

Race Blamed For Durham's Decline

It's Official

CIAA Votes to Move Tournament To Greensboro's New Coliseum

"The greatly improved play of CIAA basketball teams causing unprecedented demand for seats at the games" was the big factor in shifting the conference's annual basketball tournament from Durham to Greensboro.

L. D. Smith, business manager at Virginia Union University and chairman of CIAA basketball tournament committee, gave the above as the principal reason for the conference action that moved the games to Greensboro's new city coliseum.

The tournament will be staged next year on February 25, 26 and 27.

Widespread speculation during this year's tournament held that conference officials were considering changing the site of the event. Greensboro and Charlotte were the two cities most often mentioned as the likely successor to Durham.

The CIAA tournament committee, headed by Smith, recommended to the conference that the site be changed to Greensboro in the CIAA annual meeting in Washington last week. The conference voted unanimously to accept the tournament committee's recommendation.

In explaining the reason behind the recommendation, Smith said that for the past two years on finals night of the tournament, numbers of fans had been turned away because North Carolina College's 5,000-seat capacity gymnasium had been filled.

One observer estimated that 1,500 fans were unable to get tickets for the 1959 games last month. However, most followers of the tournament believe that estimate to be too liberal.

The new coliseum in Greensboro, now nearing completion and expected to be ready for fall use, is said to accommodate 9,000 persons.

In Durham this week, Floyd Brown, North Carolina College head basketball coach and a member of the tournament committee, revealed that contract negotiations with the CIAA and Greensboro coliseum officials are expected to be ready by completed within 30 days. He said that the contract would be similar to the one between North Carolina College and the CIAA for use of the college gymnasium.

The conference paid NCC ten per cent of the gross receipts after taxes for use of the gymnasium.

The tournament's participating teams will be housed at North Carolina A and T College where they will also get their meals. The Aggies, host team, are double winners, taking both visitation and tournament championships this year. The Aggies also finished third in NCAA College division tournament play.

The move to Greensboro marks the fourth change in site for the 15 year old event. It opened in Washington shifted to Baltimore for one year, then moved to Durham where it has been held for

the past six years. It appears doubtful that the 1960 games in Greensboro will retain the experimental championship and consolation brackets of 1959's 12 events. Indications are that there will be a return to the eight game tournament.



IN PARSONAGE DEDICATION—Pictured here standing on steps of new home for St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church's pastor are principals who took part in dedication of the parsonage last Sunday. On bottom row are, left to right, 10-year-old Joan Speaks, daughter of the church pastor, the Rt. Rev. R. L. Jones, presiding Bishop of the fourth A.M.E. Zion district; and Mrs. Jones and daughter.

Merrick-Moore Principal On "Critical" List

L. S. Gilliard, principal of Merrick-Moore school, was returned to Duke Hospital Friday and hospital authorities there said at mid-week his condition was "critical."

Gilliard had been hospitalized prior to last Friday for several days within the past few weeks.

Ernest P. Robinson has been acting principal of Merrick-Moore during Gilliard's absence.

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Durham School Integration

Suit To Re-open

The final phase of Durham's school integration suit is scheduled to open in U. S. Middle District Court here Tuesday morning at 9:30.

Judge Edwin Stanley is hearing the case.

The suit seeks to obtain a federal court order for admission of two Negro high school students to a previously all-white school.

Court action started in the case last summer when pre-trial hearings got underway.

At the pre-trial hearings, attorneys for the plaintiffs raised a number of questions on which they requested answers by the defense.

A subsequent hearing was held for the defense to return the answers. At the second hearing, the defense objected to some of the questions, and an additional hearing was set up for the court to determine which questions should be answered.

This hearing was held in December. Since that time, the defense has prepared answers, and, according to press reports, this week completed its filing of them with the court.

Three of the main issues in the case revolve around the following points:

1. Is the Pupil Assignment Law, as it has been applied to the plaintiffs, unconstitutional?
2. Was race a factor in refusing to admit the plaintiffs?

Lawyers Hear Proposals For Insuring Group

Orangeburg, S. C.—The Spring meeting of the Southeastern Lawyer's Association, an association composed of the lawyers of Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, was held at the South Carolina State College School of Law, Orangeburg, South Carolina on March 20 and 21, 1959.

At the opening business session the group heard representatives of two insurance companies present proposed programs for insuring insurance protection for the members. At this session Attorney Earnest A. Finney, Jr. of Conway, South Carolina was selected as Recording Secretary.

During the afternoon session the group heard Elliot F. Elam of the State Life Insurance Company, Orangeburg, S. C., discuss the part played by insurance in the planning of small estates and David Johnson, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith of Columbia, S. C., discussed the role of stocks and bonds in the estate planning of the middle income group.

J. H. Wheeler, President, stated here this week, that 1959 marked the 50th year of continuous operation of the bank which, in addition to its main office in Durham, has branches located at 13 East Hargett Street in Raleigh and 615 Fayetteville Street in Durham.

For St. Mark Pastor

Bishop Jones Leads Rites In Dedication of \$30,000 Parsonage

A large crowd of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion worshippers and on-lookers witnessed dedication services in Durham last Sunday for the new \$30,000 St. Mark parsonage.

Bishop R. L. Jones, presiding prelate, lead the dedication ceremonies.

The audience formed a triangle around the edifice and Bishop Jones and the Rev. R. L. Speaks, St. Mark pastor, flanked by church officers, stood on the steps of the front door.

A brilliant, warm spring sun added to the outdoor ceremony.

The ceremonies were opened with the singing of the Lord's Prayer by the audience. Clarence Hudson, chairman of the trustee board, gave words of welcome. Then builder W. R. Parker turned the keys over to Hudson.

Fred Brunson presented the building and Bishop Jones intoned the ritual of consecration and gave a prayer of dedication.

The parsonage is located on South Roxboro Street across from the Spaulding Elementary School. It has a modern, ranch-style design.

Report Shows Durham Bank Is Nation's 3,449th

According to the American Banker, daily newspaper of the banking industry, the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham and Raleigh is ranked as the 3,449th largest bank in the United States. The ranking is upon its report of condition as of December 31, 1958.

The paper's annual roll call of approximately 15,000 banks reveals that Mechanics and Farmers Bank made the spectacular gain of 98 places in rank during 1958.

Total resources of the bank were \$7,784,002.19 at the end of the year.

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JOHNSON ... at sales convention



SPAULDING ... fourth president



KENNEDY ... board chairman

60th For N. C. Mutual

Ambassador, Attorney General In Firm's Anniversary Observance

Three special events will be held in Durham next week in observance of the 60th anniversary of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company.

It was announced last week that Dr. Mordecai Johnson, famed orator and president of Howard University, will be the main speaker at a vesper service honoring the company at St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church Sunday afternoon at five.

This week, the company revealed that its annual George Wayne Cox sales convention and an employee dinner and meditation program will also observe the firm's anniversary.

The sales convention will be held at North Carolina College's dining hall on Wednesday evening, April 1. The employee dinner and meditation program will be held earlier during the same day at the auditorium of the home office on Orange Street.

GUESTS LIKE "WHO'S WHO"

The roster of prominent guests invited to the sales convention Wednesday night reads like a "Who's who." Included will be the Honorable George A. Padmore, Librarian Ambassador to the United States; N. C. Attorney General Malcolm B. Seawell; E. L. Simon, president of the National Insurance Association; Thomas W. Young, president of the Norfolk Journal and Guide; Val J. Washington, director of minority relations for the Republican National Committee; Arthur C. Daniels, Vice-President of the Institute of Life Insurance; Leroy Jeffries, Vice-President of Johnson Publishing Company.

Main speaker for this event is Raymond C. Johnson, Vice-President in charge of Agency Affairs for New York Life Insurance Company.

The George Wayne Cox Sales Convention, now in its seventh year, was inaugurated by the home office agency staff to honor the late Agency director, G. W. Cox, Mrs. B. A. J. Whitted, retired assistant cashier and treasurer who put in a half century of service with the firm, will be speaker at a meditation program on Wednesday morning. All of the firm's

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WHITTED ... to lead meditation



AARON DAY, JR. ... vice president

Daily Press Says Political Action Caused Slump

Political action by Negroes in Durham was blamed by a Durham Morning Herald article as being partially responsible for the slump in business in downtown stores since 1946.

In the second in a series of articles seeking to determine the cause of the steady decline in trade in Durham's downtown business section, special Herald writer Russell Clay inferred in Monday's article that the complexion of Durham politics between 1946 and 1958 had an adverse effect on trade by local merchants.

He said control of Durham politics during that period by J. Leslie Atkins' Negro-labor coalition had hurt business of downtown merchants.

Atkins served as chairman of the county Democratic party between 1946 and 1958.

Reliable estimates say that approximately 25 percent of Durham's eligible Negro voters have been exercising the privilege of the ballot since World War II.

According to Clay's story, "progress (in business) up to World War II was admirable ... but the postwar period has been one of decline."

"What has been Durham's political leadership during that period?" Clay's article asked.

"Oddly enough, the ruling group had a liberal stripe," it answered. "It was in 1946 that the Les Atkins machine went into operation."

Clay then went on to recount in detail the development of the Negro-labor coalition under Atkins, a recent history of Negro participation in local elections, and the emergence of the coalition as the political power in the city.

Recalling the defeat last year of Atkins as Democratic chairman and his replacement by Al Kenner, Clay wrote:

"The change bids fair to work in Durham's favor, according to a merchant leader and member of the Downtown Development Association.

"Our political situation over the past decade has given us a blackeye," he said. "It's improved now, though. New industries want to know if the town is governed by impartial, representative people, and for the first time in (See DECLINE, Page 8)

Church's Social Action Is Topic Of Union Meet

The social life of the Church and Christians will come under discussion at the quarterly meeting of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Association Saturday and Sunday at near Apex.

Sessions, starting Saturday morning with devotions at ten and ending Sunday with the feature sermon at 1:45, will be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Wake County. The church is located three miles South of Apex.

Host pastor for the meeting is the Rev. T. R. Cole. This quarter's topic is "What Should Constitute the Social Life of the Church, and How As Christians Should we Conduct Ourselves Socially." It will be treated (See TOPIC, Page 8)

Earn Cash FOR YOUR CHURCH

SHOP THESE MERCHANTS WHO ADVERTISE IN The Carolina Times

Saturday is the last day on which churches or church groups can take advantage of the Carolina Times church bonus for March.

All purchase slips which will be counted in the March bonus must be in by six p.m.

The winner of the \$50 March bonus will be announced in next week's issue.

The bonus is available to any church or church group in Durham. Interested groups should save all purchase slips or cash register tapes from firms which are currently advertising in the TIMES.

The slips or register tapes must be turned in to the TIMES office each Saturday by six p.m.

To be counted, slips or tapes must bear the date of the current week. They must also come from merchants who are advertising in the TIMES during that week.

The group turning in slips or cash register tapes totalling the largest sum will win the bonus.

This week, purchase slips or cash register tapes from the following merchants are eligible:

- Winn Dixie Super Market
- Alexander Motor Co.
- Montgomery and Aldridge
- Kenan Oil Co.
- A and P Super Market
- Mechanics and Farmers Bank
- New Method Laundry
- Speight's Auto Service
- Hudson Well Co.
- Kroger Stores
- Rigsbee Tire Sales
- Sanitary Laundry
- Amey Funeral Home
- Cut Rate Super Market
- Hunt Linoleum and Tile
- Jackson's Grocery
- Mutual Savings and Loan
- Keeler's Super Market
- Burthey Funeral Home
- Southern Fidelity Ins. Co.
- Durham Builders Supply
- Roscoe-Griffin Shoe Store
- University Motors
- People's Store
- Providence Loan Co.
- Ward's Open Air Market



AT LAWYERS MEETING—This picture was taken of delegates to the annual meeting of the Southeastern Lawyers Association, which was held last week at South Carolina State College in Orangeburg. In background is the South Carolina State school of law, which was the scene of the organization's sessions.

Hillside Answers "Beatniks"

Home-made Lightning, Burglar Alarm Feature Science Fair

A dramatic answer to critics of today's juveniles—critics who have often used the term "beatnik" to describe the sometimes anti-social and destructive behavior of modern youth—was given by Hillside High School students last week.

In a display of individual science projects at the school's fourth Science Fair, students showed off, among other things, apparatus for making lightning, experiments with effects of cortisone on weight and a home-made burglar alarm.

At the end of the two-day exposition, Mrs. Martha S. Dooms,

member of the school's science faculty, declared that teachers and judges believed this exhibition to be the best in the four-year series.

The exhibit, featuring projects by students in the school's biology, chemistry and physics departments, was on display last Wednesday and Thursday at the school.

Honors were presented to exhibit judged best in each of the three classes. Little James other students were given honorable (See SCIENCE FAIR, Page 8)