

THE GOSPEL WORLD

BY JAMES THOMAS

Hi there! Well, here we are in the Gospel World again after another wonderful weekend. First of all, let me say if you missed the appreciation night program for Brother Wilbur Thorpe Sunday night, March 30, at the Mt. Sinai Holy Church in Raleigh you missed a treat. Although the Spiritulettes of West End and the Jackson Brothers of Danville weren't there, he had a full program. All of the groups were at their best and the special guest was The Tommette Gospel Singers of High Point. They just hold you spellbound. So anytime you hear of the Tommettes nearby be in the nettes nearby to see and hear them.



THOMAS

Well, on this Easter weekend there will be a lot of programs. Most of the Churches will start with Easter Sunrise Services, and then Easter programs for Sunday afternoon so

Alumni Of Hampton At State Meet

Officers and members of the Raleigh Chapter, Hampton Alumni Association attended and participated in the 29th Annual Conference of the North Carolina Region of the National Hampton Alumni Association held in Rocky Mount, at the Sheraton-Carlton Motor Inn on March 29-30. The theme of the conference was "New Responsibilities of Alumni--1969" which was the center of activities and thought throughout the two days. Keenly aware of the problems caused by racial discrimination, the alumni felt the need for increased responsibilities of its members in national and community affairs to assure full participation of black citizens in the mainstream of society.

The conference was attended by Dr. Jerome H. Holland, president of Hampton Institute; trustees, J. J. "Babe" Henderson of Durham, and Dr. Adrian Freeman, a surgeon of New York; the national alumni president, Dr. Frank W. Bender II of Syracuse, New York; O. G. Taylor, director of alumni affairs; and by many speakers, alumni members and guests.

The conference was termed as one of the best in its 29 years. The local members attending were David D. Spauld, president of the local chapter, Mr. and Mrs. Mildred Peoples; Mrs. Dorothy Hausen, Miss Annie Mae Rich, Mrs. Ermine Bates, Mrs. Marguerite Jordan, Mrs. Pearl Smith, Mrs. Ruth Woodson, and Mr. Leolia Spauld.

Another of the highlights of the local chapter's activities for this year will be the presentation of the Ebony Fashion Show on Friday, October 17, at the Memorial Auditorium.



SETS 18TH ANNIVERSARY - The Rev. J. L. McCullers of Raleigh will observe the 18th anniversary of his entrance into the preaching and gospel singing fields here Sunday, April 6, with a program at the Raleigh Safety Club, scheduled to get underway at 7 p.m. Over fifteen of this state's top gospel singers will be present to help him celebrate this occasion. "Sweet Bob" Rogers will be the master of ceremonies.

everyone can get out and show off their Easter outfits.

All roads will be leading to the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium Sunday, April 6, for a big Easter program for the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church building fund. On program will be The Golden Tones, and The Pilgrims of Joy of Fayetteville, Divine Travelers, Gospelaires, Sister Jessie Peacock, The Capital City Five, and many others.

A great singing festival will be held Easter Sunday afternoon, at 3 p.m., at the Mt. Sinai Holy Church. Appearing on the program will be The Heavenly Gospel Singers of Wendell, Golden Echoes of Franklin, The Evening Aires, and The Golden Bells of Raleigh. Mrs. Mildred Ruffin will be mistress of ceremony.

A big post-Easter program will be held at the Jeffrey Grove School Sunday, April 20, at 3 p.m. On program will be the World Famous Dixie Hummingbirds of Phila., Pa., The Gospelaires, The exciting Divine Travelers, the Evening Five, and The Capital City Five, all of Raleigh, and the Silver Stars of Willow Springs.

We are still collecting clothing and donations for Mr. Robert McClain.

The five top gospel records for this week are: "Calvary," The Supreme Angeles; "Peace Be Still," The Soul Stirrers; "Just Go Ahead," The Violinaires; "Saints Hold On," The Sensational Nightingales; "Sweep Around Your Own Door," Swanee Quintet.

Chapel Hill News

CHAPEL HILL - Sunday morning worship services at St. Paul Church were beautiful. Prayer was by Rev. T. P. Du-

hart. The men's chorus sang Hallelujah, He lives." Rev. J. F. Epps, pastor, brought an inspiring message. The people spread Palm in the path of Jesus, later those same persons cried crucify Him." Following the sermon, Baby Cary Marvin Bynum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin S. Bynum and little John Tate Task, son of Miss Louise Task, were baptized. After the affirmation of Faith, visitors were introduced by Miss Eunice Atwater. Among those were Rev. and Mrs. Scott of the Western North Carolina Conference. Flowers were donated by Mrs. Gladys Lassiter and Mrs. White Brit. The Holy Passion service will close Easter Sunday at 5:30 a.m., at the First Baptist Church with all church choirs singing.

There will be a bake sale Saturday, April 5 at Fowler's Food Store and a spaghetti dinner in St. Paul annex by the Emergency Club.

On April 20, the Kiltrell College choir will render a concert at the St. Paul Church, sponsored by the usher board.

Those celebrating birthdays are Mr. Allen Johnson, Mrs. Helen Merritt, Mrs. Lena Jones, Mrs. Christelena McDuffie, Mr. Bradley Riggsbee, Misses Ruth and Ruby Cooper. St. Joseph CME Church celebrated a very fine service Sunday with the Rev. David Parrish as guest speaker.

On Saturday, April 5, at 10 a.m., at the Masonic Hall, Rosemary Street, first floor, a tasty dinner is being prepared.

We are happy to have Mr. Howard Lee as candidate for mayor of Chapel Hill.

A THOUGHT
"Together we stand, divid-



RECEIVES CHECK FOR YWCA - Mrs. Mary B. Sapp, center, chairman, and Mrs. S. J. Macon, right, treasurer of the World Fellowship Committee of the East Raleigh Branch of the YWCA, are shown here presenting a check for \$300 to Mrs. J. A. Boyer, executive director of the "YW." (See story.)



ST. AUG STUDENT TEACHERS PREPARE REPORTS FOR SUPERVISOR - These are some of the student teachers with Dr. Nelson H. Harris, college supervisor of the group, as they prepare their reports, during Seminar III of the Student Teaching Program, held March 24, in the Communications Center at Saint Augustine's College.

World Fellowship Group Gives 'YW' \$300 Check

Mrs. Mary B. Sapp, Chairman, and Mrs. S. J. Macon, treasurer presented a check for \$300.00 to Mrs. J. A. Boyer for the Wilson Fund. All moneys coming into this fund will be used to complete purchase of additional property to the new Y. W. C. A. site on East Hargett Street.

The World Fellowship Committee is engaged in joining hands with women all around the world, in the United States and locally in studying, and in improving the lot of women, child-

Black Academy Of Arts And Letters Opens

NEW YORK, N. Y. - The establishment of a Black Academy of Arts and Letters, dedicated to defining and promoting cultural achievement by black people, was formally announced last Thursday by Professor C. Eric Lincoln, of the Union Theological Seminary.

The Black Academy was launched with the help of the Twentieth Century Fund, which provided assistance in financing the creation and initial operations of the new institution. As part of the celebration of its own fifteenth anniversary as a foundation, the fund furnished administrative aid to the Academy's organizers and will assist them in obtaining additional financing required to insure sufficient operating revenues for the Academy.

Professor Lincoln was chairman of the twenty-seven man steering committee of black artists and scholars who drew up the plans for the Academy. This group is being joined by twenty-three other men and women who have already gained distinction in their fields of interest -- the performing and plastic arts, writing and scho-

larship.

The fifty founding members are committed to seeking out and encouraging excellence among black artists, writers and scholars.

The program for the Academy will be designed to study and foster both the arts and letters of black people and public recognition of their achievements by blacks and whites.

The Black Academy will operate completely independently of the Twentieth Century Fund and any other institution. It will have its own headquarters and staff and has applied for a charter in New York.

Miss safety bill is offered by Nixon.

Democrats urged to uphold right to dissent.

Conrad says Elizabeth 2 is due in New York May 7.

Gilson signs record Cardinal pact for \$125,000.

Civil Rights Roundup

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL

MADISON, Wis. - The City of Chicago was characterized by U. S. Asst. Atty. Gen. Jerris Leonard last week as "the most segregated in the U. S." Speaking at a Madison conference on housing, the civil rights chief of the U. S. Justice Department charged that Chicago was found to be the hottest bed of discrimination and segregation when a survey of several cities was undertaken to investigate compliance with the 1968 open housing law.

MENTAL ILLNESS

CHICAGO - Racism was classed as the major mental illness afflicting the United States, and one that must be treated before improvement can be seen. This opinion was given at the 13th annual conference of Illinois State mental health representatives meeting in the Drake hotel.

HOSPITAL WOES

NEW YORK - Both Lincoln and Harlem hospitals are having their troubles. At Lincoln, the mental health facility, a sit-in was staged by 23 psychologists, social workers, nonprofessional workers and medical students, in protest to alleged malpractice and maladministration. Harlem is in the grips of a city-imposed freeze on the hiring of nurses and other aides, which brought a vote by doctors to remain away from their posts. The hospital is slated to close down operation this week if nothing has been done to alleviate the shortages of personnel.

INELIMAN PUNISHMENT

BATON ROUGE, La. - Two 15-year-old girls, charged with delinquency and confined to the State Industrial School for Colored Youth at nearby Scotlandville, are petitioning for their release on charges they were punished by school heads by being put in a small cell, 6 by 6 feet, with no clothing or shoes on. The pair, serving a two year term, after conviction last Feb. 12 for "resisting an officer," want their freedom on grounds of mistreatment, and because the institution is segregated.

STATUE REMAINS

LAFAYETTE, Ind. - The statue of a Black boy which has been standing at Fire Station No. 3 for over 50 years, will not come down as some Black citizens had hoped. Its removal had been asked by some Black persons who had considered the statue "offensive."

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