S. Stewart at 7:30 Sunday night.

J. H. Wheeler, president of Mechanics and Farmers bank and business associate of Stewart, will give the main address.

Stewart, a member of White Rock since 1936 and a trustee for the past 15 years, is executive secretary of the Mutual Savings and Loan Association. College View District is sponsoring the program under the leadership of Mrs. Minnie W. Cromartie.

He was elected to the Durham City Council in May, 1957.

Stewart's wife, the former Miss Otella Spaulding, and his family are members of the local church.

A native of Atlanta and a graduate of the Atlanta University School of Business Administration, Stewart started his business career with the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Co.



STEWART

The Durhams live at 128 Masondale St. They have three children: Ethel Marie, Janetta, and James A.

Participants in addition to Mrs. Wilson include Dr. M. M. Fisher, J. W. Carrington, J. W. Goodloe, D. E. Watson and the Senior Choir. Mrs. Marilyn Oldham is scheduled to sing a solo during the program.

Cordice Helped Remove Blade From King's Chest

A Durham native and son of a late, prominent Durham physician was a member of a team of surgeons crediting with saving the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a New York hospital.

Dr. John W. V. Cordice, Jr. was part of a surgical team which removed a seven inch

Has Pneumonia

NEW YORK
Doctors reported late Monday that a pneumonia formation in the lower right lung of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., had complicated his recovery from a knife wound suffered Saturday.

Although Dr. King was reported resting comfortably, a team of Harlem hospital physicians were keeping "close watch" over their famous patient.

The development of pneumonia was spotted by X-rays taken following King's operation Saturday. Doctors said they hoped the infection would not spread.

letter opener from the chest of the famed race leader Saturday. Chief surgeon at Harlem hospital, Dr. Aubrey Maynard, headed the team which worked four hours and 20 minutes to remove the letter opener.

In addition to Cordice, Maynard was assisted by Doctors Emil A. Narclerio and Farrow Allen.

Dr. Cordice attended Hillside high school in Durham, New York University and the Bellevue Medical School. He studied one year at the University of Paris.

His mother, Mrs. J.W.V. Cordice, lives at 1503 Fayetteville street.

The 37 year old thoracic surgeon is just beginning private practice in New York. He is married and has three daughters.