

IN AND AROUND ROCKY MOUNT

By R. D. Armstrong

Funeral services for Earl C. "Doc" Burnett were conducted from the Metropolitan Baptist Church here Thursday afternoon. The Rev. J. E. Arnette, pastor of the church, officiated and interment was in Northwestern Cemetery.

The deceased was a native of Martin County, the son of the late Spencer and Mrs. Alice Burnett and came to Rocky Mount to live with his two uncles at an early age.

He received his early education in the Rocky Mount public schools and was awarded the Bachelor of Science degree from Shaw University. While at Shaw, he was a member of the football team and was regarded as a rugged center having played "sixty minutes" of every game.

He was awarded the M. A. degree from New York University where he also did advanced work. The deceased also attended Mellary Medical College in Nashville, Tenn.

During his teaching and coaching career, Burnett fielded outstanding football teams at Pattille High School in Tarboro and later coached football at his Alma Mater, Booker T. Washington High School in Rocky Mount where he also taught biology.

When the two senior high schools merged in 1969, Burnett taught biology at Rocky Mount Senior High School until his retirement approximately three years ago.

A Memorial Service was conducted at Stokes Mortuary Wednesday night by the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He was initiated in the fraternity at Shaw University in 1929 and was a charter member of the local Alpha Omicron Chapter of the Fraternity.

The deceased was also a charter member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church where he was a member of the Trustee Board and a teacher of the Baraca Bible Class.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Juanita Exum Burnett; one daughter, Francine; two sisters and three brothers.

Eight Rocky Mount residents attended a seminar on 'The Church, the School and Human Relations' recently. Attending were Jimmie Armstrong, principal of R. M. Wilson Junior High School; Rev. J. E. Arnette, pastor, Metropolitan Baptist Church; Rev. Charles Bullock, pastor, St. James Baptist Church; Rev. Ralph I. Epps, Sr., pastor, United Methodist Church; J. B. Harren, NAACP; Rev. Elbert Lee, pastor, North End Baptist Church and Rev. J. O. Thorne, pastor, Greater Mt. Herman Baptist Church.

More than 100 ministers, principals, and lay community leaders attended the seminar and they came from points in Eastern North Carolina from the coast to mid-piedmont.

Following a break-down of the first general session in which problems existing in various communities, smaller groups concerned themselves with dealing with the problems which ranged from drugs to gossiping.

Several general solutions were offered from the group discussions. They listed the suggestions as dealing with more white leadership, noting that it should be made more viable in the public schools and a need to separate the term "standards" from race and economics. Also, the groups added, the need for the media to provide information on the positive side of living.

Some of the problems examined by the seminar were dealing with rumors and gossip, interracial dating, peer groups pressure, language patterns, discipline-violence-justice and resentment, fear of the opposite race, drugs and pregnancy, church-school cooperation, school board meetings, human relation training for teachers, school bus transportation and the role of the parent and the home.

In his welcome address here last Friday night to the twenty-five debutantes at the Debutante Ball, Dr. M. A. Ray, prominent Tarboro dentist and Mayor Pro-Tem of the town of Tarboro, challenged the young ladies to strive for identification, remembering, however, that many other things go along with this identity. For one is not totally identified by how she looks on the outside, but what is on the inside.

Further, he said, "Allow me to challenge you to further to strive for the very best education possible." He then quoted John Stuart Mill, who said, "Education is the great equalizer of the conditions of mankind. It is the balance wheel of the social machinery."

"To win success," he concluded, "you will need in addition to a bright intelligent mind, determination and ambition to work hard, remembering that success is the way you walk the paths of your life."

The debutante ball is sponsored each year by the Beta Zeta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

The second annual beauty pageant and talent contest sponsored by the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) has been set for Friday evening, April 16, in the OIC auditorium, according to an announcement last week by Calvin Hargrove, state co-ordinator for UNIA.

Fourteen young ladies, representing UNIA chapters in Wilson, Edgecombe, Nash and Halifax Counties and Rocky Mount, Tarboro and Elm City, will participate in the annual event.

Hargrove pointed out that the goal of the local chapter is to purchase an activity bus for the young people. He added, we are nearing that goal.

Walter "Buck" Leonard, Baseball Hall of Famer, has been invited to be the guest of Florida Governor, Reubin O. D. Askew at the Governor's thirteenth Baseball Banquet in St. Petersburg, March 30.

The affair is slated to be held at the Hilton Hotel and Leonard has been asked to join the Governor at the Head Table.

Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, president of Shaw University, was the principal speaker here last Sunday afternoon, for a special Shaw Day Service. The program was held at the Mt. Pisgah United Presbyterian Church and was sponsored by the Rocky Mount Chapter of the Shaw University Alumni Association.

Dr. Hargraves spoke on the subject, "The Time is Here." He reviewed the history of Shaw and what it had meant to black people throughout the nation. He also called attention to the contributions other predominantly black colleges had made to education in North Carolina and other sections of the nation.

He pointed out the role the colleges had played and said their history was like a clock which tells when and where we want to go.

He noted that when the clock tells us where we are presently and where we want to go and what we want to do. During his address to the local Shaw Club and friends, Dr. Hargraves said Shaw was the first black school to be established in the South following the close of the Civil War in 1865. He further pointed out that at one time, Shaw University was the only four year medical school in the nation.



MRS. CORETTA SCOTT KING, WIDOW OF THE assassinated civil rights leader, appears before a House Education and Labor Committee on legislation to combat unemployment. Mrs. King is president of the Martin Luther King Jr., Center for Social Change and co-chairperson of Full Employment Action Council. (UPI).

E. C. Burnett, Retired Rocky Mt. Teacher, Dies

Earl Carnegie Burnett, retired teacher of the Rocky Mount Senior High School and former operator and owner of Burnett Drug Company died Monday morning, March 15, after a long illness.

He was the son of the late Spencer G. and Alice Close Burnett and a native of Martin County but moved to Rocky Mount to live with his uncle at an early age.

His early education was received in Rocky Mount, where he was a member of the first class graduating from the Booker T. Washington High School. The B. S. degree was conferred on him by Shaw University, Raleigh and the M. A. degree by New York University. He did further study at N. Y. U. and A&T University in Greensboro. While attending Shaw he was inducted into the Omega Phi Psi Fraternity.

During his teaching career, he served as football coach at Pattille High School, Tarboro, where he had a championship team and also coached football for several years at the Booker

T. Washington High School. He was a Charter Member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, a member of the Board of Deacons, and a devoted teacher of the Baraca Bible Class until his health declined.

The deepest impression left by the deceased was made upon the hundreds of students whose lives he touched during his teaching career.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Juanita Exum Burnett; daughter, Francine Elaine Burnett; two sisters, Mrs. Edythe Leathers, Williamston, Mrs. Juanita Parker, Washington, D. C.; three brothers, Peter Washington, Baker Jethro and William Burnett, Oak City; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 18 at 4:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

Kyles Temple Stewardesses Anniversary Is Observed

Kyles Temple's Stewardesses Board No. 1 observed its 23rd anniversary last Sunday.

The Rev. David H. Bell, pastor of the Bell-Yeager Baptist Church, preached the anniversary message. Rev. Bell was accompanied to Kyles Temple by the Senior Choir, the Gospel Choir, the Young Adult Choir, and the Male Chorus to provide the music.

Fourteen members of the Stewardesses Board attended the anniversary. Mrs. Iola Caston, president, was also observing 23 years as president of the organization. She is one of several members who founded the organization.

Each member of the organization wore black with a white corsage. The members realized nearly \$600 for their efforts.



FORMER FIGHTER RUBIN "HURRICANE" CARTER (r) listens as Southern Christian Leadership Conference President Ralph Abernathy (l) tells a press conference at New Jersey's Clinton Prison Wednesday he will set up a tent city in Trenton, N. J., the state's capital, if Carter is not freed on bail pending a retrial for a 1966 triple murder. The state Supreme Court granted Carter the retrial based on the recantation of testimony from an earlier trial. (UPI).

FUNERAL NOTICES



MRS. MAMIE Y. RIGSBEE

Final rites for Mrs. Mamie Yates Riggsbee were held Saturday, March 20 at the Saint Mark A. M. E. Zion Church. Dr. L. A. Moller, minister, officiated.

The daughter of the late Wiley and Caroline Yates, she was born in Chatham County. She moved to Durham and was an employee of the American Tobacco Company until her retirement.

She was married to the late Haywood Riggsbee who preceded her in death.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Mattie Shackelford and Mrs. Mildred Faison, of Richmond, Virginia, Mrs. Blanche Williams, of Hampton, Va., and Mrs. Gladys McHaney of Leslie, Michigan; one son, Charles Riggsbee, of Durham; one brother, Nathaniel Yates, of Durham; sixteen grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Burial was in the Beechwood Cemetery. Courtesy of Scarborough and Hargett Memorial Chapel and Gardens.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. Evelyn C. Dudley wishes to express their thanks for the many acts of kindness, prayers, and the sustaining consolation offered them during her illness and at the time of their bereavement. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Family of Mrs. Evelyn C. Dudley, Harry and Jones families.



MRS. BELVIN O. MITCHELL

Final rites for Mrs. Belvin Oldman Mitchell were held Monday, March 22 at the First Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. A. L. Thompson, minister, officiated.

Mrs. Mitchell, daughter of the late Roberta Jones and Thomas Oldman, was born in Orange County. She moved to Durham at a very early age and became affiliated with the Second Baptist Church, now First Calvary. She worked with the Usher Board, was president of the E. W. Walker Bible Class and served with the Junior Department of the Durham Ushers Union.

Survivors include two sisters; Rev. Mrs. W. M. Bennet, Durham and Mrs. Delores McDonald, Brooklyn, N. Y.; one brother, James Oldham, Durham; one aunt, Mrs. Sally Fikes, Mount Rainey, Maryland; and three uncles.

Burial was in the Beechwood Cemetery.

Courtesy of Scarborough and Hargett Memorial Chapel and Gardens.

Funeral services for Mrs. Frances Beatrice Simmons were held at the Mount Calvary Holy Church, Monday, March 22 with Bishop F. Yelverton, officiating.

A native of Richland, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Henrietta Foust. An active member of Mount Calvary Mrs. Simmons was a member of the Willing Workers Club, the Progressive Club, and the Pastor's Aide



MRS. FLORA L. LYONS

Funeral services for Mrs. Flora Little Lyons were held March 17 at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Rev. Thurman Hairston, officiated.

An Anson County native, she was the wife of the late John Henry Lyons.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Florence Cox, of Kinston and Mrs. Annie Bagley of Rochester, N. Y.; two nieces, Mrs. Norma J. Shepard of Winston Salem and Mrs. Dorothy Blue of Rochester; and one nephew, David Bagley also of Rochester.

Burial was in the Glennview Cemetery. Courtesy of Scarborough and Hargett Memorial Chapel and Gardens.

Survivors include her husband, Cornelius Allen Simmons, Sr., four daughters, Louiedell Johnson of Flint, Michigan, Bernice Simmons, of Bronx, N. Y., Sharon K. Simmons and Francine Simmons, both of the home; three sons, Clarence Leon of New York City, Robert Earl and Cornelius Allen, Jr., of the home; one sister, Mrs. Margaret Louise Foust, of Greenville; three brothers, William H. Foust, and Albert Foust, Jr., both of Greenville, and Flecher Lee of Baltimore, Maryland; one aunt; eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Glennview Memorial Park. Courtesy of Scarborough and Hargett Memorial Chapel and Gardens.



MRS. THEODOSIA C. FELDER

Final rites for Mrs. Theodosia Cotton Felder were held Sunday, March 21 at the Saint Mark A. M. E. Zion Church. Dr. L. A. Miller officiated.

A Durham native she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Lorine Cotton, and the wife of Ferdinand Felder. A faithful member of the Saint Mark, she was a former Sunday School Teacher and served as President of the White Rose Circle for over twenty years.

She is survived by her husband, five brothers-in-law and five sisters-in-law.

Burial was in the Glennview Memorial Park.

Courtesy of Scarborough and Hargett Memorial Chapel and Gardens.



MRS. FRANCES B. SIMMONS

TWO MINUTES
WITH THE BIBLE
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THE NAME OF THE LORD

Many people use the name of the Lord very lightly. They are quick to exclaim, "My God!" or to use the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in vain.

We should all understand that the Bible declares that "God will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain" (Ex. 20:7). This is one of the Ten Commandments which too many people forget or ignore. But it is more than a commandment. It does not merely forbid taking the Lord's name on our lips carelessly; it adds the warning "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; FOR the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." Don't commit this sin, He warns, for if you do you will have to face God Himself for it and He will not overlook it.

Now, probably many of our readers have used the name of God and Christ in vain again and again. They have gotten into the habit and find it difficult to stop. Now what? How can such escape

the condemnation of God upon this sin?

First, one of the principal reasons for not using God's name in vain is because of His infinite greatness. We should all bow and worship before Him. The second reason is because He—the infinite God—took upon Him human form and, as God the Son, died for our sins at Calvary. Now would you want to curse and swear in His name? You wouldn't want people to curse and swear in your mother's name, would you? How much less should we curse and swear in Christ's name or God's name?

Those who have this problem, invariably have never trusted Christ as their own Savior—as the One who died for their sins. Those who have trusted Him as Savior usually never are tempted to use His name in vain again. Rather, like St. Paul, who once was "a blasphemer and a persecutor," they exclaim with deepest gratitude: "He loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

Prior to that time, he declared, the medical schools only offered a two year course.

In addition to the Shaw University Medical School, he said, the university also offered degrees in law and established a pharmaceutical school. All of them, he pointed out, closed in 1918.

The University President was introduced by the Rev. C. T. Bullock, a graduate of Shaw and pastor of the St. James Baptist Church here.

The welcome was extended by Mrs. Annie McClain. The offertory appeal for Shaw University was made by Kelly Bryant and the music for the occasion was rendered by the Mt. Pisgah choir.

Ground was broken here last Sunday afternoon for the erection of an education building at the Morning Star Diciples Church.

Construction of the new facility is expected to begin immediately and is scheduled to be completed late next winter.

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Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch, Pastor

SUNDAY
MARCH 28, 1976

9:30 A. M. — CHURCH SCHOOL
10:55 A. M. — WORSHIP

Sermon - The Pastor - "ON SOME WEAK MEN (PERSONS) GOD USED WELL — DAVID — A YOUTH, YET DESTINED FOR HIGH PLACES — KING!" (I Samuel 16:33)

The Gospel Choir leading the singing - Mrs. Virginia W. Alston-Director-Mrs. P. J. Holliday-Organist

The Junior Ushers ushering.

5:00 P. M. — BOY SCOUT CODE OF HONOR PROGRAM
6:00 P. M. — COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE QUESTION OF DEACONSHIP
7:00 P. M. — PASTOR'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING

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