

NEWS & VIEWS

BY J. B. HARREN

SALUTE TO RALPH JOHNS GREENSBORO - This column extends a hearty Salute to Ralph Johns, the outspoken patriotic white man of Jewish extraction (we believe) who has the courage of his convictions and many times has spoken out for and contributed to the Civil Rights fight of his colored brothers. Last week he spoke out regarding the war effort.

We met Mr. Johns about ten years ago. At that time he was enrolled as an NAACP Life Member and was actively engaged in helping the Greensboro NAACP Branch in all endeavors.

Mt. Pleasant Community News

BY LIZZIE JUSTICE.
The Mount Pleasant Baptist Church Sunday School began at 9:45 a. m. with the Supt., Mr. Ralph Justice presiding. Morning worship began at 11:30 a. m. with the Young Adult choir in charge of music, under the direction of Mrs. Beckwith. The pastor, Rev. Herman Forte, delivered the morning message. Communion followed the sermon, with Rev. Strickland in charge. The service closed with the singing of a hymn and the shaking of hands.

Last week he gained national-even international - fame when he proposed to quit his haberdashery business and go to North Viet Nam to take the place of any young American prisoner of war now being held by the Viet Cong.

This is all the more remarkable because Johns is 51 years old, and feels "I have nothing to lose, because my life is behind me." The sad note is that Ralph Johns attributes the break up of his home - he had a wife and two teenage daughters, who went with their mother - to his civil rights activities! We're so sorry for this. Because of this, Negroes with appreciative minds grieve at the sadness suffered by Ralph Johns. We wish him all the success and happiness possible. We trust he will continue to stand up for civil rights and the principles of brotherhood of all men. May God's blessings continue with him. But we wish he would stay here and let the Negroes he has helped so much show him that they really care.

REVIEW OF REVIEW
Walter Spearman, reviewer for the Rocky Mount Telegram, reports on the book, "Negroes and the New Southern Politics," by University of North Carolina professors Donald R. Matthews and James W. Prothro, just off the press of Harcourt, Brace and World.

Among Spearman's several observations, we like best his following analysis: - By the time the Upper South catches up with the nation as a whole in race relations, probably the Lower South will be up where the Upper South is now. "There is a 'desperate shortage' of capable Negro leaders." "The concrete, measurable payoffs from Negro voting in the South will not be revolutionary." (Will take many years of consistent hard work and building up, and Negroes must not become weary, we add).

Smithfield

BY MRS. L. M. LEE
SMITHFIELD - Sunday School at First Baptist Church opened at the usual hour with the Supt., Mr. Harvey J. Dublin, III, in charge. He did a wonderful job of carrying out his duties. May God forever bless him as he climbs the higher heights of life.

At the close of the union, meeting was held here Saturday and Sunday. Many out of town guests had the opportunity to hear a message delivered by Rev. Crum. He chose for his subject, "The Name of Jesus." The sermon was well received. Musical numbers were rendered by members of the host church, followed by members of Watts Chapel Baptist Church. At the conclusion of church services, president of the union, Mrs. Clara Ballentine came forward and gave a brief summary of the progress we are making toward Shaw University and the foreign mission. May God bless each of you who has helped us make these two days most enjoyable. The junior choir under the direction of Mrs. J. W. McLean rendered music for morning services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
The annual Christmas Tea will be held Dec. 18, at 4 p. m. Come and bring your friends to this gay affair. The Christmas program will be held Dec. 22 at 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

PERSONALS
Mr. John Tomlinson of Raleigh spent Sunday here with relatives and friends.
Mrs. Madeline Bryant of Washington, D. C. spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. L. M. Lee.

Mrs. Cleopatra Bryant is home after spending several weeks in New York City with a sick relative.

SICK LIST
Mrs. Viola Tonkins is recuperating at home after undergoing surgery at Duke Hospital. Also Miss Carolyn G. Solomon is ill. May God bless each of you.

Sunday afternoon caught that yellow duck strolling the streets with a shopping bag full of goodies and toys after attending a party.

Looking very beautiful as they strolled in the Christmas parade were Little Miss Un and her mother.

Missed from school Sunday morning, Kevin Ennis. Wake up early, Christmas is coming.
A THOUGHT: "For He will give His angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways."

Things You Should Know

Phillis Wheatley

BORN IN AFRICA, BROUGHT TO THE U.S. IN 1761, SHE WAS SOLD AS A SLAVE TO MR. JOHN WHEATLEY OF BOSTON. IMPRESSED BY HER INTELLIGENCE, HE PROVIDED FOR HER EDUCATION—SHE WAS A MASTER OF LATIN AND HISTORY, BUT WON ETERNAL FAME AS A POET. IN ENGLAND SHE WAS GUEST OF NOBILITY—AND, HOME AGAIN, GUEST OF GEORGE WASHINGTON!



CONTINENTAL FEATURES

Adele Thomas Shows The Way To Community Service

HIGH POINT - Eight years ago Mrs. Adele Lumpress Thomas gave up her career as a registered nurse to become a housewife and mother. This month, Mrs. Thomas will return to her nursing profession two days a week at St. John's Queens Hospital in Elmhurst, N. Y.

Mrs. Thomas, return to the hospital wards was made possible by a six week refresher course that has just been inaugurated by St. John's Queens hospital for registered nurses. The first course was completed just before Thanksgiving when Mrs. Thomas and 28 other nurses received certificates for meeting the requirements of the course.

Talking of her return to active duty, Mrs. Thomas says, "I feel strongly that every one of us who has been graduated as a registered nurse owes it to her community to do what we can to help solve the critical nursing shortage. The hospitals need us now and we have an obligation of service to fulfill. I am hopeful that many other registered nurses who are now inactive will be encouraged to follow our example."

A graduate of the nursing at King's County Hospital in New York, Mrs. Thomas has served on the staff of the Long Island Jewish Hospital for a year and a half before she made her decision to become a homemaker.

St. John's Queen hospital, is one of seven hospitals in the \$60,000 Catholic Medical Center now under development by the Catholic Charities, Diocese of Brooklyn. Six of the hospitals are being remodeled and brought up to date with the latest medical equipment. The fourth will be a new structure, Heart of the Medical Center will be an \$8,000,000 research center that will serve the seven hospitals and will provide physicians and specialists attached

Apex News

BY MRS. LOUISE COLVIN
The Gospel Chorus of First Baptist was in charge of the devotion for the 11 a. m. worship service.

Rev. W. H. Haynes of New Hill was the guest speaker. His text was taken from the book of John 3. The thought or sermon was based on the 1-7 verses. Subject: "You Must Be Born Again."

Rev. Haynes and family, known as the Haynes Gospel Singers, also contributed to the service musically. It was an interesting service. Visitors are always welcome.

Sunday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p. m., the annual Christmas program will be presented at the First Baptist church. There will be presents under the tree and goodies for all. Mrs. Francis Marrow, chairman, and co-workers invite everyone to attend.

The entire community extend their Christian sympathy to Mrs. Julia Lassiter and family upon the loss of her sister, Mrs. Slade, who was funeralized in Salisbury on Wednesday.

Our sympathy also goes out to the Jordan and Scott families, upon the sudden loss of their loved one, Mr. James Lee Jordan, who was funeralized Sunday at 3 p. m. at the First Baptist Church. Rev. J. H. White delivered the eulogy.

PERSONALS
Private Walter J. Spence, stationed at Fort Bragg, was home Sunday. All of his friends

to the Medical Center with broad opportunities for the study of many types of diseases.
St. John's Queen's will inaugurate a second refresher course after Jan. 1 and Sister Maria Edmund, director of Nurses' Services, is hopeful that many other registered



RECEIVES CONGRATULATIONS - High Point: Congratulations go to Mrs. Richard Thomas (left) who is receiving her certificate for completion of the refresher course given by St. John's Queens hospital in Elmhurst. Sister Marie Edmund (right) director of Nurses' Services at St. John's Queens makes the presentation as Sister Thomas Francis, administrator of the hospital, looks on.

Clinton News

BY MRS. H. M. JOHNSON
CLINTON - Army specialist Fourth Class Albert P. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralzie Smith of 514 Warsaw Rd, arrived in Vietnam, Nov. 18 with his unit, the 521st Quartermaker Company.

Spec. Smith entered the Army in February of 1964. He is a 1962 graduate of Sampson High School in Clinton and was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C. before entering the army.

Mr. A. W. Butler has returned to Los Angeles, Calif. after spending a week here making final plans to move his mother, Mrs. Ada Curtis to California. Mrs. Curtis plans to leave at the end of this week. We are wishing her a safe trip, good health and a very Merry Christmas.

ATTENDS CONFERENCE
Post commander and Mrs. Marion Fowler attended the Post and Units Officers Conference, held recently at the Jack Tar Hotel in Durham. Sampson High School Drama and Music Department presented the annual Christmas Cantata

Thompson

STUDENTS PRESENT CHRISTMAS MUSICAL FOR PTA
On Thursday, Dec. 15 at 8 p. m. the Thompson School will hold its monthly PTA meeting.

After a brief session, groups of students from first through sixth grades will present a Christmas Muscalle for the PTA and all adult friends. These students will be under the direction of Dr. Roland Allison, Music Consultant in the Raleigh Public Schools. The program will consist of Christmas Carols and other familiar Christmas songs.

We urge all of our adult friends to come and enjoy the beautiful Christmas music. Grade mothers will meet in room 3 at 7:30 p. m.

are looking forward to his visit home for two weeks beginning the 17th. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spence, Sr. of Apex.

nurses now inactive will follow the leadership shown by Adele Thomas and her cohorts who completed the course.

Mrs. Thomas, her husband Richard and their two daughters Cheryl, age 9, and Michele, age 6, reside at 117-35 Anderson St., in St. Albans, N. Y.



PRINCIPALS AT NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN DINNER - These persons were seated at the speaker's table at a dinner, staged by the local chapter of the National Council of Negro Women, honoring the late Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, on the occasion of the founding of the organization. L-R: Dr. P. R. Robinson, Miss Jessie Malone, Mrs. Lula Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Bobo, Columbia, S. C. and Miss Janet Hicks.

NCNW Observes Second Annual Founders' Day Celebration

Six p. m. Saturday, the North Hill dining room at the Sir Walter Hotel was the scene for the National Council of Negro Women in the second annual celebration of Founder's Day honoring the late Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune.

The dining hall was beautifully decorated in floral colors of the season with Christmas music as the members and guests dined.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Lula Harris Robinson of St. Augustine's College. She effectively gave a beautiful review of Mary McLeod Bethune's life. The speech was an inspiring challenging one.

Guest and members present were: Dr. Prescill Robinson of St. Augustine's College, Miss Jeanette E. Hicks, president of the organization, Miss Maye E. Ligon, Mrs. Clinton B. Ligon, Mrs. M. Splawn Davidson, Mrs. Dorothy Housen, Mrs. Gertrude Foust, Mrs. Sarah Davis, Mrs. Francis Hayes, Mrs. Margaret Umstead, Mrs. Nina Ellis, Mrs. Omelia Johnson, Miss Eugenia Johnson, Mrs. Esther M. Hayes, Miss Fifi Rudd, Mrs. Elvie N. Walker,

Tabor City

Services were held at Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 17, Acme. Sunday School began at 10:15 with the Supt. in charge. Prayer services were by the Missionaries; Devotional services, pastor and choir; first hymn the choir, and responsive reading by the pastor and congregation. Invocation was given by Deacon J. H. Troy; spiritual by spiritual choir. Announcements and sermon by pastor and children followed. Messaige song was rendered by the choir. The pastor came forward with the message. His text was found in Isaiah 9:2 and 11:1-3. The subject was "Peace in the Kingdom."

Invocation song was given after the morning services. Communion was held. While we were in communion, the Rev. Wells joined the church. He was accepted with gratitude. After communion we paused for dinner at 1:30 p. m. At 2:30 p. m. we reassembled for the pastor's anniversary. Opening song was by the Spring Green and St. John choirs. Scripture was read with prayer, followed by a song from the choir. The Rev. H. C. Dickson was presented by the pastor to bring the message. While the Rev. Dickson was giving his lecture, the pastor and his wife were ushered to the front to hear the message. He preached from John 21:17. Subject: "I Charge You to Herd My Sheep." Following this great message, offering was taken up by the officers with two selections by each choir. Remarks were given by the Rev. Wells and pastor. Visitors at Spring Green were Mrs. Novella Monroe, Mrs. Catherine Monroe, Mrs. Jennie Corbett, and Mrs. Newkirk from Hawes Chapel along with others. Rev. Singletary is pastor of Spring Green.

Missionary meeting group I met at Mrs. Hazel Chestnut's home Monday night. Visitors were Mrs. Amanda Bryant, Mrs. Reatha Johnson, Mrs. Nettie Elliott and Mrs. Evelyn Johnson, chairman.

Education pupils who were in complete charge of decorating for the event.

On Thursday, Dec. 8, the sixth grade section A of Pleasant Grove Union School presented their annual program entitled "Soar High in Math." Those taking part were Willie Bryant-Narrator, Joseph Woods, - Grouch boy, Rosetta Vanhook - Sets, Jeanette Vanhook - Empty Set, Edna Miles - Signs and Symbols, Ulysses Dewey - Union of Sets, Cathy Taylor - Intersection of sets, Eugene Miles - Ven Diagram, Claristine Crumpton and Joel Leath-Laws, Jerry Winstead - Kinds of Numerals, Kenneth Graves - Sub Sets, Curtis Currie - Bases, James Willis - Base Five, Keith Vaughn - Using Base two sent a rocket to the moon.

In conclusion Grouch boy had to admit that new math is swell. Mrs. C. B. Jeffries is teacher of the class.

Mrs. Hermena E. Hunter, Miss J. Simona Lee, Mrs. Mary A. Peterson, Miss Beatrice Martin, Mrs. Daisy W. Robson, Mrs. Josephine A. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Bobo of Spar-

tanburg, S. C., Miss Emma Foreman of Washington, Mrs. Bessie Moore Wesley, Mrs. Bernice Sanders, and Miss Jessye Rose Mebane presiding as chairman.



MR. AND MRS. LEROY COFIELD

Miss Barbara Ann McCoy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Winston Davis of Lynchburg, Va., became the bride, of Mr. Leroy Cofield, the son of Mrs. Maddie Cofield of Raleigh. The wedding took place on Saturday, the twenty-six of November, at 5:15 p. m. at the Rivermont Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va. The reception was held in the church basement. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. J. W. Davis. The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Miss Betty Davis. The best man was the groom's brother, Mr. William Cofield of Raleigh. The bride and groom teach in Lynchburg, Va., where they make their home.



Hoods Go To Her Head

Every girl loves a hood on her coat and designers go to the top to please these important young fashionables. This winter, stores feature many charming coats with warmth-giving coverups.

National Board of the Coat and Suit Industry advises mothers that there's no need for girls to sacrifice warmth for beauty these days. Coats emphasize both and collections are keyed to snow, ice and wind. Not one of these fashions will look wilted after wintering the weather, either, because the

board selects fashions that are quality wise.

Here's a coat that will delight the girl in your life—and what an idea for Christmas gift-giving. In lush pile fabric, it is prettily detailed with corduroy bands and deep pockets. Zipper closing is concealed with leather buckles. Quilted lining adds more warmth. Ash with brown. Sizes 7-14. About \$19.