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CONFERENCE AT ST. MATTHEWS

Bishop R. E. Jones Is the Leader

St. Matthews Methodist church, Greensboro, has the esteemed honor of entertaining the North Carolina annual conference this year. We, the pastor and members deem this a grand privilege, for our church is one of the landmarks of Greensboro. It has stood on the corner of Five Points for many years, serving as a guide post to erring travelers. Naturally many have not heeded the call but on the other hand many have heard and followed. No finer example of one who answered "Here am I, send me" can be found than our own Bishop R. E. Jones, who comes to his home town and church to preside over the conference on his fiftieth year in the ministry.

Many noble characters have had a hand in the making of St. Matthews and, of course, it has helped to make them. Some of those who have left behind footprints on the sands of time are Dr. J. P. Morris, Dr. J. D. Chavis, Dr. N. C. Grandison, the late Rev. R. T. Weatherby, Rev. G. B. Blalock, Rev. S. F. B. Pence, Rev. M. M. Jones and a host of other ministers and laymen. We are fortunate to have with us to carry on this great Christian program our district superintendent, Rev. R. W. Winchester, Dr. S. A. Peeler, our present pastor, Rev. J. E. Brower, and many others. We feel that we cannot say too much in behalf of our pastor, Rev. J. E. Brower. Not that we have not experienced such qualities in other leaders, but in such strenuous times as we are now passing through, it takes great courage to be a leader. He has wrought a noble work at St. Matthews and here's "Hats off" to him and his
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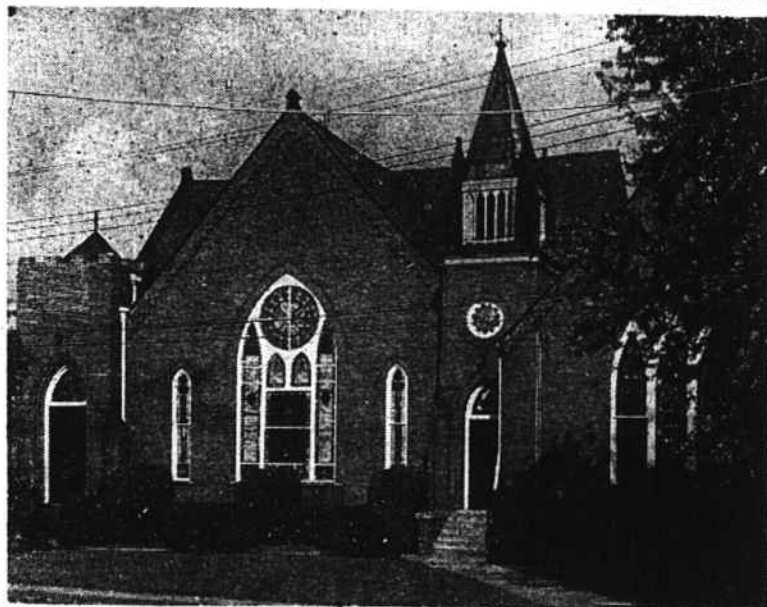
SPARROWS POINT NAME OF TANKER LAUNCHED OCT. 17

Bethlehem Workers Salvage More Than 3,000 Tons of Scrap To Help Build This Ship.

In recognition of a successful scrap salvage campaign and an outstanding record for participation in the war bond drive, a new tanker, to be launched at the Bethlehem-Sparrows Point Shipyard, Inc., on October 17, will be named the Sparrows Point, the Maritime commission announced today.

The workers of the Bethlehem Sparrows Point yard including approximately 575 Negroes, salvaged more than 3,000 tons of scrap, the equivalent of the amount needed to construct a new vessel, during a month and a half campaign. More than 5,200 Negroes are employed in the adjoining Bethlehem steel mill, and an additional 2,000 are now working at the Bethlehem-Fairfield shipyard.

Meanwhile the yard participated in the war bond drive, their percentage being 99.7, for which they are receiving a treasury department award. The bonds purchased are
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ST. MATTHEWS METHODIST CHURCH—CONFERENCE HOST

MR. CARTER LOOKS AFTER U.S. INTEREST

36 Years In Consular Service. Now In Madagascar Office

A veteran Negro consular official who is scheduled to retire this year has been protecting American interests and keeping the U. S. Department of State informed on the rapid-fire developments in one of the most dramatic theaters of this war, the Office of War Information revealed this week.

This official is James G. Carter, American Consul General at Tananarive, Madagascar. Mr. Carter is scheduled to complete a career of 36 years in the Foreign Service and retire on December 31, 1942.

From the moment of the landing of British forces on Madagascar on May 4, 1942, to prevent axis penetration, Mr. Carter has been keeping his government informed on the progress of the British campaign and on the communications and actions of the French officials at the island's capital, Tananarive. The Consul General also moved to protect American interests and citizens on May 4 when the State Department informed the French Ambassador in Washington that:

"The government of the United States is at war with the axis powers and if it becomes necessary or desirable for American troops or ships to use Madagascar in the common cause, the United States will not hesitate to do so at any time."

Following the occupation of Diego Suarez, the British began a new drive into Madagascar after developments indicated that this occupation had not resulted in adequate safeguards against axis penetration in other parts of the island. The new drive, which was also supported by the government of the United States, was directed towards Tananarive, the capital.

In the ensuing 23 days, the British forces captured the capital, covered
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COMMANDOS GET TOUGH TRAINING

Strenuous Barriers Must Be Overcome

"All right, men. On the double—up and over!"

So barks a khaki-shirted company commander to his group of Negro recruits as the band of dungaree-clad "boots" starts over the strenuous paces of the "commando" course, built at Camp Robert Smalls, home of the all-Negro regiment at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., to aid in converting the new recruits from civilian into physically hardened sailors in a few weeks.

The commando course — so designated because of the strenuous barriers placed strategically along the path—runs approximately one-third of a mile through a deeply wooded plot at the camp. Six-foot and eight-foot walls are placed in front of deep pits to simulate hills and ravines the modern sailor encounters during landing operations. A man
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Children Affected By Meat Ration

The food requirements committee today suggested weekly meat allotments for children under the government's voluntary share-the-meat program.

Children under six years of age may receive weekly 3-4 pounds of beef, pork, veal, lamb or mutton.

For each child between the age of six and 12, an allotment of 1½ pounds weekly of the same meats was approved by the committee.

The committee also announced that sausages are to be included in the 2½ pounds of meat to which every adult is asked to limit himself. Poultry, liver, tongue, sweetbreads, kidneys, brains, tripe, hearts, knuckles and fish are not included.
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CLUB FOR SEAMEN NOW ORGANIZED

Purpose of Club To Provide for Recognition By U. S. Government

Formation of a club for seamen of the United States Merchant Marine who have survived enemy action was announced today by the War Shipping Administration. The purpose of the club is to provide recognition by the government for men who have been torpedoed, bombed, shelled or shipwrecked in the war zones.

Many of these heroes have been forced to take to the lifeboats time after time, but when they reach port again they head for the nearest shipping office.

"You bet I'm going back to sea," has become the seaman's slogan.

The War Shipping Administration feels that such an organization will promote the morale of merchant seamen during the war and become a source of pride and satisfaction in the future.

The new club will have no rules, no officers, no dues, and no obligations other than to foster good fellowship and patriotic effort among merchant seamen. Membership will be optional with those eligible, and will include both officers and seamen.

WSA will provide members with a distinctive ribbon bar such as is worn by members of the armed forces. If the ship of a member has been lost through enemy action a silver star will be affixed to the ribbon bar; an additional star being added for each engagement in which a vessel has been lost. Already there are men eligible to wear six stars.

The selection of a name for the club has not been made yet, and eligible members are invited to submit suggestions.

Seamen applying for membership are instructed to give the name of the vessel upon which they have served; their license number or sea-
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BAND ASSIGNED VIRGIN ISLANDS

Secretary Knox Gives 23-Piece Orchestra

With war conditions restricting and curtailing many phases of life in American island outposts, and with morale a more important factor than ever before, Governor Charles Harwood has been pleased by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox that a 23-piece U. S. Navy band will be assigned to the Virgin Islands, composed as far as possible of native Virgin Islanders.

Leading candidates for bandmaster is Alton A. Adams, widely known Virgin Islands musician who was leader of the Navy band here during World War I and the 14 years of Naval Administration. Mr. Adams subsequently became editor and publisher of The Bulletin, one of St. Thomas' leading daily newspapers.

The band was organized, equipped and trained by the Navy as a means of educating and Americanizing Virgin Island natives when the United States purchased the islands in 1917 after two-and-a-half centuries of Danish rule. The Virgin Islands, then, as now, were the easternmost guardposts of the Panama Canal, the Gulf and East Coast of the Mainland. They also are the nearest American outpost to Europe and Dakar.

Since his appointment by President Roosevelt in February, 1941, Governor Harwood has been intensely active in behalf of both the economic betterment and the cultural advancement of the Virgin Islands, successfully making use of his wide knowledge of political and economic affairs on the mainland to these ends.

On this recent trip to Washington,
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NEW GAS RATION BOOK GOOD FOR ONLY 8 MONTHS

All A Books In Use Throughout the Country Will Expire July 21. All Books Look Alike.

Unlike the full-year basic ration books issued in the eastern rationed area, the new A books, which some 20,000,000 motorists in other parts of the country will receive when gasoline is rationed nationwide, will provide rations for only eight months.

The A books in use throughout the country thus will expire on the same date next summer, July 21, enabling OPA to issue all renewals at one time.

While the new A books will resemble those eastern motorists now hold, they will contain 32 coupons in four pages instead of 48 coupons in six pages. The pages will be numbered 3, 4, 5, and 6 to correspond to the two-month periods during which the coupons on each page are valid.

The coupons will have the same gallonage value (at present, four gallons). Motorists everywhere thereby will get rations for the same
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