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Tarheel NAACP Talks Aim At Last Barriers To Race

N. C. Convention Underway In State Capital

RALEIGH
The North Carolina State Conference of Branches, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, seeking to knock down the last racial barriers left in North Carolina, will open its 15th Annual Convention in Raleigh, Thursday, October 9, with a Ministers meeting, which will focus attention on "Effective Utilization of the Moral Resources of the Community in Support of the Full Fight for Freedom".

Dr. Edward J. Odum, Jr., National NAACP Church Secretary will give an analysis of the NAACP Church Program; Rev. John W. Fleming of Shaw University, Raleigh, will deliver the Ministers Keynote Address and Dr. Robert Shirley, Pastor, Davie Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, will be the Ministers' Banquet Speaker Thursday evening.

Dr. Grady Davis, Dean of the School of Religion, Shaw University is Chairman of the Church Committee of the North Carolina NAACP.

Ruby Hurley To Deliver Convention Keynote Address
Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Southeastern Regional Secretary of Atlanta, Georgia will deliver the keynote address, Friday evening, 8:00 P.M., at the Martin Street Baptist Church, Headquarters for the convention.

Activities for Friday will begin in the morning with Registration of delegates from all over the state. Convention organization will begin at 10:00 A.M. Workshops on Branch Administration. See NAACP, page 8



AME Church officials who took part in the Fall Convocation signalling the formal opening of Kirtrell College pictured here are, left to right, W. L. Hilderbrand, chairman of the Kirtrell executive board of trustees; Dr. R. W. Mance, secretary

Dr. Browne To Be Installed Head Of Durham Ministers On Monday

Installation of the Reverend E. T. Browne as president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham will be held Monday night at eight at the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, it was revealed this week.
The Rev. Browne, who is Mt. Vernon's pastor, was elected president of the ministers' organization to fulfill the unexpired term of the Rev. D. A. Johnston, former pastor of St. Joseph's AME Church who was transferred recently to Greensboro.
The Rev. Johnston will deliver the installation message. Music will be furnished by the Mt. Vernon Male Chorus.
Browne was born in Tidewater, Virginia and reared in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He attended the public school in Virginia, evening school in Pittsburgh, and did his college work at Virginia Theological Seminary at Lynchburg, Virginia; Virginia Union University at Durham, N. C.



BROWNE

'Professor' Gets 6-10 Years Term

GREENSBORO
A fast talking man who claimed to hold a master's degree from Syracuse University and said he was a member of the Fayetteville State Teachers College faculty was given a six to ten year prison term in Guilford Superior Court here Monday.
The sentenced man was Abraham L. Anderson, 32, charged on three counts of obtaining money under false pretense.
Anderson, acting as his own lawyer and conducting lengthy cross examinations of prosecuting witnesses, took the stand in his own behalf after he was convicted of the first three charges. He referred to himself in his arguments in the third person as "the defendant."

He told judge Frank Armstrong of Troy he was the victim of circumstances and had intended to make good bad checks which he has passed on three occasions in the city.
However, at this point, testimony was revealed by the prosecution showing him to be a notorious bad check passer with a long FBI record. He was wanted in Raleigh, Fayetteville, Charlotte and Tallahassee, Fla.
Anderson was charged with cashing worthless checks a

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Atty. General's Speech Cheered By Young Demos

GREENSBORO
A high ranking North Carolina official attacked the policy of defiance of the federal court rulings on segregation in a speech before a major audience here Friday.

State Attorney General Malcolm Seawell, famed for his crackdown on the Ku Klux Klan when he was a district solicitor in eastern North Carolina, told the convention of state Young Democratic clubs that the "policies of defiance and massive resistance will never result in anything but irreparable damage to the state and to its people."

He described as "sheer folly" the massive resistance scheme of the State of Virginia and Gov. Orval Faubus' maneuvers to circumvent the Supreme Court's school desegregation ruling.
Seawell's address was the keynote delivered before the YDC in their annual state convention. They gave him a prolonged standing ovation following the address.

His crack at the Virginia and Arkansas policies came as he defended North Carolina's limited integration policy. Reminding the Young Democrats that "North Carolina's biggest business is its schools," he drew a sharp contrast between the opened schools in North Carolina and the closed schools of Virginia and Arkansas.

"That's a sickening sound," he said, "the sound of closing school doors."

He warmly praised North Carolina's "moderate" approach to the school desegregation issue. Seawell's address was the first outspoken criticism of southern defiance of federal orders in school desegregation to come from a highly placed state official.

Other Tar Heel officials have praised the state's limited desegregation program as affording machinery for the state to control desegregation. None, however, have openly criticized action of sister states in defying the law.

"It is folly to suppose or think for one moment that the interpretation which the Supreme Court places upon the Constitution is not the law of the land."

"This fact has been recognized by unanimous decision of the Justices of the Supreme Court of North Carolina. They are, of course, steeped in the traditions of the Southland and of the Tarheel state. But beyond that, they are learned in the law and are all sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States."

"The law of the land may be changed by the people (through constitutional amendment) or through interpretation of the Constitution by the Supreme Court. But it never can be changed through force or violence."

"It should be obvious that it is legally impossible for this state or any other state to cease being one of the United States, (See Defiance, page 8)



Milwaukee Braves' star outfielder Wes Covington relaxes at his home in Milwaukee with his wife and family. A Laurinburg native, Covington attended high school in Durham. His wife, the former Miss Marian Evans, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Evans of 1204 Drew street in Durham. The two little Covingtons pictured are five year-old Regina and two year-old Aggie (o daddy's knee).

SCHOOL FOR INDUSTRY INSURED

Negro Vote Credited With Securing Center

A light but effective turnout of Negro voters last week was credited in most quarters with insuring the location of an industrial education center in Durham.

Informed sources believe that 40 to 50 percent of the votes in favor of the proposal were cast by Negroes.
Durham voters gave a bond issue, enabling the center's establishment a near 2-1 majority last Tuesday.

According to the actual tally from the four predominantly Negro precincts, the bond issue carried 1,358 votes to only 45 against it.

An official of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs estimated that a total of 1,568 Negroes throughout the city voted for the proposal. A Durham daily newspaper figured that approximately 1,500 Negroes cast ballots favoring the proposal.

These figures were based on the proportion of the Negro vote for the bond issue as indicated in the four predominantly Negro wards.

The non-Negro vote in Tuesday's election indicated a definite anti-bond issue trend. Omitting the Negro vote factor, the

city's vote would have shown a 54 percent majority against the proposed bond issue.

A total of 2,892 votes were cast throughout the city for the bond issue by both races. Some 1,632 persons voted against it. Minus the estimated 1,500 Negro votes, the vote for bond issue would have virtually sealed the fate of the industrial center.

Negro leaders praised the effort of Negro citizens in turning out to help secure the industrial center.

The bond issue, which will

provide \$250,000 for the construction of a school for adults in industry, had the support of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs.

W. A. Clement, chairman of the DCNA's Education Committee, a group which did much preliminary spadework in establishing the issues in the industrial center proposal, said of the election:

"We're happy that the election was a success and the bond issue was approved. We feel it will open opportunities for our people particularly."

"We've secured a list of courses to be offered and the Economic Committee (of the DCNA) has that information. They're going to request industries that are already here and those that are coming to afford job opportunities."

Ellis D. Jones, chairman of the DCNA's Political Committee, the organization which has the prime responsibility of getting out the vote, said:

"The response of the Negro group to the leadership of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs was most encouraging, and demonstrates again, the necessity of having an organization that is always willing and ready to support progressive movements in our city."

"The leadership of the Durham Committee is respected and appreciated by the Negro population of our city."

County Must Urbanize For Consolidation

"Consolidation is good, providing that the Durham County System becomes Urbanized," Lew W. Hannen, Superintendent of Schools, said at a meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association of Hillside High School, on Monday evening.

Hannen in an unprepared not too lengthy speech further stated "if I believed for a minute that we would have better school systems by Consolidation, I would be on a platform speaking for it now."

According to information provided by Hannen on Monday night, an un-named member of the City School System has been going about the city saying "With Consolidation all threats for integration would be wiped."

At this meeting the 1956-59 PTA officers were installed, with Leroy T. Walker as President. Other members of the Association are V. P. Davis, Vice President; Mrs. Lizzie Crews, Secretary; and Mrs. Elizabeth Ellison, Asst. Secretary.

CAN BE TRIED AGAIN

State Supreme Court Clears Walker In Election Dispute

RALEIGH
A case against attorney James R. Walker of Weldon charging him with interfering with a registrar was killed in action of the State Supreme Court Tuesday.

The high tribunal overruled a Northampton County Court which convicted Walker of the charges in 1956. The high court vacated the conviction on the

grounds that the indictment drawn up against Walker contained too many errors.
However, according to informed sources, the court's action did not rule out the possibility of Walker's being brought to trial again on the same charges under newly drawn up particulars.

Walker was given a four months road sentence, suspended

on payment of a \$50 fine and court costs, in an August, 1956 trial in Northampton County court.

Action in the case covered a period of two years. It grew out of charges stemming from an incident in the spring of 1956 when Walker protested a decision of Mrs. Helen Taylor, Seaboard registrar, refusing to register a Negro applicant.

The young militant lawyer at one time served a 24 hour jail stint to get the case reopened under a post conviction statute. The Supreme Court action Tuesday came as the result of an appeal subsequently filed from the Northampton County Court conviction by Walker's attorneys, Herman Taylor and Samuel Mitchell of Raleigh.

In its ruling, the court said it was quashing the indictment and vacating judgement because the indictment "fails to particularize the crime charged and is not sufficiently explicit to protect the accused against subsequent prosecutions for the same offense."

The indictment in the case (See Walker, page 8)

Greensboro Youth Is Reinstated At White School After His Expulsion

GREENSBORO
One of the first Negroes to be admitted to a white school in North Carolina last year, Russell Herring of Greensboro, returned to the recently desegregated Gillespie Park school this week after being out for over two weeks.

Herring was expelled on September 16, according to his father, Elijah Herring of 2101 Finlay street, after he was choked by a white student.

A hearing in Guilford Domestic Relations Court Wednesday revealed that the youngster had been returned to school.

Domestic Court officials explained that a hearing has been held, closed to the public at the request of the boy's father.

The thirteen year old youngster is one of four Negro students at the school, one of the first to join in the state's token desegregation movement last year.

On C-R Body

WASHINGTON, D. C.
Two more appointments of state advisory committees to the Civil Rights Commission were listed this week.

Mrs. Cerelle H. Warfield, instructor in Spanish and speech at Bluefield State College, was named to the West Virginia advisory committee. Maryland State College president John T. Williams was appointed to the Maryland advisory committee.

State Baptist Women's Officer To Be Heard At Morehead Service

An official of the North Carolina Baptist Convention will be the main speaker Sunday at a special service at the Morehead Avenue Baptist Church.

She is Mrs. M. W. Lassiter of Oxford, chairman of the Home and Foreign Missionary Convention's seventh district and chairman of the convention's Year Round Committee.

A librarian in Granville County, Mrs. Lassiter will speak at the 11 O'clock morning service. Two other special services will be held Sunday, in connection with the third Women's Day observance and the seventh anniversary of the occupancy of the Morehead Avenue Baptist building.

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CHALMERS

Dr. Chalmers Will Speak At St. Joseph's Sun.

Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers DD., LL.D., Professor of Preaching and Applied Christianity of Boston University School of Theology, will be the Men's Day Guest speaker at the morning and evening services at St. Joseph's AME Church on Sunday.

The Rev. M. C. Swann, pastor of the Church reported that Dr. Chalmers is due here on Saturday, and an informal meeting with the men officers of the Church and members of the Ministerial Alliance will be held in room six of the Educational Building of St. Joseph's Church at 8 o'clock the same evening.

Attorney W. G. Pearson, II, will preside over Sunday morning's service. Dr. Chalmers will be introduced at this service by Dr. Clyde Donnell.

For the evening service, L. W. Smith will be the presiding officer and Dr. W. Edward Farrison will introduce Dr. Chalmers.
A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Chalmers is chairman of the Committee of 100 which is composed of prominent educators, clergymen, and people in the arts, who raise \$175,000 yearly to support the educational and See CHALMERS, page 8



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