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To Dedicate Million Dollar Gymnasium

General Eisenhower Repeats Civil Rights Pledge NAACP Group

NOTED PERSONS AND TEAMS TO TAKE PART IN FORMAL OPENING OF NEW PLANT

Some 5,000 basketball fans are expected to see the four dedication games in North Carolina College's new million dollar gymnasium here Monday and Tuesday night.

Three of the country's outstanding basketball teams, two of them claimants to national and international championships, will participate in the formal opening of the new cage arena.

Hampton Institute with former NCC basketball coach John B. McLendon, and Texas Southern University with W. R. "Boss" Adams, another former NCC coach, will furnish competition for Tom Little's Tennessee State University cagers. The Tennessee team claims an international crown for 1951.

Formal dedication ceremonies will be held in the gymnasium on Tuesday starting at 12:10 p.m., with Gov. W. Kerr Scott, slated to take an important part. Other State officials, Mayor E. J. Evans of Durham, County Manager Ed Swindell and Durham City Manager R. W. Flack, as well as notable sports figures from leading colleges and Universities are also among those expected to see the initial rites for the CIAA's finest basketball arena.

Brown, generally regarded as McLendon's ablest protege, will match wits with Mr. Basketball himself on January 8 when McLendon returns to NCC in for what will be to many fans the real opening of the gymnasium. The two teams meet again at Hampton late in Feb. Considerable fanfare is planned for Tuesday with musical selections by the college's choir and band. Brief speeches will

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OMEGAS TO HONOR JUDGE J. W. WARING

PHILADELPHIA

A special citation to Hon. J. W. Waring, former Fourth Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals, will be presented by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., during its 39th annual Conclave to be held at Philadelphia, December 27-30.

The ceremonies will be conducted at the mass meeting to be held on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 28, in the magnificent Irvine Auditorium of the University of Pennsylvania. The presentation will be made by Grant Reynolds, noted New York City attorney and Grand Basileus of the 18,000 member organization.

Judge Waring who will receive the citation personally, is being honored by the Fraternity for his ardent championship of "human rights and individual freedom" which was reflected during his years on the bench.

Most noteworthy among his many decisions was that involving the South Carolina suffrage case in 1947 which opened the way to Negro participation in the Democratic primaries in that state, a precedent-making finding.

The major address at the public meeting will be delivered by Roy Wilkins, dynamic assistant secretary of the NAACP, and a veteran spokesman in the field of civil rights. The able administrative figure in the NAACP has spear-headed many of the association's programs to secure guarantees of citizen privileges for the Nation's 14,000,000 Negro Americans.

Also scheduled to participate in the session is Rt. Rev. Fred Corson, presiding bishop of the Methodist Church in this area, and a long-time associate of recently appointed Bishop Edgar Love, one of the Fraternity's founders.

The musical background will

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The above photo shows some of the officials and employees of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company looking over desks, safes and files in their various offices, damaged by thieves here, either Thanksgiving day or Thanksgiving night, apparently in search of money or other valuables. Although several pieces of office equipment were damaged from being pried open, the robbers found no funds or valuables worth their efforts. Officials of the company stated that it is their practice to never leave funds or valuables of any kind in the office. Funds received during the day are always deposited in the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, located on the ground floor of the building, before leaving the office.

Top left photo shows Asa T. Spaulding, vice-president, secretary and comptroller of the company examining safe in his office, following the break-in; top center is E. R. Merrick, vice-president and treasurer and Mrs. V. G. Turner, assistant treasurer, examining one of the damaged files in Mrs. Turner's office.

Top right is Mrs. Mary High, secretary to the assistant treasurer, looking over contents of one of the damaged files; bottom-left Mrs. B. A. J. Whitte, cashier of the company, shows Mr. Spaulding safe in her office which the thief attempted to break open.

At bottom right W. J. Kennedy, III is shown damaged drawer in Mr. Merrick's office.

Bold But Futile Attempt Made To Locate Money In Local Insurance Company Building

A thief or thieves made a bold but futile attempt to rob the home office of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company here sometime during the Thanksgiving holiday last week. Although the marauders found no money, much damage was done to several files, drawers and safes in the various offices, located on the third floor of the building.

According to police the would-be-robber or robbers were amateurs or they might have known that the officials would not allow funds of the company to remain in the office overnight. The very poor attempts to pry open some of the drawers and the locks on safes gave further proof that the theft attempt was that of inexperienced hands, according to police.

The home office of the company is located on Parrish Street, in the heart of the downtown business section, and an attempted entry or break-in of the building would have to be characterized as bold though very foolish.

Although the robbery attempt netted the thieves not one cent, it is believed that it was the work of persons familiar with the location of the various departments of the company, since no other floor except that on which the finance of the company is handled was molested.

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PRES.-ELECT SAYS HE INTENDS TO WORK FOR PARTY PLATFORM

Winston-Salem Host To Masons Annual Meet

Five Winston-Salem Masonic Lodges of Prince Hall Affiliation will entertain the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Lodge F. & A. M. of North Carolina during its 82nd annual communication scheduled December 9-10.

Sessions will be held at Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church at fourth Street and Dunleith Avenue. The Rev. G. Linwood Fauntleroy is pastor of that church. A public meeting will be held Tuesday night at the Winston-Salem Teachers College with a banquet following.

The five Lodges, hosts to the session are: Ionic 72, Bivouac 503, Salem 139, Young Memorial 670 and Olympic 795.

Officers of the Grand Lodge are: Dr. G. D. Carnes, Wilmington, Grand Master; Clark S. Brown, a Winston-Salem Funeral Director, Senior Grand Warden; Solomon Keene, Asoskie, Junior Grand Warden; the Rev. C. W. Lawrence, Greensboro, Grand Secretary; G. A. Moore, New Bern, Grand Treasurer. Zack Alexander, Charlotte, is chairman of Foreign correspondents and Deputy Imperial Potentate.

Representing the 15th district—entertaining district—in the Official State Family are: D. W. Massey, Deputy of the 15th district; G. W. Little, Grand Junior Deacon; and George E. Pettie, Grand Historian.

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NEW YORK
The full influence of the White House will be thrown behind efforts to achieve civil rights objectives during the next four years, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, President-elect, today assured a delegation representing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In a conference lasting 55 minutes with NAACP President Arthur B. Spingarn, board members Theodore Spaulding of Philadelphia and Channing H. Tobias of New York, and Executive Secretary Walter White, the General reiterated his campaign pledges to work for the elimination of segregation in Washington and for the implementation of other planks in the Republican platform.

The civil rights issue is a basic moral issue, the president-elect told the delegation, Mr. White reported to a press conference following the interview. On the filibuster, General Eisenhower expressed concern but indicated that he felt it was a matter primarily for the Senate to decide. However, he said that he would use his influence with the Senate to curb filibusters and liberalize its rules, according to Mr. White.

"General Eisenhower received the delegation most cordially," the NAACP leader said. "He indicated a desire to do something effective to overcome the present stalemate on civil rights and gave assurance that he would do everything within his power as President to see that all segments of the American people receive equal justice. He repeated his pledge to appoint competent persons to high office irrespective of race, color, religion or national origin. Further, the General expressed the desire to keep in touch with the NAACP."

Attorneys Studying Inequalities In Burlington City Schools

Burlington—Attorneys have begun examining the records of the city schools of Burlington in an apparent effort to ascertain just how far in its program of discrimination against Negroes the Board of Education has gone.

The records were turned over to them this week by Dr. L. E. Spikes, superintendent of City Schools, in answer to a request of the attorneys that they be permitted to inspect them.

Attorneys making the investigation are J. Kenneth Lee, Greensboro, Harvey E. Beech and Floyd B. McKissick of Durham.

Contrary to reports circulated in local newspapers of Burlington, a representative of the Carolina Times was informed by R. R. Isenhour, chairman of the Board of Education of Burlington, that there would be no publishing of the names of Negro plaintiffs and the amount of taxes they pay in connection with information released to newspapers by City Board of Education officials. Dr. Spikes is believed to have made such an announcement in the effort to intimidate the 400 Negroes signing the affidavits requesting the inspection.

The committee authorized to act for the 400 parents and citizens is composed of Bennie Lee Jeffries, chairman; June Herwin and Fred Warren. Jeffries is president of one of the Parent-Teachers Associations of the community and a prominent farmer.

Some of the other persons signing the affidavits are: Dr. J. H. Pittman, Dr. W. C. Shanks, Jr., Dr. Robert Lesueur, Rev. C. S. Stroud, Mrs. Inez Richmond, S. J. Thompkins and J. W. Walker.

Just how long or when the lawyers will complete their investigation could not be determined here this week. According to a letter addressed to Dr. Spikes on November 23 "a great deal of time is necessary to complete the information."

In connection with some of the inequalities existing in the public schools of Burlington the Carolina Times is publishing below a letter from Hal D. Foster, sanitarian of the Alamance County Health Department, concerning some of the discrepancies which he found in the Della Plane School, a Negro unit of the City school system.

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NCC's NEW MILLION DOLLAR GYM

