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## MR. RAIFORD DELIVERS LOCAL RADIO ADDRESS

### Fine Spirit of Inter-Racial Co-Operation Is Very Evident In Greensboro

(The following is a copy of the speech on "Inter-racial Co-operation" delivered by Mr. E. L. Raiford over the WJIG Broadcasting Station, Greensboro, N. C., on February 18th, 1942. Mr. Raiford is a member of the faculty at Dudley high school, chairman of the department of mathematics and science of the N. C. Negro Teachers association, a member of the executive committee of the Piedmont District Teachers Association, and president of the Greensboro Men's club.)

I am pleased to make this contribution to the local observance of In-



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ter-racial week. Several public programs and religious services have already been held and others are to follow. The general theme for the week is that of developing a finer spirit of inter-racial good-will and co-operation. It is quite appropriate then that

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## Five Injured In Automobile Crash

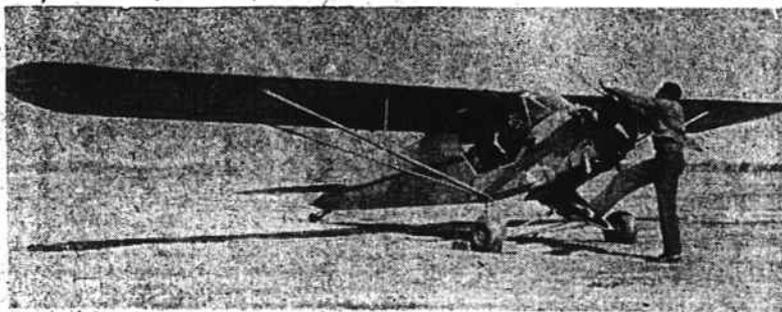
Five Negroes were injured, one seriously, when the car in which they were riding was demolished recently after striking concrete pillars and guard rails of Buffalo creek bridge about two miles from the city on the Winston-Salem highway. Four of the number were confined to L. Richardson Memorial hospital while still another escaped injury in the accident.

The driver of the vehicle, according to state patrolmen, was Oscar J. Cole, 25, High Point, route 1. He is still unconscious at the hospital and no change was reported in his condition. He suffered a broken right arm, facial lacerations and other injuries as yet undetermined.

Others hurt in the wreck and their injuries are Ralph Gilreath, 32, fractured left leg and facial cuts; John H. Hedrick, 25, broken right leg, fractured left knee and severe cut over right eye; Lindsay Wharton, 15, broken left foot and Norman Chavis, 37, fractured right foot, released from the hospital after first aid treatment. Gilreath, Hedrick, Wharton and Chavis all live at Outford College and all of the Negroes are employees of Pomona Terra Cotta company and were en route to work at time of the accident.

Patrolmen said Cole apparently lost control of the car after passing a truck before reaching the curve approaching the bridge.

## WINTER PILOT TRAINING COURSE ON AT A. AND T.



The civilian pilot training course for the winter quarter at A. and T. college is now open, and all persons interested in taking the course should send their applications to Prof. J. M. Marteen, co-ordinator of pilot training at the college.

Applicants who are not enrolled in college must have satisfactorily completed at least two full years college work acceptable to the institution. Applicants still enrolled in college must be fully matriculated candidates for a degree and must have completed at least one full year of accredited college work.

The course, which is valued at \$500.00, is completely financed by the United States government. The only expense, which the enrollee will incur

will be a small fee for a medical examination. The college station wagon makes regular scheduled trips to and from the airport. Two planes are used so that the student may progress as rapidly as possible.

Five student pilots have completed student flight requirements and are awaiting final examinations in flight work.

The age limit, which was formerly from 21 to 26, is now from 19 to 26. The applicant must have attained his nineteenth but must not have exceeded his twenty-sixth birthday on January 2, 1942.

Many opportunities are open to students who successfully complete the course. The war department has discovered in army primary training

that there are less than one-third as many "washouts" among CPT trainees as among cadets who have not had the civilian pilot training. Present conditions indicate a gigantic increase in travel by air in the future, and men who are now trained as pilots will be among those chosen to pilot commercial planes. In this case the man who clings to the present terrestrial means of travel will be likened unto the man who drives a horse and buggy down New York city's Riverside drive.

A. and T. college has one of the best flight instructors in the country, Mr. Robert Terry. There has not been a major student accident in the flight program in his two years as flight instructor.

## UNDERGROUND FIRE BURNING AT WELDON, N. C.

### Smoke Pours From Many Holes In Ground; Has Burned for Weeks

WELDON. — Hundreds of people have visited the Weldon community center grounds here this week to view an underground fire, which local citizens have termed the "mystery fire," which has been burning for several weeks and shows no signs of abating.

Smoke pours from holes punched in the ground by sightseers, over an area of approximately 400 feet, very near the community center building. The ground in some places has sunk about two feet and two large trees, their bases burned off, have toppled over. The barbecue pit where "Rock Muddles" were cooked, has fallen apart from the heat and the sinking of the ground under its foundation.

The most plausible explanation of the "mystery fire" is that years ago the present community center building was used as an oil mill and cinders and partly burned coal were dumped in a huge pile. Since that time the pile was leveled off and covered with soil and landscaped. The barbecue pit was created over the cinder pile and while the soldiers were stationed here guarding the bridges, they used the community center for their headquarters, and kept a fire going continually in the barbecue pit. The constant heat from this fire is believed to have ignited the cinder pile underneath and started the fire.

However, everything including a coal mine and a volcano has been predicted by the sightseers and the

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## STURDIVANT HAS BIG TIME AT EXECUTION

### Slayer of Wife From Anson County Jokes As He Is Put To Death

RALEIGH.—If ever a man seemed to enjoy his own execution, it was Robert Sturdivant, 29-year-old Anson county Negro, who died last week in Central prison's gas chamber.

Sturdivant walked the "last mile" from his cell on death row to the execution chamber smiling and joking to guards and other prisoners.

Warden Ralph McLean, who has seen many a man pay for a capital crime, said Sturdivant wasn't worried a bit about his plight and took his punishment, "better than any man I have ever seen."

Just before the Negro stepped into the chamber, the warden said, Sturdivant laughingly told his guards:

"I could kill my wife, but I wouldn't advise any of you boys to do the same thing. You couldn't take it like me."

Sturdivant was convicted for murdering his wife by first striking her over the head with the back of an ax and then splitting open her body with the blade.

## Mrs. Blackburn To Be Hostess To Garden Club

The Crepe Myrtle Garden club will meet at the home of Mrs. C. B. Blackburn, 907 E. Market street, on Wednesday evening at 8:00 p. m. The officers are: B. L. Green, president; Mrs. M. E. Morgan, secretary. All members are asked to be present.

## BETTER LOW RENT HOUSES FOR THE CITY?

### Chairman Charles A. Hines Suggests Study Be Given To Spring Plans

Chairman Charles A. Hines recently suggested to fellow members of Greensboro Housing commission that thought be given to plans for improving housing conditions in the low rent brackets with the arrival of spring, particularly since the program of the public housing authority has been temporarily suspended due to the war.

The suggestion was made after Rev. R. Murphy Williams, vice chairman of the commission, had expressed the opinion at the February meeting of the board at the city hall that a larger responsibility rests upon the commission because of the arrested status of the housing authority.

One idea is to interest private capital in making investments in houses for occupancy by families of the lower income brackets.

Discussion developed that the commission intends to insist upon owners of sub-standard houses making required improvements to make these units livable rather than demolishing them. It was also brought-out that there are more vacant houses in the city than a year ago, and this is regarded as a favorable factor in the slum clearance program.

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## EDITOR J. F. JOHNSON CALLED TO NEW JERSEY

J. F. Johnson, editor of the Future Outlook, was called to Trenton, N. J. Wednesday by the serious illness of his brother. He expects to return to the city by the end of the week.

## REV. MR. POWELL SPEAKER FOR HISTORY WEEK

### Pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York; Also City Councilman

"Democracy will lose its place as a world power if the Negro and other darker races are not given an equal right in the peace," declared Rev. A. Clayton Powell, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist church of New York and only Negro ever elected to the city council of that city, in a speech at A. and T. college last Thursday night, February 12, in the Richard B. Harrison auditorium.

Reverend Powell was presented as the highlight of Negro History Week celebration at A. and T. college. Dean W. T. Gibbs, who presided in the absence of President F. D. Bluford, introduced the speaker. The college choir under the direction of Prof. Warner Lawson rendered special music for the occasion.

Speaking on the subject "Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and the Negro Youth of Today," the speaker declared, "As Abraham Lincoln said: 'This nation cannot be half slave and half free'; and Frederick Douglass, 'It is far better to die fighting for freedom than to live as a slave.' We are faced with enslavement by fascist powers on one side, and on the other, with a pseudo-democracy in which we cannot give our own blood or our lives except in certain Jim-crow sections, to save democracy."

"We can lose this war," he said. "If we win the war, we must lose

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## Rationing of Gas Is Near

WASHINGTON. — Rationing of gasoline in the east appears to be an early probability as a responsible source said Atlantic seaboard oil companies had reported that fast dwindling stocks, due to war loss and diversion of tanker ships, justified restrictions on non-essential consumption.

Oil circles heard that a industry committee reported to Secretary of Interior Ickes, the petroleum co-ordinator, that consumption should be cut 15 per cent between February 15 and April 1, possibly by use of coupon books.

The committee was reported also to have proposed a renewal of the filling station 7 p. m. to 7 a. m. curfew used in the east last fall, when stocks fell off, and suggested that the stations also be closed all day Sunday.

Such a program, if adopted, would affect 100,000 service stations and ten million automobile owners in the 17 eastern states, and the District of Columbia.

One source said Leon Henderson, price administrator, already was at work on rationing plans for gasoline. It was understood that the industry suggested a restriction program be applied also to the Pacific northwest where supply has been affected by tanker sinkings and diversions.

The petroleum co-ordination office declined to comment on the recommendations of the industry committee, but Ickes recently gave a gloomy picture of the eastern supply situation, saying the stocks were "thin and getting thinner."