

KISS CASE MOTHERS LEAVE MONROE

Spaulding, Pearson For C-R Advice Unit

Attorney C. O. Pearson and Asa T. Spaulding, both of Durham were among some nine North Carolinians appointed to the state advisory commission on civil rights, it was revealed this week.

The group held its first meeting in Durham on Tuesday afternoon and set about to organize and pro-

These committees will serve as adjuncts to the Civil Rights Commission created by Congress in 1957. Several others have already been appointed and are at work. In addition to Pearson, Spaul-

ing and Todd, other members of the North Carolina unit of the Commission are J. McNeil Smith, Greensboro attorney, chairman; Mrs. Margaret Vogt, Wilson house-



HAPPY TO BE HERE — Smiles

Robert F. Williams, Sr., left, president of the Monroe N. C. branch of NAACP to the Association's Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins, center, and North Carolina State Conference President Kelly M. Alexander. Williams initiated campaign to free two pre-teen age youngsters sentenced to reform school because one of them was kissed by a white girl plamete. The case is still in North Carolina courts. Trio gathered at Association's annual fellowship dinner recently at Belmont Plaza hotel, New York.

Appeal To Be Sought From Ruling Denying Release of 2 Youngsters

NEW YORK — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will appeal the ruling of a North Carolina judge who refused to free the two young boys involved in the Monroe "kissing" case, Robert L. Carter, the Association's general counsel, announced here this week.

Meanwhile the families of the youngsters, David (Fuzzy) Simpson, age 8, Hanover Thompson, age 10, were resettled in Charlotte, in

homes secured for them by Kelly Alexander, president of the NAACP in North Carolina. Funds, new furniture and clothing were also supplied by the NAACP for Mrs. Evelyn Nicholson Thompson and her five children and Mrs. Jennie Simpson and her four children.

In announcing the relocation of the families, Alexander said: "We hope to do a job of complete family rehabilitation so that the state will have no excuse for not returning Hanover and Fuzzy to their families. We are getting jobs for both of the mothers." The new homes are near an elementary school and St. Paul's Baptist Church.

Following Superior Court Judge Walter E. Johnston's denial of the NAACP petition for a writ of habeas corpus at the conclusion of the hearing in Wadesboro, on Jan. 12, the Association's attorneys of record, Conrad Lynn and Frank Reeves, withheld comment pending study of the record.

Later in New York, NAACP General Counsel Carter said that further legal action would be taken to secure their release of the boys.

At the hearing, Robert Williams, president of the Monroe NAACP branch, testified that Hanover and David had been denied their constitutional rights in that they were



Edmonds

Edmonds Quits Bennett For Post in Conn.

GREENSBORO — Beginning February 1, The Reverend Dr. Edwin R. Edmonds presently engaged as Professor of Sociology at Bennett College, will assume duties as Minister of the Dixwell Avenue Congregational Church, New Haven, Connecticut.

While employed at Bennett College, Dr. Edmonds served as President of the Greensboro Branch of the NAACP and as Chairman of the NAACP State Conference of Branches Membership Committee. Under his leadership, the Greensboro Branch membership more than tripled in size. He was previously employed as Professor of Sociology and Chaplain at Delaware State College. In addition, he has held positions as Program Director with the Greater Boston Soldiers and Sailors Organization, as Resident Supervisor with the National Youth Administration and as a teacher in the Adult Education Program in San Antonio, Texas.

A graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Edmonds received his S. T. B. from the Boston University School of Theology and the Doctorate of Philosophy in Social Ethics from Boston University.

An author of several articles in sociology, Dr. Edmonds has been

Warren-Halifax Group Barred From Courthouse

WELDON — A meeting of the tri-county Progressive Civic Union has been scheduled for the First Baptist Church at Roanoke Rapids, according to Union spokesman attorney James R. Walker.

The meeting will open Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

The Progressive Civic Union is a civic organization comprising Negroes from the three counties of Warren, Halifax and Northampton.

Prior to Christmas, the group was denied use of the Northampton County courthouse, Walker said.

Representatives from the Union were told they must be taxpayers or citizens to use the courthouse, Walker stated.

The Union seeks to arouse Negro citizens to the duties of assuming full citizenship, the Weldon attorney said. Formed recently, it has been active in urging Negroes to register and vote.

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Raleigh Funeral Home Mgr. Dies

600 At DCNA Meet

More than 600 persons filled Union Baptist Church's auditorium last Sunday afternoon to hear the annual report of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs.

The assembly took part in a brief vote which elected three members to the Committee's board of directors.

It also heard reports from the five major subcommittees of the DCNA and a brief summary from committee chairman J. H. Wheeler of what to expect from the organization in the coming year.

The massed assembly then heard former committee chairman J. S. Stewart say, "if you're interested in the future of your children and your city, you ought to get behind this committee."

Wheeler's brief peek at the organization's future plans took the place of a full dress preview for the committee scheduled by executive secretary C. E. Boulware. Boulware requested that his statement be withheld because of the length of foregoing proceedings.

Reports from the subcommittees were made by L. B. Frasier, civic committee; F. B. McKissick and N. B. White, economic committee; and

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Promotions at N. C. Mutual Listed As Firm's Progress in '58 Reported

Six persons were promoted in the high echelon of North Carolina Mutual life insurance company officialdom during the firm's annual stockholders meeting earlier this month, it was revealed this week.

Information made public this week also showed that the company's assets have topped the \$60 million mark, according to the reports made at the annual meeting.

Retiring president W. J. Kennedy, Jr., made the report in one of his last official acts as head of N.

C. Mutual, largest Negro owned business in the world. Kennedy, who remains as board chairman, was replaced by A. T. Spaulding as president.

The promotions saw three persons move up in the official staff of the company and two others raised from administrative to official staff positions. Another was promoted to the administrative staff.

Ronald C. Foreman was named Associate Controller. He had previously held the post of Assistant Controller.

Moved up to the official staff were Mrs. Geneva L. Hawkins and A. E. Spears, Jr. Mrs. Hawkins, who had been assistant to the Cashier, becomes Assistant Treasurer. Spears was named Assistant Controller. He formerly held the title of Assistant to the Controller.

A promotion from chief bookkeeper to Assistant to the Controller saw Mrs. Gertrude Taylor move up to the administrative staff.

"We have every reason to be proud of the achievements of our company as a substantial unit of the life insurance industry in our nation," Kennedy told the stockholders in his farewell report.

He had just completed detailing the financial status of the firm which showed it had netted a premium income of \$13 million and reached the 250 million mark in insurance in force and admitted assets of \$60 million.

"To the American Negro," Kennedy said, "North Carolina Mutual is more than a life insurance company. It is a symbol of the advancement of Negroes despite economic, civic and political injustices."

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MCNEILL

Funeral Held For Owner of Durham Firm

Funeral services for Prentice Harold McNeill who died at Lincoln Hospital at 7:15 p. m. Monday were slated to be held at 3 p. m. Thursday at St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church. The Rev. R. L. Spears, will officiate at final rites. Burial will follow in Beechwood Cemetery.

A native of Bennettsville, S. C., McNeill had lived in Durham for the past 35 years.

He was proprietor of the Royal Cleaners on Pettigrew Street, a business that he organized in 1929.

He had been living in semi-retirement since an illness several years ago. Although known to be in uncertain health when he entered the hospital at 2:30 p. m. Monday, McNeill was not thought to be fatally ill.

His parents were the late Thomas Jefferson and Henrietta (Newton) McNeill. After attending the Bennettsville schools, McNeill lived to High Point before moving to Durham.

His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Gladys Holloway McNeill of the home, 1504 Fayetteville Street; two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Pearson, Gibson, S. C. and Mrs. Wilma Erwin, Philadelphia; and four brothers: Ozie, Philadelphia; Jeffrey, Newport News, Va.; James, Tampa, Fla.; and Rhoda, Durham

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Sears Agrees To Hire After N. Y. Protest

NEW YORK — The Sears Roebuck Fordham Road and 149th Street department stores in the Bronx, have agreed to employ Negro sales personnel following three weeks of picketing by the Bronx branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Herbert Hill, NAACP labor secretary, reported Friday.

The picket line was withdrawn after agreement was reached at the conclusion of a series of conferences of NAACP leaders with the store's personnel executives and with Commissioner Elmer Carter of the State Commission Against Discrimination.

A native of Raleigh, Lightner was well known throughout the



N. H. Bennett, Jr.

Pictured above and below are three of the six persons promoted during the annual stockholders meeting of the North Carolina Mutual life insurance company. N. H. Bennett was elected Actuary and Assistant Secretary. W. J. Kennedy, III, was appointed Controller. R. C. Foreman was elevated to the post of Associate Controller. See page three for pictures of others promoted.

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Ark. Schools Law in Test

NEW YORK — A move to have the Arkansas law which permitted Governor Orval Faubus to close the Little Rock high schools, declared unconstitutional and to reopen them on an integrated basis was initiated this week in the federal courts by attorneys for the Negro student.

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Senate Move Helps Little

NEW YORK — Because of their roles in putting through the so-called compromise cloture rule, Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas and Minority Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois "must be held accountable for the fate of civil rights legislation in the 86th Congress," Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, asserts in letters to Senators Paul Douglas, Hubert Humphrey, Clifford Case and Jacob Javits.

The letters dispatched express on behalf of the Association appreciation of the efforts put forth by these senators in "sponsorship of the bi-partisan resolution designed to effect a meaningful change in the Senate filibuster rule." The Johnson resolution, the NAACP leader points out, "will not alter, except in microscopic fashion, the situation which obtained under the old rule," as indicated by Senator Richard B. Russell's observation that the new rule is just about as effective as the old one.

Under the old Rule 22, it was necessary to secure the vote of two-thirds of all senators to stop a filibuster. The new Johnson rule provides for cloture by a vote of two-thirds of the senators present and voting. Furthermore, it affirms the concept of the Senate as a "continuing body" the rules of which carry over from one Con-

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Elks \$100,000 'Massive Assistance' To Pupils Drive Declared Success

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Negro Elks' "Massive Assistance" campaign to raise \$100,000 to finance scholarships will be successfully concluded on January 30. So stated general George W. Lee, Grand Commissioner of Education of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World as he discussed the coming National Citizenship Banquet at Philadelphia's Broadwood Hotel, where scholarships will be awarded to outstanding students.

"Financing scholarships is an old story with the Negro Elks," he said. "In the past quarter century our Department of Education has raised a million and a half dollars and given out more than eight hundred scholarships. This money has come from rich and poor in Negro Elksdom, and is a concrete evidence of the capacity of colored people to help themselves."

"Right now," he continued, "we have forty-six students on our scholarship roll in American, Canadian and Mexican universities."

Far-flung and influential 60-year-old Negro fraternal group with 1,500 lodges and 1,000 temples. The general public hears too little about but it is most effective in citizenship building. There is an Elks lodge almost every sizeable U. S. colored community. The dollars for scholarships are raised throughout the year in a variety of ways from membership collections to mass meetings and turkey raffles. It all leads up to the great annual banquet where bright youngsters are handed checks by Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert H. Johnson enabling them to get a higher education.

The I. B. P. O. E. W. scholarship program has been highly praised by such diverse personalities as President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Postmaster General Sumner W. Wadsworth, Maryland Governor Theodore M. McKeldin, U. S. Representatives Joseph Martin, Carroll Reece, Charles Diggs and Adam C. Powell; Dr. Mordcai W. Johnson, president of Howard University; Dr. Benjamin

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vide itself with an agenda. In addition to Pearson and Spaulding, one other Negro was appointed to the nine-man group. He is Attorney Curtis Todd of Winston-Salem.

The committee is similar to those to be appointed in all the 49 states of the union and the territories of Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the district of Columbia.

Ushers announce Plans To Finance \$50,000 Home for Unwed Mothers

Under the leadership of A. O. Grady, its newly elected president,



the Durham Ushers Union announced this week the institution of a program to raise through memberships a total of \$200 per month. The money Mr. Grady stated will go toward helping to make the monthly payments on the Ushers Home at Franklinton.

The property was purchased by the Interdenominational Usher Association of North Carolina a little over two years ago at a total cost of \$50,000 and will eventually be used for a home for aged ministers, ushers and unwed mothers.

In announcing his program for the year, Grady stated that he hopes other ushers unions throughout the state will fall in line with his program which he feels will make it possible to pay for the property within a few years and get the home in operation.

Prominent Belmont Woman Dies

BELMONT — Funeral for Mrs. Pearl Davis Reid was held at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Belmont, Monday, January 19 at 1 p. m. with her pastor, Rev. Thomas Boyd officiating.

Mrs. Reid died at a Charlotte Hospital Friday at 7 a. m. following a short illness, she was daughter of the late Joe and Amelia Davis, well known citizens of the community. She was owner and operator of a grocery store at her home in Rankin Height Section of Belmont.

Her many activities in the church and community endeared her to the people and she was widely known throughout the State. As first secretary of Reid High School P. T. A. of the city, she was able to interest many members in joining and working with

the school. Her church work included teacher of Sunday School, Superintendent of Extension Department, organizer and first president of the Usher Board, member of the deaconess board, President of The Lydia Missionary Circle. She was a member of the county-wide Missionary Society and was president of the Ushers Union of Western, N. C.

Surviving are a son and daughter, Mrs. Bernice Reid Reeves, former teacher of Reid High School and McAlister Reid, mason, both of Belmont, three grandchildren, Barry Reeves, Business Administrator, in Chicago, Joseph, a student at Howard University, Washington, D. C. and a granddaughter, Barbara, a student of Reid High School, Belmont, one sister, Mrs. Jane Grier, of Belmont and many other relatives and friends.

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Founders Day At 2 Schools

From TIMES Dispatches Founders Day exercises have been scheduled at two colleges in North Carolina.

Dr. F. D. Patterson is slated to deliver the key address at a Founder's Day program at Barber-Scott College on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 25 at three p. m.

The school will be observing its 92nd birthday.

On February 26 at ten o'clock, Kittrell College, the 73rd Founder's Day celebration program will be held, featuring Dr. Rembert Stokes, president of Wilberforce University, as main speaker.

The school's mid-year convocations being held jointly at the celebration.