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NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., of Montgomery, Ala., told a capacity audience last Thursday evening that "we stand today between two worlds, the

dying old and the emerging new." The occasion was the annual emancipation celebration program held at First Baptist Church, corner 23rd

street and Jefferson avenue. Dr. King, pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, spear-

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headed the successful Montgomery bus boycott.

SOLOMON TRAVIS, vice president of the Peninsula Shipbuilders Association, made the welcome address. In his (See **DR. KING**, Page 2)

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welcome remarks, Mr. Travis said that "all through history, God has always delivered on time the right man to do the necessary job."

Dr. Lyman Brooks, Director of Norfolk Division Virginia State College who responded to the welcome address said, that minority groups have made their greatest progress in times of crises.

MISS MARILYN EVANS gave an effective reading of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. So effective were her facial expressions and tonal quality that at the conclusion the audience gave her a big round of applause.

The Rev. Dr. John F. Williams, pastor of First Baptist Church, was master of ceremonies.

MUSIC WAS furnished by senior choirs number one and two under the direction of William Crump. The choirs' singing of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" stirred the audience to thunderous applause.

In his preliminary remarks, Dr. King referred to Montgomery as the cradle of the Confederacy. The audience chuckled when he said that he was glad to report that the cradle is now rocking.

THE SPEAKER had special praise for the rank and file colored citizens of Montgomery whose sacrifices made the bus boycott a success. He referred to these citizens as the ground crew. He likened them to the ground crew which services planes. He said that a pilot's successful flight depends on the efficiency of the ground crew.

He said that credit for what had happened in Montgomery did not belong exclusively to other leaders and himself but to the rank and file citizens.

DR. KING'S subject for his address was "Facing the Challenge of the New Age." He paraphrased his subject with John the Apostle's famous words while a prisoner on the Isle of Patmos: "And I Saw a New Heaven and a New Earth." The speaker said that when John wrote these words he had been deprived of every freedom except the freedom to think.

The 20th century was referred to by the speaker as an exciting age filled with hope. "We stand today between two worlds, the dying old and the emerging new," the speaker asserted.

HE SAID THAT the present tensions represent the usual pain that accompanies the birth of anything new.

During his remarks he deplored the striking contrast of poverty and wealth he observed while recently visiting Africa. He continued by scoring the Church of England which he said never took a stand against the British Empire's previous exploitation of India's vast millions.

Dr. King said that God got tired of this evil and broke the back of the power of the British Empire. "Most of the colored peoples of the world," the speaker said, "have broken loose from the colonial powers that once ruled them."

THE SPEAKER traced the progress that has been made by Negroes in the area of civil rights since they were first brought to this country as slaves.

"When the Negro was a slave," Dr. King said, "he was merely something to be used—a cog in a vast plantation machine."

THE NEGRO made a big step forward according to the speaker, with Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. Dr. King said that the separate but equal doctrine established by the Supreme Court in the Plessy versus Ferguson case in 1896 set a pattern of segregation. He said that segregation allows the segregator to feel superior and the segregated to feel inferior.

The racial peace which existed between white and black people under segregation was a negative peace, the speaker declared.

DR. KING said that the Supreme Court's decision of May 17, 1954 issued in a new order of freedom for the Negro. The noise that has followed the Supreme Court's ruling was labeled by the speaker as the death groans of a dying system.

According to the speaker the new age challenges members of the colored race to (1) rise above individualistic concern, (2) to achieve excellence in their various fields of endeavor, (3) to advance into the new age with love, mercy and forgiveness.

MEMBERS OF THE audience were cautioned by Dr. King against trying to be "a good Negro anything." He urged his listeners to "Be the best of whatever you are. If you are a good street sweeper, sweep like Michael Angelo painted pictures, sweep like Beethoven wrote music, sweep like Shakespeare wrote poetry..."

Dr. King cited the following as ways in which to deal with oppression: acquiescence, escapism, armed rebellion and non-violent resistance.

IN FIGHTING oppression, he urged the audience to use non-violent resistance. "Stand before the oppressor," the speaker said, "and say 'I will resist injustice but will not use violence and will not hate you. I will appeal to your heart and conscience and will eventually overthrow your evil system and win your love in the process.'"

The distinguished clergyman asserted that the new world is coming because God is on the side of justice. However he cautioned his listeners against going home to sit down and do nothing. There is work to do, he said. He urged the use of the ballot, the giving of money for the fight for freedom, the continual development of strong courageous and dedicated leaders.

IN CLOSING, the speaker said that to every nation there is a high way and a low way "God grant that America will choose the high way."

Others on the program were Mrs. Clara Draper and Robert Creekman who sang a duet, Dr. W. M. Brown, pastor of First Baptist Church, East End, who read the scripture, John H. Williams, co-manager of the P.S.A., and Edward Sharpless who lifted the collection.

The Rev. S. W. Williams, pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Church, pronounced the benediction. The Rev. James E. Thomas, 3rd, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hampton, gave the invocation.

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LAST Thursday was a very exciting day for a number of Peninsulites. It all began upon the arrival of "The Man of the Hour," the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., of Montgomery, Ala.

Dr. King arrived here by plane at Patrick Henry Airport at 4:30 p. m. He was greeted by a delegation of ministers from Newport News, Hampton and Warwick.

At 5:30 p. m., Dr. King approached his first event of a series. He was taken to the beautiful Laurel Room of the Cosmos Inn where he was honored with a testimonial dinner, with approximately 85 distinguished guests joining him.

SEATED AT the head table were the Rev. and Mrs. James E. Thomas III, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hampton; Dr. J. Delt Marshburn, pastor Zion Baptist Church, Phoebus; Dr. A. G. Moron, president, Hampton Institute; Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., pastor, Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams, co-manager, Newport News Shipbuilding Association; Dr. and Mrs. John F. Williams, pastor, First Baptist Church, 23rd and Jefferson avenue, and Dr. W. M. Whitehead, superintendent, Virginia State School, Hampton.

Toastmaster was John H. Williams, Lloyd F. Buckner, principal of Dunbar School, introduced the guests.

After the guests and honored guest had dinner, they proceeded to First Baptist Church, Jefferson avenue, where Dr. King spoke to approximately 1,500 people.

LATER IN the evening Dr. King was entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joel B. Franklin, 23rd street, Newport News. Guests present were, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Fooks, Dr. and Mrs. John F. Williams, the Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Brown, the Rev. and Mrs. James E. Thomas III, and Mrs. Lillian McCall.

On Friday, Dr. King was escorted to Norfolk Municip-

pal Airport where he boarded a Capital Airlines plane for his home in Alabama.

Attends Conclave

Walter A. Walker of Zeta Omicron Chapter, Hampton, and Dr. Charles Smith of Alpha Alpha Chapter, Newport News, attended the 44th Grand Conclave of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., held in St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27-30. The two delegates represented their respective fraternal chapters.

Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of Raleigh, N. C., celebrated their golden anniversary on Christmas Day. The following persons from the Peninsula attended the affair: Mr. and Mrs. Troy Smith and children; Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler Smith; and Mr. and Mrs. Zenas Landis and their daughter, Onald Smith, a student at Virginia Union University, also attended the affair. Troy and Schuyler Smith are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, Onald is their grandson.

Birthday Parties

Miss Joyce Beth Epps celebrated her birthday recently in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Epps, 105 Bethune drive, Williamsburg.

The honoree received many nice and beautiful gifts. The following guests helped her to celebrate: Diedra Rainey, Elnora Rawles, Glenda Hailey, Renee Lomax, Rolande Epps, Andy Cumber, Julie Anne Gregory, Fredi Brenda Epps, Iris Judkins, Pamela Payne, Louis Gregory, Henry B. Taylor, Herbert Cooke and Clarence O'Day.

EDDIE RUSSELL, Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Webb of Warwick, recently celebrated his 13th birthday with an elaborate party given him by his parents.

Russell was the recipient of all that is to be had in the making of a party. The following friends were present to help him celebrate: Willie Webb Jr., Joyce Eaton, Vinetta Ricks, Gloria Hughes, Ernestine Hughes, Zenia Terry, Carolyn and Constance Watkins, Josephine Thomas, Maxine Johnson, Kaye Williams, Charles and James Ricks, Curtis Carey Jr., Otis Langford and Sinclair Williams.

Holiday Party

Students of the Modernistic School of Beauty entertained their husbands at a party during the holidays. A

very large Christmas tree beautifully decorated, with loads of gifts surrounding it was the center of attraction. Holiday decorations here and there in the school, which was the setting for the occasion, really afforded a very lovely picturesque background.

To add to the fun and excitement, members exchanged gifts, after which a repast was enjoyed.

Mrs. Elizabeth Foster, president; Edith Jefferson, reporter; Agnes Elliott, secretary, and Virear Hudson, treasurer.

Entertains Guests

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Knight, 822-20th street, entertained a few friends in their home on New Year's night.

To add to the evening of fun, guests played monopoly. There were no prizes. Beautiful holiday decorations here and there and Hi-Fi music, plus the warm hospitality of Mrs. Knight, seemed to lend an air of complete relaxation to the atmosphere.

Guests enjoyed a repast. The following persons were present: Miss Dorothy Palmer, Cleophus Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Pleasant, Louise Melton Saunders and Mrs. Pearl Travis and daughter, Edwaine.

Snowball Dance

The 25th Street USO Club was the scene of a "Snowball Dance" on last Saturday evening. The dance theme was carried out with decorations. During intermission there was a simulated snowfall, followed by a "snowball toss." The snowballs contained prophecies for the year, 1958.

Prizes were awarded to persons who captured snowballs. First prize went to Pfc. Clark Bennett of Fort Monroe. His prize was a free telephone call to his mother in Cincinnati, Ohio. Other prizes were awarded USO junior hostesses, Pearl Spencer, Alice Gailing and Corienne Crowell; Al/c Robert Edwards, Langley Air Force Base, and BT/3 James Wellingham, USS Cadmus.

Duplicate Bridge

The Peninsula Duplicate Bridge Club met on last Thursday evening at the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA. Three and a half tables of bridge were played.

Winners were as follows: W. E. Barron and W. T. Jones, first place; Carlton Ford and Mrs. Carol Jones, second; Mrs. C. Brown and Miss Florence Peeden of New York City, third place; Ed Barker and Mrs. Helen Campfield, fourth place; Mrs. Verna Ridley, and Miss L. K. Frazier, fifth place; T. Jordan and Dr. W. P. Yancey, sixth place, and Mrs. Sadie Marie Yancey and Dr. James Murray, seventh place. Guests for the evening were Mrs. C. Brown and Miss Florence Peeden.

Attends Funeral

The following persons attended funeral services for Robert J. Lane which were held recently. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lane, Mr. and Mrs. John Burton and son, Mrs. Carrie Lane, Mrs. Evelyn Hawkins and Daniel Mitchell, all of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Ruffin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Everson, all of Waverly, Va.

Members of the Norman Lassiter Dental Society of Newport News who attended the funeral of Dr. James Alexander Chiles in Richmond on Dec. 27 were: Dr. M. M. Ward, president; Dr. H. A.

McAllister, Dr. William S. Harl, Dr. David T. McAllister, Dr. O. E. Dabney, Dr. James T. Dabney and Dr. Conway A. Downing.

Debutantes Feted

The first holiday affair given for the 13 debutantes who made their bow here on last Monday, night at Carver School was a party in honor of Miss Sandra Downing, given by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. Downing at their residence on 27th street on Friday evening, Dec. 20.

Assisting Mrs. Downing in receiving the guests were Mesdames W. W. Davis, Clarence Johnson, James Goble and Ralph Bacote.

PRESENT WERE: Misses Hermine Bacote, Thelma Bowser, Ivy Younger, Cynthia Davis, Margaret Johnson, Alease Rainey, Ann Carol Raney, Norma Parks, Mary Pope, Cynthia Williams, Barbara Marshall, Barbara Starks, Barbara Wilson, Barbara Fletcher, Joylette Goble and Gertrude Fraser.

Also, Roger Parker, LeRoy Bacote, John Lane, Reginald Brown, Franklin Boyd, Norman Poe, William Harris, Wendell Walker, William Nowby, Leonard Jones, Theodore Fitzgerald, Henry Flood, Edger Harris, Gordon Starks, William Picott, Carey Williams, Alonzo Bell, William Moses, Alonzo Dearing, and Robert Bell.

ANOTHER affair honoring the debutantes was a luncheon given by the mothers on Friday afternoon, Dec. 27, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davis on 20th street. The girls junior hostesses were guests also.

Mothers serving the luncheon were Mesdames Ralph Bacote, James Goble, C. C. Johnson, Clinton Parks, Howard Rainey, E. C. Downing, and W. W. Davis.

DEBUTANTES present were Misses Sandra Downing, Cynthia Davis, Hermine Bacote, Alease Rainey, Margaret Kate Johnson, Norma Parks, Ivy Younger, Audrey Nichols, Gertrude Fraser, Barbara Fletcher, Barbara Starks, Maxine Lawrence, and Joylette Goble.

Hostesses present were Misses Barbara Marshall, Carol Boulden, Mary Pope, Amanda White, Ann Carol Raney, Thelma Bowser, Gloria Holden, Martha Pippen, Gussie Jenkins, Constance McCarthy and Betty Ann King of Quincy, Fla.

THE DEBUTANTES were also guests at a formal birthday party given on Saturday night, Dec. 28 in honor of Miss Joylette Goble. The party given by her mother, Mrs. James Goble of Warwick, and aunt, Miss Margaret Coleman of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Epps of Warwick.

Also present were Misses Gussie Jenkins, Ann Carol Raney, Sallie Maxwell, Carol Baker, Audrey Paterson, Louise Lowe and Cathy and Connie Goble; Eric Epps Jr., William Newby, John Lane, George Braxton, Gordon Starks, Clarence Johnson, John Moody, Wendell Walker, Victor Eley, Leroy Bacote, Bobby Crews, William Kendrick, Robert Bell, Wilmer Grant and Leon Shelton.

Assisting Mrs. Goble and Miss Coleman in serving the guests was Mrs. Eric Epps Sr., and Mrs. Charles Goble, grandmother of the honoree of Marion, Va.

Social Tid-Bits

Walter Alfrin Walker Jr., a freshman at Williams College, left Sunday afternoon for Williamstown, Mass. after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Walker Sr. of Hampton Institute.

Miss Nancy Smith, a freshman at Tenn. State, left Sunday afternoon for Nashville, Tenn., after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. C. H. Smith of 31st street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fitzgerald and Mr. and Mrs. Luke

Alston spent the weekend in Portsmouth, Va., visiting their sister, Mrs. Martha Beaumont.

THE REV. and Mrs. Wendall P. Russell and daughter, Shirley Adele, motored to Spartanburg, S. C. recently to spend the holidays with Mrs. Russell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Shell.

Miss Roberta A. Russell of New York City spent the holidays with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. G. S. Russell of Hampton.

Mrs. Annie Lumpkins had as her guest on last Thursday Mesdames Laura Cherry, Mrs. Geneva Carey, Hampton, and Mrs. Queenie Wooden of Newport News.

MR. AND Mrs. William H. Cherry had as their dinner guests New Year's Day, Mrs. Annie Lumpkins and Miss Dollie M. Lumpkins.

Miss Yvonne Redcross of Hampton was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Olivia H. Davis Jr. and son, Toussiant of 204 Grant street, Hampton on New Year's Day. Miss Redcross left on Thursday to resume her studies at Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger D. Russell and son, Frank Douglas of Durham, N. C., Dr. William Bruce Russell of Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D. C., and friend, Miss Alice Ward, who is also on the staff at Freedmen's, spent the holidays with their parents, the Rev. and Mrs. G. S. Russell of Hampton.

MR. AND Mrs. C. Dillard of New York City was guest in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Tazewell, during the holidays. Mrs. Dillard is the former Miss Eula Whitley of Newport News. Mr. and Mrs. Dillard were accompanied here by Miss Jerry Christopher of New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler Smith of Maryland avenue had as their weekend guests, Mr. and Mrs. George Wimbley and daughter of East Orange, N. J.

THE REV. and Mrs. G. D. Russell and son of Baltimore, Md., spent a few days recently with their parents, the Rev. and Mrs. G. S. Russell of Hampton.

Mrs. Roberta J. Roberts of Fredericksburg, Va., spent the weekend with the Rev. and Mrs. G. S. Russell of Hampton. Mrs. Roberts is sister to Mrs. Russell.

J. CALVIN Downing returned last Sunday to Tuske-

gee Institute, Ala., after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Downing on 27th street.

He resumes his work in the School of Veterinary Medicine at Tuskegee. He received his B. S. degree from Florida A. and M. in Tallahassee last August, and entered Tuskegee last October.

MISS BETTY Ann King of Quincy, Fla., spent the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Downing. Miss King served as one of the hostesses at the debut of Miss Sandra Downing on Dec. 30.

Guests of the Downings for the debutante dance on Monday evening of last week were Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Young, president of the Journal and Guide of Norfolk; Mrs. A. C. Fentress, who was also a hostess at the dance, and Mrs. John Belden, all of Norfolk, and Mrs. Thomas Reid of Portsmouth. Mrs. Fentress and Mrs. Belden were dinner guests on Monday afternoon.

Yule Party

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Sinclair of 552-42nd street, recently entertained the Idle-a-While Social Club at a Christmas party in their home.

Club members and their guests enjoyed four tables of whist. Prize winners were: Mrs. Alethia Billups, first guest prize; Wilbert Hall, second guest prize; Mrs. Costenah Stewart won first club prize, and Mrs. Odell Hall, second club prize. Club members exchanged gifts, and each guest was the recipient of a gift.

GUESTS included Mrs. Alethia Billups, Wilbert Hall, Alexander Atkins, Walter Atkins, Mrs. Theresa McCall, James Taylor, Lyttleton Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hundley and Roy Boyd.

The hostess served a very

delicious dinner. After having a wonderful evening members and guests departed in a very gay mood.

Club News

Dean Thomas Hawkins of Hampton Institute formally installed the officers of the Sportsman's Club on last Sunday evening at St. Alphonsus Hall at 15th and Marshall avenue.

In his address, Dean Hawkins outlined the characteristics of good leadership and the value of good sportsmanship.

THE FOLLOWING officers were installed for the year 1958: Earl Branch, president; William Enoch, vice-president; Linwood Lovett, secretary; Willie General, assistant secretary; R. V. Diggs, financial secretary; John Cheatham, treasurer; Al Conyers, parliamentarian; T. L. Owens, publicity director; Calvin Hobson, business manager, and C. A. Williams, chaplain.

Guests present included Mr. Moore of the Physical Education Department, Hampton Institute, who stressed the need for an organized program of athletics for children under high school age. Wives and guests of the Sportsman's Club were entertained with music and a repast. The club's first venture for the year will be Little League Baseball.

THE FRIENDLY "16" Art and Savings Club met recently in the home of Mrs. Marian Crump, 719-26th street. The president, Mrs. Estelle Jackson, presided. The spread contest was closed at this meeting, which was quite a success.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Mary Anderson, 2508 Marshall avenue.

Goodbye Now

Apparently we've had a nice

long chat this week. It was wonderful in every way. Have a nice weekend, won't you? Bye now.