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CANAL ZONE FIRES 130

BALBOA HEIGHTS, Canal Zone (ANP)—Reduction of force notices were mailed out early this week to 85 U.S.-rate employees in the Industrial Bureau and notices will be delivered later this week to 75 local-rate or non-citizen employees.

CALLED 'DANGEROUS THING':

Tobias Raps Race Bias On NAACP Anniversery

With Dr. Channing H. Tobias taking verbal pot shots at racial discrimination in America, the Baltimore NAACP celebrated the 44th anniversary of the national association Sunday with a Founders' Day tea at Shrap st. Dolphin and Etting sts.

The tea also honored founders, reorganizers and builders of the city group.

Dr. Tobias told the large crowd, which attended despite continous rain, that "segregation is a dangerous thing," and listed the following two specific reasons:

1. "Segregation denies to people the opportunity for intermingling with other racial and cultural groups, which is the only way they can learn anything about each other.

2. "Segregation is un-American, and when we insist that it be done away with, we are simply insisting that Americanism be upheld."

Against Gradualism

Declaring that he does not believe in gradualism on race issues, the chairman of the national board of directors of the NAACP said

"Either a man is a citizen or he is not. If he is a citizen, he is entitled to all the rights of citizenship."

He explained that the association is making its fight against discrimination of colored people "with broader objectives" than just securing onoortunity because the conditions of the race's existence in America have great bearing on the country's world prestige.

Denounces Restrictions

Dr. Tobias said there should be no restrictions in American life on the basis of color because there are no "black taxes" and no "black draft."

"Mr. Eisenhower may need some fundamental education on some subjects, but he doesn't need any on that," he said.

"The national conscience is being aroused about it," declared Dr. Tobias in speaking of racial discrimination, "not so much in the interest of doing the right thing for colored, but in the interest of giving the meaning to democracy that it should have when it is mentioned around the world."

No Overnight Changes

Dr. Tobias said that furthermore there would be no overnight changes — such as mass firing of colored teachers—if the race bars were suddenly lifted.

"Adjustments are quickly made when people find out they have to make them," he said. "Gradualism cannot be permitted as operable in the area of human rights."

A report on the status of a case involving a young mother, taken from her home by Northwestern district police while leaving three children behind alone with a stove burning in the house, only to have the charge of disorderly conduct against her dismissed, was given by Atty. Emerson Brown Jr.

Poor Police Methods

Mr. Brown described the woman, Mrs. Bernice Wilkins of the 1600 block Edmondson ave., as "a victim of poor police methods" and added:

"Her crime consisted mainly of objecting to the passage through her home of some workman to repair a roof next door."

He commended Magistrate Charlotte Main for dismissing the case, but roped Police Commissioner Beverly Ober's method of investigating the incident, in which police officers were cleared of blame.

"I suggest the whole thing, as far as the police department is concerned, is just a matter of going through the motions—and going through them very well—of whitewashing the police," Mr. Brown said.

Suit To Be Filed

He added that a suit against the two officers involved will be filed "in the next few days."

Donald J. Murray, first colored graduate of the University of Maryland's law school, told the Founders' Day audience that "there is no equality in a segregated school system. There hasn't been anything anywhere in the county to show that you can have equality through separate schools."

He said that the NAACP needed help in its legal fight against separate schools and added:

"We have been dreadfully negligent, and we are pledging to do better."

Rosewood Case 'Significant'

Robert Watts, another attorney on the NAACP's legal staff, told of the proposed transfer of 280 colored patients from Crownsville State hospital to all-white Rosewood Training school.

"Rosewood is a very significant case," he said, "because the state of Maryland is on our side for a change."

Mr. Watts appealed to the audience to write letters to authorities in behalf of the transfer.

Mrs. Juanita Mitchell revealed that Fort Smallwood and Sandy Point beach cases were already in the hands of federal courts. The lawyer also urged that citizens contribute to the NAACP in payment for freedom from restrictive covenants and other legal gains.

Life Membership Taken

Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the Baltimore branch whose "great spirit" was praised by Dr. Tobias, gave a $500 check for life membership in the association in the name of her late son-in-law the Rev. Karl E. Downs, one-time president of Samuel Huston college in Austin, Texas.

Another $100 payment — his second—on a life membership was made by Magistrate Avrum Rifman. Dr. and Mrs. Henry Welcome also paid $100 on a life membership, and Mrs. Cyrus Mitchell pledged a $100 payment during the program.

Funds from the tea will go into the NAACP's legal redress fund, which was recently heavily hit by the cost of a four-month survey of printing school facilities in Baltimore. The survey was aimed at providing grounds for action in gaining admittance of colored pupils to Mergenthaler School of Printing.

Also appearing on the program were the Men's chorus of Perkins Square Baptist church under tht direction of Arthur Evans with Mrs. Gladys Davis as accompanist and Mrs. Fannie Newton as guest soloist; the Three Tones, composed of Mesdames Clara Bailey, Doris Nimmons and Dorothy Scott; and featured soloist Robert Wilson, baritone.

Honored For Service

Dr. George B. Murphy was honored at the session as the only living founder of the Baltimore branch. Other honored were:

Living reorganizers: Dr. Carl J. Murphy, Mrs. Augusta T. Chissell, Mrs. Sarah F. Diggs, the Rev. A. J. Payne, Mrs. Florence L. Snoden, Mrs. Frances R. Madden and Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson;

Living builders: Mrs. Mary E. Hawkins, Mrs. Victoria R. Ridgely, Raymond A. C. Young, Henry U. Ayers, Dr. J. E. T. Camper, Mrs. Rebecca Brown, Mrs. Beatrice F. Martin, Mrs. Annie E. Harcum and the Revs. Jentry McDonald, E. W. White, H. O. Graham and J. R. Butler;

Honored Posthumously

Deceased founders: Father George Bragg and Dr. Russell Walker.

Deceased reorganizers and builders: Dr. John T. Colbert, Joshua Maxwell, Mrs. Estella Young, Mrs. Mayme Griffin, George Mitchell, Josiah Diggs, Mrs. Lydia Prisby, Henry Ayers and Marion Pollett.

Mrs. Mary E. Hawkins was mistress of ceremonies, and Dr. Tobias was introduced by S. Edward Smith, personnel manager of The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers. The Holiman orchestra rendered music during the tea hour.

The program was sponsored by the ways and means committee of the Baltimore NAACP, which includes:

The Rev. Howard L. Cornish, chairman; the Rev. Marcus V. Wood, co-chairman; Mrs. Hawkins, chairman of the tea; Mrs. Sarah F. Diggs, tea co-chair man, and Mrs. Eola Mae Watts, program chairman.

Retarded Youths' Future Planned

Parents of mentally handicapped children are urged to attend special spring classes offered by the Department of Education to learn how to plan for these children's future.

Classes for parents of preschool children, ages 2-years-old to 6-years-old will be held every Wednesday, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Johns Episcopal Church, 3001 Old York rd. and Greenmount ave., starting March 25.

All interested are invited to attend the planning meeting to be held at the church, March 17 at 7:30 p.m.

For parents of school-age children, ages 6-years-old to 16-years old, classes will begin March 25 at School No. 56, 30th and Poole sts., from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. and will continue every Wednesday for eight weeks.

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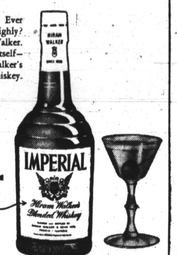
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Mental Therapy Aides Graduate

Commencement exercises for 13 graduates of the School of Rehabilitation Therapy Aides of the Department of Mental Hygiene will be held in the recreation lounge of the employees cafeteria at Crownsville State hospital, March 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Arvila D. Merrill, chief occupational therepist at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, will make the principal address. Graduates will receive diplomas from Dr. George F. Sutherland, chief of the division of psychiatric education and training of the Department.

The course for Rehabilitation Therapy Aides, given semi-annually at Crownsville under the supervision of Mrs. Jo Ann Otto, head occupational therapist, is for personnel of all state mental hospitals. Its objective is to make provision for the participation of greater numbers of mentally ill and mentally retarded patients in productive and therapeutic activities while they are under treatment in State hospitals.

Graduates will wear a forest green unifrom and identifying arm band and will recieve from $2,400 to $3,000 a year.

Charles Woodland Named To SAC

Dr. Charles Woodland has been appointed physician to the State Athletic commission in a rearrangement of appointees of the commission.

Dr. Woodland succeeds Dr. Bernard Harris Sr., who was appointed as the first colored physician by ex-Gov. W. Preston Lane in 1950.

Assigned for attendance at wrestling matches, Dr. Woodland said that he was appointed by Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin on March 2, and first officially discharged his duties at the Collisium on March 10.

Asked if he had any advance knowledge of his appointment, Dr. Woodland replied:

"No, not recently. Sometime ago they talked about it. That's all I heard."

Dr. Harris said that he was notified last week of the change in appointments.

CONFERENCE IN W. AFRICA

CAPE COAST, Gold Coast (ANP)—Some 50 delegates from the colony and Ashanti attended the 45th annual conference of the AME Zion Church here recently. The Rev. Calton Pope, AME Zion bishop of West Africa, was chairman.

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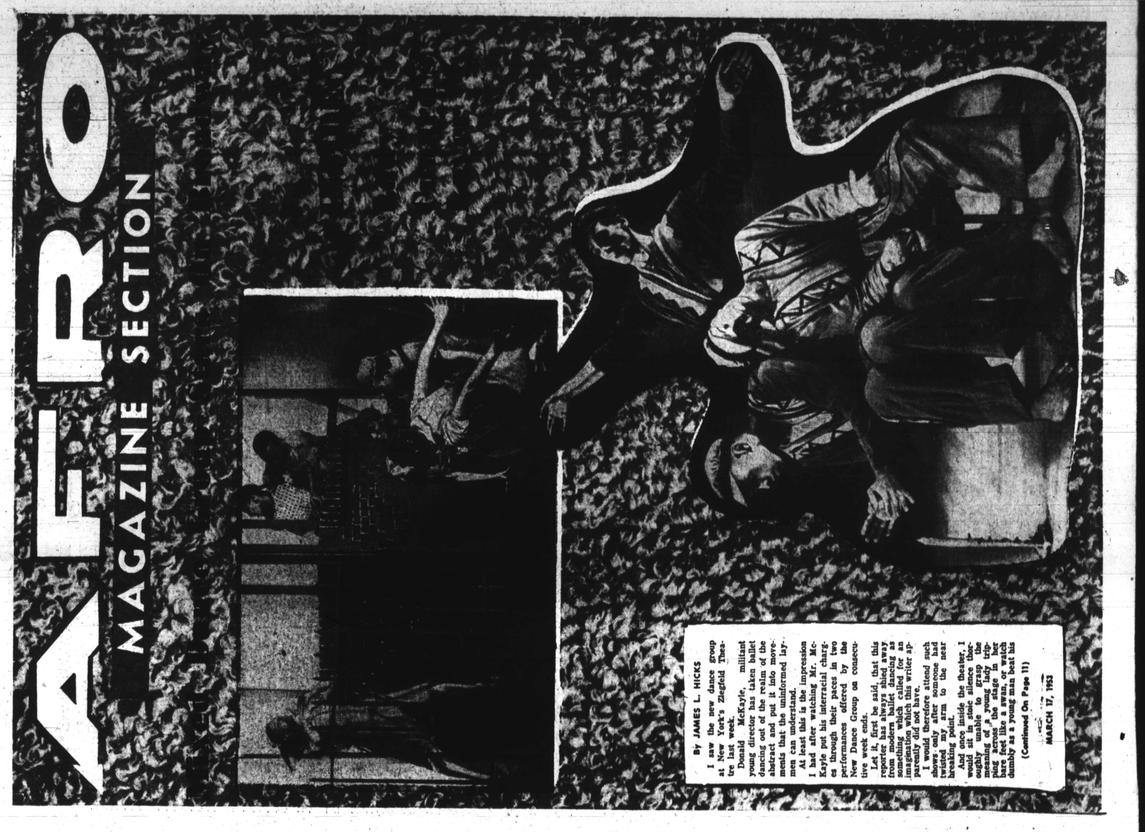


Highlights Of Henderson, N.C.

Henderson, county seat of Vance county, located on U. S. Highway No. 1, 115 miles south of Richmond and 42 miles north of Raleigh.

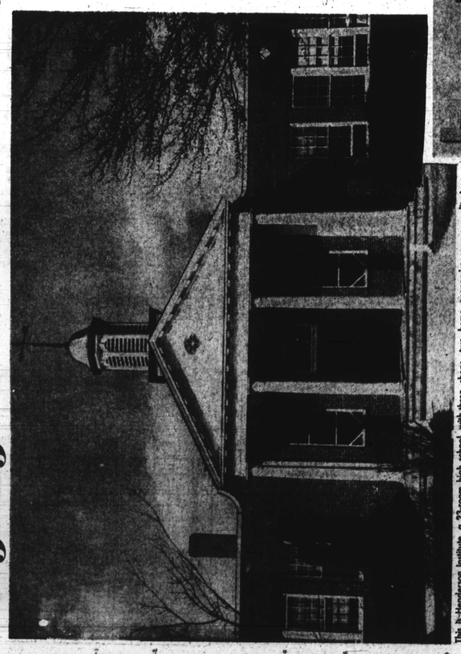
Leading trading center and marketing center in a farming area with a total population of 227,000.

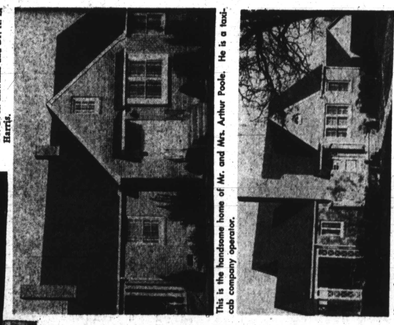
The city's population is 16,000. Tobacco and cotton are the principal crops. Franklinville, Warrenton and other counties are located in the Piedmont tobacco area and the Henderson area and the towns were this Bright Leaf tobacco county.

Vance county is developing as a fishing center. The Tungsten Corporation of America maintains the largest tungsten mining operation on the continent.

Colored citizens have limited cultural outlets and employment opportunities. The municipal hospital, a pioneer community institution, was established in 1911 by the Women's Home Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian church.

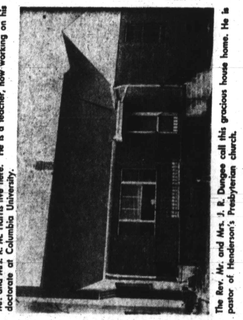
Four doctors and two dentists serve the city. Physicians are Dr. Arthur Poole, Dr. P. F. Green, Dr. H. T. Bond and Dr. R. A. Samagerjile. Dentists are Dr. D. A. Hawkins and Dr. A. L. Burch.



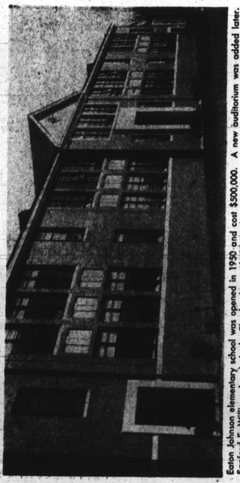


This is the handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Poole. He is a local company operator.

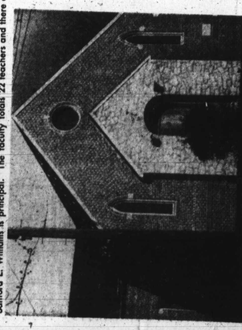
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Harris live here. He is a teacher, now working on his doctorate at Columbia University.



The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dungee call this gracious house home. He is pastor of Henderson's Presbyterian church.



Eaton-Johnson elementary school was opened in 1950 and cost $300,000. A new auditorium was added later. Sanford E. Williams is principal. The faculty totals 22 teachers and there are 762 pupils.



The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection was dedicated in 1949. It is a modern structure of English design, blending with Henderson's beauty. The church is equipped and led by an African priest.

This hi-Henderson Institute, a 23-room high school, with three shops, two home economics rooms, auditorium, cafeteria and gymnasium, was built in January. The school serves Kittrell, Carver, Nutbush, Dabney, Williamsboro, Townsville, Johnson, S. Henderson and Middle elementary schools. L. E. Spencer is principal. There are 672 pupils and 25 teachers.

Next Week

The AFRO roving photographer, Scott Hendecson, visits Bowling Green, Va., and Roanoke Rapids, N.C. Watch for these two full picture stories in the AFRO's series on growing cities.

Also coming in the Magazine are picture stories on the following Va. and N. C. towns:

Norfolk, Edenton, Culpeper, Warrenton, Danville, Durham, Lexington, High Point, Winchester, Front Royal, Hamlet, Lumberton, Laurinburg, Harrisonburg, Staunton and Waynesboro.

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