

Daughters Of Oberlin Have Rendered 85 Yrs. Of Service

Few local organizations can boast of a longer and more continuous record of useful service than the Daughters of Oberlin.

This unique and different fraternal organization had its beginning only a few years after the emancipation of Negro slaves. Founded in 1876, the Daughters of Oberlin is now in its 85th year of service to the Oberlin Community.

Feeling the need for closer religious and charitable bonds a young group of devout Christian women living in the then small, all-Negro village of Oberlin, decided that a fraternal type of organization could best meet the need they envisioned.

These God-fearing women

had for a long period been holding weekly prayer services in the different homes in the community. Known as the Sunshine Band, this group was held in high esteem because of their many good and helpful deeds to those in need.

Although the Daughters of Oberlin is primarily a charitable and religious organization, it takes on the characteristics of a fraternal order by having a constitution, by-laws and initiation ceremonies. Members pay a weekly fee, receive cash benefits when disabled and a small token sum is paid to the survivors of its deceased members.

The aims and functions of the Daughters of Oberlin go far beyond

the formalities of its written creed.

The officers and members of this organization are constantly indoctrinated with the spiritual philosophy of its founders. These founders included, Mrs. Berline Flagg, Mrs. Rebecca Andrews, Mrs. Patie Shepard and others. The last of these devout women to pass was Mrs. Andrews who died about six years ago. The charitable acts of the Daughters are by no means confined to its membership. They are ready and willing at all times to help the needy, comfort the sorrowing and be good Samaritans to all in distress.

The Daughters of Oberlin have never sought to be a big organization in terms of members. Its organization felt that by confining its membership to women born in the Oberlin Community, it could do a better job at home. Because of this reasoning, all of its members are truly daughters of Oberlin. This is perhaps one of the most distinctive and unique features of this distinct and unique organization.

The Daughters meet in their own building, the Daughters of Oberlin Hall. This two storied, frame building is almost as old as the organization. The Daughters hold a public meeting once each year. These yearly meetings alternate between the two churches in the community. All members are expected to "turn out" for the funeral services of departed members.

Present officers are: Mrs. Kate Hunter, president; Mrs. Delia High, vice-president; Mrs. Gertrude Hayward, recording secretary; Mrs. Lelia Holloway, financial secretary and Mrs. Susie Hall, treasurer.



ACTIVITIES AT NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE — Shown above are three scenes photographed at North Carolina College last week. Top photo shows three of the principals attending the 46th annual meeting of the Association for the study of Negro Life and History at the college. Left to right are: Dr. Harold Smith, Kentucky State College; Dr. John Hope Franklin, Brooklyn College, and Caultbert A. Jones of North Carolina College. Center photo shows the panelists for a session on "Negro Manpower In The Conflict". They are entertaining questions from the audience during the History session at the college. Left to right are: Dr. Reuben Sheeler, Texas Southern University; Dr. J. H. Taylor, host; and Dr. Jerome H. Brewer, Virginia State College. The new math professors at the college are pictured in bottom photo with departmental head, Dr. Marjorie Browne, second from left. The newcomers are: John D. Hartell, Miss Annie Mae Spaulding, and Nathan F. Simms, Jr.

Durham County Show Well As Report Figures Given

There are only 6,576 Negroes registered in Wake County as compared with 52,626 whites, a report just released by the Civil Rights Commission reveals.

Forsyth County leads in the registration of Negro voters with 14,798, representing 16.7 per cent of the registered voters in the county. It also represents 59.3 per cent of the Negroes eligible to vote. White registration, on the other hand, totals nearly 85 per cent of the white population eligible to vote.

Mechlenburg County, with 14,729 Negroes on its registration rolls, has the second highest number. The figure is 13.3 per cent of the Negroes eligible for registration. White registration in the county totals 96,074 or 77.6 per cent of the eligible white voters.

North Carolina, the commission reported, was "most cooperative" in furnishing data on registration by races, county by county. South Carolina on the other hand, supplied only state totals.

Durham Shows Well
Durham County has 13,201 Negroes registered or 67.8 per cent of those eligible according to the report. The country's white registration was 46,213 or 98.1 per cent of those over 21.

Other figures from the report: Robeson County, 11,994 Negroes registered 25,537 whites. Guilford County, 10,296 Negroes, 81,816 whites. New Hanover County, 7,353 Negroes, 31,421 whites. Sampson County, 5,726 Negroes, 23,790 whites. Cumberland County, 5,097 Negroes, 25,173 whites. Gaston County, 4,954 Negroes, 72,671 whites. Alamance County, 4,801 Negroes, 47,604 whites. Buncombe County, 4,523 Negroes, 53,036 whites. Johnston County, 4,252 Negroes, 43,883 whites. Beaufort County, 3,319 Negroes, 16,212 whites. Iredell County, 3,106 Negroes, 31,180 whites.

None Registered
The commission reported Graham County has 125 Negroes eligible to vote but none is registered. White registration in the county was reported as 4,025. Hertford County was listed with a registration of only 2.9 per cent of the voting-age Negroes in 1958, but the commission said the percentage since has risen to 8.5 per cent, with 537 Negroes registered. The commission said 60 per cent of the county's population is Negro. The report listed these North Carolina counties with Negro populations making up more than 30 per cent of the total population of voting age:

Bennett Will CIEP Tests Administer

GREENSBORO—Bennett College will be responsible for administering the annual Cooperative Intercollegiate Examination Program tests in nine cities in North Carolina and Virginia during the period November 27 to December 9.

Some 10,000 candidates across the nation are expected to take tests for scholarships and admission to any of 29 participating colleges and universities holding membership in the United Negro College Fund.

Following is a list of times and places of the CIEP tests which Bennett will administer:
Durham—Hillside: Nov. 27, 10 a.m.
Greensboro—Dudley: Nov. 28, 9 a.m.
Sedalia—Palmer Inst.: Nov. 29, 10 a.m.
High Point—William Penn: Nov. 30, 9 a.m.
Winston-Salem—Atkins: Dec. 1, 9 a.m.
Winston-Salem—Carver: Dec. 4, 9 a.m.
Danville, Va.—Langston: Dec. 6, 10:30 a.m.
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For busy individuals who do not always have the time to prepare speeches, the writer has established a group plan offering life membership for seven dollars. This entitles the member to get his speeches written for half price whenever he needs them. A fee schedule is available upon request.

Thanksgiving Speeches: It has been traditional to speak of the Pilgrims and the Indians on the Thanksgiving occasion. A more modern approach now would be to review the progress of the Negro in the last two years, and take a look at the forces shaping these advancements.
In the final appeal, urge all men to be thankful to the Almighty who is changing men's hearts.
READERS: For my public speaking pamphlet, send a stamped, self-addressed long business envelope to Dr. Marcus H. Boulware, Florida A&M University, Box 310-A, Tallahassee, Florida.



Wesley Re-Elected President Of Historical Association

DURHAM — The entire slate of officers, with Dr. Charles Wesley as president was unanimously re-elected in the final business session of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History at North Carolina College Saturday.

The ASNLH thus brought to a conclusion its three-day meeting at NCC, which featured major addresses by Dr. Wesley, Dr. John Hope Franklin of Brooklyn College, and Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., assistant to President John F. Kennedy.

Re-elected with Wesley were Dr. H. Council Trenholm, Alabama State College, and Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., vice presidents.

Dr. Albert N. D. Brooks, Washington, D. C., secretary-treasurer; Dr. J. Rupert Picott, Richmond, Va., vice president in charge of promotions; and Dr. W. M. Brower, Elberton, Ga., editor of the "Journal of Negro History."

MARRIAGE TOLD—Mrs. Leontine Hensley announces the marriage of her daughter, Alice Marie, to A. L. Lee Roy Johnson on October 8th. The bride is a graduate of Williston High School and attended the Norfolk Division of Virginia State College, Norfolk, Va. Mr. Johnson is a high school graduate and is now serving with the United States Air Force. He has recently been assigned to Spain.

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