



**BOYS CLUB NAMESAKE UNVEILED**—Unveiling of a portrait of the late John Avery was one of the features in the program dedicating the new John Avery Boys club building in Durham recently. The portrait was unveiled by Mrs. Jenette Avory Hamilton, of Chicago, (second from left) one of the late Durham businessmen's daughters. Others in the picture are Mrs. Vivian Avery Allen, of Chicago, also a daughter of the late John Avery and James T. Avory, of Morganton, Avory's brother.—Rivers photo.

## Gaston County Negroes May Be Without Hospital; Funds Needed

**GASTONIA**—Gaston County Negroes may be without a hospital unless it gets some quick financial support.

This fact became apparent recently with the disclosure that the County has ceased to appropriate funds for its operations.

The hospital has been getting \$2,500 from Gastonia county each year. This year, it requested \$1,500. Not only was the request for additional funds rejected, but the regular \$2,500 appropriation was left out.

Disclosure of the county's action, cutting off hospital funds was made last Wednesday in the Gastonia Gazette.

Already operating with huge deficits each year, outside of paying customers, the hospital now has only three sources of revenue: a \$125 per month appropriation from the city; and a combination of welfare grants from Duke and Reynolds foundations add from the city welfare department.

Duke donates \$1 per day, Reynolds \$0.95 per day and the welfare department \$10 per day for all welfare cases. These contributions total \$11.85 per day for people who cannot pay. But the hospital says that it costs \$12.87 per day to care for a patient.

Thus, with the welfare contributions, the hospital still operates at a \$1.02 per day deficit on welfare cases.

Dr. Bill Patrick, chairman of the board of trustees of the institution, said the hospital operated at a loss of \$4,000 last year and has no way of making up the deficit.

While the facility's income rose from \$100,000 to \$110,000 last year, its operation expenses went up \$16,000.

The problem of welfare cases plus the fact that the hospital is forced to "farm out" much of its laboratory work pose the biggest headaches for budget balancers.

The hospital has no operating capital nor facilities, such as laboratory and X-ray services, income-producing equipment in larger hospitals.

Patrick said the hospital is now actually charging patients less than it cost to care for them. This situation could be overcome if it had other sources of income.

County Commissioners are said to be aware of the situation, but according to them, they are helpless under the law to do anything about it.

Commissioner chairman O. E. Massey said he has asked County Manager Duke, England to make a study of the problem.

"We won't know what can be done until we see the report," the hospital maintains 35 beds and generally operates at 95 percent of its capacity.

It is a private institution with a self-perpetuating board of trustees.



**THE RAINS CAME**—Intermittent rains which fell during the observance of annual High School Senior Day at A&T College last week did not dampen the spirits of these scholars, who snuggled under umbrellas. They are from left to right: Beulah Adams, Mahone; Pauline DeGraff, Graham; Sylvia Perry, Snow Camp and Verla Guthrie, Graham.

## Three Judge Court to Hear NAACP Argue Against Louisiana Law Which Banned Group

**NEW ORLEANS**—The NAACP suit to void the Louisiana statutes under which the organization was banned in that state will be argued before a three-judge United States District Court.

Following a hearing in the federal district court here on Oct. 20, Judge J. Skelley Wright announced that a panel of three judges would be appointed within a week to hear the case. Further, he took under advisement another NAACP motion to enjoin the state from proceeding against the Association and in lieu of that this action might also be referred to the three-judge court.

Robert I. Carter of New York, the Association's general counsel, was joined by A. P. Tureaud of New Orleans in presenting the NAACP motions to Judge Wright. The Association is seeking a ruling on the constitutionality of the Louisiana statutes and a ban on state action to enforce them. An injunction restraining NAACP operation in the state was issued by Judge John Dixon on Oct. 9 on the basis of the challenged statutes.

Meanwhile, the office of the Louisiana State Attorney General would not proceed further in the case pending determination of federal jurisdiction.

There is no circumstance however unfortunate that clever individuals do not derive some benefit. —Selected

## Dental Symposium To Be Held To Here Wed., November 11

The second annual symposium on dental techniques will be held here for one day on Wednesday, November 11.

Dentists from throughout the State are expected to attend.

The program, sponsored by the Alexander Hunter Dental Society of Durham, will feature scientific papers by leading instructors in dentistry in North Carolina and Virginia.

Among the top lecturers slated to appear are: Dr. L. B. Highley, head, Department of Orthodontics and Dr. Richard E. Richardson, associate professor, Department of Oral Diagnosis and Treatment.

Planning, both of the College of Dentistry, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Dr. Herbert C. Coy, Richmond, Virginia, former head of the Department of Operative Dentistry at the Medical College of Virginia.

W. A. Marsh, Durham attorney, will present a lecture on "Wills and Estate Planning," at the opening session.

The Symposium is to be held at Lincoln Hospital beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. James M. Hubbard, Sr., Durham, is president of the sponsoring group.

## Wheeler and Hope Named to UNCF Board

**NEW YORK**—Election of Stanley C. Hope, president of National Association of Manufacturers, as chairman and John H. Wheeler, president of Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham, N. C., as a member of the board of directors of United Negro College Fund, Inc. been announced by Thomas A. Morgan, retiring chairman.

The election was held at the College Fund's annual October meeting conducted in Atlanta.

Wheeler has headed a number of UNCF campaigns in Durham where he resides. In 1956, he was a panel member for a symposium conducted by the College Fund in New York City, with the Hon. Chester W. Bowles, as principal speaker.



**HENDERSON BEAUTY IN TENNESSEE**—Charming Elaine Hayes, (right) junior at Knoxville College (Tenn.) from Henderson is Maid of Honor to "Miss Knoxville College". The lovely lass, a junior, is a member of the Ivy Leaf Club of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hayes of 1064 Pinkston in Henderson, she is a graduate of Henderson Institute. The popular co-ed is a physical education major and has a minor in biology. Helen Adams of Tampa, maid of honor, and Ruby Childs, "Miss Knoxville College", of Harrodsburg.

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**MEDALLION WINNER**—Frank M. Wade, director of the Southern region for the Boys Club of America movement explains significance of Boys Club Medallion which he awarded John Avery Boys Club board member John S. Stewart in exercises dedicating the new club building in Durham recently. Stewart, as chairman of the building committee, headed the organization which managed construction details.—Rivers photo.

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