

# SEEKS TWO AND HALF MILLION NEGRO VOTERS IN SOUTH UNC LAW SCHOOL CASE APPEALED

## Drive For Mammoth Vote By 1952

Anniston, Ala. — A campaign to attain a Negro voting strength of 2,500,000 in the South by 1952 was announced by Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in an address here today before the fifth annual session of the Alabama State Conference of NAACP branches.

"As a result of the 30-year fight by the NAACP there are more than a million Negro voters in the South today," White said. "By 1952 we are determined through the efforts of the NAACP and other organizations to raise that number to 2,500,000. This powerful bloc, joined with the balance of power which the Negro vote holds in 17 northern and border states, is the chattel of neither political party. It is an independent vote which increasingly is cast for good government against corrupt political oligarchies. One of the by-products of this new political strength will be the lessening of appeals to race prejudice in political campaigns and diminution of the number of demagogues who have made the South and American democracy ridiculous."

Mr. White denounced "the determined, fanatical and unscrupulous fight now being waged by the reactionary anti-Negro wing of the Democratic party in the South," as the single aid to communism and the greatest single threat to democracy in contemporary history. "These forces," he predicted, "will not succeed because of the growing number of enlightened southerners, white lightened southerners, white and Negro . . . who have shown themselves infinitely more courageous than the Talmadges and Rankins . . . Intelligent southerners are getting sick and tired of being made the laughing stock by their demagogic politicians."

Other speakers on the three-day program included R. H. Council Trenholm, president of the Alabama State College at Montgomery; J. L. LeFlore, president of the Mobile NAACP branch; Emory O. Jackson, editor of the Birmingham World; Arthur D. Shores and P. A. Hall, Birmingham attorneys; Mrs. Jessie P. Guzman and C. G. Gomillion of Tuskegee Institute; Aubrey W. Williams, former National Youth Administrator; the Rev. Dr. E. Jewison of Salem, Prof. C. E. Powell of Mobile; Percy Greene, editor, Jackson, Mississippi, Advocate; and Dr. J. A. Berry Tuskegee.

### Dr. Mary M. Bethune Keynote Speaker At Bennett Celebration

Greensboro — "I'd like to have a son like you," said Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune reaching up to pat Heavyweight Champ Ezzard Charles on his broad shoulders after her Keynote Address of the five day Quarter-Centennial Conference and dedication of the new half-million dollar Studet Union Building on the Bennett College Campus.

Appearing with many other national notables on the dedication conference program, Dr. Bethune declared "this building tells the story of devotion and love for young people, the leaders and torch bearers of tomorrow," meaning the young women, and she further stated that the Union exemplified "the quality of the dreams of President David D. Jones." The audience of this address in Pfeiffer Chapel included people from all sections of the nation who helped to celebrate the 25th birthday of the school and the dedication of the new building, to "Education of Women for Social Responsibility" for their future life. It was formally presented to the college by Mrs. Harry E. James of New York, niece of the late Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer, a philanthropist, who made the initial gift toward

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### AGENCY OFFICERS



Pictured above is a group of agency officers of the National Negro Insurance Association in session in Durham this

week. The group is guest of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and is holding its sessions in the ad-

ministration building of the North Carolina College. W. W. Butler, agency director of

the Union Protective Association of Memphis, Tennessee, is chairman of the conference.

## Unloaded Gun Kills Nine-Year-Old Child

Graham — William Everett McCallum, 18, of Route 2, Graham, is being held in the Alamance County jail under \$2500 bond charged with manslaughter in connection with the fatal shooting of W. J. Vincent, nine-year-old boy also of Route 2, Graham.

McCallum is alleged to have playfully threatened to shoot the child, not knowing that the gun was loaded, and not realizing it until he fired. He is reported to have told the sheriff that he had been squirrel hunting last Saturday morning and had left the gun on a table in his yard. He says he picked up the gun and playfully told the child, who was standing nearby, that he was going to shoot him. The child ran, McCallum took aim, and pulled the trigger.

The shot entered the back of the child's head and he died shortly thereafter at Alamance General Hospital.

## Mordecai Johnson, Ben Mayes, Rufus Clement And Shepard On N. C. College Vesper Series

North Carolina College this week announced names of vespers speakers at the college for the next eight months.

The speakers and the dates of their appearance in B. N. Duke Auditorium at 3:30 Sunday afternoons follow: The Reverend William J. Simmons, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia, November 19; Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, December 3; The Reverend Charles M. Jones, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill, December 10; and on December

17, the Annual Christmas Music will be presented by the North Carolina College Choir under the direction of Sempel W. Hill.

The January 14 vesper will be under the auspices of Religious Emphasis Week, which will be in progress at that time.

On January 28, 1951, Dr. Marshall Shepard, Recorder of Deeds in Washington, D. C., will be the speaker. He will be followed by Dr. Howard Chidley on February 11; Dr. Rufus Clement, President of Atlanta University, February 25; Dr. Mordecai Johnson, President of

Howard University, March 11; Dr. Harry V. Richardson, President of the Gammon Theological Seminary, March 18; Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President of Morehouse College, April 8 and Dr. Shelby Rooks, Pastor, St. James Presbyterian Church, New York, N. Y. on April 22.

Dr. Alfonso Elder, president of the college, is slated to speak on May 27, which is the last in the regular vespers hours before the Baccalaureate Services on June 3.

Sororities, fraternities and other campus organizations are

## Howard Dean Lashes "Separate But Equal" Doctrine

Greensboro — "As soon as we can get a case before the Supreme Court which puts the issue of segregation before the whole rotten structure will be struck down," Dean Charles H. Thompson, Howard University Graduate School, said in a Founders' Day address Tuesday, October 31 at Bennett College.

"More and more young white Southerners are becoming tired of the hypocrisy and chicanery necessary to support the so-called 'separate-but-equal' fiction in their area," Dean Thompson asserted. His address climaxed Bennett's five-day Quarter-Centennial celebration centering around the dedication of the new Student Union Building and the conference on the "Education of Women for Social Responsibility" which opened October 27.

"Negroes, being law abiding citizens, have no other recourse than to abide by the law until the law is changed," he said. "However, if Negroes have achieved the proper balance between accommodation and effective protest, they will allow themselves to be segregated only when they have to. They will exert themselves incessantly and

to the utmost to get the law or even the custom changed."

There is something fundamentally lacking in the education of any Negro, especially a college-bred Negro, who is "willing to leave his self-respect in the bottom bureau drawer at home and go out to sit in some roped-off area even to hear Toscanini; or sit behind some chicken wire to see Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella; or go up some alley to get the peanut gallery in a movie."

Young colored Americans, Dean Thompson said, must develop a proper balance between accommodation to the status quo and effective protest against it. He called for a "dynamic philosophy of race relations" which will help persons of color live in our present segregated society with a maximum of self-respect.

Declaring that Negro youth need a functional conception of what democracy and democratic treatment really mean, he said most Negro colleges and universities will have to radically revise their educational philosophy and administrative practice to meet this need.

"For you can not develop much if any independent and

critical thinking or social responsibility in an educational dictatorship however benevolent or kindly disposed it may be in its intentions," he said.

Many Negro youth, Dean Thompson pointed out, do not recognize that the problem of race relations is only a part of the much larger problem of human relations — that the task of obtaining minority racial rights is only one aspect of the problem of obtaining universal human rights.

They need to understand, he said, "that the race problem in America is part and parcel of the fight against man's inhumanity to man everywhere; whether it be the current heroic effort of Asia to throw off the age-old yoke of imperialistic domination; or the mounting struggle of the natives of Africa against government by might rather than right; or the fight in America against the exploitation of the many by and in the interest of the few."

Availing that racial discrimination is "really on the defensive for the first time since Reconstruction," Dean Thompson said:

"Any Negro who gives aid and comfort to the enemies of

democracy by gratuitous co-optation with the status quo, or any Negro who does not seize every opportunity to fight segregation and the caste system with every legitimate weapon at his command, has not only failed to achieve a proper balance between accommodation and effective protest, but what is even more important, he has failed to performed the almost sacred patriotic duty of helping America to save her soul."

### MOUNT ZION HOLDS GREAT HOMECOMING

Chapel Hill — Homecoming celebration at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Chatham County was held on October 22 and has been reported to have been marked with great success. Rev. T. R. Cole delivered a dynamic sermon to an overflow crowd of member and visitors. Rev. J. H. Jones, pastor of Mount Zion, reports that \$866.87 was collected.

Rev. Jones is a well-known church and civic leader in Orange County and is held in high esteem as a minister throughout the state.

## Last Rites For Mrs. L. Bass Held Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillian Bass, 42, was held at Saint Mark A. M. E. Zion Church, Sunday, October 29 at 1:00 P. M. The eulogy was delivered by the Rev. S. P. Perry, pastor.

Mrs. Bass was born in Durham County and had lived in the city of Durham the most of her life, where she resided at 509 Glenn Street.

She became ill about a week prior her death to dad waw prior to her death and died at Lincoln Hospital on October 26 at 4:05 A. M.

Mrs. Bass was president of local 252 of the Venable Tobacco Company and a member of the Usher Board of her Church.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Riggsbee; one son, David Lee Bass of Baltimore, Maryland; three sisters, Mrs. Dollie Johnson, Mrs. Edna Harris and Mrs. Mildred Jones of Durham and two brothers, Robert and Weldon Riggsbee of Durham.

Interment was at Beechwood Cemetery.

## Negro Wins Admittance To LSU Law School

Baton Rouge, La. — Louisiana State University announced Wednesday that for the first time in history a Negro will attend classes at the institution.

Dr. Harold Stoke, president of the university, stated that LSU is under a direct order from the court and will obey it, although the ruling has been appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

The Negro student is 30-year old Roy S. Wilson, son of a farmer and one of 16 children. He is from Ruston, La. Wilson stated he would complete registration at LSU Law School and take up his studies immediately.

Wilson is a graduate of Grambling College. He won admittance to LSU when a Federal Court ruling declared that the law school provided by the State at Southern University, a Negro school was not equal to the law school at LSU. The ruling disagreed with that of the board of supervisors of the university which held that the facilities were equal.

Wilson has two children and served one year in the Army and later taught school.

### A. And T. Officer Gets French Citation

Greenboro — Capt. Robert Lee Campbell, retired army officer and first professor of military science and tactics at A. and T. College, was decorated with a citation from the French government at the Annual A. and T. College Founder's Day exercises, Wednesday.

The citation is the "Medaille de Saint Mihiel," and is a belated recognition of the service Capt. Campbell rendered in the St. Mihiel sector during the first World War, when he aided in the capture of 13,300 German prisoners.

The captain is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, also, and spent two years with the Eighth Army in the Philippines from 1899-1901. He commanded the first cadet training unit at A. and T., being assigned there as PMS&T in April, 1919.

He holds the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart, as well as several other citations from the United States Army.

Also decorated at the exercises was Captain Raymond A. Montgomery, assistant PMS&T at A. and T. College. He received a second Oak Leaf Cluster for his Bronze Star Medal, and a citation from the Italian government for his part in the second World War. The captain also has the Purple Heart and several other decorations.

## Circuit Court To Get Case Of N. C. College Students

### SUCCUMBED



Mrs. Lillian Riggsbee Bass, whose funeral was held at Saint Mark A. M. E. Zion Church here Sunday. Mrs. Bass has been a resident of Durham for a number of years and was an active member of Annie Lee Tents No. 503.

North Carolina's stubborn resistance to the recent Supreme Court rulings which have caused the doors of their graduate and professional schools to Negro students was under attack again this week, as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People filed a notice of appeal from the lower court ruling upholding the right of the University of North Carolina to exclude Negroes from its law school.

Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes of the Middle District of North Carolina refused to comply with the NAACP request that the university be ordered to admit four Negro students to the law school, ruling that the facilities of North Carolina College (for Negroes) were equal to those of the University of North Carolina. The NAACP appeal will come before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

The original action was brought by Harold T. Epps and

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## Democrats Fearful Of Split In Election

Raleigh — Democratic Party leaders gave evidence of nervousness here this week over the outcome of the election to be held next Tuesday.

Although it is common belief that Republican candidates stood little or no chance to defeat any of the democrats running for office in the usual strongholds of the party, there was much fear of a split vote in the office for U. S. Senator sought by Candidate Willis Smith.

Smith is being opposed by Republican Candidate E. L. Gavin of Sanford. The democratic nominee is known to be anti-Negro and is generally believed to be anti-labor.

In spite of a recent statement by Senator Frank P. Graham who was defeated in the Democratic Primary by Smith, asking for party loyalty and requesting that his supporters not write his name in on the ballot it is known that a number of voters intend doing so, voting for the Republican candidate or not voting at all.

Further evidence of the nervous tension existing among top-ranking democrats is echoed in an editorial which appeared in the Raleigh News and Observer, Wednesday, November 1.

Said the editorial in part:

In the election on Text Tuesday, The News and Observer is supporting Mr. Smith and is joining Senator Graham in opposing misguided, although sincere, efforts of some of his supporters to write in his name on ballots.

The reasons for this position are clear and simple. The choice in the primary was a choice between individuals. The choice in the election is a choice between parties. The reasons this newspaper prefers the Democratic party to the Republican party are too well known and have been stated too many times to require repetition here.

Wholly aside from party loyalty and party regularity, there is no sufficient reason for any Democrat to support the Republican candidate, E. L. Gavin, in preference to Mr. Smith. Mr. Gavin offers nothing except the prospect of a straight Republican vote on all issues confronting the Senate, foreign or domestic. Mr. Smith took some positions in his primary campaign which were disapproved by many voters. But the position of Mr. Gavin in the present campaign has been even more displeasing to those same voters. The choice is an easy one. (Please turn to Page Eight)

## Execution Of Bertie Man Halted Third Time

Raleigh — Federal Court Judge Don Gilliam of Tarboro ordered a stay of execution for Raleigh Speller, 48-year-old resident of Bertie County, who was scheduled to die in the gas chamber at the State penitentiary, Friday for rape. The stay of execution will extend until a habeas corpus hearing to be held November 17 at 10 a. m.

The petition was brought by Speller's Attorneys C. J. Gates of Durham and Herman L. Taylor of Raleigh and the order was served on Warden Joseph Crawford of State prison Monday.

Three times Speller has been convicted for the alleged rape of a 50-year-old white woman of Windsor. Mrs. Aubrey Davis. The crime is supposed to have been committed on the night of July 18, 1947.

In 1947 the State Supreme Court reversed the conviction of Speller in the Bertie County Superior Court on the grounds that Negroes were

was reversed on the grounds that a special venire from Warren County excluded Negroes from a petit jury selected to try Speller.

In August, 1949 Speller was excluded from the grand and petit juries.

In 1948 a second conviction again convicted to die and an appeal was made to the State Supreme Court the third time on the grounds that Negroes were excluded from the special venire drawn from Vance County. The Supreme Court upheld the conviction.

Last May an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari to have the case reviewed by the Court was denied on October 9 without an opinion being given.

Attorneys Gates and Taylor then petitioned the U. S. Federal Court for the Eastern District of the State for a writ of habeas corpus which was granted and automatically stays the execution of Speller.