

## A. M. E. ZION CLOSSES SESQUI-CENTENNIAL

### First Negro Group Enters Piedmont Soil Conservation Test

#### HARRIS MEETING WELL ATTENDED BY LARGE GROUP

J. H. Green Is Elected Leader And Rev. Goode And Others Speak

#### FIRST GROUP IN TEST

Rutherford, Oct. 23 — Negro farmers of the Harris Community formed the first Negro soil conservation group to enter the Piedmont soil districts program at the Harris school tonight.

The group of 22 Negro farmers is the largest of the 63 groups organized to date in the 6 counties of the area, contest officials announced.

The entire Negro community of some 80 men, women and children gathered to see a soil conservation movie "For Years to Come."

The large gathering was attributed to enthusiasm of the Rev. Ellis Goode who, it was reported, had gone into "the highways and hedges" rallying his people to the cause of soil conservation. "I'm proud of soil conservation," the minister told the gathering to night. "I believe it will create more interest than anything in our community."

Leader Henry Greene, when elected, stated, "Soil conservation will help us regardless of the price."

Entering the contest were farmers: R. E. L. Greene, Melton Roberson, Henry Greene, Clyde Camp, Golar Harris, R. B. Camp, S. M. Goode, J. R. Sellers, E. L. Goode, Herbert Simmons, B. T. Harris, Robert Wilkerson, C. H. Camp, W. W. Abrams, Odell Goode, Pete Mosely, Lee Camp, Ray Camp, Tom Camp, J. L. Mosely, Henry Lynch and Henry Simmons.

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#### Thanks Sponsors Of County Fair

We wish to thank all persons who helped to make the beginning of a Negro Fair. We are desirous to have all suggestions that will help in future planning of such an enterprise.

We believe by the enthusiasm shown by the people of the county that you will support and build up a strong sentiment for a continuation of a fair. Many persons time and energy to put over the fair this year. As was well known the period of preparation was very limited, yet you wrought well. On the other hand there were no funds or organization to promote the fair.

Premiums were donated by the various merchants of the three towns Forest City, Rutherford and Spindale. The Gate City Shows and Mr. L. C. Price. We wish to thank every donor and those who would have helped had they been given the opportunity. The spirit of your cooperation far exceeded the value of your merchandise. We of the sponsoring committee express our thanks to each of you personally. Your contributions made for us a successful beginning.

We wish to pay special tribute to Mr. John Jones, Mr. F. E. Patton and Mr. L. C. Price of the Rutherford County Fair Association for their support and guidance given us in this undertaking.

Many thanks to all who in any capacity rendered us help.

J. C. Gibbs, V. C. Ramsey, Jr., P. W. Wellmon.

#### Gold Hill Sunday School Convention Meets In Ellenboro

Profitable Session Is Held And Financial Showing Is Good

The quarterly Sunday school convention of the Gold Hill Association met Sept. 28-29 at Webb's First Baptist church with Mr. Plato Bridges presiding. After a spirited devotional service echoes were heard from the member churches. The delegate to the annual convention which had convened at Charlotte, N. C., Mr. Alfonso Bridges made a fine report.

Webb's First Baptist \$1.00; White Oak \$1.00; Oak Grove \$1; Friendship \$1.00; and Jerusalem \$1.00.

A fine discussion centered around a bible school in this association with Mr. S. B. McKinney leading it. Rev. J. T. Duke also lead in a discussion about organizing a Sunday school.

A union Sunday school was taught with a large attendance and \$1.91 raised.

Rev. J. T. Duke, pastor preached the sermon on Sunday from the 3rd chapter of 1st John, 9th verse. He delivered a fine message that was well received by the large audience there.

The following persons were placed on the honor roll with 50c: Bros. Bridges, S. B. McKinney, J. Y. Brooks, Fuller, Rev. Duke Alfonso Bridges, Ralph Spikes, and those for 25c were: Bros. Laster and Sisters Annie Bell, Hester Walker, Lynell Jones, Elsie Lomax, and Arlene McKinney. Total amount raised was \$10.02.

Following this all committees reported. All reports adopted. Disbursements: pres. \$4.50, sec. \$4.50, sermon 6.00, vice-pres. \$1.50, treas. \$1.50, corresponding sec. \$1.00, sexton, \$1.50, reporter \$1.00, press 50c.

Final remarks and adjournment.

Pres. Plato Bridges, sec Mrs. Lillie M. Maise, treas. J. Y. Brooks.

#### Personal Items From Uree

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#### Honored



**MRS. HATTIE G. MARTIN**  
Shown above is Mrs. Hattie Glenn Martin, who for the past sixteen years has been a faithful and honorable servant in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Stallings, Forest City, N. C. Mrs. Martin was highly honored Sunday, Oct. 20th at a banquet given in her honor at New Bethel A. M. E. Zion church. She was given high praise for her faithfulness. Dr. and Mrs. Stallings gave the party for her.

#### HERALD SHOPPERS COLUMN

**Bridges Jewelry Store**  
Bridges Jewelry Co., Main St., Forest City, is owned and operated by Mr. Bridges, a native of this county and a veteran of World War II.

The Bridges Jewelry Co. was established during this year 1946 and has shown remarkable growth and development since its establishment. A complete line of jewelry is carried at this up-to-date store including wrist and pocket watches, silver and chinaware, and everything that is usually found in an up-to-date store such as this one is.

Christmas is just around the corner. The purchasing of some much needed gifts or articles for ones own use can be found and purchased at that progressive store.

You can use their Lay-away-Plan, cash with purchase, terms or any way that suits the purchaser. The aim of Mr. Bridges and his employees is to serve and please you.

When you are in need of any of the services mentioned it will pay you to remember the "Herald Shoppers Column" and visit the Bridges Jewelry Store in Forest City, N. C.

#### Personal Items From Union Mills

Mrs. Annie Childers, (Staff Correspondent)

Mrs. Annie Childers and son, Lester Childers, of Rutherford, visited her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, Glenview, Ky. They were highly entertained by friends there including dinner with Mrs. Ruth Cox and breakfast with Mrs. Bertha Brooks. Mrs. Morris is the former Miss Elizabeth Childers.

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#### NEGRO FAIR WAS GREAT SUCCESS

Large Crowds Attended and Exhibits Were Excellent

The Rutherford county Negro Fair held at the fair grounds at Spindale, Sept. 24-28 was highly successful. The midway was very good with a special feat each night that was breath-taking. A baseball game was featured Friday afternoon and a horse race Saturday afternoon. Besides other feature attractions that made the fair more interesting.

Wednesday was school children's day and they literally took the place. The time for the rotation and advertising of the fair was limited, but the attendance was excellent.

The farmers and other civic minded people of the county filled about two thirds of the large exhibit hall on short notice. Some beautiful prizes were given, however a list of the winners was not available at press time. Progressive and civic minded merchants gave the prizes.

The people of this county are to be commended for the fine way that they followed leadership. Profs. J. O. Gibbs, V. C. Ramsaur, and P. W. Wellmon are to be commended for their foresight and courage in undertaking this large responsibility that a job of this kind was.

Finally, with the proper management and support the Rutherford county Negro Fair will be much better and bigger next year than it was this year. Our slogan could well be "A bigger and better fair in 1947".

#### Personal Items From Green Creek

Leroy Holbert (Staff Correspondent)

We have been very busy here trying to gather our crops before frost gets them.

Mrs. Margaret Wilkie and Miss Catherine Copeland sponsored a singing contest at Greens Creek church Oct. 6th for the benefit of the church.

Mr. Bill McEntire, a member of Greens Creek church, died Oct. 6th after a long illness, and was buried Wed., Oct. 9, with Rev. E. O. Bass and G. W. Driskell officiating. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Sadie McEntire, son Henry, and one daughter, Mrs. Sallie Ramsey, of Mooresville, N. C., one brother, Jim, of Shelby, 20 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a host of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Violet Blacky, of Cal., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Martha Wood.

Mrs. Penola Simpson and son, of New York spent a few days with her father, Mr. Arthur Simpson.

The annual singing convention of the Gold Hill group met here Oct. 12-13 with Prof. H. H. Hudson presiding.

The preaching days at Greens Creek is the 1st and 3rd. You are welcome to attend.

Little boy seeing a skeleton: Gosh Mama, I guess he lost his ration book.

Annie Martin: How come you call Fat Hudson "Bermuda Onion"?

Shirley: 'Cause he's so big and strong.

#### Aggressive



**JESSIE LEE MILLER**  
Shown above is Jessie L. Miller, staff correspondent of the Harris Herald and circulation manager for the western district. Mr. Miller plans to take a lengthy trip for the Herald. His trip will take him to the western section of North Carolina. He also plans to attend the Blue Ridge conference which meets in Morristown, Tenn. in November. He will also visit other points in the interest of Western North Carolina's newest and most progressive newspaper.

#### Herald Columnist Sesqui Official

Dr. H. T. Medford, Washington, D. C., sec. foreign missions and editor of The Missionary Seer was an active member of the committee preparing for the great celebration held in New York a few days ago. He was also a member of the press committee and did a great job publicizing that great event.

Dr. Medford is leading candidate for the office of Bishop in the A. M. E. Zion church general conference 1948. He in all probability will be elected. His friends are legion and they are determined that a worthy son of the church shall be rewarded for his great work in and for the cause of the church of his choice. More about him later.

#### Henrietta News

Hazel Phillips (Staff Correspondent)

The pastor of Zion Hill, Rev. J. D. Gladden has on a fall drive that will close Oct. 20. Rev. Gladden and choir recently rendered services at Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church, Gaffney, S. C.

New Zion Baptist Missionary met with Mrs. Mamie Logan recently.

Rev. J. T. Laster filled his regular appointment at New Zion church Sept. 29. The Rutherford quartet also sang several numbers.

The pastor, choir and members attended the singing convention at Russell's Tabernacle, and also at Doggetts Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. George Deck, of Spindale were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Smilie Wilkins recently.

Pfc. L. C. Surratt has returned to the U. S. Army after spending some time with relatives and friends here.

Mr. Madison Littlejohn and friends, of Spindale visited Mr. and Mrs. Edna Mae Martin, of New York is visiting her mother.

Mrs. Victoria Coleman gave a birthday party at her home Sept. 30 in honor of her daughter, Ruby.

Geneva, Lillian and Baxter Harris spent the week-end in Boiling Springs.

Mrs. Blanche Harrill and family spent Sunday, Sept. 29, visiting her son in Gastonia.

Miss Pauline Hart visited her parents, Sept. 28-29. She was accompanied by Mr. Buddie Hart's sister.

Mrs. Corine Sims has gone to Virginia to visit her husband, Cpl. Richard Sims, stationed at Camp Lee, Va.

A large number of people from here visited the Rutherford County Negro fair held at Spindale recently.

#### Local And Personal Items Of Interest Gathered In County

#### Aged Lady Passes

Spindale—(Special to the Harris Herald) Funeral services for Mrs. Sallie Miller, who died Sept. 18th, was held at Russell's Tabernacle C. M. E. church Sept. 21. Rev. W. F. Jones, pastor and Rev. W. R. Bomar presiding. The eulogy was delivered by Dr. H. A. Keaton, a friend of the family and an outstanding preacher. The letters of condolence and telegrams were numerous. Remarks were made by H. L. Foster. Interment was near Zions Grove church.

#### Zion Grove News

Jessie L. Miller (Staff Correspondent)

Our Sunday school is moving along nicely. Superintendent Jessie L. Miller, Secretary, Rufus Wilkins, treasurer, Mrs. Pearl Lynch, Rev. S. W. Brice is pastor. We have 25 members enrolled. Our pastor is always with us in Sunday school and gives us good instructions. We hope to send him to the annual conference with a round report.

Rev. G. W. Driskell, pastor of Greens Creek Baptist church preached at Zions Grove in the afternoon of Oct. 6th. Amount raised \$28.00. Total for the day \$40.00.

The last quarterly conference will convene with Zion Grove church Oct. 19-20 with Rev. C. G. McKinney presiding, and Rev. S. W. Brice, pastor.

A singing concert will be given at Zions Grove church Sunday, Oct. 27. Choirs include Greens Creek, Russell's Tabernacle, Union Grove, and other classes. Rev. E. O. Bass will preach at 3:00 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilkins announced the marriage of their son J. D. to Miss Dovie Wilkerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilkerson. Both the bride and groom are graduates of New Hope high school.

Mr. Clifford Twitty and Miss Ida K. Davis were married Sept. 11. Miss Davis is the daughter of Mrs. Florence Davis of Melvin Hill and Mr. Twitty is the son of Mrs. Etta Twitty of Greens River.

Vera Gray and son spent the week-end with home folks.

Mrs. Arnola Thompson has returned to Asheville after attending the funeral last Saturday.

The Dixie Humming Birds, of Gastonia, and the Friendly Four, of Shelby rendered a program at Zions Grove Sept. 27, amount raised \$32.00.

Oct. 1-2 we had a heavy frost. This was the earliest that a frost has been here since Oct. 7, 1935.

#### AROUND THE NATION'S CAPITOL

By DR. H. T. MEDFORD Washington, D. C.

It is reported that the District of Columbia Council of Social Agencies in its annual report last week; recommended that Christian Churches of this city open their doors for memberships for people of any, and all races in the Nation's Capital, without discrimination. We understand the same has been approved in principle by Washington Federation of Churches. This is a long step forward in race relations and Christian Brotherhood.

In taking the above action the Local Council of Social Agencies and the Church Federation follows the lead of the Federation of Churches of Christ in America; when in its annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio, February 1946, the Federal Council passed a resolution calling upon its member bodies; about thirty in number, to open their churches

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#### ANNIVERSARY IS OBSERVED IN NEW YORK CITY EVENT

Great Progress Of Church Is Shown Over Period Of 150 Years

#### GOVERNOR SPEAKER

The Great Sesqui-Centennial of the A. M. E. Zion church is now history, as it relates to the great Celebration in New York, Sept. 8-22, 1946.

Perhaps no church event in the world's largest city ever attracted more attention of the citizens and the press. Our constituency from all sections of the country converged on the city in large numbers, and departed greatly inspired, informed, and more loyal to the A. M. E. Zion church.

Bishop W. J. Walls, the General chairman, the business managers, the staff and others who worked under his leadership, was extolled by his colleague, and praised by all who could appreciate the difficulties met and overcome in bringing a glorious culmination to the epoch making celebration.

Dr. James W. Eichelberger, chairman of the program committee and those with him achieved additional fame, as a master program builder.

Governor Dewey's address, and the National Solo Contest at Carnegie Hall, where Bishop B. F. Gordon presided, The International Oratorical Contest organized and presided over by Mrs. Ola M. Martin of Chicago, at the Great Manhattan Center, were easily some of the most thrilling events of the celebration.

The celebration climaxed with "Freedom Night" at the world famed Madison Square Garden, which was secured and used for events of the celebration all day Saturday and Saturday night, Sept. 21. It was "Youth Day" and among the features was a noon-day message by Dr. S. P. Perry of Durham, N. C., and the crowning of "Miss A. M. E. Zion", the result of a popularity contest conducted by Miss Lillian Browder. At night a great array of Nationally and Internationally known speakers including Paul Robeson were heard by the thousands who rushed to that mammoth world forum.

Dr. James W. Eichelberger, presided grandly. The singing of the great thousand voice chorus under the direction of Prof. J. A. Munday was sublime.

The spectacular and historic pageant "The A. M. E. Zion Church in Freedom Lead" with a hundred participants simply gripped and thrilled the multitude.

The Garden roared as Mrs. Emma C. Clement of Louisville, Ky., "American Mother for 1946" was introduced and Mrs. M. Anna Hauser of Salisbury, N. C., general resident of the W. H. F. M. Society, with a neat speech presented her a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the A. M. E. Zion church.

Sunday high-spots of the great celebration was the memorable opening sermon at Mother Zion church, Sunday morning, Sept. 8th at 8:00.

The memorial service arranged and led by Bishop C. C. Alleyne. The celebration moved to the First Church, Brooklyn, for Sunday and Monday, Sept. 15 and 16, where Bishop B. G. Shaw was heard in a sweeping message at 11 a. m.; and a great address by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the International C. E. Society at 3 p. m., and Bishop W. W. —Turn to Page Four

#### New Radio Station For This County

The cheering news comes to us that a radio station is to be built in Rutherford county on Highway 74 between Forest City and Spindale, N. C., providing the authority is given by federal officials. Mr. Ed Anderson, publisher of Forest City Courier, and Mr. Clarence Griffin, editor of the Courier and some others are officials of the new company. The station should prove profitable to Rutherford county.

#### Local And Personal Items Assembled By Editor In His Rounds

Mr. Ivan Warner, New York, attended the service at Zions Grove A. M. E. Zion church near Kings Mountain last Sunday. He was visiting in that section and expressed pleasure at being present in the community. He also stated that the 150th anniversary celebration of the A. M. E. Zion church that closed in New York recently was one of the greatest meetings ever held in that great metropolis. "Zion certainly made an impression," said he.

Mr. Lee Camp, progressive farmer of the Bethany section and tenant on the farm of Mr. S. Doggett is one among the best farmers in this county. He has out 25 bales of cotton and expects to make 35 or more. He hopes to build himself a house in a year or so, which is a wise idea for others to follow.

The Harris Herald will celebrate its first anniversary in the November issue. We have come a long way, but have further to go. For a full account of the progress of the Herald read a copy of the November issue.

In a contest conducted by the Record Shop, Mr. G. B. Harrill, owner, Forest City, three weeks ago when three albums were given away, two of them were won by ladies from Henrietta, Misses Naimo Logan and Lula Mae Prince. Mr. Harrill stated that the contest was conducted in an honest way and that he was just as glad for the two of the three prizes to be won by colored girls as for any one else to get them.

Messrs. Joe McEntire, Indianapolis, Ind., and Bryant Eaves, Louisville, Ky., are visiting in this community at present. This is Mr. Eaves first trip here in 18 years and he expressed pleasure at being home again.

Rev. C. E. Rice, Chesnee, R. F. D. 1 and pastor of two Baptist churches, has shown his interest in the Harris Herald by selling a large number of copies to his friends. He is also alert and civic-minded, being vice-president of the Chesnee branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He stated that he is interested in anything that is for the up-building of his race.

Mr. W. W. Abrams returned home from visiting his children and other relatives in New York. He reports a pleasant and profitable trip.

Mr. J. H. Simmons, of Wayne, Pa. is visiting friends and relatives in this community this week. Reports are that he plans to build a filling station and general store in Harris on Highway

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