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City Vote Stirs Comment



COUNCILMEN SWORN—Newly elected and returned members of the City Council are shown

taking their oaths of office in Durham Monday prior to the beginning of a new Council session. Left to right facing camera are Paul Alford, Charles Steel,

I. J. Dean, J. S. Stewart and Eugene Carlton. Floyd Fletcher, also returned to the Council is not pictured. Photo courtesy of Durham Herald.

Durham Strays Slightly From CONA Choice

Spirited comment made the rounds this week in the wake of Durham's city elections Saturday. A small number of voters cast ballots in Saturday's election for five city Councilmen. Only 9,902 of 46,636 registered voters took part in the election.

Perhaps the most interesting of the races was the one for Mayor. Incumbent E. J. Evans defeated J. L. Atkins by a close margin. Evans polled 5,507 votes while Atkins garnered 4,202 votes.

I. J. (Buck) Dean defeated John C. McDonald in the race for the Council's fifth ward seat, Eugene Carlton, Paul Alford and Charles Steel won at-large seats, and Floyd Fletcher and J. S. Stewart were returned to the first and third ward seats, respectively.

Steel, Stewart and Fletcher were incumbents. The latter two ran unopposed.

The aspect of Saturday's election which caused the most comment was the fact that Negro voters strayed slightly from the endorsement of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs.

The Committee endorsed Atkins in the Mayor's race. In the past, such endorsement has usually meant a support by Negro voters of from 80 to 90 percent.

Saturday, however, Evans received 709 votes in the all Negro precincts, while Atkins got only 1,539.

Most political observers discounted the possibility of a serious split between voters and the Committee. It was pointed out that

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FAISON LOSES BID

N.C. Elks Select Battle Again

ROCKY MOUNT—The 41st annual session of the North Carolina State Association of the Order of Elks ended here Thursday on a note of militant pledges for continuing the fight for first class citizenship.

L. E. Austin, TIMES publisher, set the tone for the meeting in his keynote address Sunday.

He told the delegates: "We can no longer wait for the white people to give us first-class citizenship. We have waited long enough and the young people have decided to do something about it."

Austin's address was followed by a speech from John Edwards, a key figure in the Durham student sit in and boycott movements. Besides the emphasis on civil rights, a highlight of the meeting was the re-election of the Rev. K. P. Battle, of Rocky Mount, to head the N.C. body.

Battle defeated Jack Faison, Seaboard businessman, who was believed to pose a serious threat to the former's 15 year reign as head of the N. C. Elks.

The entire program of state Elks was revamped and the civil liberties program will project a forward looking plan to aid the militant organizations of the state.

Dr. J. E. Jones, health director, promised to carry his program throughout the state in the hope that Elks will not only have strong

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DR. BROWNE



REV. GANT

Employment Service Bars Workers From Defense Plant, Says NAACP

NEW YORK—Although a segregated all-Negro local union has been dissolved by the International Association of Machinists and certain "fringe" improvements made in the general picture at the Marietta, Ga., plant of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, the company is still requisitioning workers by race through the Georgia State Employment Service, it was charged here this week by the NAACP.

Herbert Hill, the Association's labor secretary, visited Marietta

Noted Women Educators To Speak in Durham

Two women who have carved prominent niches in education and the church will be the principal speakers for the annual women's day program Sunday at the Emmanuel AME Church in Durham. They are Dr. Rose Butler

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Suit Filed In Charlotte City College Issue

CHARLOTTE—A suit seeking to halt further strengthening of two separate city colleges has been filed in Mecklenburg Superior Court.

The action was brought this week by Dr. Roy S. Wynn, physician, and Dr. James D. Martin, a dentist.

It seeks to halt construction of new facilities for Carver College. The two medical men said, they filed suit on behalf of themselves and all other taxpayers in Mecklenburg County.

They contend in the suit that a new structure, planned for Carver College, should not be built because it would result in a waste of tax money and contribute toward continuing illegal racial segregation.

Charlotte currently operates two city colleges. Carver is run for Negroes, and Charlotte College for whites.

The doctors claim in the suit that maintaining and investing in both of the two-year community colleges "amounts to a manifest abuse of their (the trustees) discretion resulting in a greatly increased cost for such facilities and therefore a needless waste of public funds and taxpayers' money."

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IN MISSISSIPPI

Lassoing Of Child Spurs Anti-Bias Move

JAMAICA, N. Y.—More fuel was poured on the NAACP's "Operation Mississippi" this week by the brutal lassoing of a Negro child from a passing car in Jackson, the state's capital.

Medgar Evers, NAACP field secretary for Mississippi, told an NAACP rally here (Sunday, May 14) of an incident that transpired in his state last week. The rally was held at the St. Albans Congregational Church.

Nine-year old Gloria Laverne Floyd was lassoed by white youths from a passing convertible with a wire loop. The car didn't stop, thereby dragging the child along the street.

Little Gloria suffered a deep gash in her head that required three stitches, cheek bruises, a cut on her right shoulder, and burn marks on her neck from the wire.

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Southside Shopping Center Clears Zoning Hurdle

A proposed shopping center for the southern end of Durham cleared another hurdle this week.

The City Planning and Zoning Commission approved requests for the shopping center owners to create a shopping center zone on the south end of Fayetteville street.

The change, to put a C-1-A zone on the area instead of its present C-1 designation, will go to the City Council for final action.

A C-1 designation is for single family residences.

The proposed center would be located south of the Norfolk and Southern spur tracks on the west side of Fayetteville road.

ATTY. GEN. URGED TO ACT

Protests Rise Over Beatings

A mounting wave of protests to state and federal officials have been registered by various groups in the wake of last Sunday's beatings suffered by a group of inter-racial bus travelers in Alabama.

Mobs outside Anniston and at the bus station in Birmingham attacked members of the "Freedom Ride" tour and set fire to a Greyhound bus.

Several members of the group arrested in Charlotte when he tried to get shoes shined



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EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT:

"All I Could Hear Was The Sound of Fists Hitting Flesh"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is an eyewitness account of the beatings of the interracial team of "Freedom Riders" and the burning of a bus in Alabama by a white mob last Sunday. The account is reported by Mrs. Frances Bergman, 59, retired white school administrator of Detroit, Mich.

"Seven hoodlums boarded the bus before Anniston. They just sat there while my husband went out and got coffee and sandwiches. When he came back the bus driver told us:

"Now, we don't want any trouble. The last bus that went thru here got burned. You niggers get to the back."

"No one moved."

FISTS HIT FLESH

"Then these hoodlums got up and started going after one of the Negro students, Charles Person, of Morehouse, and my husband. Jim Peck went up to try and block the blows. Then they turned on all the Negroes and my husband and Peck. One had an empty coke bottle. They beat them and kicked them and stomped them."

"I was standing there agonizing. All I could hear was the sounds of fists hitting flesh. After they beat all the Negroes, they grabbed them and threw them on top of my husband who was on his face on the floor in the aisle between the seats.

"A policeman who was standing outside the bus came in then and when we asked him to do something, he just said:

"I don't see anything. If I don't see anything, I can't do anything."

"Near collapse, the riders slumped into their seats and the bus moved onto Birmingham. Knots of angry whites were clustered around the Birmingham station to greet us, but no police appeared.

"The authorities . . . did not show up until Peck . . . and the Negroes were badly beaten by whites. Roving gangs of whites followed the Negroes through the station. One grabbed a young Negro and as the whites shouted 'Hit him,' slammed his fist into the Negro's face.

"Bleeding, the Negro fell to the

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Policemen Idle As Group Beaten By Toughs

NEW ORLEANS, La.—A trip through the South by an interracial team of bus travelers to demonstrate the extent of racial freedom in interstate travel was smashed in Alabama this week by white mobs.

A crowd of about 100 white men, some armed with clubs and knives, attacked and destroyed a Greyhound bus on which nine members of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) were riding near Anniston Sunday.

Shortly afterwards, another group of white men at Birmingham pounced on a group from CORE as the passengers debarked at the bus station and beat up several of the group.

Some of them were so severely beaten that they had to be hospitalized for treatment.

Members of the group said later police, standing nearby in many instances, refused to intervene to halt the beatings.

The group, which began the trip in Washington, D. C. several days ago, decided to call off the remainder of the tour when it could get no assurance of safe escort through Alabama from Governor Patterson.

The CORE itinerary had called for stops in Montgomery, Ala., and Jackson, Miss. before ending the trip in New Orleans.

Along the route, which included previous stops at Richmond, and Danville, Va., Greensboro and Charlotte, N. C., Rock Hill, Winnsboro and Columbia, S. C., and Atlanta, Ga. the group had met with increasing trouble as it attempted to use bus station facilities without regard to racial designations.

In Charlotte, N. C. Joe Perkins, a 27 year old Negro member of the group had spent one night in jail after having been arrested on charges of trespassing when he attempted to get a shoe shine in the bus station barber shop.

At Rock Hill, S. C. several members of the group, including Genevieve Hughes, white, of Maryland, were jostled and knocked to the floor by a group of white "toughs" when they entered the white waiting room of the bus station.

In Winnsboro, S. C. 19 year old Henry Thomas, Negro student, was charged with trespassing when he refused to leave "white" side of the Trailways bus station restaurant when ordered by a waitress, and his traveling companion, 47

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Ala. Airport, Florida Cafe Serve Race

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Variety store lunch counters Tuesday began serving small groups of young Negroes for the first time.

It marked a successful conclusion to a sit-in campaign waged since last August.

The movement was marked by three days of racial violence at its outset last summer.

However, most white persons paid no attention to Negroes eating at the lunch counters last week.

NEGROES SERVED IN MOBILE, ALABAMA

MOBILE, Alabama—Two Negroes were served without incident at the airport restaurant last week. The two were the Reverends Joseph E. Lowery, president of the Alabama Civic Affairs Association, and vice-president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and T. E. Williams, vice-president of the Alabama Civic Affairs Association of Mobile, Ala.

Reverend Lowery is one of the four Negro ministers against whom officials of Alabama have levied a judgement of two-million dollars. Alabama courts ruled the ministers guilty of libel resulting from a full-page ad published in the New York Times newspaper in which statements were alleged to have been made about Alabama and certain officials, deploring race relations there.



TOT SURVIVES MISSISSIPPI ATROCITY

Little Gloria Laverne Floyd was walking down her Jackson, Mississippi, street last week when white youths in convertible rode by and lassoed her. Nine-year-old was dragged by moving car. NAACP reported a deep gash in her head, cheek bruises, a cut on the right shoulder

and burn marks on her neck from the wire lasso.

NAACP is countering with "Operation Mississippi"—an all-out drive to end such abuse. The includes voter registration, use of public accommodations, school integration and increased state government employment of Negroes.

Eisbey Named Principal of New Central Alamance High School

GRAHAM—Top administrative officers of the new Alamance Central High School were announced this week.

J. J. Eisbey, currently principal of Pleasant Grove Union School, has been appointed principal of

the new school.

Rivera G. Mitchell, now principal of Graham Negro high school, will be assistant principal.

Alamance Central, a consolidated school, will replace Pleasant Grove Union School.

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RETIRED CHURCH OFFICERS

Pictured above are five retired St. Joseph's AME Church officers and minister the Rev. Melvin C. Swann shortly after a program honoring them at the Dur-

ham church Sunday evening. Seated, left to right, are Dr. J. N. Mills, Mrs. Bessie Gilmer and E. R. Merrick. Standing are J. C. Scarborough, the Rev. Swann and D. J. James. Two other re-

tired officers honored at the program but not pictured are C. E. Anthony and L. C. Taylor. Anthony and James are retired Stewards. The others are retired trustees.