



Two Second Prizes to be Awarded in Ministers Contest

N. C. MUTUAL SET TO START NEW BUILDING

Statesville's Harris Declared Prize Winner



REV. HARRIS

An unprecedented occurrence in the Carolina Times second annual Ministers Vacation contest resulted this week in a decision to award second place prizes.

The Rev. J. C. Harris of Statesville was declared a winner of one of the two second prizes which will be awarded. Rev. A. D. Moseley, of Durham, will receive the other.

The situation resulted from the receipt of a report from Rev. Harris after the official audit of the contest was complete and winners announced.

Contest officials said the report boosted Rev. Harris from fourth place to second. He actually nosed out the official second place winner by a few points.

L. E. Austin, TIMES publisher, explained although the report did not reach the contest officials until after audit had been made, that it bore a postmark prior to the Monday noon, April 29 deadline and was therefore eligible.

Contest officials subsequently ruled that a duplicate place prize be awarded to Rev. Harris.

The results of the decision will see two second place prizes, free trips to Bermuda, awarded to the Reverends Moseley and Harris.



Rev. J. H. Peppers, of Durham who will celebrate 28th anniversary. Details, 5-A

THOUGH PARHAM FAILS... Negro Voters Claim Victory

HENDERSON — S. G. Parham, insurance executive, lost his bid to become the first Negro Mayor in the South Tuesday, but a spokesman for the Negro political action organization which backed Parham said the group was pleased with the overall results of Tuesday's city elections.

Parham ran third in a field of four candidates for Mayor.

However, a spokesman for the Vance County Voters League, a political action group among Negroes, said "we are satisfied with what we have done."

He pointed to the large turnout of Negro voters for the election; the number of votes cast for Parham; and the fact that the ticket of alderman candidates endorsed by the League won in every race except one.

More than 800 Negro voters are thought to have taken part in Tuesday's election. The estimated Negro registration in Henderson is approximately 1,200.

The League estimated the Negro voter turnout at "better than 70 percent."

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Warner Scores Biggest Gain Of Many Negro Candidates

Four Win, Four Lose In Races Throughout N. C.

From Times Dispatches

Roosevelt Warner, prominent businessman, of Orange County, recorded the most spectacular gain of the several Negroes who were entered in city elections throughout North Carolina this week.

Warner polled the highest number of votes in the Hillsboro city elections to win re-election to his seat on Board of Commissioners. As a result, he is expected to be appointed Mayor pro-tem.

An unusually large field of Negro candidates, perhaps the largest since Reconstruction, were entered in city election races throughout the state.

Four gains and as many reverses were recorded in the eight races in which Negroes were entered on Tuesday.

Aside from Warner's victory in Hillsboro, incumbents Carl Russell, of Winston-Salem, and John Winters, of Raleigh, and newcomer Thebaud Jeffers, of Gastonia, won elections to the city councils.

The Rev. Ruben L. Speaks survived Saturday's primary for an at-large seat on the Durham Council, but must face another election on May 18.

In one of the most startling results, Waldo Falkner, veteran councilman of Greensboro, lost his bid for re-election to a third term. Falkner barely missed, however, placing eighth by 167 votes. The top seven were elected.

Falkner's loss left Greensboro without a Negro Councilman for the first time since 1951, except for a period between 1955 and 1959. Dr. William H. Hampton was the first Negro to serve on the Greensboro Council.

Observers credit his defeat to a split among Negro voters of the city.



URBAN RENEWAL SITE OFFICE — Ben Perry, (seated left) executive director of the Durham Relocation Corporation, looks over plans for relocating persons displaced in the urban renewal projects with Mrs. Charlie Swift (seated, right) as other members of the Urban Renewal Relocation staff, Ulysses McManus (standing, right) and Miss Josephine Boyd (standing, left) look on. Perry conferred with Mrs. Swift and her staff shortly after the relocation staff moved into its permanent site office at 506 Fayetteville St. Relocation work will be coordinated from the site office.

Ga. College Students Withdraw in Protest

SAVANNAH, Ga.—Mass withdrawals of students protesting the dismissal of two of their fellow classmates began here this week at Savannah State College.

More than 100 students had withdrawn from the state-supported institution by early this week and observers predicted that all but about 46 of the school's 1,144 students would be withdrawn before the week ends.

NAACP Forming Freedom March For Slain Man

NEW YORK—The NAACP executed a three-pronged maneuver this week aimed at clearing the way for the Freedom Walkers who are finishing the protest walk initiated by slain Baltimorean William Moore.

From New York, Roy Wilkins, the Association's executive secretary, called on President Kennedy and the Justice Department to "ensure protection of American citizens who seek only free use of public highways."

From Chattanooga, Tenn., the Association dispatched a mobile canteen truck, driven by Korean War Veteran Lawrence Curry, to escort the walkers and supply food.

From Atlanta, Ga., the Association dispatched Field Secretary Vernon Jordan to work with NAACP units along the way in preparing their communities for the walkers.

Meanwhile, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., has accepted legal defense of the Freedom Walkers and has pledged to take all legal steps needed to guarantee their constitutional rights.

Curry, 27, driver of the Association's mobile unit, has had an outstanding NAACP record in the area of voter registration. He is a disabled veteran.

The mass withdrawals were in protest to the dismissal of one of the school's professors, Dr. Cleveland Christophe, and the expulsion of student leaders Bobby Hill and James Brown.

James Brown, president of the NAACP's Georgia youth conference and Bobby Hill were expelled from Savannah State College here this week for protesting dismissal of a civil rights-minded professor.

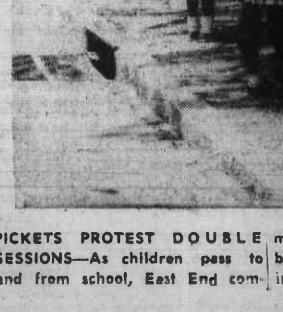
College President Dr. W. K. Payne announced that Dr. Christophe, professor of economics, would not be returned to the faculty next year.

The students cited Dr. Christophe's military history during his two years at the college and said his recent application for the position of superintendent of Chattanooga-Savannah schools angered many of the area's white citizens.

However, other reasons were given for the dismissal.

NAACP youths circulated a petition around campus which was signed by nearly 700 students. Brown and Hill, both seniors, led the campaign.

When the pair was expelled, the NAACP youths planned to picket the East End school which destroyed half of the school's plant.



PICKETS PROTEST DOUBLE SESSIONS—As children pass by, picketers picketed the East End school and from school, East End community and Durham NAACP members picketed the East End school in protest of double sessions at the school.

Lincoln Gets An 'A' Rating

Facility Regains Health Grade

Lincoln hospital has been given a rating of "A" by the Durham County health department, it was revealed this week.

The "A" rating was issued by the health department after its regular inspection for the second quarter.

Earlier, the hospital had been given a "C" rating by the health department. Reportedly, the lower rating, which was issued for the first quarter this year, was given because of the hospital's methods of handling food.

Dr. O. L. Ader, health director, said the hospital was given a grade of 96 in the last inspection. He said it was one of the highest ever earned by the institution.

The "C" rating was the first Lincoln hospital had gotten in the memory of veteran staff members of the institution. It normally earns a rating of "A," it was pointed out.



REV. CROOM

Final Rites Set For Rev. Croom, Durham Cleric

Rev. Dr. Ananias Samuel Croom, pastor of Union Baptist Church, died Wednesday morning at his home 309 Alton St.

Funeral services for Rev. A. S. Croom will be held Sunday at 2:30 o'clock at Union Baptist Church with the Rev. William M. Wyatt, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow in Beechwood Cemetery. The body will lie in state at the church from 1 o'clock until the hour of the funeral.

Rev. Croom was born in Lenoir County. His parents were the late Emperor and Nancy Croom.

He graduated from Joseph K. Brick Normal and Agricultural School and attended Virginia Union University.

In 1902 he was ordained in ministry and held his first pastorate at St. James Baptist Church in Rocky Mount. He pastored for twenty years at First Calvary Baptist Church in Salisbury. From Salisbury he came to Durham and was pastor of Union Baptist Church until his retirement shortly before his death.

Rev. Croom, who had served as pastor of Union Baptist Church for 35 years, submitted his resignation to the church officers in November, 1962 to become effective February 28, 1963.

Rev. Croom was perhaps the oldest active Negro minister in the city. He was moderator of the East Cedar Grove Association.

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Ground to Be Broken In May 17 Rites

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new, high rise home office building for North Carolina Mutual life insurance company are scheduled for noon Friday, May 17.

The ceremony will take place on the site of the proposed new structure, at the corner of Chapel Hill and Duke streets.

Although details of the ceremonies were not available this week, it is expected that foreign, national, state and local dignitaries are to take part in the ceremonies.

North Carolina Mutual purchased sometime ago a tract of land at the downtown intersection for its home office. The tract was at one time known as "four acres" and served as the home place of the late Benjamin N. Duke.

The land was obtained by N. C. Mutual at a cost of approximately \$3 million.

Construction work on the company's new home office is to get started this spring. N. C. Mutual officials said the new building, to consist of 14 stories, would be ready by 1965.

Total cost of construction is estimated at \$5 million.

Three Durham Teachers Honored On Retirement

Mrs. Pearl H. Cordice, Mrs. Madge T. Hargraves, and Mrs. Lula F. Jackson, teachers retiring from the Durham City School System, were honored at a banquet given by the Durham Association of Classroom Teachers on Wednesday evening, May 1, at the Schrafft's Country Inn.

Rev. Melvin Chester Swann, pastor of St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church delivered the invocation.

F. G. Burnett, principal of W. G. Pearson School presented Rev. R. L. Speaks, toastmaster.

Greetings from the administration were expressed by L. W. Hadden, superintendent, Durham City Schools, Jeff Smith, principal of Crest Street School expressed greetings from the principals.

The speaker, Miss Virginia Kinnaird, NEA Association Executive Secretary, was introduced by Mrs. J. B. McLester of Whitted Junior High School.

Miss Eva L. Merritt is president of the Durham Association of Classroom Teachers. Other officers are Adolph Coward, vice president; Mrs. Judith Settle, secretary; Mrs. Andolia Eaton, assistant secretary; Mrs. Mamie V. Alston, treasurer; and Mrs. Dorothy Newborn, associate editor DACT News-letter.

Durham Boycott is 50% Effective



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Action Continued as Education Body Rejects Petition Against Shifts

The boycott of East End elementary school in Durham called by community leaders was reported 50 percent effective this week as the school board refused to alter its decision to hold double sessions at the fire-ridden school building.

The boycott was voted by more than 500 parents at a meeting last week held by the East End Betterment League to consider proposals for action in the school crisis.

The crisis developed when fire completely gutted the old main section of the school, destroying the school records, offices and half of its classrooms.

School board officials inspected the building after the fire and announced that double sessions would be held in the portion of the building undamaged by the flames.

However, parents of the community objected to use of the building and petitioned the board to transfer the students to vacant rooms in other school buildings of the city.

The school board rejected the petition at its meeting Monday and voted to continue the double sessions plan.

Rev. A. D. Moseley, pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist church and one of the leaders of the community, indicated this week that the parents will consider other avenues of approaches to the problem in hopes of finding a solution.

In addition, pickets manned by youngsters of the community, the NAACP and parents have marched at the school for the past several days carrying signs protesting the continued use of the building.