

Miss. Negroes Unmoved By Terror And Threat Of Death

'We Are Not Afraid,' Say Spokesmen For Group Fighting For Equal Rights

CHICAGO, Ill. — The militant Negroes of Mississippi who make up the New Fighting South, will not surrender. In their fight for full citizenship this new breed of Negro refuses to be silenced by terror, brutality or even threats of death.

In a recent Regional Council meeting in Mound Bayou, Miss., more than 13,000 Negroes jammed into the small town to reaffirm their cause and to pay tribute to Rev. G. T. Lee, Baptist minister who was murdered a few days later in nearby Belzoni, Miss., when he refused to remove his name from the local voting list.

Seven Negro leaders of Mississippi also have been marked for death by whites in the area and they say that they are not running away.

"We're not afraid," said Dr. T. R. M. Howard of Mound Bayou. "Some of the rest of us may join Reverend Lee, but we will join him as courageous warriors—not as cringing cowards!"

"We're under the gun," says Belzoni grocer Gus Courts, "but I mean to stand up—regardless."

"I'm not backing up," says Dr. Clinton Battle, Indianola physician.

When asked if Negroes are afraid in Mississippi, the state NAACP secretary Medgar Evers of Jackson replied, "You don't have time to be afraid."

The militant Negroes are not running to the northern cities for better education for their children, or where their vote can be counted. They intend to fight for their rights on their home ground until victory is achieved.

Home at Creedmoor. The following officers were elected for the next year: Moderator, Rev. W. H. Fuller; 1st. Vice Moderator, Rev. L. M. Gooch; 2nd Vice Moderator, Rev. L. E. Daye; Recording Secretary, J. L. Mof-Richard Timberlake; Statistician, William Tuck; Auditor, Preston Green.

Lyon Park Rose Garden Club

On Monday evening Gardener M. W. Webb was hostess to the Lyon Park Rose Garden Club at her home on Moreland Ave. The house was beautifully decorated with Cut flowers of the season.

The garden reminder was given by gardener Helen McDade after which the meeting was turned over to the President, Gardener Alice Jones. A brief business session was held. Mrs. Mary S. Coward was made welcome to the club. Gardeners Elnora Smith and Mable Freeland who attended the State Convention in Laurinburg gave a very interesting and informative report from the convention.

General discussion centered around trees and lawns for small homes. A delectable menu was served by the hostess. Mrs. Webb had as her guests Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Bessie Thompson, Mrs. Hallie Crews and Mrs. Dunigans. Members present: Gardeners N. Y. Curry, Daisy Frazier, Elizabeth Bullock, Mable Freeland, Mary Hardy, Fannie Tapp, Alice Jones, Catherine Shaw, M. S. Coward,



Christian Youth Seminar Interracial Workers

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Interracial staff who worked with more young people from seven states including the district of Columbia who attended second annual Christian Youth Seminar here at Vermont Avenue and Metropolitan Baptist Churches, June 27-July 3rd.

Reading from left to right on front row are: Dr. Marjorie H. Paeker, associate professor, Minor Teachers College, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Ella Pitts, Instructor Howard University, conference coordinator; Mrs. O. K. Armstrong, Washington, D. C.,

Pearl Brown, Flonnie Smith, Elnora Joyner, Helen McDade, Louise Thorpe, M. W. Webb, Elnora Smith, Sadie Mebane, Fannie Cozart, Alene Mebane, Lottie Foushee and Annie Bell Green.

Mrs. Flonnie Smith thanked the hostess and her co-worker, Mrs. Dunigans for a delightful evening.

associate editor Baptist World, Mrs. C. E. Griffen, Norfolk, Va., president of Young People's department and director of Lott Carey Youth division, and Miss Anne Bowser, former missionary to Haiti, North Wilkesboro, N. C. Seen on Second row left to right are the Rev. James Coates, assistant pastor, Geth-

semane Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Howard D. Rees, secretary student Union, Washington, D. C.; Dr. W. C. Sommerville, executive secretary Lott Carey; The Rev. A. J. Edwards, Washington, D. C. and the Rev. John Lange, minister education Chevy Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

J. W. Mitchner Named Head Of Farmers Group

GREENSBORO — A Johnston County farmer, J. W. Mitchner, Smithfield, RFD will lead the State Conference of Negro Farmers and Homemakers for the coming year.

A vice president of the organization for the past four years, he was elevated to the high post at the election held at the closing session of the annual meeting held here at A&T College last July 5-8. He succeeds Alvin Cherry of Windsor.

Other officers include: Mrs. Vera M. Slade, Ahoakle, first vice president; Mrs. Estella Smith, Palmyra, second vice president; R. E. Jones, state agent, A&T College, secretary and J. A. Spaulding, district agent with the Extension Service, treasurer.

The organization adopted a series of resolutions at the closing session, commending the county Extension workers and the 4-H Club Foundation of North Carolina for the successful fund drive leading to the construction of the 4-H Club Camp in Onslow County; commending A&T College and religious groups in the state for having sponsored the Rural Life Institute for Ministers; called on the college to seek funds from the State Budget Bureau to sup-

port all Negro farmers in the state to vote in the impending referendum on flu-cured tobacco and peanuts slated for July 23; expressing appreciation to the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation for support given the conference.

The conference voted to explore the possibility of moving the annual meeting during the winter and to have special instruction in home improvement and beautification with the next annual meeting.

New Hanover County won top honors for attendance with a representation of 71 persons. Mrs. Lillie M. Billingslea, Wilmington, RFD, president of the group received the silver loving cup given each year. A. W. Solomon, field representative of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation with headquarters here in Greensboro, made the presentation.

The four-day program included daily demonstrations and lectures on the latest techniques in scientific agriculture, poultry and live stock management for the men and new homemaking ideas and meal planning for the women. Principal speakers during the week included: L. Y. Ballentine, Raleigh, State commissioner of agriculture, keynote; Dr. C.

B. Ratchford, assistant director, N. C. Extension Service of Raleigh and Dr. F. D. Bluford, president of A&T College. It was the 33rd annual meet for the farm group.

Meeting concurrently with the farmers were 70-odd town and country church leaders attending the 2nd annual Rural Life Institute for Ministers. They were brought up-to-date on the latest methods in developing the rural church program.

Among the speakers heard by the group were: Dr. James S. Thomas, Nashville, Tenn., officer of the Board of Education, The Methodist Church; Rev. J. A. Forbes, Goldsboro, president, Bible Training Institute; Rev. S. F. Daly, pastor, First Baptist Church, Franklin, Va.; Rev. H. E. Reaves, general financial secretary, The United Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden; and Rev. W. M. Lake, pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Burlington.

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