

# Race Scribes Banned From White Citizens' Council Talks In Nation's Capital

WASHINGTON (ANP) — The first meeting of the White Citizens' Council was almost halted at the halfway mark last week when three Negro newspaper reporters attempted to enter.

The Council which was organized in Washington by a John Kasper, held its first regular meeting Friday night at Annapolis hotel after it was refused to use the American Legion meeting room.

Alton F. Bradford, chairman of the Legion Club Board of Directors, refused to allow the use of their clubroom after the council distributed handbills advertising the affair and implying that the Legion was backing it.

It was also reported that the Veterans of Foreign Wars refused to allow the use of their hall in Arlington, Va., after an announcement had been made of the meeting there.

The hotel room was said to have been rented in the name of the Seaboard Citizens Committee.

# Congregational Day Nursery Summarizes Work Of Year

RALEIGH — The Congregational Day Nursery got off to a very good beginning Sept. 7, 1955 with an enrollment of 48 energetic, healthy youngsters ranging in ages from 2 to 6. School began with an efficient staff, who were as follows: Mrs. Vera W. Murphy, director; Mrs. Dorothy T. Wilson, instructor; and Mrs. Jennie M. Myers, dietitian. The school had the full cooperation and support of a Board of Directors and a very cooperative P. T. A. It was through these channels that the school was able to operate successfully.

Some specific features were a Baby Contest, Tom Thumb Wedding, Bazaar, and a Miscellaneous Show, at which time many useful articles were given to help equip the nursery school. Closing the year's activities was another Baby Contest. Funds from these projects were turned over for the operation of the school. Our P. T. A. officers for the past year were—pres. Mrs. Mary Peterson, vice-pres. Mrs. B. W. Mason, sec. Mrs. M. L. Blakeley, Treas. Mrs. Charles Horton. Officers for the ensuing year are—pres. Mrs. M. L. Blakeley; sec. Mrs. Catherine Wilkins; treas. Mrs. Charles Horton.

# Big Name Speakers Heard At 23rd Human Relations Talks

GREENSBORO — The 23rd annual Carolina Institute of International Relations which opened at Bennett College on Tuesday, came to a close on Friday afternoon.

During the institute, which had as its theme "American Policies for Building World Peace," the delegates heard addresses and participated in panel-forum discussions and workshops which considered such topics as "Disarmament and the U. N.," "Meaning of Russia's New Look" and "World Problems Facing America."

Speaking on "The Background of the Middle East Crisis," Leroy E. Tesdell, teacher of government at the University of Texas, who worked with the Arab refugee program in the Gaza strip from 1949-50, said that the Arab-Israeli animosity is not due to racial or religious differences, but springs from the class of two "rather new" nationalities.

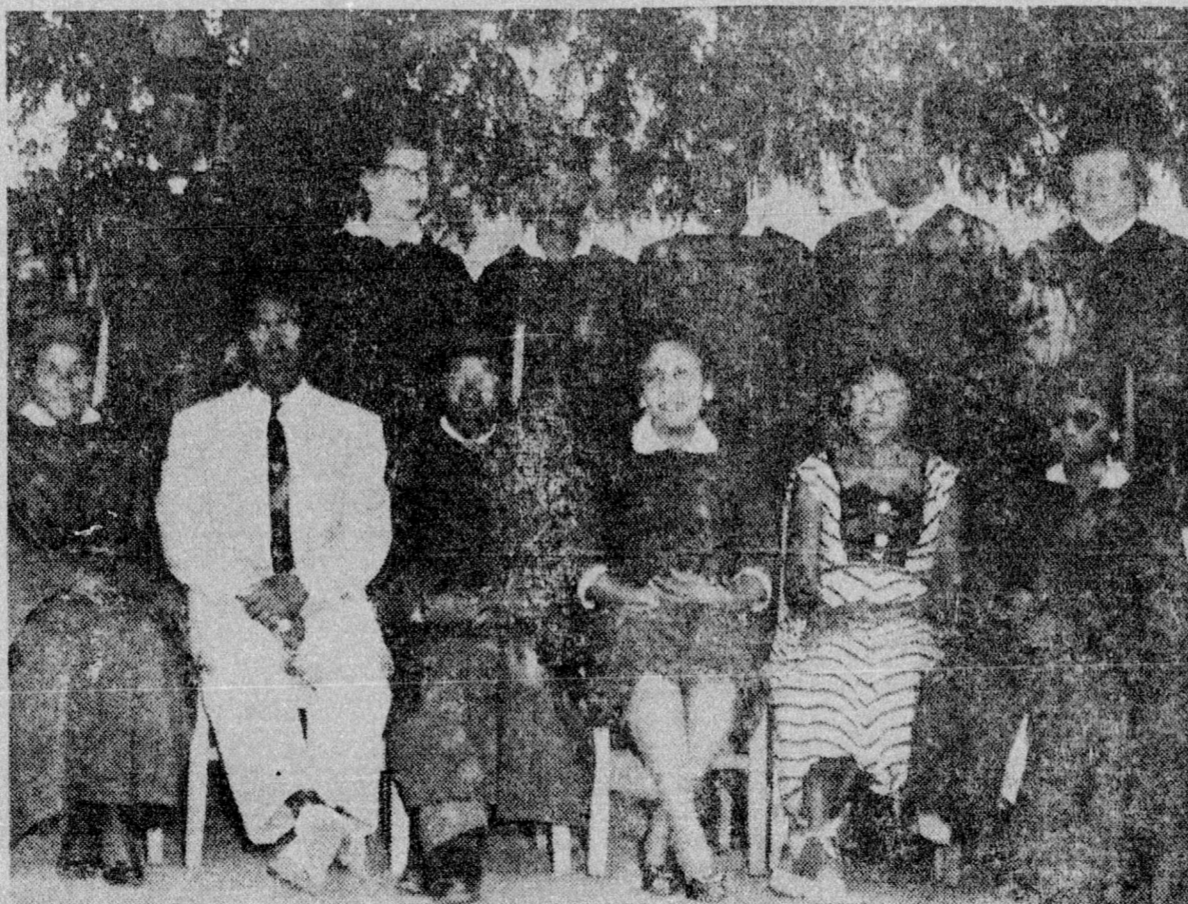
Tesdell, who praised the Point IV Program and its technical assistance to undeveloped countries, says that one of the biggest problems in these programs is to get the best-qualified persons to go

to the name used in obtaining the room. Kasper explained that the Seaboard group consisted of the citizens councils in Washington, Maryland, Virginia and Delaware. Some of these councils were expected to send representatives.

Asa (Ace) Carter, executive secretary of the Alabama White Citizens' Councils was principal speaker at the meeting, while his brother Douglas Carter served as doorkeeper.

All apparently went well until three Negro reporters attempted to enter, to cover the meeting for their papers. After they were prohibited from entering, Kasper is said to have told the approximately 100 persons in attendance, that the press is the greatest enemy of the people, apart from the politicians.

Daily reporters who were admitted to the meeting said Kasper announced that the Council would work toward re-segregation in Washington, and charged District Commissioners with lying when they said integration was working.



**SCHOLARSHIP TO BOOK-MOBILE LIBRARIAN** — Miss Edith Foster, director of the West Georgia regional library, left, and Mrs. Patricia Roberts Harris, executive director of Delta Sigma Theta, right, look on as Mrs. Maenelle Dempsey of Atlanta presents a Delta Sigma Theta Award to Mr. Leroy Childs, librarian, King Street Library, in Carrollton, Georgia, at ceremonies hailing the success of the Delta Sigma Theta Bookmobile Project—(ASSOCIATE NEGRO PRESS)

# Integration Sponsored By Presbyterians

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (ANP) — A resolution favoring racial integration was adopted last week by the 98th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in North America, with the denomination urging its local congregations to offer "full membership and fellowship" to all persons, regardless of race or color.

The measure further stipulated that church institutions extend their ministries to all "qualified persons" and that appointments to staff positions conform to the principle of integration.

Meeting at Knoxville College for Negroes, the Assembly was told that interracial churches were established during the last year at Chicago, St. Louis and Los Angeles.

# Dr. Willa B. Player Feted At Party

WASHINGTON — Members of the Washington chapter of the Bennett College Graduate Association held a reception here Saturday at noon for Dr. Player, president of the institution.

The affair was held in the lounge room of the local branch of the American Association of University Women on Massachusetts Avenue. Mrs. Lydia Jetton Rogers is president of the local Bennett group.

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# Following Successful South American Tour

# Miss Marian Anderson Featured In Concert

NEW YORK (ANP) — Recently back from a successful South American tour, Marian Anderson, noted American contralto, won tremendous ovation from 15,000 on-lookers as she opened the 36th con-

cert season last week at Lewisohn Stadium here. Miss Anderson's selections included "O Don Fatale" from Verdi's "Don Carlo" and the same

composer's "Be-Dell Abisso" from the "Masked Ball." Miss Anderson was brought back repeatedly to the stage by the virtual stampeding of the audience to sing a final Negro spiritual.

# TV Station Apologizes For Program 'Mistake'

CHARLOTTE — "I want the Colored people of our vast listening audience to know that neither the employees nor the management of our station subscribe to principles of that sort," Mr. Robert L. Rierson, television production manager of Television Station W. B. T. V., told the Carolinian here last week.

The reference was made to a mistake on the "Court Room" program, a popular Monday night feature of WBTV, when one of the actors, inadvertently said "Nigger" in referring to Colored People.

In explaining the error, Mr. Rierson said there was no reference like that in the script. "Nor did any thing like that come out in the two rehearsals prior to going on the air."

The show is produced in corporation with the North Carolina

State Automobile Association. Dan Givans of Station WBTV is producer of the show and Bob Page, will-known newspaper man is the script writer.

The actors are all amateurs, with practically no experience in the exactitudes of television performances. With the exception of the Judges and Lawyers, the performers are average citizens who are chosen by Mr. Page for the various roles.

The judges and lawyers are played by practicing members of the North Carolina Bar Association.

The error occurred midway in the 15-minute program when the lawyer was questioning the actor about the value of his property which had been damaged by a careless motorist.

The script showed the approximate value of the flower beds in

question to be about \$200. "Is that the cost of the material or for the labor?" He was asked.

The performer, who is a member of one of the largest White daily papers in the Carolinas, then replied "I have spent that much time working on it trying to keep Niggers and dogs off of it."

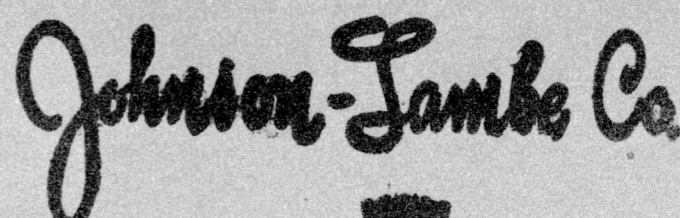
The telephone switchboards at both the paper where the reporter works and at the television station were kept busy for a period after the remark was made.

"If it was an employee of the company, we would know how to deal with the situation," Mr. Rierson asserted in making the public apology.

"However, 'Court Room' is a participated show and there is little we can do except to say we are sorry the error occurred. And that we are quite certain that it won't happen again."

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