

Hopping About Tarheelia

BY J. B. HARRIS

ROCKY MOUNT DENIES 'JIM CROW' WARD
-ROCKY MOUNT-The hopes of many Negro leaders here were dampened when the Rocky Mount City Council last week refused to recommend the setting apart of a major section of the predominantly Negro Second Ward as a special ward composed of Blacks in order that it might assure the election of a Colored representative to the seven-member City Council.

Instead, the Council recommended the reappointment of the Blacks of the ward into three wards where Whites predominate in an avowed effort to redistribute the population on a more equitable basis, with polling places remaining the same.

It has been the contention of many Blacks that a Negro could not be elected to the Council because the Whites have not in three previous campaigns been liberal and fair enough to vote for a Negro candidate. On the other hand, a few Negroes have contended for increased Negro registration and voting effort, and the cultivation of reciprocal voting on the part of the Whites (councilmen are elected on a city-wide voting method).

A minority of Negroes, also opposed to the effort to get what would have amounted to a segregated (Jim Crow) ward, made no outward move to influence the verdict. They simply pointed to the fact that it would be resegregation to get a Black ward. The Council had help from the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill in the consideration of several plans for redistricting the seven wards, hearings for which had been held during the summer.

It is not clear whether Negro advocates will pursue further their effort for a Black ward. There is, however, much disappointment among the advocates of the "Black ward" who contend that 24 Negroes joined heartily with 51 Whites in trying to win All-America City honors for the town which is among the 22 semi-finalists now being judged by the League of Municipalities and the National Conference on Government with LOOK Magazine cooperating. The report is expected within a few weeks.

Those who wanted to segregated ward say the White leadership has let them down by not granting same since it is felt that Whites will not, soon, become generous enough to support and elect a Negro in any of the wards here. It is also feared that the remorse may spill over the undesired action on the part of ultra militants. Thus, they plead with Mayor John Minges and City Council for a rethinking of the issues involved.

Zebulon News

BY MRS. MADDIE FLOYD
ZEBULON - First Baptist Church opened Sunday School at 10 a.m. with the supt., Deacon James Wright, reading the scripture from Deuteronomy, 6th chapter. Deacon Atlas Jones, 6th chapter. Deacon Atlas Jones, 6th chapter. Deacon Atlas Jones, 6th chapter.


Louisburg News

BY MRS. WYNELLA MOORE
LOUISBURG - Sunday School opened at the Timberlake Grove Baptist Church at 10:15. Services are held weekly. Pastoral services are held every third Sunday at 12 noon.

Chavis Heights

BY MRS. C. J. MERRITT
The Booker T. Washington Club held its regular meeting at the Bloodworth Street YMCA with the acting president, Mrs. Luella D. Cheatham, presiding. The scripture was read by Mrs. Bessie Dudley; prayer, by Miss Elizabeth Pugh. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Cheatham and Mrs. Mattie McLamb.

Things You Should Know



Frederick DOUGLASS...
1817-1882
...BORN A SLAVE IN TALBOT CITY, EASTERN SHORE, MD. IN FEB., 1817. HE VOWED HE WOULD BE "A BEAST, A BIRD, ANYTHING RATHER THAN A SLAVE" ON SEP'T. 3, 1838, HE ESCAPED TO NEW YORK AND MARRIED A FREE NEGRO GIRL FROM BALTIMORE. THEY WENT TO LIVE IN NEW BEDFORD, MASS., AND HE BECAME AMERICA'S FOREMOST ABOLITIONIST LEADER!

CONTINENTAL FEATURES

Smithfield News

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Church Of God News

Our services began January 18th with Sister Faymer M. White leading the 6 a.m. prayer meeting. Sunday School opened at 9:30 a.m. with supt., Luther E. Perry officiating. The lesson for the Bible Class was, "The Kingdom Is At Hand."

Cary News

BY MISS MAE N. HOPSON
CARY - Church School began at Mt. Zion Baptist Church at 9:45 a.m. with Mrs. Daisy Ferrell, supt., presiding. Morning worship started at 11 o'clock. The senior choir was in charge of the music with Mrs. M. E. Ferguson at the piano.

Tabor City

TABOR CITY - Services were held at Mt. Pisgah MBC on January 18. Sunday School began at 10 a.m. with the supt. in charge. Prayer services were led by the Missionaries. The prelude was given by the pastor and choir. The first hymn was followed by responsive reading and prayer. The second hymn followed the mission and prayer. Announcements followed. The offering was lifted by the officers. A sermon was given by the pastor for the children. A message in song followed by the choir. The pastor text was found in Ephesians 2:8, subject "For By Grace are ye saved through Faith." It was enjoyed by all. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Huggins, Orange-

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Clinton News

BY MRS. H. M. JOHNSON
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Around Johnston County

BY MRS. ANNIE ELLIOTT

SMITHFIELD - Miss Mary Elliott of New York and Mr. Robert Elliott of Richmond, Va., visited their grandmother, who is still on the sick list, and expressed herself as being most appreciative of the wonderful things that the people and God had done for her.

Riley Hill News

BY MRS. MAMIE P. TWITTY
RILEY HILL - The Baptist Training Union has gotten off to a good start for the New Year. We are hoping and praying that the membership will be enlarged.

Deacon Leslie Jones is president, Miss Bernice Perry is secretary and Walter A. Rogers is treasurer. Jonathan Montague has returned to his regular classes at Riley Hill School. He has been studying a prescribed course at the N. C. Advancement School in Winston-Salem. Gloria Montague celebrated a birthday on January 19. Happy birthday to Mr. Theo Hodge, January 23, from his wife and children.

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Four Top Artists To Hampton

HAMPTON, Va. - Four outstanding black artists and the Royal Winnipeg Ballet of Canada are slated for the Hampton Institute Fine Arts Festival, February 2-10 on the College's campus. This year's festival is to feature contemporary black artists who are making significant contributions to the cultural expansion of the black man's position in American society, according to Dowling M. Bolton, director of Cultural Arts at Hampton Institute.

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