

Rev. J. H. Jones Grabs Holy Land Contest Lead

POLICE DRAGNET SCREENING DUKE WORKERS

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Five Others Trail Close Behind Leader

At Wednesday noon, Rev. J. H. Jones of Danville, Va., had taken the lead in the first week's balloting of the second annual Ministers Vacation Popularity Contest. Following closely behind were Rev. John R. Dungee of Henderson, Rev. A. D. Moseley and Rev. W. T. Bigelow, both of Durham, and Rev. J. R. Manley of Chapel Hill.

With votes coming in by mail from as far away as New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, as well as those brought to the Carolina Times office by friends and supporters of the various candidates, the balloting was unusually heavy for the first week.

Other nominees who gave strong evidence that they will be heard from before the contest is over were Rev. G. A. Gilchrist of Littleton, Rev. Z. D. Harris of Durham, Rev. T. H. Murphy of Henderson, Rev. Kermit DeGraffenreid, Pittsboro and Rev. Walter Yarborough of Franklinton.

At stake in the race is the grand prize of a free airplane round trip to the Holy Land, the second prize, a free airplane round trip to Bermuda and the third prize, a free airplane round trip to New York.

This early in the contest it is hard to determine just who will be the winner of any of the trips since it is known that there are several strong nominees who plan to be heard from before the final curtain is rung down on the contest.

Appearing in each of the Carolina Times is a regular vote coupon. All that is necessary to vote for a favorite minister with the regular vote coupon counting for 1,000 points is to write in his name and mail or bring it to the office of the Carolina Times, 636 E. Pettigrew Street, Durham, N. C.

Bonus votes are given for subscriptions to the Carolina Times and will only be credited to a nominee when accompanied by the payment. The number of points for subscriptions may be seen in the contest advertisement in each issue of the Carolina Times.

To facilitate the proper tabulation and correct standing the contest manager is urging that all contestants will please comply with rule 10 by mailing or bringing their report to the office of the Carolina Times by Monday noon of each week.

The relative standing of contestants for this week is as follows:

Rev. J. H. Jones	Danville, Va.	212,000
Rev. J. R. Dungee	Henderson	210,000
Rev. A. D. Moseley	Durham	206,000
Rev. W. T. Bigelow	Durham	191,000
Rev. J. R. Manley	Chapel Hill	190,000
Rev. G. A. Gilchrist	Littleton	187,000
Rev. Z. D. Harris	Durham	172,000
Rev. T. H. Murphy	Henderson	172,000
Rev. Walter Yarborough	Franklinton	166,000
Rev. A. W. Lawson	Durham	146,000
Rev. Kermit DeGraffenreid	Pittsboro	141,000
Rev. I. W. Choates	Durham	140,000
Rev. R. L. Speaks	Durham	137,000
Rev. J. M. Mangum	Franklinton	130,000
Rev. J. H. Thomas	East Orange, N. J.	122,000
Bishop M. T. Mitchell	Baltimore, Md.	122,000

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Southern Fidelity and Bankers Fire Merged

N. C. Mutual Acquires 3rd Firm in Year

The merger of two Durham business firms, Bankers Fire and Casualty Insurance Company, was announced this week.

The announcement came at the annual stockholders meeting of Bankers Fire last Thursday.

The merger was completed on Feb. 28, it was revealed.

Bankers Fire is a subsidiary of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, which acquired controlling interest in the firm a year ago. The merger of Bankers Fire and Southern Fidelity thus brings to three the number of allied firms acquired by North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. in the past year.

Aside from Bankers Fire and Southern Fidelity, North Carolina Mutual acquired Unity Life Insurance Company, of Chicago several months ago.

The action enables North Carolina Mutual to become the first Negro life insurance company with a multiple-line affiliate as a subsidiary. Officials of North Carolina Mutual said.



SAVES SON FROM FLAMES—Robert Harris, resident of Rt. 1, Bahama, is shown here holding his 3 1/2 year old son Jack Thomas in front of ruins of the family home on Hopkins road in the northern section of Durham County, Harris, who thought at first his son was with his mother, made a frantic dash inside the flaming, four room structure and fought his way through a smoke filled room to rescue his son before fire completely demolished the family home Tuesday afternoon. Jack is the youngest of five children, others of whom are Mary, 16, Robert, 14, Ronald 9 and Debra 7.

Photo by Purefoy

Suit Against N. C. Guard Prepared As Bills Proposed to End Race Ban

Moves to eliminate the barrier of race on membership in the North Carolina National Guard came this week just as attorneys in Durham were preparing to file a suit against the Guard's practices of excluding Negroes.

A Durham attorney revealed that he had completed work on an action which was scheduled to be started in federal court on behalf of three Durham residents.

It was not immediately clear whether the action will be pursued in view of recent developments in the state legislature to repeal the law requiring exclusion of Negroes.

Some 22 senators sponsored a bill presented in the General Assembly Monday night to repeal the section if law requiring all white membership in the Guard.

Senator David Clark, of Lincoln, who sent the bill through, said he expected it to pass without much opposition.

Royal Ice Cream Ok'd

The Royal Ice Cream Co., Durham firm which has been the target of a Negro boycott for several years, was approved this week by leaders of the boycott movement and the action against the firm was lifted.

Isaac Reynolds, of CORE, which has been in the forefront of the boycott in recent weeks, said he and other CORE leaders were served there this week.

However, the list of Durham firms under a current boycott called by CORE and the NAACP remained unchanged this week.

Seven downtown stores are currently under boycott by the two groups. They are Sears, Thom McAn, Roscoe-Griffin, Robbins, Walgreen's, Royal Clothing Co. and Beverly Shop.



TOP TYPIST—Wanda Carol Logan, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Logan, Jr., of 618 Massey Ave., will compete in the state-wide typing contest to be held at North Carolina College on March 22. She earned the right to enter the state finals by virtue of her victory in a regional contest held in Raleigh recently.



NEW BANKERS FIRE OFFICERS—R. N. Harris, executive vice president of Bankers Fire and Casualty Company, congratulates newly elected officers of the firm who are W. J. Walker, Jr., secretary; Miss C. A. Miller, and H. R. Edwards, assistant secretaries. Scene occurred at Bankers Fire stockholders meeting.

In Aftermath of Racial Incidents

Hickstown Explosive

The all Negro Crest St. (Hickstown) community, adjacent to an area under heavy surveillance by police in the investigation of a series of rape cases, was a virtual power keg this week following two racial incidents there recently.

On last Thursday a car load of white youths sped through the community's main street shooting insults and made a return trip during which they fired several shots in front of a popular gathering spot in the area.

On Sunday, a 13 year old boy who had to go through a white neighborhood to a store nearby was beaten by a 17 year old white youth as the Negro youngster started home.

Both incidents are related in the minds of the community's residents to the recent rape reports.

These incidents linked with what the residents described as unusual harassments by police in the rape investigations, have brought the community to the verge of erupting.

Approximately 25 to 30 witnesses were at Nunn's Place, a popular gathering spot at 2403 Crest St., last Thursday night when the shooting incident took place.

Betty McNeill, 18, said she was inside the establishment around 8 p.m.

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YOUNG VICTIM—Ronald Patterson, 6, points to spot on Edie Daniel's face where youngster was slugged by unidentified 17 year old white youth Sunday in one of two racial incidents which has plagued the Crest St. community in recent days. Patterson and Eugene Wiley, looking on, were with Daniels when incident occurred.

Laurinburg Sisters on Trial For Theft of \$24,000 from Undertaker

LAURINBURG — Two Negro sisters went on trial in superior court here Tuesday on charge they stole \$24,000 from a Negro funeral director.

Truemiller Polston, 52, and her sister, Pinky, 42, both pleaded innocent to the charges, claiming the money was given to them by a white junk dealer, Milton Bane, whom they had befriended.

C. H. Morris, the funeral director, brought the charges after he claimed he caught Truemiller, his maid, turning the dial of his safe. He said his wife had discovered that \$24,000 was missing from the safe.

The combined salaries of the Polston sisters total \$51.52 a week. The sisters recently finished building a \$36,000 home on the edge of a white section here and have moved in along with their mother and several relatives.

Truemiller told officers the junk dealer gave her a small box shortly before he died last May. After his death, she said she opened the box and found the money.

Girl Kidnapped By Gang of Boys In Rape Attempt

A Negro girl left a howling alley on Fayetteville Street on Sunday night and was standing at a service station across the street waiting for her mother. Five young Negroes dragged her into a car and drove several blocks to Dakota St. where they took her to a field and one of the five assaulted her with intent to commit rape.

A white man who has an office at the site of the new Shepherd Junior High School under construction on the street saw what was going on, ran the five Negroes away and called the police.

The five defendants — Gary Montgomery, 22, of 816 Fargo St., J. W. Long, 18, of 110 Chestnut St., Frank Williams, 15, of 808 South St., Lawrence Carpenter, 16, of 206 Piedmont St., and Anthony Spell, 16, of 709 Lee St., were charged by Durham police with kidnaping a 14-year old girl, and one of the five was charged with assault with intent to commit rape.

Four were placed under bonds of \$2,500 while Montgomery, charged with kidnaping and assault, was placed under \$5,000 bond.

Broad Vision Urged of Negro Businessmen

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Negro businessmen should set their sights on broader horizons of opportunity in the mainstream of American business instead of operating in a racially restricted market, according to a report released this week by the U. S. Department of Commerce.

Accelerated movement of qualified Negroes into the mainstream of U. S. economic and business life is one of the most urgent special needs and opportunities confronting Negroes in business, the report states. As one short-run expedient, the report recommends that Negroes operating business firms should seek to broaden their market.

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Negro Males Put Through Interrogations

A police dragnet was sweeping through Duke University and its hospital this week in hopes of picking up a lead to the identity of suspect in a series of reported rapes in Durham.

Reliable sources said every Negro male worker in the Hospital was systematically being sent through a "line-up" for possible identification and questioned by policemen.

Although Durham police officials were reluctant to discuss this phase of the investigation, Duke University Medical School officer Dr. Barnes Woodall confirmed the report that police were conducting interrogations at the hospital.

"Everybody is being questioned," Dr. Woodall said, "including bus drivers and garbage collectors."

The hospital and University combined employ approximately 2,600 Negroes.

According to reports from sources whose identities could not be disclosed, the interrogations and the "line-up" at the hospital are advertised as "meetings." One Duke hospital employee told the TIMES that all the Negro men in his section were told by the supervisor to report to certain room for a meeting. But when they got to the room, they discovered they were carried through a "line-up" and questions concerning the addresses and other information relating to the reported attacks were asked them.

Tobacco Firm Charged With Hiring Bias

Allegations have been made to the President's Committee on Equal Employment that racial discrimination is evident in the operations of the American Tobacco Co. plant in Durham.

It was reported Tuesday from Washington that the allegations are being reviewed by the President's Committee now to determine if they qualify as federal complaints.

Percy Williams, of the office of the President's Committee, said the complaints must qualify for formal classification before they can be investigated by federal agencies.

Recently complaints were made charging discrimination in hiring practices at Roxboro Manufacturing Co. and American Tobacco Company of Durham.

Both of the American Tobacco Company firms in Roxboro and Durham are required by federal law to adhere to strict policies of non discrimination to qualify for contracts they hold with federal agencies.

Greensboro Firm Hits \$2 Million

GREENSBORO — The American Federal Savings and Loan Association last week passed another milestone as the institution's assets passed the two-million dollar mark.

William Gravelly, Jr., a Reidsville real estate broker, shortly before noon, on March 12, opened a new account, his initial deposit was enough to carry the institution's total assets above two million dollars.

Officials of the Association hailed the achievement as an example of generous support and confidence by the community in a young and growing institution.

J. Kenneth Lee, Greensboro attorney and president of the Association, said, "The accomplishment of this, our second goal, justifies the original opinion of the founders of the American Federal Savings and Loan Association. We were confident of its need and felt that the community would support

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Abernathy at NCC on March 24

The Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, pastor of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, and a prominent national figure in the civil rights movement, will be one of the leaders at the North Carolina College Religious Emphasis Week, March 24-28.

Scheduled to deliver two assembly speeches during the week, the Rev. Abernathy also will lead midday meditations and evening dormitory sessions.

Serving as leaders also will be Dr. Fruz Kazemzadeh, associate professor of history at Yale University, and the Rev. Arthur C. Thomas, pastor of the Covenant Community Church.

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GETS HIGH LEVEL JOB—Pictured here is James B. Cobb, former president of the NAACP, who was recently appointed superintendent of training in the Washington, D. C. Post office. It is one of the top jobs in the Washington postal organization. Cobb, 57, was a career employee for 31 years. He is a native of Durham and a law graduate of Howard University.