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NAACP CASE BACK IN LOWER COURT'S HANDS



Above is an exterior view of the new Mt. Gilead Baptist church building located at Dowd and Gurley streets in Durham. Initial dedication services were held on December 23, and the remaining services in the series were announced this week.

State Supreme Court Returns Registration Case

RALEIGH — North Carolina gained a slight edge in its running battle with the NAACP last week when it won a ruling from the State Supreme Court on a technical issue.

The high court ruled, in keeping with the state's contention, that an action filed by the NAACP fighting an order that it register under two statutes, was improperly filed, and remanded the case to a lower court.

The opinion, written by Justice R. Hunt Parker, said that the secretary of state and the attorney general are not properly co-defendants under the two causes of action filed singularly by the NAACP.

It upheld a Wake Superior Court ruling that the actions be stated separately.

The state had ordered the NAACP to register with the secretary of state as a foreign corporation doing business within the state.

The NAACP claimed it was not doing business in North Carolina and its activities are such as to bring it under interstate commerce which provides it protection under the U. S. Constitution.

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Winston-Salem To Honor Man



J. S. Stewart, president of Mutual Savings and Loan Association, is shown here addressing annual meeting of the firm's shareholders in Durham last week. Seated are J. S. Stewart, secretary-treasurer of the firm and F. V. Allison, Jr., assistant secretary-treasurer.

At Annual Meeting

Durham Firm Notes Growth

Mutual Savings and Loan Association increased its assets by \$397,137.35, or 13.97 percent, in 1956, and now holds more savings and serves more families than at any time in its 35-year history, J. S. Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer, reported at the firm's annual shareholders' meeting last week.

Stewart, in releasing the association's annual report, said the institution's steady growth was due to serving a growing number of people. "For 125 years," he said, "the nation's savings and loan associations have contributed to community thrift and home ownership by providing a safe, convenient and profitable place for savings, and by granting sound home loans."

Among highlights of the institution's 1956 operations were the following:

1. Net savings increased by \$564,492, or 24.61 percent, in 1956, bringing total savings to \$2,837,040.92.
2. The association's savers received a total of \$88,128.25 in dividends, 28.71 percent more than in 1955.
3. The association expanded its home mortgage loan portfolio by \$383,169.73, or 15.80 percent, in 1956. Total home loans outstanding now amount to \$2,808,339.76.
4. Reserves were increased to \$281,924.08, exceeding the reserves on hand at the end of last year by \$29,784.76, or 11.81 percent.

Stewart forecast continuance of a high level economy in 1957.

Spaulding To Speak At Affair On January 25

WINSTON-SALEM — Plans are fast taking shape here for a special program next Friday night to honor this city's outstanding man of 1956.

Officially known as the "Young Man of the Year" award, the honor will be given at a banquet at the Patterson avenue YMCA Friday, Jan. 25.

For the past several years, the Junior Chamber of Commerce has sponsored the affair, citing the city's outstanding young man of the year. This year, however, the Jaycees decided to pool its efforts in the project with the Business and Professional Chain in an effort to gain wider interest for the project.

A secret committee composed of members of both organizations has been at work for several weeks processing nominations for the award. Their selection will be announced by Mayor Marshall Kurfess at the banquet Friday.

Principal speaker for the occasion will be Asa T. Spaulding, globe-trotting vice president of the North Carolina Mutual life insurance company.

Spaulding himself was recently the recipient of an honor in Durham from that city's Business and Professional Chain. He recently returned from a one month stay in India where he represented the United States at the UNESCO world conference. In 1955, he was a member of the U.S. delegation to the inauguration of Liberia's President William V. S. Tubman.

REMEMBER ME



Polio strikes without regard to age, race, creed or color. March of Dimes funds provide for polio patients without regard to age, race, creed or color. Sheila, age one year, was stricken in June 1956. She will learn to walk. Her future care is guaranteed by the 1957 March of Dimes. Share in her care and future. Join the March of Dimes.

NCC Co-ed Wins Readers Digest \$500 First Prize

A 19 year old NCC sophomore from Chinquapin, is the winner of a \$500 Readers Digest prize. An additional \$500 will be given to NCC's Scholarship fund.

Gerlie Lee Chasten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Chasten, a farm couple with eight children, is the lucky one.

"I am very excited and thrilled," said Miss Chasten. She will use the money to pay her tuition and fees for the second semester at NCC, which starts February 5.

Miss Chasten's family, like many other farm families, is a closely knit unit. Through team work they have been able to educate two other sisters, Mrs. Willie C. Jones of LaGrange, Ga., and Miss Esther Chasten of Artwell, Ga.

The two older sisters finished A and T College in Greensboro, N.C. in 1955.

Esther has been the NCC co-ed's sponsor thus far this year. She will get relief next semester.

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New Speculation On N. C. Acts In Wake Of Va. Case

The question of whether North Carolina's pupil assignment laws are constitutional appeared of little moment in the opinion of several attorneys this week who have followed closely the legal battles over school desegregation in this area.

The state's pupil assignment act was placed in the spotlight once again this week-end as the result of a ruling on a Virginia school assignment law by a federal judge.

U. S. District Judge Walter E. Hoffman ruled last Friday at Norfolk that Virginia's school laws designed to maintain the state's segregated pattern is "unconstitutional on its face."

Immediately, speculation arose anew in North Carolina as to the constitutional validity of similar laws enacted recently to maintain segregation.

Attorney General George B. Patton was quoted by several press services soon after the Virginia ruling that the North Carolina pupil assignment act remains unaffected by Judge Hoffman's Virginia ruling.

Commenting on N. C.'s new school laws, Atty. Gen. Patton was quoted as saying, "In my opinion there is nothing on its face that appears unconstitutional."

Reports went on to quote Patton as saying that although Judge Hoffman ruled that Negro plaintiffs would not have to exhaust administrative remedies under the Virginia pupil assignment statute, all administrative remedies would have to be exhausted in North Carolina.

However, well informed legal opinion was expressed this week to the extent that all of the "guts" have been removed from the state's pupil assignment acts designed to maintain segregation by a decision rendered by Judge John J. Parker.

It was explained that Judge Parker ruled that while the



HOWARD CHAPLAIN

Howard Chaplain Dr. H. A. Ferrell At NCC Sunday

Rev. H. Albion Ferrell, chaplain to Canterbury House—the Episcopal student center at Howard University—will speak at North Carolina College's vesper services here on Sunday.

Time for the service is at 3:15 p.m. at B.N. Duke auditorium.

Rev. Ferrell will speak on the subject, "From Many, One."

A former teacher in New Jersey, Rev. Ferrell was chaplain to the Cheyney State Teachers College in Pennsylvania before coming to Howard.

He is a graduate of New Jersey State Teachers College at the Philadelphia Divinity school and has done additional study at Temple University.

Dedication Rites Announced For New Durham Church Building

Services of consecration for the new Mt. Gilead Baptist church building will continue Friday, Jan. 16 and run through Feb. 1, it was announced this week by Rev. Harold Roland, pastor of the church.

Initial services were held in the new structure last Dec. 23. Some ten ministers from Durham churches and an official of the North Carolina Mutual life insurance company will speak at the dedication series.

Friday night's services will be conducted by the N. C. Mutual. Aaron Day, Jr., assistant secretary of the firm, will deliver the principal address. He will speak on "The Negro church, Its Present and Future Challenges."

Music for this service will be furnished by the Young People's choir of the church.

Speakers to be heard during the remaining services in the series are as follows:

- Jan. 21, Rev. A. S. Croom, pastor of Union Baptist Church;
- Jan. 22, Rev. W. M. Fuller, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist;
- Jan. 23, Rev. J. H. Peppers, pastor of St. Paul Baptist;
- Jan. 24, Rev. C. E. McLester, pastor of Morehead Avenue Baptist;
- Jan. 28, Rev. E. T. Browne, pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist;
- Jan. 30, Rev. W. F. Cox, pastor of Oak Grove Free Will Baptist;
- Jan. 31, Rev. R. L. Speaks, pastor of St. Mark AMEZ Church;
- and Feb. 1, Rev. F. Yelverton, pastor of Mt. Calvary Holiness church.

Choirs of the above churches will render music at their respective services.

Construction was begun on the new church edifice last March. It was completed in December at an approximate cost of \$115,000.

Located at Dowd and Gurley streets, site of the old church building, the new edifice has a 500 seating capacity sanctuary and a 225 capacity basement assembly. In addition, there are 17 rooms for educational and administrative purposes.

The building is constructed of red brick and solite blocks. The interior of the sanctuary is finished in white sand plaster with a ceiling of acoustic tile. It is decorated with a special gum wainscoting. The choir and balcony are equipped with opera seats.

It contains a combination heating and air conditioning unit and facilities for installation of a public address system.

Plans for the new edifice were drawn by Dr. W. H. Robinson. George Boykin, contractor, superintended the construction. The church's building committee, which had charge of overall plans for the building, included B. B. Rogers, chairman, John L. Holloway, A. L. Tuck, Mrs. Martha Nance, William Cook, David Gilmore, Samuel Walker and Lewis Owens.

IKE ASKED TO TOUR SOUTH

ATLANTA, Ga. — Negro leaders meeting here last week-end in a series of workshops on the technique of non-violence in the racial struggle appealed to President Eisenhower and vice president Nixon to come to the South and call for compliance with the Supreme Court's desegregation rulings.

The text of a telegram sent to the chief executive at the end of the meetings said, in part:

"We ask you to come South immediately to make a major speech in a major southern city urging all Southerners to abide by the Supreme Court's decision as the law of the land.

This wire came at the end of one of the two meetings last week in Atlanta. The first was sponsored by a group of Negro ministers and the second by the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Membership Increasing In Spite Of Attacks On NAACP In Dixie

NEW YORK — Membership in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People reached the 350,000 mark in 1956 despite the ban on operations in the states of Alabama, Louisiana and Texas, Gloucester B. Current, director of branches, reported at the Association's 48th annual meeting here this week.

The extra efforts of NAACP units outside of the South, Current said, "offset the loss in those states" and as a result the total membership was increased by about 40,000. During 1956, he continued, new local NAACP units chartered included 46 branches, 42 youth councils and 13 college chapters in 23 states. By the end of the year there were 1,513 local units in 44 states, the District of Columbia and the Territory of Alaska.

Current reported that branches in 12 cities enrolled more than 3,000 members each in 1956. Leading this list was Detroit with 18,204. Los Angeles with 14,196 was second followed by Cleveland, 13,101. Others

in this group included: New York (Manhattan only) 11,871; Baltimore, 10,000; Washington, 9,628; Philadelphia, 9,187; Chicago, 8,724; Cincinnati, 6,461; Atlanta, 5,863; St. Louis, 5,501; and Brooklyn 5,183.

The Association's youth program under direction of Herbert L. Wright, Mr. Current reported, "achieved a membership high of 24,450 during 1956. The division succeeded in obtaining a number of scholarships to help young people who were ousted from southern colleges because of their activities in the desegregation campaign and others who needed help to carry on their work."

Mutual At 53 Million, Names Goodloe V-P

The North Carolina Mutual life insurance company has reached a total of 53 million dollars in assets, according to its President's annual report to policyholders last week.

N. C. Mutual president, W. J. Kennedy, Jr., made the annual report before assembled policyholders at the firm's home office in Durham Monday.

Following the annual meeting, J. W. Goodloe, secretary, was elevated to the post of a vice-president.

Progress of the firm from its origins in 1899 to the present day was traced by President Kennedy in his address. He also reported on highlights of the past year's operations.

Kennedy said that operations during the year showed a premium income of \$12 million and insurance in force of nearly \$230 million.

"We have every reason to take great pride in the achievements of our company as a substantial unit of the life insurance industry in our nation," he said.

"To the American Negro, North Carolina Mutual is more than a life insurance company. It is the symbol of his advancement in spite of economic, social and political injustices.

"Those of us assembled here today represent more than 790,000 policyholders of the company in nine states and the District of Columbia. To this

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