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Session Starts Thursday

North Carolina Teachers Open Yearly Convention In Raleigh

RALEIGH—The North Carolina Teachers Association will hold its 78th annual convention in Raleigh Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 19-21.

A large attendance of the membership is expected because the Association will be considering an expanded program of professional services which has been under discussion for the past two years.

Dr. J. L. Buford, a past president of the National Education Association and superintendent of Mount Vernon, III. city schools, who led the National Education Association in expanding its professional program will speak at the opening public session Thursday evening in Memorial Auditorium.



MRS. WILLIAMS

The second public session of the convention, Friday evening, in Memorial Auditorium will bring Dr. Julius A. Thomas, director of industrial relations for the National Urban League.

Thirty-six professional interest groups will be meeting throughout the day on Friday. Prominent educators will be featured in many of these sessions as speakers and

speakers on Friday.

Speaks Friday

RALEIGH Mrs. Vivian Carter Mason, former president of the National Council of Negro Women, will be the main speaker for the Elementary Teachers Division of the North Carolina Teachers Association at Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh at 10:00 a. m. Friday.

"Your Community Goes to College" is her topic, according to Mrs. Gertrude R. Cheek of Durham, chairman of the Elementary Department.

In addition to Mrs. Cheek, other officers are Mrs. Mary Perkins of Salisbury, vice chairman, and Mrs. Ruth Lawrence of Tarboro, secretary.

Mrs. Mason is a nationally known social worker, educator, and public relations counselor. She served as NCNW president from 1954 to 1957.

consultants.

In the two public sessions meeting in Memorial Auditorium, G. H. Ferguson, state department division head, Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Dr. W. L. Greene, NCTA Executive Secretary will present discussions of educational

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WALKER

Militant Press Said Vital To Race's Progress

William O. Walker, president of the National Publishers Association, told a Press Week observance at North Carolina College Monday, "No racial group of people anywhere in the world since the development of newspapers have attained their freedom or improved their status without the aid of their own militant press."

Walker spoke at the 132nd anniversary of Freedom's Journal, first U. S. newspaper published by Negroes. He is publisher of the CALL and POST of Cleveland, Ohio.

"The Negro press can make the adjustment in this transition to integration by continuing to voice the aspirations of our people and, at the same time, providing them with a superior product in an open competitive market," the noted publisher said.

At a special luncheon in his honor, Walker, a former City Councilman in Cleveland, said "Ballots and judicious use of our spending power" can change the status of the great mass of minorities. NCC President Alfonso Elder, Durham City Councilman J. S. Stewart, and R. M. Harris, member of the Durham City Board of Education, were among luncheon guests.

He credited the Negro press with many of the Negro's civil rights gains and lashed out at hostile critics of the Negro press.

"To the so-called Negro intelligentsia who find all manner of fault with Negro newspapers, I direct this question: Where would you be if there were no Negro press. No groups have profited more than the crusading of the Negro press than our white collar and professional groups."



MRS. PERKINS



THOMAS

Durham Church Slates Services For Holy Week

A series of special events will feature Saint Joseph's A. M. E. Church's observance of Holy Week, it was announced this week by Saint Joseph's pastor the Reverend Melvin Chester Swann.

One of the features is a week of nightly services which will hear the Reverend Sidney Williams, Jr. of Newport News, Virginia. These services will start on Monday and continue through Thursday.

On Friday, the Allen University choir will be heard in a pre-Easter concert.

The observance starts at the church on Sunday with the regular morning worship service. The Reverend Swann's sermon for Sunday is "Triumph With Tears." Special music will be furnished by the senior choir under the direction of Joseph Mitchell. Guest soloist with the choir will be Robert Howie, senior music major at North Carolina College.

On Sunday evening, the choir will be heard in its annual Palm Sunday recital. The choir will sing, "The Living Christ," an Easter Cantata, and other paschid music. Soloists will be Mrs. Katie Smith, Miss Mary Scurdy and Edward Hudson.

Subjects of the Reverend Williams' nightly messages, to be heard beginning Monday, are "The Danger of Fruitlessness"; "Condition of the Temple," Tuesday; "Oh, Bethany!" Wednesday; and "Echo from the Room," Thursday.

John Hunter will direct the Allen University choir in its recital of "The Seven Last Words" at the church on Friday.

A pageant at sunrise on Easter Sunday morning, a Sunday School presentation and special services and music at the morning worship on Easter Sunday are the concluding events in the Holy Week program.

Human Relations Institute To Be Held At Smith

CHARLOTTE An Institute on Human Relations and Intergroup Understanding has been scheduled for April 6 and 7, at Johnson C. Smith University, according to an announcement made by Dr. Rufus P. Perry recently.

Dr. Perry, President of the University, said its purpose will be "to provide careful and critical investigation for the purpose of clearing away misconceptions, separating fact from fiction, and bringing out in broad perspective what is required and what most needs to be studied for better human relations."

The Institute is one of the first of its kind to be held in this area. Dr. Frank P. Graham, former president of the University of North Carolina and Special Ambassador of the United Nations, will be one of the speakers of the Institute.

Addresses will also be delivered by: Dr. Liston Pope, Dean of the Yale Divinity School; John C. Bennett, Dean of the Faculty, Union Theological Seminary, New York City; William Brewer, Editor, THE JOURNAL OF NEGRO HISTORY; Will D. Campbell, Associate Executive, the National Council of Churches.

Anna Hedgeman, Former Assistant to the Mayor of New York City; Mozell C. Hill, Professor, Columbia University; Oscar Lee, Executive Director, Department of Racial and Cultural Relations, National Council of Churches.



WHEELER



REV. SWANN



DR. JOHNSON

For Mutual's 60th Anniversary

Howard President Sets City Speech

Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard University, will be the principal speaker at the vesper service of Saint Joseph's A. M. E. Church, Sunday March 29 at 5:00 p. m., it was announced here this week by the Rev. Melvin Chester Swann, pastor.

The entire program will be given in honor of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company on the occasion of the company's sixtieth anniversary celebration.

The program will be presided over by Dr. J. H. Wheeler, president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank.

Music for the program will be furnished by the Senior Choir of St. Joseph, under the direction of Joseph T. Mitchell.



JEFFRIES HONORED—John W. "Jeff" Jeffries, left, retired February 25 after 37 years with the A&T College Extension Service was honored on Saturday,

March 7 with a luncheon at A&T College. With the honoree are Mrs. Jeffries, D. S. Coltrane, assistant State director of the Bud-

get and Dr. J. O. Schaub, right, former director of North Carolina Extension Service, both of Raleigh.

Funeral Rites Held For Retired Durham Teacher

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Hester Williams, retired school teacher, were held Saturday afternoon, March 14 at two o'clock at the New Bethel Baptist Church.

Mrs. Williams died Thursday, March 12.

The Reverend L. W. Reid, New Bethel pastor, officiated. Graveside rites at Beechwood Cemetery followed the church service.

A native of Granville County, Mrs. Williams was a teacher in both Durham city and Granville County schools. She taught for 43 years in the Durham system, at Lyon Park and Hickstown before her retirement in 1945.

Mrs. Williams was born in 1874. (See FUNERAL, Page 8)

Earn Cash FOR YOUR CHURCH

SHOP THESE MERCHANTS WHO ADVERTISE IN

The Carolina Times

Interest in the Carolina Times church bonus contest gained new momentum this week, according to the contest manager.

A wave of inquiries on rules of the contest and mounting numbers of purchase slips coming in to the office were reported.

The contest is now in its seventh week. Oak Grove Freewill Baptist Church pulled down the \$50 bonus for the first month's prize. Another bonus of \$50 will be awarded at the end of March and other subsequent months.

The contest is open to any church or church group in the city. Groups interested in entering should simply save all of the purchase slips of cash register tapes they receive from merchants who are currently advertising in the TIMES.

At the end of each week, these slips or tapes should be turned in to the TIMES office. To be counted, purchase slips must bear a date from the week in which the merchants advertised in the TIMES.

The group turning in slips

totaling the largest sum of purchases will win the \$50 bonus.

This week, purchase slips from the following merchants are eligible:

- Public Hardware
- Quality Food Market
- Winn Dixie Super Market
- W. C. Lyon Hardware
- Alexander Motor Co.
- Montgomery and Aldridge
- Kenan Oil Co.
- A and P Super Market
- Mechanics and Farmers Bank
- New Smith Laundry
- Sanitary Laundry
- Amey Funeral Home
- Cut Rate Super Market
- Hunt Linoleum and Tile
- Jackson's Grocery
- Mutual Savings and Loan
- Keeler's Super Market
- Burthay Funeral Home
- Southern Fidelity Ins. Co.
- Durham Builders Supply

Hundreds Pay Tribute To State Agent

GREENSBORO—Several hundred citizens from throughout North Carolina last Saturday paid honor to John W. "Jeff" Jeffries, former assistant State Agent for the A&T College Extension Service who retired last month after a term of 37 years of service.

They were guests at a luncheon sponsored in his honor by staff members of the local Extension group.

The affair, held in Murphy Hall at the college on March 7, featured a main address by Dr. J. O. Schaub, Raleigh, former director of the N. C. Extension Service and dean of the School of Agriculture at State College from which he retired eight years ago.

Referring to the honoree, Dr. Schaub said in a humorous vein "years ago the successful appli-

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REV. WILLIAMS

Funeral Held For Prominent Raleigh Man

RALEIGH Funeral services for one of Raleigh's most well-known citizens, Willie P. DeVane, were held Friday, March 13 at the First Baptist Church.

DeVane, who came to Raleigh shortly after the turn of the century, died suddenly Sunday, March 8, buried in the family cemetery in Wake County.

A native of eastern North Carolina where he grew up and attended public school, DeVane began work for the city's electric utility company when he came to Raleigh in 1905. The firm became Carolina Power and Light Company in 1908, and DeVane worked as transmission linesman from 1908, except for a brief period of seven years, until his retirement in 1955.

He lived in Pennsylvania between 1929 and 1935.

His survivors include his wife, Mrs. N. P. DeVane; two daughters: Mrs. G. D. Jeffries of Burlington, and Miss Alvise DeVane of Hickory; three sons: W. V. DeVane of New York; Wade and C. E. of Raleigh; one grandchild, one daughter-in-law, five sisters and one brother.

NEWS ROUND-UP

(Condensed from TIMES Dispatches)

TALLADEGA, ALA.—A Knighton Stanley, senior from Greensboro, N. C. has been awarded a Woodrow Wilson fellowship for graduate study in philosophy at Boston University. . . . NEW YORK—Lester Young, "president of modern jazz tenor saxophonists," died in a Broadway hotel of a heart attack this week a few hours after returning from Europe. The " Prez" moved into the musical spotlight as a member of the 1936 Count Basie band. . . . Mrs. Gazella Beebe has returned from New York where she completed a course of training preparing her for the position of WELCOME WAGON hostess. Mrs. Beebe, who resides at Route 3, Fayetteville Road, is one of Welcome Wagon's more than 5,000 hostesses making nearly one million calls a year on families in this country. These calls, made by Welcome Wagon sponsors, are made on special occasions, such as births, engagements, anniversaries, and when new families arrive in the community. . . . FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA—From Mrs. Anne Braden, SCEP member, comes this note: "Negro students have been receiving some vicious and insulting letters. Because their names have not been widely publicized in the press, they have not been receiving message of support—as did, for example, the Little Rock students whose names were widely publicized. Below is a list of the names of these children. Won't you divide this list among your friends and see that each of these children gets at least one letter of support, recognizing their courage in pioneering for a better, more democratic world?" Here are the students' names: Gwendolyn Baltimore; Deloris, Faye and Marybelle Coleman; Louise and Suetta Dean; Rebecca Fletcher; Cuelita and Frank Grier; Barbara and John Jackson; Betty, James and John Kilby; Charles Lewis; Archie and Matthew Pines; Ann, Dorothy and Geraldine Rhodes; Stephen Travers. . . . Winners in the three divisions of the state high school typing contest sponsored by the N. C. Teachers Association at North Carolina College last week are Laddie Bell, Fayetteville; Montrose Johnson, Reidsville; Lenwood Ward, Elizabeth City; Marindo Throver, Wise; Patricia Geer, Asheville; Jeannette Melvin, Fayetteville; Ruth Banner, Concord; Margarette Teacher, Rose Hill; Laura Monroe, Fayetteville. . . . Doris Marie Watkins, Shepard high school junior, won Wake County spelling championship in finals at Ligon high in Raleigh. . . . NEW YORK—Opinion is making the rounds that Roy Campanella's boy, David, is being made an example with an unusually rough sentence for his admitted part in a drugstore robbery. Speculators say that other boys with worse offenses and records get off with lectures while David has reform school term facing him for one offense. . . . Mrs. Ludmilla Van Sombeck returned Tuesday Evening from Atlanta, Ga. where she attended Southern Regional Conference of Women's League for International Peace. . . . Mrs. Helen Marie Sneed, Shaw University senior from Garner, has been announced as winner of Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. She is a science major. . . . Mrs. Louise Sawyer, secretary of Durham Baha'is, announced this week that the Baha'is New Year will be observed at sundown on March 20, the day of Spring Equinox. Baha'is use the beginning of the opening of New Year because of the symbol of new life beginning of Spring denotes. . . .



MRS. BELVIN MITCHELL of the Durham Ushers Union who is heading the local campaign to raise funds for the Ushers Home in Franklinton. Mrs. Mitchell is a member of the Usher Board of the First Calvary Baptist Church. Under her leadership the monthly program of raising the quota of the Durham Ushers Union is meeting with great success.

Two Others Are Appointed As Vote Officers

LUMBERTON

The Lumberton City Council Thursday appointed a Negro registrar and two Negro election managers in ward six, largest Negro residential area in the city.

Appointed registrar is the Rev. Eugene Burns, active in civic affairs for several years. The election managers are James Graves, retired citizen, and Mrs. Bessie Powell, retired school teacher.

Appointment of the Negro elections officials for the newly created ward six, located in South Lumberton, is a "first" for this area of the state.

The Rev. Turner, the new registrar, is pastor of the First Baptist Church and has taken a leading role in many civic affairs for the past ten years. He is one of the organizers of the Citizens Action Committee, a local political action group, and is an official of the NAACP.

He ran unsuccessfully for the city school board last year. Graves, one of the two elections

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