

Deaths and Funerals in Durham

WILLIAM FRED CRAWFORD — Funeral services for William Fred Crawford of 1211 Duke University Road were held Sunday at Scarborough and Hargett Funeral Chapel. Rev. Miles M. Fisher officiated. Burial followed in Beechwood Cemetery. Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Edna Crawford.

MRS. MARTHA SHAW — Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Shaw, 92, of 608 Umstead St. were conducted Sunday at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church by Rev. Z. D. Harris. Burial followed in Beechwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Shaw died Friday morning, January 11, at a local hospital after several years of declining health.

Surviving are an adopted daughter, Mrs. Estella Lucas of Washington, D. C. and two grandchildren.

David Merritt, Chapel Hill Man Fatally Stricken with Heart Attack

CHAPEL HILL — Funeral services for David Merritt, long time resident of this city, were scheduled to be held on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 17, at the First Baptist Church.

The Rev. J. R. Manley, pastor of the First Baptist, was to preside. He was to be assisted by the Reverends W. R. Foushee, minister of St. Joseph's CME Church of Chapel Hill, and L. M. Gooch, pastor of Markham Chapel Baptist Church, of Durham County.

Masonic rites were to be performed at the funeral and burial services by members of the Chapel Hill lodge.

Merritt was fatally stricken at his home, at 304 Sunset Drive while chopping wood Monday afternoon, Jan. 14. Death was instantaneous.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Merritt; two sisters, Mrs. Frances Markham of Durham; and Mrs. Martha Hall; one brother Charles Merritt of Chapel Hill; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Totten Talks On Giving Service to Pearsontown Club

The Pearsontown Community Club met on Monday evening, January 7, at the home of Mrs. Audrey Whitted on Fayetteville St.

Mrs. Geneva Cheek, president, presided. After a short business session Mrs. Cheek presented the guest speaker, Mrs. E. L. Totten. Her subject was "Rendering Services To People In Need."

Mrs. Whitted served refreshments to the members and guests.

Miss Thelma Fuller and Mrs. Coleman were accepted as new members.

Members present were Mesdames Geneva Cheek, Grace Williams, White Malone, Rosa Daniels, Ada Harvey, Ada Meeks, Myrtle Weeks, Mercedes Thompson, Alberta Harris, Elnora Smith, Rosabel Gilchrist, Hattie Willis, Evelyn Thorpe, Mary Edwards, Nettie Davis, Ada Leech, and Annie Mayo. Mrs. Viola Hope was guest.

The next meeting will be on February 4 at the home of Mrs. Lenora Tyson, 2235 Fayetteville St.

Mrs. Royal Hostess To Gleaners Club

The Gleaners Club of the St. Mark AME Zion Church held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Lula M. Royal. The devotions were led by Rufus Sligh. The club held its annual election of officers.

Refreshments consisted of chicken salad sandwiches, ham biscuits, cocoa and coffee; ice cream and cake.

Members present were Mrs. H. Gordon, Mrs. B. Sowell, Mrs. D. Mitchner, Mrs. M. Bynum, Mrs. K. Carter, Mrs. J. Wall, A. Williams, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. P. Spearman, J. Smart, F. Cuttino, E. McNeil, W. Sherrill, Sr. guest were R. V. Mitchner and Willie Daye.

Mrs. Royal was assisted by Mrs. Grace Barnes.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Beatrice Sowell on Apex St.

WILLIAM RIDLEY

OXFORD — Funeral services for William Ridley, 92, were held Sunday at the First Baptist Church by Rev. L. H. Wade. Burial followed in Plummer Cheatham Memorial Park with Masonic rites.

Surviving are three sons, William Ridley Jr., of East Avon, N. J., James Edward Ridley of New York, N. Y., and Andrew Ridley of Richmond, Va.

JIMMY BELLE

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Pilgrim Baptist Church for Jimmy Lee Belle, 18, of 103 Erie St. Rev. William P. Thornton conducted the services. Burial followed in Beechwood Cemetery.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Belle; one daughter, Vanessa Ann; two brothers, William Belle Jr. and Remond Belle; and his grandparents.

Urban Renewal Survey to Begin

A public opinion poll designed to reveal how much Durham residents know about the United Fund and their attitude toward its operations will begin here next month.

Information supplied from the poll will be used in an evaluation of the UF organization.

The poll will be taken by students from Duke University and North Carolina College. Some 500 persons throughout the city will be selected at random and interviewed in last about 30 minutes. Thirty questions will be asked.

H. C. Cranford, Jr., chairman of the UF Year-Round Public Relations Committee, said that data obtained from the poll will be analyzed by IBM processes and a final report is expected in May.



ST. JOSEPH'S BURNS MORTGAGE — Mrs. Nellie Warren, oldest member of St. Joseph's AME Church, sets fire to mortgage on property recently purchased by the church as church officers look on. Scene occurred during Sunday's services. Holding the plate in which mortgage papers were burned

in Quinton Brown. He is being assisted by his father, Dr. Eldee Brown, looking on in the rear are Rev. Melvin C. Swann, St. Joseph's minister, and Lee W. Smith, chairman of the mortgage redemption committee. J. J. Henderson, vice chairman of the trustee

board who received the cancelled mortgage papers for the church, and Mrs. Hattie Scarborough, member of the mortgage redemption committee, are not shown. The mortgage was on two tracts of land behind the church located on St. Joseph's street.



STATE USHERS OFFICERS GATHER — Pictured here is a scene from a meeting of state officers of the North Carolina Interdenominational Ushers Association, held in Durham on Sunday. Plans for the organization's annual Mid-Year session were mapped at the meeting of the officers.

The Mid-Year session will be held at the Usher Home, in Franklinton in late April.

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Robinson and Bunche Named NAACP Directors

NEW YORK — Under the new NAACP constitution six candidates were elected by the branch as members of the Association's Board of Directors. Ballots were counted and the results announced at the Association's annual meeting here, January 7.

Elected Directors of the Association were Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, New York City; Kivie Kaplan, Boston; Dr. J. Leonidas Leach, Flint, Mich.; Alfred Baker Lewis, Old Greenwich, Conn.; Jackie Robinson, North Stamford, Conn., and Mrs. J. E. Spingarn, New York City.

Each of the seven regions in the organization elected a member of the New Board; Region I, Nathaniel Colley, Sacramento, Calif.; Henry S. Smith, Pittsburgh; III, Edward M. Turner, Detroit; IV, Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, St. Louis; V, Rev. Theodore Gibson, Miami; VI, Dr. Leonard V. Burns, New Orleans; and VII, Robert D. Robertson, Norfolk, Va.

The Association's youth division elected John Davis, Montclair, New Jersey, as a member of the Board.

Six additional members were elected by the Board: Theodore O. Berry, Cincinnati; Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, New York City; Dr. James J. McClendon, Detroit; James Stewart, Oklahoma City; Dr. J. M. Tinsley, Richmond, Va. and Mrs. Jessie Vann, Pittsburgh.

Civic Chorus Planning Spring Event

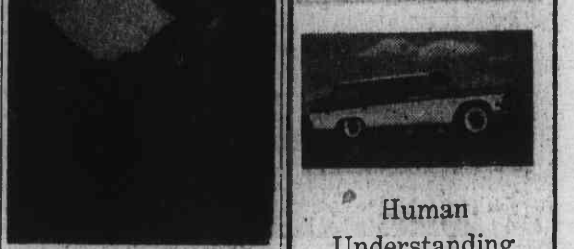
The Durham Civic Choral Society will begin its spring season on Monday, January 28 at 7:45 p. m. with rehearsals at the chorus room of Durham High School.

The chorus will prepare Mozart's "Requiem and Bach's Cantata No. 4, "Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death", under the direction of Dr. Paul R. Bryan. The spring concert will be held on April 1 at the Duke University Woman's College Auditorium. All adult singers of the

Research Triangle area are cordially invited to join the choral society.

Officers this year are Mrs. G. Charles Kyker, President; Prof. James H. Phillips, Vice President; Miss Davesene Wiggins, Secretary; Miss Mary Dale Carter, Treasurer; Mrs. Thomas S. Keller, Librarian; Mrs. Byron N. Hipps, Publicity Chairman; Dr. Frank Baker, Concerts Chairman; Mrs. Booker B. Sapulding, Patrons Chairman; Mrs. Hadgesty Alston, Social Chairman; and Mrs. Albert H. Best, Historian.

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