

N. C. Mutual Over \$200 Million Mark



CONTRIBUTES FIRST \$1,000 FOR SHRINE — Dr. John C. Oliver, member of Alpha Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Washington, D. C., contributes \$1,000 to the national shrine to be built by the Fraternity in Washington, D. C.

The Fraternity is now sponsoring a campaign to raise \$175,000 to construct the building. The building has been designed by Paul Williams, architect of Los Angeles, California.

Reading left to right, Charles Roberson, member of Shrine

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U.S. COURT BANS JIM CROW PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

RICHMOND, VA.

A notable victory for desegregation was written into the record here Monday, March 14, when the United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals branded segregation in public parks and playgrounds as unconstitutional.

The decision was a body blow at the "separate but equal" theory under which southern schools have kept the races apart in public schools for more than fifty years. It also marked a reversal of a Federal District Court decision at Baltimore, made with that theory in mind, which had held that segregation in public recreational facilities was permissible if both races were given equal facilities.

"The Circuit Court held that the "separate but equal" theory was scrapped by the U. S. Supreme Court decision of last May 17 when segregation in the nation's schools was outlawed. The Circuit Court also ruled that the May decision "swept away" as well any basis for keeping the races separated in public parks or playgrounds.

In defense of its ruling, the Circuit Court held that the "separate but equal" doctrine adopted in 1896 "had no place in modern public education."

"The Circuit Court said further, "It is now obvious . . . that segregation cannot be justified as a means to preserve the public peace merely because the tangible facilities furnished to one race are equal to those furnished to another.

"It is also obvious that racial segregation in recreational activities can no longer be sustained as a proper exercise of the police power of the state . . ."

The Court said in addition if that power cannot be involved "to sustain racial segregation in the schools, where attendance is compulsory and racial friction may be apprehended from enforced commingling of the races, it cannot be sustained with respect to public beach and bath facilities, the use of which is entirely optional."

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Business League To Hold Regional Meet In Kinston

BY J. B. HARREN
KINSTON

This city will be host to the first regional meeting of the eastern division of the North Carolina Business League to be held here Sunday, April 17, at the J. H. Sampson School, according to an announcement from Mrs. Vivian S. Marks, proprietor of Marks Tourist Home here, a member of the arrangements committee for the meeting.

State President Alexander H. ("Tuffy") Bryant of Rocky Mount and other state officers of the Business League are inviting all eastern Carolina race business men and women to be present for the meeting which will be in session from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. with dinner being served to visiting delegates.

Founded By C. C. Spaulding

The Business League in North Carolina was founded by the late Charles Clinton Spaulding, nationally-known banker, insurance official and civic leader, about ten years ago.

It has striven to keep the glow of business enterprise operating among citizens of the state since. Of late it has been led by J. J. Henderson, G. W. Cox, Ms. J. DeShazor-Jackson, League secretary, and organizer of the Housewives' League.

D. D. Garrett, A. J. Turner and A. H. Bryant, Mrs. Barnes, Business School operator of Goldsboro, has also been actively engaged in promoting the training of clerical help in co-operation with the Business League.

In lieu of a State-wide meeting this year, the League officials, in a special board meeting in Raleigh March 6, decided to hold an eastern meeting in Kinston, and another regional

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RALEIGH

The Seventeenth Annual Board of Directors Meeting of the National Negro Funeral Directors Association, Inc. will be held during the period, March 20, 21, 22, in Raleigh.

Acting as host to the convening group will be the Colored Funeral Directors and Morticians Association of North Carolina, Inc.

There will be three sessions of the group, one on each of the three days of the meet. The first will be held at the East Martin Street Baptist Church on Sunday, March 20, at 7:30 p. m. with Mrs. Perry J. Brown of the Brown's Funeral Home in Greensboro, acting as Master of Ceremonies.

On Monday, March 21, the body will convene on the West Campus of Shaw University at 8:30 a. m. at which time the delegates will register. The session for the morning will begin at 9:30.

The final session of the convening group will be held on Tuesday, March 22. This session will also be held on the West Campus of the University at 8:30 a. m.

At each of the three sessions, a well prepared program will be given. These programs will feature outstanding men in their respective fields of effort and widely known speakers.

On Sunday night, National Chaplain Howard Durr will lead the devotions in the meet at the Martin Street Church. C. H. Morris, North Carolina State President, and Charles Crook, National President, C. W. Lee, Vice-President of the National Board, and T. R. Hawes, Chairman of the National Board will appear on the program.

Twenty-five years ago, Mr. Watkins married Miss Parece Bland of Greensboro, who presently is the Supervisor of Elementary Teachers in the Durham City Schools.

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The Rev. Paul Johnson, pastor of the Martin Street Church,

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Another milestone was reached by N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company of Durham as the year 1954 closed, when the insurance in force on the books of the Company passed the \$200,000 mark. The amount of insurance increased from \$194,131,884 as of the end of the year of the year 1953 to \$205,472,887. This amount includes North Carolina Mutual's proportionate share of the group life insurance for Federal employees authorized by the United States Congress during the month of August, 1954 and underwritten by 162 life insurance companies writing group insurance.

Commenting briefly on the growth and development of the Company at the 1955 Annual Meetings of the Policyholders and Directors, President Kennedy stated that the 1955 Annual Statement reflects an achievement of which we dare not boast; however, it is the fulfillment of a dream for which all of us should give thanks.

Extending his remarks, he made the observation that at the beginning of the year 1954, North Carolina Mutual ranked Number 136 among 877 life insurance companies operating in the United States of America based on amount of insurance in force, the Number 124 based on amount of Admitted Assets. It is the Number One company among 66 life insurance companies operated by Negroes in the United States.

FOUR MILLION DOLLAR GAIN

The Admitted Assets of the Company increased during 1954 to a total of \$45,751,269.08, a gain of \$4,079,987.88 over the previous year. Of this amount, \$11,550,934.32 consists of mortgage loans. It is through this channel that the homes, farms, businesses and other real estate holdings of many of the policyholders of the Company have been financed.

At the close of the year total liabilities of the Company amounted to \$40,058,920.67, including Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts in the sum of \$37,187,819.54. Special Reserve and unassigned Surplus totaled \$5,692,348.41.

Total Premium Income during 1954 reached an all-time high of \$11,115,039.96 and gross income from investments amounted to \$1,589,214.41. Payments under policy contracts during the year amounted to \$3,889,927.55, bringing Total Payments to Policyholders and Beneficiaries to \$49,536,380.50 since organization.

DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED

At the meeting of the Policyholders of the Company on January 10, E. R. Merrick, G. W. Cox, Sr., and W. J. Kennedy,

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