

# Minister Claims N.C. Negroes Leaderless

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**PRESIDENT AT HOWARD U.** recently where he attended ceremonies marking the 100th anniversary of the school. He told the predominantly Negro audience that he would never retreat from his commitment to the civil rights cause. (UPI Telephoto)

### LBJ Make Surprise Visit To Howard Univ. Centennial

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 2—In a surprise visit to ceremonies marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of Howard University, President Lyndon B. Johnson today reaffirmed his commitment to the nation's Negroes, declaring that "Our task is to give 20 million Negroes the same chance as every other American to learn, to live, to grow, to develop his abilities to the fullest ... to pursue his individual happiness."

It was on the Howard campus 20 months earlier that the President had originally announced the commitment and called for the White House conference "To Fulfill These Rights." The conference was held in May 1966 at Howard today Mr. Johnson told a cheering crowd of some 3100, "I have come back ... to renew my commitment to that task, and to tell you that so long as I live in public or private life I shall never retract, or retreat, or amend that commitment."

The visit by the President had not been announced, and took the audience completely by surprise. It was Charter Day at the Washington School, which had been founded March 2, 1867. Howard President James M. Nabrit, Jr. was set to conclude the exercises when an aide informed him that Mr. Johnson was enroute to the program. The announcement by Dr. Nabrit sent several hundred spectators who were leaving the gymnasium scurrying back to their seats.

Earlier President Nabrit had conferred honors on Senator Edward W. Brooke (R-Mass.) and three other Howard alumni for distinguished postgraduate Achievement. The other honorees were Judge William B. Bryant of Washington, D.C., Calvin H. Conliffe of Cincinnati, Ohio and Patricia

### Dr. W. C. Somerville Blasts Lethargy of N.C. Negro Leaders

**By DR. W. C. SOMERVILLE**

Within recent years it has become apparent that the Negroes of North Carolina have become leaderless. There appears not to be one or a group of Negroes in the State of North Carolina who can publicly express a consensus opinion of the masses of Negroes in the State.

Of course there are several enlightened, brilliant and intelligent leaders in the State who are capable of accumulating and analyzing all facets of data related to the Negro problems in North Carolina. However, for the most part each leader seems to isolate himself and his particular interest into a fixed category, thereby preventing a unified voice and consensus as it relates to the total economic, social, educational and political exposure and viewpoints that concern the



**DR. SOMERVILLE** masses of Negroes in the State. The current injustices, discriminations and failure of the Negroes of North Carolina to acquire equal and complete citizenship is

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## Durham Hosts 86th Session of Teachers Ass'n Mar. 16

### Dr. Pauli Murray Among Keynoters At Local Sessions

Durham, North Carolina will be the scene of the 86th Annual Convention of the North Carolina Teachers Association, which has been set for Thursday and Friday, March 16, and 17. The sites of the Convention are the Central Civic Center, the Jack Tar Hotel and Motor Lodge, Hillside High School and North Carolina College.

The theme of the Convention is "Individual Commitment to Professional Excellence." Dr. Harry E. Groves, president, Central State University will deliver the keynote address on Thursday at 8:15 p.m. at the first general assembly in the auditorium of the Central Civic Center. Dr. Groves is the author of two books: Comparative Constitutional Law and the Constitution of Malaysia. He has contributed chapters to several books, including the Indian Year Book of International Law. His articles have appeared in many learned publications.

On Friday, March 17, at 8:15 p.m. also in the auditorium of the Central Civic Center, Dr. Pauli Murray, consultant for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Washington, D.C. will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Murray is editor and compiler of state laws on Race and Color, published by the Woman's Division, The Methodist Church, in 1951; and author of Human Rights USA.



DR. GROVES



MRS. KOONTZ



DR. MURRAY

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS** for the 86th Annual convention of the North Carolina Teachers Association at the Civic Center here March 16-17, are, left, Dr. Harry E. Groves, president, Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio, who will address the first general assembly, Thursday, March 16, at 8:15 p.m. At center, Mrs. Elizabeth D. Koontz, immediate past president, NEA Department of Classroom Teachers, will address that group at their Annual Banquet, March 17, at 6

p.m., in the University Ballroom, Jack Tar Hotel. At right, Dr. Pauli Murray, Equal Employment Commission, Washington, D. C., who will speak March 17, at the convening of the second general assembly of NCTA.

## Committee On Negro Affairs To Hold Annual Meet Sun.

Concentrating upon the theme, "The Community of Durham, Its Problems, Potentialities and Responsibilities", the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs will hold its annual meeting at the West Durham Baptist Church on Sunday, March 12 at 5:00 p.m. Presiding over the meeting will be the general chairman, John H. Wheeler. The invocation will be offered by the Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch, Pastor of the White Rock Baptist Church. Music will be furnished by the choir of the West Durham Baptist Church.

Other highlights of the meeting will be short, summary reports and projections for the future coming from the sub-committees of the organization concerned with (a) civic affairs, (b) education, (c) economic welfare and equal employment opportunities, (d) legal interests and (e) political activities.

During the annual meeting each year the leadership of the Committee undertakes to bring to the public in a capsule manner a number of the most significant matters which have come before it during the year. It tries to set before the citizens of the community the present



DR. MANASSE



DR. RENDER

## Two Local College Professors Designated Humanities Fellows

Two North Carolina College professors have been designated fellows in the Cooperative Program in the Humanities conducted at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the coming academic year. Dr. Sylvania L. Render, professor of English, will

continue research and critical reception of the works of Charles W. Chestnut, generally regarded as the first Negro to achieve stature as a novelist. Dr. Ernest M. Manasse, chairman of the Department of German, Latin, and Phi-

## NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE Asks \$2,989,712 Additional Funds, Continuance of Law School at N. Carolina College

A North Carolina College Delegation Thursday afternoon requested \$2,989,712 in additional funds for the 1967-69 biennium and made a strong plea for the continuation of the institution's law school, now threatened with loss of state support.

Meeting with the Joint Appropriations Committee of the House and Senate, the

group included members of the college's board of trustees, members of the interim committee now administering the institution, other administrative personnel and representatives from the faculty and alumni association. Bascom Baynes, chairman of the trustee board, was ill and could not attend the hearing.

Greensboro attorney Clyde A. Shreve, a trustee who chaired the NCC group's presentations, made initial and closing pleas for support of the law school. He presented Durham attorney and trustee M. Hugh Thompson and High Point attorney Samuel Chess, who asked the group for continued support

## Scenes at the Mortgage Burning Conducted at St. Joseph's AME Church Sunday, March 5



**WITH WORDS OF PRAISE** and commendation just extended them by Bishop George W. Baber, presiding prelate of the Second Episcopal District, the

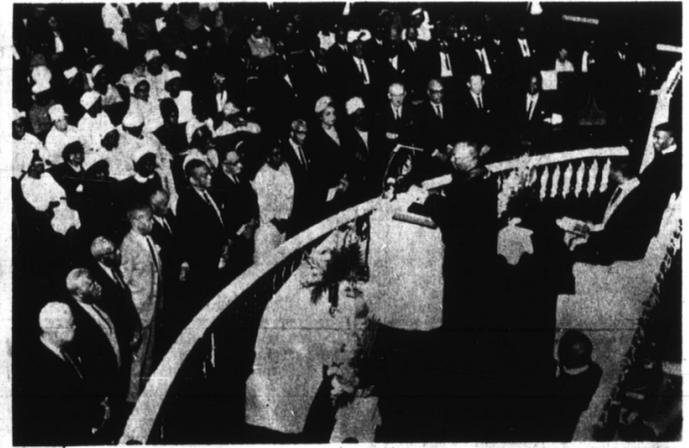
trustees of St. Joseph's AME Church stand at the altar last Sunday morning to witness the burning of the church's mortgage.

From left to right the trustees are: O. F. Jeffers, F. D. Marshall, C. C. Smith, J. J. Henderson, Mrs. Ruth Bolden, Miss Lucille Baines, Dr. E. P.



Norris, W. L. Cooke, J. H. Wheeler and Thos. Strudwick. Seated in the pulpit directly behind Bishop Baber is Rev. Philip R. Cousin, pastor of St.

Joseph's; at the left is Rev. Williamson and at the extreme right is Rev. Clyde Long, assistant pastor. The picture in the center



shows the actual burning of the mortgage in a container held by J. J. Henderson, trustee while Rev. D. Williamson, Presiding Elder of the Durham

District, looks on. In the picture at the right taken in the pastor's study, just before the beginning of the service, from left to right

are: Rev. Long, Rev. Williamson, Bishop Baber and Rev. Cousin.



MISS REUBEN

## Negro Honor Student Named Duke Queen

Wilhemina Matilda Reuben, beautiful Negro coed from Sumter, S.C., has been recently elected May Queen by the student body at Woman's College of Duke University.

"Mimi" as she is known around campus, is an honor student, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, YWCA, Duke University Religious Council, and is listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Students at Woman's College chose Mimi in a campus-wide election, making their choice on the basis of personal qualities, ability to lead, rendering of service, and beauty.

Among the many exciting honors, outstanding will be Mimi's representation of Duke University on the court of the Azalea Queen at the Wilmington Azalea Festival April 6-9. She also will have a dominant roll in the Joe College celebrat-

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## Mustang, Color TV, Mink Stole To Be Given

The 1967 big annual subscription contest of the Carolina Times will get underway April 3, it was announced here this week.

With over \$5,000 being offered in three big prizes to the winners and commission to all non-prize winners, the contest is expected to take on national as well as state and local proportions.

The first prize will be a brand new 1967 Mustang automobile; the second prize a brand new 23-inch color television set and the third prize a brand new mink stole. Twenty percent commission will be paid to all non-prize winners.

The contest will run for six weeks from the opening date, April 3, when all active contestants will make their first reports to the office of the

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(Photos by Purefoy)