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BOND ISSUE TO BE SETTLED TUESDAY

New York Women Organize Group of Friends of NAACP

New York, April 14—A group of New York women interested in furthering the program and purposes of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, yesterday organized the Friends of the NAACP, a unit devoted to support of the Association.

Pointing out their "vital interest in the work of the organization, and... belief in its value as the pioneer in the field of civil rights," the group announced that it has the following purposes:

1. To give moral and material support to the program of the National Association;
2. To be a force for the positive interpretation of its work; and
3. To encourage others to participate in and lend support to its activities.

Officers elected were: Mrs. Lislis Carter, chairman; Miss Dorothy Heights, first vice chairman; Mrs. Eary Brown, second vice chairman; Mrs. Kenneth McClane, secretary; Mrs. Sara Witt Dunstan and Miss Viola Phoenix, assistant secretaries and Mrs. Farrow Allen, treasurer.

Other members of the group include: Mms. Mathieu Boute, Joseph James, Clifford Morsell, Carlotta F. Nichols, Reba Bowen, Phyllis R. Oliver, Polly B. Johnson, Roy Wilkins, Daisy George, Edward Coates, Clifford Alexander, Ruby Hurley, Helen G. Solomon, Esther L. Orr, LaValia M. Simmons, Bernice Matthews, Vivienne Bowens, Daisy W. Derritt, Harry Owens and Edith Besfield.

1950 U. S. Savings Bonds Campaign Begins May 15th

Washington, D. C.—The 1950 U. S. Savings Bonds campaign, to be known as the Independence Drive, will get under way May 15 and run through July 4. Secretary Snyder announced today. The Liberty Bell is the campaign symbol, and "Save for Your Independence," emphasizing the traditional American faith in thrift, is the campaign slogan.

"It is singularly appropriate that this campaign should be known as the Independence Drive, because the spirit of personal independence has motivated our financial as well as our political thinking since our nation's earliest days," Secretary Snyder said.

"As for the Liberty Bell, it symbolizes not only our political independence but also all those characteristics of Americanism which serve to sustain our independence. Of these characteristics, thrift, of course, is one of the most outstanding. Thus in the Independence Drive, the Liberty Bell will be an especially suitable reminder of the importance of savings and Savings Bonds to our economic life and to the financial independence of the individual."

Ever since the inception of the Savings Bond Program, Secretary Snyder added, it has been recognized as a strong force for the preservation and development of our free enterprise system.

The staff of the Treasury's Savings Bond Division will meet with volunteer committees representing banking, industry, agriculture, motion pictures, advertising, newspapers, radio, and numerous national organizations to organize the Independence Drive. The Treasury again will depend upon the help of several million volunteers to assure the success of the Drive.

Y. M. C. A. TO PRESENT GLEE CLUB AT THE MARKET ST. Y. M. C. A.

The Sterling High School Glee Club and Quartet will present a musical program April 16, 1950, in the Stephen Lee Auditorium.

This program is being presented in connection with fund raising campaign. As this is a worthy cause and also a first rate program, everyone is urged to attend. Time 4:00 p. m. Contributing sponsors \$1.00. Students sponsors \$.35.

POLICEMEN WHO BEAT BOY TO DEATH DISCHARGED

LAFAYETTE, Ala.—The two policemen acquitted recently of beating a colored boy to death are no longer on the force. The city council discharged James R. Clark, and the other, Doyle Mitchell, resigned of his own accord.

ACTION ON PRESIDENT OF SHAW UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT TUESDAY

Anderson Scores Concert Success At Bennett

Greensboro, N. C.—The brilliant playing of Walter Anderson, pianist, who appeared in concert at Bennett College last week, brought a successful close to the college lyric series for the school year 1949-50.

A well known arranger and composer, Anderson displayed a masterful artistry of technique and expression that brought enthusiastic applause from the audience.

Chairman of the Antioch College (Yellow Springs, Ohio) Music Department, the pianist's program included "Partita No. 2 in C Minor" by Bach, Beethoven's "Sonata, Opus 109" and "Three Intermezzi" by Brahms.

Easily the highlight of his program was his own composition, theme and variation on the spiritual "Lord, Lord, Lord." Completed in 1948, this work has been presented on a nation-wide radio broadcast and performed by the Cleveland orchestra. The theme of the composition is gay and saucy. Its ten part variation conclude in bold syncopation with incisive indelicacy.

Shaw Bears Defeat Lincoln Lions Saturday

Kenneth Battle pitched the Shaw Bears to a 3-1 victory over the Lincoln Lions Saturday afternoon at Chavis Park before a crowd of spectators, who were pleased both by the results and by the first mild weather to greet a game date this season.

Battle, who went the route for the locals, gave up only four hits, struck out 10 and walked one. Don Ukkerd, who started on the mound for the Lions, was charged with the loss. He gave up 7 hits, struck out 8, and walked none. Ukkerd was relieved in the eighth by Bob Edelen. Edelen got through the inning with one hit; he struck out two.

From the first inning, the fans sensed that a duel between two brilliant pitchers was in progress. Both Shaw's big righthander and Ukkerd, Lincoln's portside performer, were steady in the clutches. The Bear stickmen came thru in the third and sixth innings to provide the margin of victory.

The Lions went out in front in the opening frame after Joseph Harris, the lead-off man, singled to centerfield. Harris stole second and then advanced to third when Thomas Patterson was out, second to first. Harris tagged up and scored when Frank McCray flied out to centerfield.

Walter Roundtree, Shaw second baseman, was the big man in the Bear onslaught. Roundtree drove in two runs in the third when he hit sharply to leftfield for a double scoring Kenneth Battle and Donald Ford, both of whom had gotten on singles. In the sixth, Roundtree, from second, cashed in an error by the third baseman, who bobbled a return of Chester Goins' drive to centerfield, and raced home for the final tally.

The record for Shaw showed 8 hits, 3 runs, and 2 errors. The Bears got two extra-base blows, both by Roundtree. For Lincoln, it was 4 hits, 1 run, and 2 errors, with no extra-base blows. The win was Shaw's third of the season against no losses.

Seattle Claims Title of "Most Democratic City"

Seattle, Wash. — Seattle is America's most democratic city. This claim was made recently by proud local citizens at the annual meeting of the Civic Unity committee.

At this meeting speakers credited their claim to Mayor William F. Devin and the committee for their work during the five years of the committee's existence. Greatest achievements were the following:

1. Secured cooperation of hotels and restaurants in adopting non-discriminatory policy.
2. Worked with the public schools in experimental efforts to bring high school students the facts about discrimination in Seattle.
3. Launched an international housing service to bring together non-white home buyers and property owners willing to sell their real estate on the basis of character regardless of race, creed, or color.
4. Helped pave the way for the return of Japanese to Seattle.

No action was taken on the election of a new president of Shaw University by the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting held Tuesday morning. The committee on recommendations was not ready to make a final report and was authorized to continue its work. The Board voted to continue the Interim Administrative Committee to assist the five-member group to administer the affairs of the institution for the remainder of the school year.

In another action, the Trustees approved a right-of-way agreement in connection with the highway project which will route Highway 15A along Wilmington Street between Shaw's east and west campuses. Two ministers of the state were named to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at the May Commencement Exercises. The Ministers designated were the Rev. R. J. Davidson, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Shelby; and the Rev. H. H. Hart, Pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham.

The second annual Alumni Award for Distinguished Service will go to Professor Charles Frances Graves of Elizabeth City, class of 1901, a retired school principal and teacher.

Dr. R. P. Daniel, who completed all but the last few months of his annual report to the Trustees, fourteenth year as President, made members of the Board expressed appreciation for his help in the role of Administrative Consultant. Resolutions of the Board on this subject and on his long period of effective service will be inscribed on an Appreciation Scroll. Dr. Daniel was elected to serve another year as a member of the Board. Dr. G. O. Bullock of Washington, D. C. was reelected chairman of the Trustee Board. Other officers returned to their positions were: Dr. E. McNeill Poteat, Raleigh, vice chairman; Dr. John P. Turner, Philadelphia, secretary; Dr. C. C. Spaulding, Durham, treasurer, and chairman of the Executive Committee. Other members named to the Executive Committee were, Miss Mary A. Burwell, its secretary; Mrs. Foy J. Farmer, and Dr. L. E. McCauley, all of Raleigh; and Dr. P. A. Bishop of Rich Square.

Reelected for a three year term were, Dr. Turner, Dr. Bishop, and Mrs. Farmer. Other members present, in addition to those named, were, the Rev. J. Roy Clifford, Lexington; Mrs. Howard S. Palmer, New Haven, Conn.; Dr. William H. Rhoades, Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, and the Rev. W. Drexley Varney, all of New York.

Dr. R. P. Daniel Address Students At Shaw Univ.

Dr. Robert P. Daniel, former President of Shaw University, now President of Virginia State College, told Shaw students and faculty "anything worth having is worth working for" as he spoke at morning chapel exercises Monday in Greenleaf Auditorium. Using a timely phrase from a poem, Dr. Daniel declared, "The fault of this age is a mad endeavor to leap to heights that were made to climb."

The former president spoke to an audience which filled every available seat. He urged students not to be satisfied with "fair performance," but called for a sense of perfection in every thing. "There is a solution to every problem," he asserted; "the trained individual has the ability, the discipline, and the perseverance to find it."

ASKS LOVE Mayor Devin in his address asked every man to love his fellow man as his brother. He praised the citizens for their cooperation with the Civic Unity committee which he established in 1944. He said:

"I am proud of our citizens who have helped to make Seattle America's most democratic city. This fact proves that people of different races and creeds can live together peaceably with honor and respect for each other's rights."

Frank P. Hiesel, who presided over the meeting, also praised the city for giving more than lip service to democracy.

Among the hostesses for the occasion were two colored girls, Miss Vivian Meade and Miss Mari-Lou Miller.

Muriel Rahn In "The Barrier"

New York, — Miss Muriel Rahn, who rose to fame on Broadway with her performance of the

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THE REV. E. W. DIXON (Deceased)

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REVEREND E. W. DIXON ON BEHALF OF THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTERS' ALLIANCE

The activities of the late Reverend E. W. Dixon as related to the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance were many and extensive. To speak of his activities as co-worker in any one organization would not do justice to him in the many endeavors and projects of which he was in the background and to which he was directly related in their development.

For the nine years which it was my privilege to work with him in the ministerial group I had the opportunity to know him as a leader whose love and interest in progress among his people had no bounds. He was a promoter of public programs which he believed would furnish both educational and wholesome entertainment for our racial group; knowing that they were deprived of most public forms of entertainment that were helpful and natural. One who was not closely associated with the Reverend Mr. Dixon might have been led to believe that the commercial phase was the dominant factor back of such movements, which is certainly misleading. To my own knowledge the pecuniary remuneration was not his primary interest, and very little financial reward was realized from the efforts. He seemed to get his greatest joy out of the fact that he had made it possible for his people to hear great artists whom he felt were helpful and inspiring to them. He always thought in terms of something great and challenging for our people.

For a number of years the ministers' organization assumed the responsibility of sponsoring the Bible in the public schools. It was a community project and captured his interest. He gave the movement his enthusiastic support until it became necessary to discontinue the classes due to a lack of finance to carry on.

The Reverend Mr. Dixon was a man of wide acquaintances and influential contacts. It was through his influence that many of the outstanding personalities that have appeared in our city were secured. He was very resourceful, and could always help find a way out of any difficulty with which we might be confronted.

For more than a year he worked and planned along with other members of the Alliance to lay the ground work for the present Citizens' Organization, before it was presented to the public; and if he had not been called to his reward his name (in connection with the organization) would be silent today along with others who for the success of the movement insisted that they remain unseen. In every movement of the ministers' organization, and there have been many, the late Reverend E. W. Dixon has played a leading role; always thinking in terms of all the people.

Submitted by

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CHANCES OF PASSING ISSUE GOOD; ALL CITIZENS ARE URGED TO VOTE

Satchmo Happy As He Approaches The Age of 50

Louis Armstrong, leader of a little jazz combo which probably does more consistent big business than any other band in the world, doesn't know what his musicians receive in the way of salaries, according to Hollywood's Capitol News, a Dave Dexter Jr. music trade publication.

Here last month for his annual run, and fling on Bing Crosby's radio show, Satchmo, in an interview with Dick Williams, theatrical editor of the Mirror, confessed that he blows his big horn better when he isn't worrying about payrolls and tax computations.

"Joe Glaser (boss of Associated Booking Corp.) formed this band and appointed me leader," Armstrong, at 49 (he'll be 50, July 4) the undisputed jazz champ of the world, admitted.

No Contract Worries "We've been going three or four years now. I don't know what any of the men get. I can't concentrate and play my heart out and pay the musicians off. Can't put my mind on it.

"I haven't seen a contract in 10 years. 'Papa' Glaser handles all that stuff. I don't need contracts. 'Now you take a big band like I used to have. Bound to have some dummies in it. Some cats that can't play. Here everyone stands on his own. They can even jump into a classical number if they want to."

Has Fourth Mate Louise's wife, Lucille, travels with him. They've been married 10 years. "That's nothing," he said, "this is my fourth wife. I was married to my third wife 18 years."

Armstrong is getting ready to write his autobiography for Harper and Bros. He's delighted to do it, considers it no great task. "Typing is my hobby," he explained simply.

Louise says he now is in "perfect" physical condition. He makes a practice of getting in bed around 5 a.m. and getting five or six hours of sleep.

Judge Bolin's Resignation Not Accepted

NEW YORK. — Commenting on the action of the NAACP board of directors at its last meeting in voting two to one, not to accept her resignation as a vice-president, Judge Jane M. Bolin said:

"This action indicates that a two-thirds majority of the board, aware of my 20 years' service to the association, does not consider my resignation motivated by 'bad faith' or personal reasons, as publicly charged by one or two members."

Peace Committee Named In voting not to accept Judge Bolin's resignation, the board also authorized its chairman to appoint a committee, including himself, to confer with the jurist to request that she withdraw her resignation. Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Judge Charles Toney and Dr. Louis Wright were named to the committee.

In this respect, Judge Bolin said: "I shall always be pleased to meet with this committee or any NAACP board committee to discuss not only my resignation but any matter of interest to the association."

Met Responsibility "I have discharged what I consider my responsibility to the NAACP by informing the membership of some internal conditions which appear to me to need correction if our association is to be the effective and powerful instrument we want and need.

"This concludes all public statements from me on this matter. Corrective action following the recommendations of an impartial, independent survey committee or any other means is now up to the membership."

VISITORS TO THE SOUTHLAND ADVOCATE OFFICE THIS WEEK

Visitors to the Southland Advocate office this week were: Rev. G. L. Smith; Mrs. Mamie Reed; Mrs. Margaret Davenport, Rev. J. F. Birchette, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles U. James; Miss Eunice Neal, Wilmington, N. C.; Mrs. Robert Earl of Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. Charles Crowe; Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Porter; Mr. Jefferson Friday, Jr.; Mr. Herbert Friday; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. B. Horne; Rev. E. B. King; Mr. Benjamin Dixon and Miss Maben Dixon.

On Tuesday, April 18th, the citizens of Asheville and Buncombe County will go to the polls to settle the question of whether or not the city and the county will issue five and one half million dollars worth of bonds to finance the school building program. Up until now there has been much talk about the issue and the citizens are now ready to cast their vote to determine the question.

The anti-bond issue faction has had little to say only that they are against the issue while the pros have offered a good argument in behalf of the issue.

The pros offer the argument that Asheville's school building needs are more acute now than they have been for over twenty-five years. The last regular school building built in Asheville was Lee Edwards, which is now twenty-two years old. Since that time Asheville has lost five buildings by condemnation, with a total of fifty-seven classrooms, plus two auditoriums. Most of the buildings in the city housing elementary schools, were built without lunchrooms, libraries or recreation.

A survey to date shows that the pros are offering a better argument and that the bond issue has a good chance of winning.

Citizens who heretofore have taken no active part in elections and voting are going all out for the passing of the issue.

Remember April 18th is the deciding day.

Initiation Ceremonies To Be Held May 4

Professors Harry Gil-Smythe and Relford Patterson, members of the Music Department Faculty of Shaw University, recently were invited to become members of Pi Kappa Lambda, National Honorary Music Society.

They are to be inducted into the society at Initiation Ceremonies to be held by Alpha Delta Chapter at Howard University Thursday morning May 4, at 11 o'clock. Both are graduates of the School of Music at Howard University.

Professor Gil-Smythe is Chairman of the Fine Arts Division at Shaw University and Director of the University Choir. Mr. Patterson, who is completing his first year on the Shaw faculty, is Director of the Women's Choir.

Pi Kappa Lambda, the 32 year-old music society, was founded at Northwestern University. The Alpha Delta Chapter was installed at Howard University two years ago. The purpose of the organization is to further music education and to encourage achievement in performance, composition, and study.

Mr. Gil-Smythe, who holds the Bachelor of Music degree from Howard, attended the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore and the Julliard School of Music in New York City. In 1939 he received the Masters degree in Music from the University of Michigan.

Mr. Patterson holds the degrees of Bachelor of Music in voice and Bachelor of Music Education from Howard. Gil-Smythe is an accomplished concert pianist; Patterson is a promising tenor soloist. He was heard recently in concert at Shaw University.

Author Guest In Asheville

Mrs. Margaret Davenport, Dean of Women at Winston-Salem Teachers College was the recent house guest of Mrs. Mamie Reed of 415 College Street.

Mrs. Davenport is a native of Philadelphia, Pa. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Tennessee State College and Master from University of Pennsylvania. She also did further study under the late Weldon Johnson.

Mrs. Davenport is also the executive secretary of the Armstrong Association of Philadelphia, Pa., and is the author of "Azalia" which has been reviewed favorably in publications throughout the country.

While in the city Mrs. Davenport spoke at the Allen High School and was the guest speaker at the pink tea of the Women Federation Club which was given at the home of Mrs. Ida Self.

BEAUTICIAN LOCAL 5 TO SEND DELEGATES TO CONVENTION APR. 25

The Beauticians are getting ready to send a delegate to the State Beautician Convention. The convention is being held April 25 in Greenville, N. C. The President of the local, Mrs. Pearl Haney, is being sent as delegate.