

Popularity Contest in Pulaski



A highlight among the social activities in Pulaski during 1955 was the crowning of 'Miss Sepia Southwest' at Calfee School and the 'Coronation Ball' which was held at the Corbin Branch YMCA afterwards. Miss Ethel Louise (Peggy) Payne, the queen is shown here with a member of her court, Miss Shirley Scott; other pictures represent a portion of the large crowd that attended the Coronation Ball. The other picture shows three members of the committee which sponsored the affair. From left to right are: Mr. E. L. Clator and wife, of Radford; Mrs. Mollie George, committee chairman; and Mrs. Mairee Marshall. Also on the committee were: Mrs. Margaret Calfee, Miss Mary T. Miller, Miss Dorothy Adams, Mr. James Alexander of Christiansburg, and Miss D. M. DeBerry of Jenkins, W. Va.



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Negro Brakemen Win Suit Against Discrimination

Court Enjoins N&W and Union

The Norfolk and Western Railway and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen must stop discriminating against Negro brakemen when they seek promotions to car retarder operators.

This was the decision reached by Judge John Paul in U.S. District Court here this week.

The suit was brought by three veteran Negro brakemen in the N&W's Roanoke yard. But it was drawn to include Negro brakemen over the entire N&W system.

Plaintiffs in the case are: Robert Coles and Robert H. Hamler of Roanoke and Sam H. Clark of Christiansburg.

Lawyers for the N&W and the Brotherhood conceded that Negroes were discriminated against under terms of union-company contracts in effect before September 8, 1954.

But, they argued, under a contract signed on that date discrimination against Negroes was eliminated.

Lawyers for the three Negro brakemen contended, however, that even though discriminatory phrases in the new contract have been taken out discrimination is still practiced against the Negroes.

In granting the injunction Judge Paul commented: "I'm not at all convinced the men are not being discriminated against now as much as before."

He remarked that if there is no discrimination now, as the railroad and union contend, then an injunction can do them no harm anyway.

Negro Brakemen Must Get Promotion Chance

An injunction barring the Norfolk and Western Railway and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen from discriminating against Negro brakemen in selecting car retarder operators was entered in U.S. District Court yesterday by Judge John Paul.

The injunction is the first phase of a suit brought by three Negro yard brakemen, who are suing the N&W and B of RT for \$145,000 charging the railroad and union with discrimination in giving the top jobs as car retarders to white brakemen with less seniority.

Trial of the damage suit itself may be months off. No date has been set for the trial and in the meantime opposing attorneys will submit briefs on the application of the statute of limitations applying to the case.

Judge Paul granted the injunction at a hearing Monday, but it was not entered until yesterday afternoon. Attorneys spent considerable time debating the wording of the injunction.

The order requires the N&W and B of RT to give equal treatment to white and Negro yardmen in the training and selection of car retarder operators, who work in towers switching cars in the major terminals on the N&W. They make \$1.65 a day more than yard brakemen.

At the hearing Monday attorneys for the N&W and B of RT argued that an injunction was not necessary because the "non promote" classification of Negro yardmen in their contract has been eliminated. Membership in the B of RT is limited to white railroad employees working as brakemen.—The Roanoke Times.



Miss Sadye V. Lawson, a member of the Addison High School faculty, gave an inspiring message on the topic, "The Christian and Faith."

At the morning worship hour, members and friends were thrilled as they listened to and observed the young people carrying on the work of God in such an efficient and consecrated manner. All names of Youth Day participants were published last week.

The Rev. Mr. J. H. Scott, Jr., pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Staunton, Virginia, presented an appropriate and stimulating message for the youth as well as the adult members.

The Candlelight Service climaxed the day's activities at 7 p.m. At that time an appreciative audience was impressed with the reverent attitude of the 30 young people who participated in the service.

Mary E. Divers, a senior at Addison High School, held the congregation spellbound as she spoke on the topic, "Candles in the Wind—Candles Bringing Light."

Many were the congratulations extended to the young people of High Street Baptist Church—"The Future of the Nation." The public is invited.



Funeral services were held for Dr. David D. Jones, Friday, January 29th at 10:30 a.m.

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Youth Services Success at High Street



IN MEMORIAM

In memoriam to our father, the late Rev. S. G. Terry, who passed away January 29, 1953. We shall ever cherish his fatherly care, his wise counsel, his sacrifice in making it possible for us to have better opportunities than he had, and his devout Christian influence upon our lives.

Children:
GAZARA and ROGER

INTERRACIAL ROANOKE "YM" PRESENTS COLLEGIATE GAME

The "Big Blues" of Bluefield State College will play Ferrum Junior College in a basketball game on Wednesday, February 8, at 8:00 p.m., at the Lucy Addison High School Gymnasium.

Bluefield's co-captains are Maepore "Po" Miller, a senior at forward and James "Preacher" Galloway who holds down the pivot position.

Other outstanding members of the "Big Blues" are Roland Eanes of Blueston High School, Bramwell, W. Va.; Leonard Reed, all southern regional center, from Park Central High, Bluefield; Charles Brogdon of Park Central; and Leander Howell, one of the best ball handlers.

This promises to be one of the fastest college games on schedule for this section of Virginia.

These teams have donated their receipts for this game to the William A. Hunt on Branch YMCA.

The Hunton YMCA Basketball Team, which has not lost a game in the City Recreation League, will play the Hunton YMCA Team of Lynchburg.

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DR. A. L. JAMES TO SPEAK FOR INTERRACIAL COOPERATION

The Roanoke Commission on Interracial Cooperation, will hold a public meeting Sunday, February 12, at 3:30 p.m. Rev. A. L. James, D. D. pastor of the First Baptist Church, will deliver the main address. The meeting will be held at the First Church of the Brethren, 416 Church Avenue, S. W., of which Rev. Merlin E. Garber is pastor.

Readers are urged to attend the meeting. Special music will be rendered and an interesting program as been arranged.

CONCERT PLANNED

The Bluefield State College Accapella Choir will render a concert in Pulaski sometime in March, and will be sponsored by the League for Special and Civic Services and this is expected to be the classic of the indoor season in this area. The exact date will be announced later and tickets will be on sale throughout the southwest.



FAM-U RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK SPEAKERS

—Dr. T. B. Cowan, (left), pastor of Everybody's Church Lexington, Ky., and Dr. Melvin Watson, (right), dean, school of religion, Morehouse College, Atlanta, will serve as guest ministers when Florida A and M University marks its annual observance of Religious Emphasis Week, February 26—March 1.