

# State's Elks To Dedicate Greenville Lodge Sunday

## President Battle Will Also Give Commissions

**ROCKY MOUNT** — Members of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World (IBPOEW) will gather in Greenville Sunday, Nov. 18, for the purpose of receiving their commissions from State IBPOEW president, K. P. Battle, and to take part in the dedication of the new Elk Home of Pitt Lodge No. 251.

The call has been issued by President Battle to all "deputies, elected and commissioned officers" to be present to receive their credentials to begin their year's work. Originally, Battle had announced the meeting for Raleigh, but changed it to Greenville to cooperate with the local lodge and temple's dedicatory program.

Pitt Elk lodge and temple are among the oldest in the state and grand lodge," according to Rev. Mr. Battle, who was re-elected to the position of grand esteemed lecturing knight of the IBPOEW (Elks) grand lodge at Los Angeles, California, last August.

Among the key leaders of Pitt lodge are: Leroy Barnes, exalted ruler; Grant Bell, Sr., and General Whitfield Mrs. Lottie Belcher is one of the staunch Daughter-Elks who rarely missed a convention — state or national — until falling health halted her. Pitt is planning a big event for the Bills and the Daughters Nov. 18.

**1957 OBJECTIVES**

The Rev. Otis E. Dunn, Asheville Baptist pastor, who served as assistant grand chaplain in Los Angeles during the 57th national IBPOEW convention, has asked that the Department of Charity and Benevolence prepare to distribute baskets of food to the widows and orphans of deceased Elks and other needy children as best they can during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons just ahead.

The Rev. A. D. Moseley, Baptist pastor and Civil Liberties Director, Washington, D. C., has issued a call for every lodge and temple to cooperate in a program to be held on Emancipation Day (January 1, 1957) at which time we can review our 1956 achievements and plan for greater progress along social lines during 1957.

E. M. Butler, the new financial secretary of the state order, who hails from the port city of Wilmington, is getting the praise of the Bills for forthright administration of his office. H. V. Rouse of Raleigh is the State Recorder and a member of Fidelity lodge of the Capital City.

Tarheel's public relations chairman, J. B. Harren of Rocky Mount, was named chairman of the national lodge (grand lodge) press committee at Los Angeles and was commended for his work by the grand lodge officials.



**OMEGA KEYNOTER**—The Raleigh chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity held service at the Martin Street Baptist Church as part of its recent observance of National Achievement Week. Pictured above are five Omegas who were principals of that service. Left to right are: F. H. White, chairman of the Achieve-ment committee; Rev. F. H. Johnson, pastor of the church; Dr. Robert J. Gill, Omega historian and speaker of the day; E. E. Kee, bassists of Iota Iota; and Dr. N. H. Harris, department

## Sepia Pastor Of White Church Praises Ten Southern Members

**OLD MYSTIC, Conn.** — (ANP) — A Negro minister who became the first of his race to pastor an all-white Methodist church last week had high praises for 10 southern white members of his congregation.

The Rev. Simon Peter Montgomery, pastor of the Old Mystic Methodist Church in this old fishing town, said he has enjoyed "an exceptionally warm fellowship since coming to the church last year, and credited his acceptance to the 'triumph of faith' over racial hatred. He pointed to the ten white members as symbols of that faith.

Rev. Montgomery came to Old Mystic church in the wake of two trial sermons last fall. Those sermons endeared him to his new flock, and he has since enjoyed complete harmony and cooperation from the congregation. Describing this experience, Rev. Montgomery stated:

"I have experienced no friction at all since I came to Old Mystic a year ago. These are Christian people who did not consider the racial angle. This is an exceptionally warm fellowship."

### Polls 6,518 Votes:

## Alexander Barnes In Unsuccessful Bid For North Carolina Senate Seat

**DURHAM** — Alexander Barnes, veteran newspaper man and director of Public Relations A.M.E. Zion Church, made an unsuccessful bid to become the first Negro state senator in the North Carolina Legislature, since 1908, here Tuesday.

He was a candidate on the Republican ticket and like many other GOP hopefuls, he was unable to poll enough votes to win. He carried most of the predominantly registered Negro precincts running far ahead of the Republican ticket.

He is believed to have polled more votes than has any other Negro candidate in Durham County, 6,518. It was a clear-cut demonstration that he was running as an independent, without the backing of the white members of the County Republican organization.

Political leaders of both parties, along with Barnes, hailed his campaign as a new day for politics in North Carolina. In defeat Barnes said "The only thing the Negro had in this campaign was first class citizenship and only the Republican party, adhering to Eisen-

hower tenets, would give."

## Carver School PTA Meets In New Cafeteria

The P.T.A. of Carver School met on Tuesday night, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p. m. in the cafeteria. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Speed.

The principal, J. E. Speed, introduced Miss Ernestine Bullard, who is doing her practice teaching in the 7th grade. She was warmly received by all.

A report of the district meeting was given by Mrs. Pauline High, who was a delegate to this meeting. She made a splendid report of ad activities at this meeting.

The new cafeteria is now open under the direction of Mrs. Christine Poepe. Hot lunches are being enjoyed by all.

Mrs. M. J. Marable, 3rd grade 10; Mrs. L. M. Ellis, 5th and 6th grades 10; Mrs. S. R. Speed, 7th grade 10.

More parents are attending the P.T.A. meetings each month.

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## Farmer, 63, Admits Killing Of Mixed Trio

**CROSSETT, Ark.** — (ANP) — The mystery that enshrouded a triple slaying was uncovered last week here when an 63-year-old Negro farmer confessed that he shot to death two white men and a Negro woman on a rural road about 7 miles west of here.

Frank Simmons, who Sheriff B. A. Courson said admitted the slayings, lives about 400 yards from the scene of the Oct. 20 crime.

The sheriff said Simmons admitted in a signed statement that he fired the shotgun blast that killed George Wells, 32; Fred Watkins, 45; and Mrs. Hattie Mae Williams, 49, after they vehemently cursed him. The bodies were found in a parked car on the road.

Courson said Simmons gave the following account of the crime.

The two white men and the Negro woman stopped their car in front of Simmons' house early on the morning of Oct. 20 and cursed him. Simmons ignored them and went into the house.

A short time later, he took his gun, got in his car and started squirrel hunting. He went only a short distance before he was stopped again by the trio, who had parked on the side of the road. They again cursed him and one got out of the car.

The man put his hand in his pocket as if he was reaching for a pistol and Simmons shot him. Then he shot the man who was in the back seat. The woman continued to curse him and he shot her.

## W. N. Seymour Chairs UNCF's 8th Symposium

**NEW YORK, N. Y.** — Whitney North Seymour, New York Attorney, former President of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, will serve as chairman of the United Negro College Fund's 8th Annual Symposium, it was announced today at the Fund offices, 22 East 54th St. by Dr. F. D. Patterson, President.

The Symposium will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11th, at the Hunter College Assembly Hall, 6:30 p. m., on the topic "The Negro Southern Speaks." In accepting the chairmanship, Mr. Seymour stated, "It is the purpose of the symposium to bring to the public the point of view of the Southern Negro in the matter of desegregation, and to explore ways in which educated Southern Negroes can cooperate in expediting the process. This point of view has been all but neglected since the Supreme Court decision two years ago."

Among those serving with Mr. Seymour for the symposium are Mrs. Alvan L. Barach, Vice-Chairman; and Mrs. Edward R. Murrow, Chairman, Arrangements Committee. The annual symposium is part of the United Negro College Fund's educational program designed to keep before the public the vital changes occurring in the pattern of American race relations. Through the Fund, 31 private colleges, all but one of which are located in the South, make an annual united appeal for funds to meet operating expenses.

Mr. Seymour, Chairman of the Board of Freedom House, is also a former president of the New York Legal Aid Society and the American Arbitration Association. He is chairman of the Committee on Civil Rights of the New York State Bar Association. He was also former Assistant Solicitor General of the United States, and a lecturer at Yale and New York University Law Schools.

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