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Balthasar—The First Wise Man

The first wise man was Balthasar and he was colored.

He brought the Christ child myrrh and is said to have been no mere soothsayer but a powerful Ethiopian king.

When the star of Bethlehem shone proclaiming the birth of Jesus, Balthasar, with a group of his people, came to Bethlehem to pay homage to the Savior.

The Magi have been a favorite Christmas theme with artists since the origin of Christianity and most painters have depicted the Wise Man fairly accurately.

The three Wise Men symbolize the continents of Africa, Europe and Asia.

Caspar, the white wise man stands for Europe, and Melchior, usually shown as red-bearded, represents Asia. The former brought gold, Melchior, frankincense.

European artists were aware of this distinction.

Friar Juan Bautista de Maynu, 1569-1649, a Dominican monk, painted the black king in Oriental dress. The picture on this page is by the 15th century German artist, Albrecht Durer. Here Balthasar is shown in his royal raiments, holding the container of myrrh in his hand.

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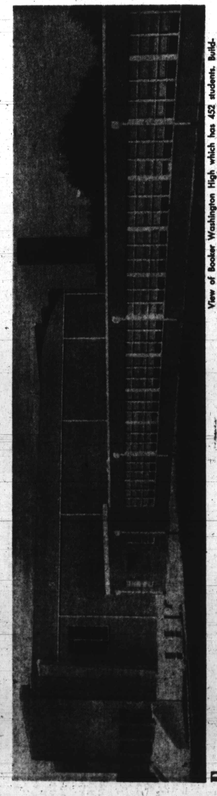
Reidsville, N.C., A Thriving City



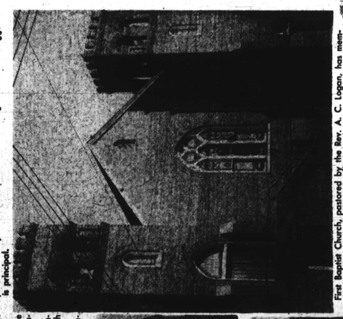
LOCAL POINT OF the Virginia-Carolina Piedmont area is Reidsville, N.C., one of the richest tobacco centers in the world. More than a half billion dollars worth of tobacco is grown and sold in Reidsville and its nearby towns in Rockingham County, Reidsville, Va., and Greensboro and Winston-Salem, N. C.

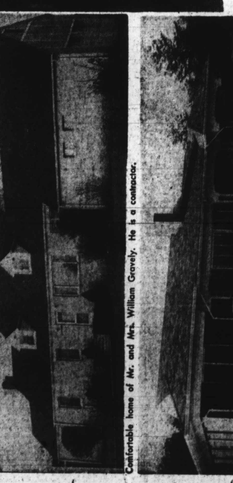
Located in Rockingham County, Reidsville has a population of 10,000 of whom 2,000 are colored. The city has two colored policemen, as many physicians, Drs. John Payne and E. W. Jones; a dentist, J. H. Scales, and a number of businessmen.

Pride of Reidsville is the colored high school erected in 1951 at a cost of $300,000. Principal is H. K. Grigsby directs a staff of 18 teachers and a student body of 452. Two elementary schools, Branch and North Scales feed pupils to the high school.

Pictures of some of the people who are shown on this page, have a refreshing variety, symbolic of the many tasks which make life in this tobacco center more enjoyable.

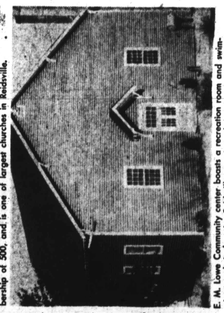
View of Booker Washington High which has 452 students, Building is 5 years old. Principal is H. K. Grigsby. Its 62-voice choir is directed by J. A. Angle, Va. State grad, and 30-piece band by S. W. Williams, A. and T. grad. H. K. Grigsby is principal.





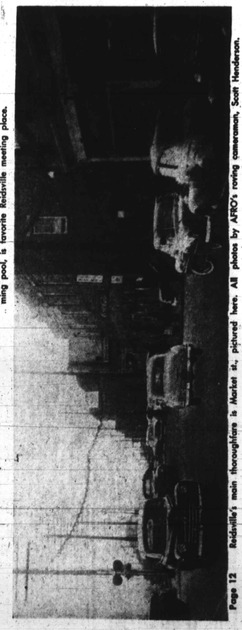
Comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. William Gravely. He is a contractor.

Pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Edgerton. Mr. Edgerton is one of Reidsville's Morticians.



First Baptist Church, pastored by the Rev. A. C. Logan, has membership of 500, and is one of largest churches in Reidsville.

E. M. Lowe Community center boasts a recreation room and swimming pool, is favorite Reidsville meeting place.



Home at left belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scales. He is a tobacco employee. Sgt. and Mrs. Floyd Powell occupy home at right.

Main thoroughfare is Market st., pictured here. All photos by AFRO's roving cameraman, Scott Henderson.

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- OUR roving photographer brings you pictures of Milton, N.C., and Henry County, Va.