



Adjourn For Summer: City's Ministers' Wives Held Final Meet At YWCA

The Ministers' Wives Auxiliary held its final meeting at the Davis St. Y. W. C. A. recently. Following three months' vacation, the Auxiliary will resume meetings in the early fall.

Johnson, First Vice-Pres. Mrs. W. M. Giles, Second Vice-Pres. Mrs. P. H. Johnson, Sec. Mrs. V. L. Saunders, Asst. Sec. Mrs. W. D. Carson, Treas. Mrs. J. W. Jones, Devotional Leader, Mesdames D. N. Howard and J. J. Reece, Music, Mrs. Leatha Debnam, Reporter, Mrs. C. L. Gidney, reporter, and Mrs. M. W. Williams, Advisor. With the leadership of a very wide-awake president, this group has accomplished many things during the past year. Donations have been given various worthy organizations in and out of the City of Raleigh. St. Agnes Hospital, has been the recipient of many useful articles donated by the Auxiliary. Guest speakers have brought in informational inspirational messages.

1957 BUNNETT GRADUATES — Some of the members of the class of 1957 who returned for their 25th reunion. Left to right:

Mrs. Robert R. Logwood, Mrs. Zapplyn S. Averett, Miss Alste Trammell, Mrs. Ella R. Smith, Mrs. Geraldine A. Totten, Miss Juanita Wells, all of Greensboro.

Mrs. Corinne H. Harris, Pittsburg, Pa., Mrs. Fannie S. Leary, Greensboro, and her sister, Mrs. Dorothy S. Smith, of Bowie, Md.

Ministers Citizenship Committee Drafts Plans To Register 100,000

The very first act of the board of directors of the newly organized North Carolina Ministers' Committee For Full Citizenship when the directors met in Raleigh last Thursday in their initial meeting, was to draft plans to register 100,000 citizens in North Carolina by the close of registrations in May 1958.

Instructions to do this were for the directors last April when about seventy-five ministers of different denominations and sections of the state met here and organized the NCMCFC. The basis for this plan is that in 1958 there will be over 485,000 Negroes in North Carolina eligible for voting, probably three-fourth of whom have never registered, and that Negroes must

now "vote-up" or "shut-up". This "North Carolina Plan" is based primarily on the preachers and churches but secondarily on some secular organizations as follows:

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1. THE CHURCH: Each of the approximately 3,500 pastors of the state is personally to register five citizens, or a total of 17,500; each of 27,000 deacons or stewards of the approximately 4,500 churches (calculating 6 per church) is to register two each, or 54,000; each of 18,000 trustees of these 4,500 churches (estimating 4 per church) is to register two, or 36,000; each of 22,500 auxiliaries (5 per church) is to register five per auxiliary, or 112,500. Or a grand ceiling total of 220,000. Even if there is a 50 percent failure, the churches would still reach and exceed their goal by 10,000.

While the plan is geared to succeed through the preachers and churches alone, it contemplates the additional cooperation of other organizations to assure success.

1. SECULAR ORGANIZATIONS. Each of 2,268 high school teachers in the state (averaging five different classes per day) is to use her pupils and register at least one citizen per different class, or 11,340; each of approximately 6,500 elementary teachers is to use her pupils to register two, or 13,000. (One high school teacher registered 132 citizens in a little town where there were only four registered. The class put a candidate in the field for councilman.) A total of approximately 25,000 for the teachers. In helping citizens to register and vote, the teacher should realize that she is engaged in the highest of both educational and civic work.

Continuing the plan: each of the 10,000 Elks is to register one, or 10,000; 7,500 Masons, 7,000 Knights of Pythias and 3,500 Odd Fellows are to register one citizen each, totaling 28,000. Estimates are unavailable for their sister groups.

Concluding, approximately 14,000 college students and 3,000 fraternities and sorority members, one each or 17,000 for eleven colleges. A grand ceiling total of 263,000.

Even a 8 percent failure would produce 151,000, or 39,000 beyond the 100,000 goal.

The directors will probably meet again in early fall to provide stimulus. It is hoped that other states can use some similar type of plans.

The N. C. Committee for Full Citizenship, was organized last April after a year of study by a small group of ministers. Its purpose is to help implement the U. S. Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954, to help eliminate segregation from the state and to improve the general status of the Negro by a broad, long-range state-wide program through the ministers. The program involves six fields: Public Education, Public Transportation, Registering and Voting, Business and Home Ownership, Public Decorum, and Christian Discipleship.

The board of directors are: Rev. Ruben L. Speaks, pastor, Saint Marks AMEZ Church, Durham, chairman; Bishop Raymond L. Jones, AME Zion Church; Bishop Frank Madison Reid, AME Church; Bishop Raymond L. Jones, AME Zion Church; Bishop Frank Madison Reid, AME Church; Rev. P. Battle, State Grand Ruler of Elks; Rev. John A. Mebane, State Grand Chancellor of Knights of Pythias; Rev. E. L. Henderson, Presbyterian Synod, Charlotte; Rev. C. C. Staton, President, Roanoke Credit Union, Weldon.

The directors set up a budget of \$2500 to \$3500 for the first year's work. The address of the committee is Box 723, Raleigh.

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