"Denial C. Vote To Negro Affects Every American"

Roy Wilkins Heard By City's Bar Association

Executive Secretary, NAACP (From Speech delivered before Bar Ase'n of St. Louis, Nov. 18) ST. LOUIS (ANP)-The Declaration of Independence sets forth that in order to secure the inherent, naturel, God-given rights of men. governments are instituted, "deriving states, especially that since 1876, suggests that they have ever taken granted little enough suffrage to the white masses and only a grudging thimbleful to Negro citizens. In fact, a study of some statistics suggests that a thimble is far too

large a measuring instrument. Since Mississippi is a principal seat of the South's racism and furnshes a substantial part of the leadership which is battling any concession to the existence of the Twentieth Century, some of its voting statistics are pertinent.

According to the Congressional Quarterly, only 25,821 of the 421,666 Negroes of voting age in the state were registered to vote in 1961. This percentage of 6.1 is the lowest in in the entire nation. Of the 82 counties in Mississippi. 76 have less than 15 percent of the eligible Negroes registered. This 76-to 82 ratio compares with 33-to-67 in Alabama; 7-to67 in Florida; 22-to-254 in Texas: and 2-te-75 in Arkansas.

Some of the county tabulations would make anyone except a Misissippian blush: Chickasaw, with 3.054 adult Negroes and none registered: Humphreys, with 5,561 Negre eligibles and 5 registered. (Tallahetchie is the county in which the 14-year-old boy, Emmett Till, was lynched in 1955 and two mer accused as his killers were acquit-

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out that this system amply explains the all-white legislatures, the anti-Negro laws and the anti-Negro po-lice action prevalent throughout the

Only about 60 percent of the white eligibles in the South are registered but only about 25 percent of the Negroes. This racial fact their just powers from the con-sent of the governed." Nothing in nificance. It affects the government the political history of the Southern of the United States and directly influences or controls aspects of the political and economic welfare of this passage seriously. They have Missouri and other states outside the South. Here again Mississipp furnishes a clear example of the high mischief suggested in the Harlan dissent in Plessy.

In 1954, the year of the school segregation decision, Senator James O. Eastland polled 100,000 votes in a state which had approximately 700,000 white and 421,000 Negro potential voters. Connecticut, whose population is about that of Mississippi, cast a total of 966,000 votes for its two candidates for U.S. Senator in 1958, an off year, against 61,000 votes cast for Senator John Stennis of Mississippi that same year. Even in a Presidential election year, 1960, Mississippi mustered only 266,000 votes when Senator Eastland was reelected.

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WINS COUNTY SCHOOL READING TROPHY-Rev. C. W. Ward, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Raleigh, is shown presenting a Reading Trophy to M. Grant Beatey, principal of the Jeffreys Grove School: This school had the largest percent of its membership receiving certificates in the Vacation Reading Club, sponsored by the Richard B. Harrison Public Library, Raleigh. Pictured from left to right are Mrs. A. Robinson, bookmobile librarian, Harrison Library; Mrs. M. Gray, librarian of Jeffreys Grove School; Mrs. R. Chavis, member of the Wake County Home Demonstration Council, donor of the trophy; Rev. Ward, Mr. Batey, Mrs. N. P. Wimberly, Wake County Home Demonstration Agent, and Mrs. M. H. Lee libraries of the Harrison Library. M. H. Lee, librarian of the Harrison Library.



DISCUSSES TRIP TO AFRICA HERE - Roahl Aarons, St. Augustine's College senior, is hown with a group of adults and young people at the Richard B. Harrison B. Harrison Public Library where he spoke recently on his visit to Africa last summer. He took part in the"Crossroads Africa" Program.

'Must Bring Something To Church:' Thomas

GREENSBORO - "One cannot expect to get something out of a church service unless he brings something to it," Dr. James S. Thomas, of Nashville, Tenn., told the Bennett College vesper audience Sunday.

Dr. Thomas, a representative of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church and a Bennett trustee, said that the deliberate purpose of each per-son attending a worship serv-tee should be to seek a person-al encounter with God.

"The greatest point in an indi-vidual's life," he said, "is when he has made the Great Encounter. However, the creativity of such ar. encounter is not automatic. hunger for greatness and good-ness are needed if one is to bene-

fit from such an encounter." Pointing out that nobility and ugliness live in the same environment, and that the truth of the Garden of Eden is as contemporary as yesterday, Dr. Thomas urged that every person should face every other person with dignity, "as we do not know who the person may be who will influence our lives."

Strong Major Programs Urged For Students

GREENSBORO - Strong major programs for persons in the fine arts and facilities for creative recreation were stressed as impor-tant campus needs by Dr. Kenenth I. Brown, of St. Louis, Mo. in his address at the fall honors convocation at Bennett College Friday.

Dr. Brown, retired executive di-rector of the Danforth Foundation and presently a visiting scholar at the college, spoke on 'Cre-ativity ond the Liberal Arts' when 39 upper class students were hon-ored for their academic achieve-

"By creativity, he explained, "I mean the active doing of something creative a poem, an essay, a musical composi-tion, a work of art, I also mean the secondary experience of having creative apprecia-tion for the work of others. Dr. Brown pointed out that the longing for self-expression is uni-

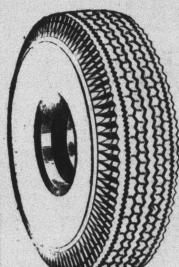
tinued health and welfare of the liberal arts college Creativity should go hand in hand with factual scholarship, he said Dr. Chauncey G. Winston, chairman of the academic standards committee, presented the honorees to President Wila B. Player who awarded certificates.

PLEASE EXCUSE THEFT OKLAHOMA CITY (ANF) Christ Markoff, 38-year-old manager of an SOS service station, arrived for work on Sunday morn-ing and found that \$100 had been taken from the cash register. Also missing was a large quantity of oil and anti-freeze, and his 21year-old employe, Roy Bowers. In their place were two notes: One reading "I'm sorry it had to work out like this;" and the other Chris, you are a real nice boss.

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