

No Heads Rolled As Elks Hear Plea To Join Crusade Against Segregation

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Amidst the gaily and festive air of the Elks Convention in Atlanta, a solemn, religious note was sounded when the Rev. E. H. Collins Lee, above, grand chaplain of the IBPOE of W. and pastor of Chicago's Martin Temple A. M. E. Zion Church, delivered the eulogy for more than 800 members of the Order who died during the year. Rev. Lee called upon the more than 5,000 Bills and daughter Elks to "take up the torch" and make not only the Elks Order better by the remembrance of the deceased members, but to make the race, nation and even the world better by extolling the principles by which these Elks died as emblems of the Great Order.

NAACP HEAD ENLISTS AID OF GROUP

ATLANTA, Ga. A call for a clean-up fight on all forms of racial discrimination and segregation was made here, Friday, before the Elks convention by Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Paying tribute to the civil liberties campaign of the Elks over the years and to the progress of the Order under the administration of Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Johnson, White said:

"All of us now should join in one great effort to clean up all remaining discrimination and segregation based upon race and color. The NAACP has announced a ten-year campaign, 1953-1963, to wipe out second-class citizenship so that the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation will find no citizens who do not enjoy equality in our democracy. We have launched a 'Fighting Fund for Freedom' to help carry on the campaign and every person and every organization is invited to make a contribution."

White assailed Gov. Herman Talmadge for the statement that "blood would flow in rivers" if the Supreme Court ruled public school segregation unconstitutional. The NAACP secretary said the public school cases to be argued in Washington December 7 are of the "greatest importance" in the whole plan against inequality, and that "not one drop of blood, even from a fist fight, has flowed" as a result of Negroes attending state universities with whites in the South, or of integration of public schools in certain states like southern New Jersey, southern Illinois, Indiana and Arizona.

Keck Becomes Assistant To Shaw President

RALEIGH Shaw University's president, Dr. William R. Strassner, has announced the appointment of D. H. Keck of Raleigh as his Administrative Assistant. Keck, a native of Greensboro, is a Shaw University graduate with the B. S. degree and received the M. A. degree at the University of Michigan. He has teaching experience as instructor in the Nash County Training School, Nashville; Wake Forest High School, Wake Forest; and served for three years as principal of the Jacksonville Elementary School, Greensboro. He was also instructor of economics at the Fayetteville State Teachers College during the 1937 summer session. He was teller, and later appointed as Assistant Cashier of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank in Raleigh where he served for 15 years. He is Secretary-Treasurer of (Please turn to Page Eight)

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GALESBURG, ILLINOIS, NAACP SEEKS RETAIL STORE JOBS

GALESBURG, Ill.—Inquiries on hiring policies with a view to securing employment for Negroes as sales clerks have been made by Rupert J. Tarver, Jr., secretary of the Galesburg Branch of the NAACP, of five national merchandising firms with local stores here. They are The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company (A&P), F. W. Woolworth, J. C. Penny, Sears and Roebuck, and Montgomery Ward.

HUNDREDS HONOR MRS. BETHUNE AT ELKS' BREAKFAST

ATLANTA, Ga.—Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, 78-year-old founder of Bethune-Cookman College at Daytona Beach, Florida, was guest of honor at the impressive Civil Liberties breakfast held at the YMCA here in Atlanta during the 54th annual Elks' Grand Lodge.

Mrs. Bethune was introduced amid thunderous applause from the more than 400 guests present at the breakfast. Appearing in defiance of her doctors' orders, she rose weakly, assisted by the Elks' Grand Exalted Ruler, Robert H. Johnson of Philadelphia, and addressed the guests in a warm, clear voice.

Mrs. Bethune is the first woman—and the second Negro—to receive the medal which was named for Elijah Lovejoy a white abolitionist whose newspaper press and plant was destroyed by a mob and himself killed at Alton, Illinois in 1837 because of his anti-slavery views.

ELKS GIVE 'THE GRAND' NEW CADILLAC

ATLANTA, Ga.—The 54th annual Elks' Grand Lodge last week signally honored Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. Johnson of Philadelphia by voting to give him a new Cadillac automobile in recognition of what was termed "very outstanding services to the lodge and the nation as a whole" during his first year in office as ruler of over 500,000 Elks in the United States and several foreign countries.



The accent on youth was much in evidence at the last annual convention of the North Carolina Interdenominational Ushers Association. Youngsters played key roles in the Ushers meeting held on the campus of Bennett College in Greensboro recently. Shown here are the top officers of the Ushers: Left to right are Miss Ethelene Holden of Fayetteville, president; Johnny Pettiford, of Creedmoor, vice-president; Miss Norma McCoy of Durham, secretary; and Miss Juanita Murchison of Raleigh, assistant secretary.



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Navy's Anti-Jim Crow Action Said Overdue

WASHINGTON, D.C. The Navy order ending segregation in yards and other shore establishments, and directing commanders to report on progress toward elimination at sixty-day intervals was termed "long overdue" by Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP.

"We hope that at the end of the sixty-day interval the commanders will report that all Jim Crow facilities have been eliminated," said Mr. Mitchell, "because even sixty days is too long to keep segregation anywhere—but especially on U. S. property."

Someone in the Navy Department anonymously released a story about proposed gradual changes in ending segregation on August 10. However, the official Navy announcement was made on August 20 by Secretary Anderson who said:

"In further pursuit of its objective of the elimination of segregated facilities, the Department of the Navy has completed a survey of 43 shore stations from Virginia through Texas. The study shows that segregated facilities for white and colored citizens are non-existent in approximately one-half of the activities; in the remainder, segregation practices range from minor in most instances to substantial in a few cases.

"Commanding officers have been requested to proceed steadily and expeditiously toward the complete elimination of all barriers to the free use of facilities on government owned shore stations and to report their progress in this regard to the Secretary of the Navy at sixty day intervals."

The major NAACP effort against Jim Crow policies of the Navy began in 1951 when Jerry O. Gilliam, President of the South Carolina branch, asked Clarence Mitchell, Director of the Washington Bureau, to work to end separate drinking fountains, Jim Crow washrooms, and other segregated facilities in Navy Yards of their cities.

The Navy resisted the NAACP's efforts, and, as one of his final acts while serving as acting Secretary of the Navy two days after the Eisenhower Administration took over, Under-Secretary Francis P. Whitehair of Florida affirmed the policy of segregation in a written order.

When Whitehair was replaced by Navy Secretary Robert B. Anderson, a Texan, the NAACP placed the question before him. When he failed to act, the NAACP took the matter to Assistant Secretary of Defense, John Hannah. Mr. Hannah promised to end segregation. At the same time, he stated the Navy would study the extent of segregation in its shore establishments.

The NAACP and Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., also took the problem directly to the President.

Realtors to Hear Housing Chief

CHICAGO H. M. Michaux, secretary-treasurer of the Union Insurance and Realty Company, of Durham, N. C. will be among the hundreds of delegates from twenty states attending (Please turn to Page Eight)



A group of officers of the North Carolina Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, which held its convention in Charlotte this year, are shown here. Left to right are Rev. C. B. White, presiding elder, Durham District; Rev. J. L. Pickett, presiding elder, Winston-Salem District; Bishop W. Y. Bell, Presiding Bishop for the Fourth Episcopal District; Rev. A. P. Porter, pastor of the Calvary C. M. E. Church of Jersey City, New Jersey, and Dr. G. H. Carter, of the C. M. E. Publishing Board.

Back row are, left to right, Rev. J. H. Lightsey, director of Christian Education for the North Carolina Conference, and Rev. J. C. Clark, host pastor to the conference. See story of appointment of officers and assignments of ministers in the two North Carolina Districts on Page Seven.

Shock, Disbelief Over Rape, Beating Charges

DURHAM Announcements from the office of Durham County Sheriff E. G. Belvin that four young Negroes have been charged with the rape of a white woman and the brutal beating of her youthful companion came as an "incredible" shock to residents of Durham and its surrounding territories this week.

John D. Brooks, Claudius Parrish, Otto Roberts and Willie Shaw, all residents of Orange county, have been indicted for rape and criminal assault on Mrs. Hope Lloyd. According to reports from the Sheriff's office, the alleged attack occurred on the Fayetteville Road about three miles South of Durham early Sunday morning.

Elton Burgess of Route 3, Durham, who was driving Mrs. Lloyd home from a movie Saturday night, said that the four men dragged him from the car and beat him severely.

According to reports, the incident occurred about one a.m. Sunday morning. Burgess was reportedly driving Mrs. Lloyd to her home in Chapel Hill after attending a movie here Saturday night when his car was forced off the Fayetteville road near the Silver Dollar (a nightclub) by a car occupied by four Negroes.

Burgess was quoted as saying that two of the Negroes pulled him from the car and started to beat him up while the other two dragged Mrs. Lloyd from the car into the nearby woods.

Burgess was reportedly beaten by his two assailants who left him thinking that he was unconscious. He said that after the two men left him, he leaped up, ran to his car and drove away for help. He awakened a storekeeper, E. K. Bowling, who armed himself with a gun and drove Burgess back to the scene, spotted the Negroes' car and gave chase. When the Negroes' car was run into a ditch, they escaped into the woods, and (Please turn to Page Eight)

New Minister Named For Durham Church

DURHAM Reverend James W. Smith, Jr., native of Knoxville, Tennessee, has been named to fill the vacant post of minister to the Covenant Presbyterian Church here.

Announcement of Reverend Smith's selection came this week from C. E. Boulware, official of the church, who stated that Rev. Smith is expected to assume his new duties at the church on Sunday, September 6.

Appointment of Rev. Smith as minister to the Covenant Church here fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Reverend James A. Cannon. (Please turn to Page Eight)

Two N. C. Mutual Officers Receive Industry Awards

DURHAM Another official of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company was designated to receive a national insurance award.

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Bills, Daughters Capture Fancy Of Atlantans

By Trevaunt W. Anderson

ATLANTA, Ga. "Bob" Johnson, the handsome, six-foot, four chief of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, brought his antlered herd—some 30,000 of them—in to the heart of the Deep South, Atlanta, and captured the heart of everyone, both white and colored. Atlanta loved them and everything they did. They had never seen anything like it before.

Trains, planes, buses and autos roared into Atlanta from all parts of the nation, bringing the Elks here to find the answer to the big question: "What will happen when Negro Elks invade Atlanta, Ga. in full force?" The nation has the answer: everything was "just fine" all the way round. There wasn't one single "incident" during the entire Grand Lodge of a racial nature.

The Elks showed themselves off, they had their fun, they transacted heavy business and then they went on their way, leaving behind them the acclamation of all Atlantans, from Governor Herman Talmadge down to the lowliest citizen.

As a matter of fact, Governor Talmadge set a precedent for himself on Thursday when he invited Grand Exalted Ruler Johnson to the State Capitol and for the first time—permitted himself to be photographed with a Negro! He was pictured shaking hands with "The Grand."

After six days of fun making and serious business the Grand Lodge was adjourned to meet next year in Chicago, Ill. All officers were reelected. No "heads rolled," and there was no friction in the most harmonious sessions seen in the last quarter century.

The Elks took hefty swings at race prejudice in their resolutions. They announced a "register-and-vote" campaign; they voted to give \$1,000 in a scholarship to Horace Ward, when and if the NAACP wins the court fight to force his admittance—as the first Negro student—to the University of Georgia; they "took care" of their favorite sons, strengthened their order and then they went on their various ways back to their homes.

They had voted to support the NAACP in its effort before the U. S. Supreme Court against school segregation, and had heard Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, in a stirring speech asking for a united front among Negro groups in this fight.

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