

# Interest In Stith For Congress Gains Momentum Over State

## Kick-Off Drive For Lincoln Hospital At Mt. Vernon Sun.



**CORNERSTONE LAYING CEREMONY**—The above photo consists of the cornerstone laying ceremony of First Calvary Baptist Church, conducted by Doric Lodge No. 28, FAAM, Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23. Placing the cornerstone is Senior Deacon Frank Jacobs and Past Master Otis Thorpe, Jr. Looking on are James Douglas, James Higgins and Arthur McKnight. Holding staff in hand is William Vinson, Junior Deacon. See other photos elsewhere in this issue. (Photo by Purefoy)

### Durham Man Ponders Fourth District Race For Lower House

David W. Stith, President of Southeastern Business College, has confirmed reports that he is thinking about running for Congress from the new 4th District, which will contain Durham, Wake, Orange, Chatham and Randolph Counties. Stith, in a recent interview with the Carolina Times, stated that since the story of his interest in the congressional seat broke in the newspapers he has received many calls from within the new Fourth District and other areas of the State urging him to become a candidate for the Fourth District Seat. Stith said that he has been putting out "feelers" in the Fourth District to determine the political climate and what support he will be able to obtain for his candidacy. "A local group has been urging me to become a candidate," Stith said, "but a definite commitment can not come until after the first of the year." Stith said he is considering running because of "growing dissatisfaction" with the "do nothing fence riding" position of Durham's Congressman Nick Galifianakis and the "grand standing" of Congressman Jim Gardner. He went on to say



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that "Gardner's persistent meddling in the problem of the Fifth last summer with regards to the Poverty Program and Galifianakis' failure to take a position on the matter did nothing to help the situation." "It is time for North Carolina to live up to its claim of being the most progressive Southern State," Stith said. He pointed to Virginia, Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia as states far ahead of North Carolina in Negro representation

in elective city, county, state public offices. Stith concluded by saying that he is delaying a final decision on formally entering the race until he receives a little more "meaningful" support. Another consideration in running will be the effect on his business and personal life. Stith opposed City Councilman John Stewart in the 1965 municipal election. A native of Rocky Mount, he has been a resident of Durham for 20 years. He is married to the former Miss Lorraine James of Ahoskie and is the father of two children, a seven-year-old daughter, Karen, and a four-year-old son, Thomas III. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Durham Committee On Negro Affairs and is Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of United Publishers. He is a graduate of North Carolina College, where he also did graduate work in the field of Business Administration and Education. Stith also attended Law School at North Carolina College prior to his service with the Adjutant General's Corps in the U. S. Army.

### Last Rites for James Strickland Held at St. Joseph's Sunday

The funeral services for James Fletcher Strickland were held at St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church, Sunday, December 3, at 1:30 p.m. Strickland was killed Thursday afternoon when his truck in which he was riding, along, was struck by a freight train at a crossing near Hillsborough. According to a deputy sheriff of Orange County, Strickland was driving south in the empty pickup truck on a dirt road when it was hit at the crossing by an east bound engine of the Southern Railway Company. No warning signals are at the crossing and Strickland apparently did not hear the approaching freight train which knocked the truck down an embankment, killing him instantly. Strickland was born and reared in Randolph County, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Strickland. He was married to Mrs. Annie K. Strickland and up until his retirement in 1965 had worked for the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company for over 40 years. The esteem in which he was held by officials, employees of the company and others of the community was attested to by the large number who attended the funeral. Equally liked by all who knew him, St. Joseph's Church was filled to capacity by persons from all walks of life who came to pay final tribute to the departed. The eulogy was delivered by Rev. Phillip R. Cousin, pastor of St. Joseph, who paid a high tribute to the exemplary life of Strickland as a devoted officer and member of St. Joseph's where he served as a member of the Steward Board, a See STRICKLAND 10A



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### Cong. Conyers Is Queen City Mass Meeting Keynote

CHARLOTTE — Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Democrat of Detroit, Michigan will deliver the principal address at a state-wide mass meeting to be held here Friday, December 8, at 8:00 p.m. Congressman Conyers is being presented by the Carolina Ford Fellowship in Action at the auditorium of the Northside Junior High School in Charlotte. Congressman Conyers is now serving his second term in the U. S. House of Representatives where he has gained the respect of colleagues of both parties.

### First Calvary Holds Corner Stone Laying Thanksgiving Day

Following the annual Thanksgiving Service of the First Calvary Baptist Church, Thursday, November 23, a most impressive ceremony in the form of the corner stone laying of the church was conducted by Doric Lodge No. FM & AM. The Thanksgiving message was brought by the pastor, the Rev. A. L. Thompson, with a prayer of thanks being offered by Rev. William Butler and music by the Senior Choir, under the direction of Miss Mary L. Stephens. Immediately following the close of the service, the pastor, officers and members gathered at the northwest corner of the church to witness the laying of the cornerstone at which time Rev. Richard James gave remarks setting forth the purpose of the ceremony and introduced the officers and members of the lodge. Preceding the actual laying of the cornerstone, the history of the church was read by Mrs. Eva Pratt. With Otis M. Thorpe, Past Master, serving in the absence of Worshipful Master, J. T. Tucker, the ceremony proceeded in order. The closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Preston Richmond. First Calvary Baptist Church was organized in 1884 as the Second Baptist Church. The present structure was erected in 1949 under the leadership of the late Rev. H. H. Hart. Fill 'Em Up

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## SCEF Votes Support for Miss. Freedom Democratic Party

### Bid Made for Seats at 1968 D. Convention

EDWARDS, Miss.—The board of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) has voted to support the Mississippi Freedom Party (MFPD) in its efforts to win seats at the Democratic National Convention in 1968. Leaders of the MFPD attended the semi-annual meeting of SCEF, an interracial civil-rights group based in Louisville, Ky. The board said: "We wish to remind the national Democratic Party that it is under obligation, by action of its convention in 1964, to insure that the delegations to its 1968 convention are truly representative of all of the people of their respective states. If the Democratic Party plans to live up to its pledge, it must recognize the rights of the MFPD delegation." SCEF also demanded an end to "racist bombings" in Mississippi and "to the new witch hunts that are rising in this country." Special note was made of the bombing of a synagogue and the homes of liberals in Jackson and other parts of Mississippi in recent weeks. "These things are not making headlines in our country," the SCEF board declared. "There is no national outcry against them. Instead the headlines about See SCEF page 10A

## New Hope Baptist Church In Apex Welcomes New Minister

### White Rock Pastor Delivers Sermon at Installation Rites

APEX—Rev. C. P. Briley was installed as the thirteenth pastor of New Hope Baptist Church at Apex, Sunday, November 26, at 3:00 p.m. He was called in June 1967. Rev. J. R. Burt, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Chatham County, presided. Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch, Pastor of White Rock Baptist Church of Durham brought the installation with music being provided by the White Rock Senior Choir, under the direction of Hohn H. Gattis with Mrs. Margaret Goodwin rendering a solo. Other participants on the program were Rev. J. W. Barnes, Rev. J. A. Stewart, Mrs. Delois S. Burnette, E. W. Hackney, J. W. Carrington, N. H. Lassiter and Miss Cloyce M. Lassiter. A reception followed in the church basement immediately following the service. Special guests for the afternoon were Rev. Briley's family: his mother, Mrs. Bessie Briley; his sister, Mrs. Bonnie Davis, her husband. See INSTALLS page 10A



**INSTALLATION SERVICE** — Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch (r) pastor of White Rock Baptist Church, congratulates Rev. C. P. Briley (l) newly installed pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Route 3, Apex, following Installation, Sunday, November 26. Rev. Briley was installed Sunday, November 26 at 3:00 p.m. (Photo by Purefoy)

## AME Minister Charges Winston-Salem School Board Dehumanizing Negro

### Attack Also Made on Other City Officials

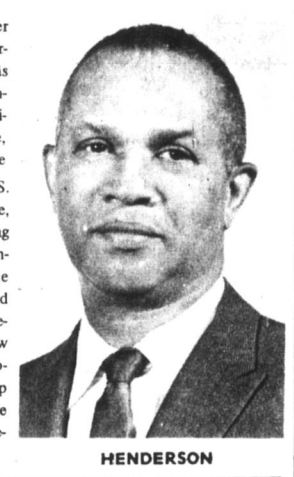
WINSTON-SALEM — The Rev. J. T. McMillan, pastor of St. James A.M.E. Church and president of the Winston-Salem branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, exploded a big bertha bomb at members of the Winston-Salem School Board and other city officials last week, for what he termed a deliberate See McMILLAN 8A



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## Treasurer of NCM is Named One of Trio to West Africa

James J. Henderson, treasurer North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company has been chosen as one of a three-man team representing Hampton Institute to participate in a trip to Sierra Leone, West Africa in connection with the Joint Hampton Institute - U. S. Government (AID) Sierra Leone, West African Educational Training Institute Program. The team, consisting of a representative of the Trustee Board, administration and faculty of Hampton Institute departed J. F. Kennedy Airport, New York on December 1 for an approximate two to three weeks trip for an inspection and review of the Program. Mr. Henderson will represent the Trustee Board.



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## LDF Wins Tuition-Free New York Education for Ala. Girl

ALBANY—The New York City Supreme Court has ruled that an Alabama Negro teenager, now a ward of a white family in Port Washington, Long Island, may attend public schools there without payment of tuition. The state's highest court reaffirmed a prior ruling by Commissioner of Education James E. Allen. Announcement of the court's ruling was made by officials of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) in New York City today. Jack Greenberg, LDF director-counsel, argued the case before Commissioner Allen last January in Albany in behalf of the Student Transfer Education Program (STEP) an affiliate of the National Urban League. Commissioner Allen ruled that the Board of Education of Union Free School District Number 4 failed to show "a valid or sufficient reason militating against re-

ception of this pupil (Mary Elizabeth Moore) on a tuition-free basis." He added that "there is no evidence indicating that such attendance would cause an unreasonable additional operating cost." Mrs. Leonard Saletan, chairman of STEP, said that "other school districts with STEP students can now be assured that tuition-free acceptance of these young people can properly be maintained." She added that STEP now plans to expand its activities. Miss Moore, the youngest of five children of a Birmingham widow now living on social security, was placed in the Port Washington home of Richard and Margery Rosen. Mr. Rosen, an architect and city planner educated at Carnegie Tech and Harvard, is in charge of Community Planning for Levitt and Sons, Inc., the largest builder of private homes in the country.

## Funeral of Attorney P. H. Bell Held at Plymouth Friday, Dec. 8

PLYMOUTH—P. H. Bell, prominent lawyer here since 1901, died Monday at Marshall Memorial Hospital in Lynchburg, Virginia following an illness of several weeks. He was a graduate of Shaw University Law School. Admitted to the bar in 1901, he actively practiced law in North Carolina for many years. The funeral was held at New Chapel Baptist Church, Friday, December 8, at 1:30 p.m. Rev. A. R. Winborne is pastor. Surviving are: one daughter, Mrs. Doris B. Chance of New York City; two sons, Atty. Charles V. Bell and Peter H. Bell, Jr. of Charlotte; a sister, Mrs. Captolia Hassell

of Baltimore, Md.; two nieces, one nephew and many other relatives and friends. Interment was in the family plot at Plymouth. Retired Indian ZANESVILLE, Ohio—After losing an arm to a cyclone, surviving a flood, and losing his nose and thumb to palefaces, 73-year-old Chief Penokee has found a happy hunting ground. The Indian—the cigar store sort—who stood in front of a tobacco store all these years has been ensconced in the Zane Grey Museum here. Dr. King also stated that the federal government was ultimately responsible for the well-being of the people and thus truly responsible for poverty and unemployment. In contrast to the government's lack of concern, an overwhelming majority of Americans, according to the latest Louis Harris polls, believe that slums should be torn down and rebuilt and everyone should have a job. The SCLC President said, "We have learned from hard and bitter experience in our movement that our government does not move to See KING page 10A

## Campaign Has Backing City's Leading Groups

An all out kick-off mass meeting in the campaign to raise a total of \$103,000 for Lincoln Hospital will be held at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church here Sunday, December 10, at 4:00 p.m. The church is pastored by Rev. E. T. Browne. Music for the launching of the campaign, scheduled to run for the entire month of December, will be furnished by the Mt. Vernon Senior Choir, Mrs. Annie Bell Fogle and Mrs. Ruth McCollum choristers. Chairman of the campaign heading the list of speakers for the Sunday afternoon program is Asa T. Spaulding, president of N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company. Others slated to address the gathering are Dr. Clyde Donnell, chairman of Lincoln Hospital Board of Trustees and Dr. Rose Butler Browne, former instructor at N. C. College. The mass meeting Sunday has the official backing of the Durham Ministerial Alliance, the Committee On Negro Affairs, the Durham Business and Professional Chain, the Durham Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Masons, Elks, other organized groups of the city as well as businesses and individuals.

## King Reveals Washington Demonstrations

ATLANTA, Ga. — Dr. Martin Luther King announced Monday that the nation's capitol will be the site of his organized protests next spring. With the help of war dis-senters, King will "demand to be heard and will stay until America responds." He blames the federal government for poverty and racism rampant in the nation today. At a news conference in Atlanta, the noted civil rights leader said that his program of civil disobedience will involve 3,000 volunteers from ten major cities. He said that the spring protests might turn into the first coalition of anti-war and civil rights forces. He feels the war in Vietnam is a threat to the advancement of Americans generally and Negroes specifically. King emphasized that the United States is fighting two wars—one in Vietnam against the Viet Cong, and one at home against poverty and social injustice. "And we are losing both," he said. The capitol demonstrations are intended to be non-violent. "Very frankly," the Nobel Peace Prize winner said, "this is a search for an alternative to the riots. In discussing his reasons for the campaign, Dr. King cited the increasing bitterness, despair and frustration that threatens the "worst chaos, hatred, and violence any nation has ever encountered." The civil rights leader continued by citing "the spectacle of cities burning while the national government speaks of repression instead of rehabilitation, Negro children starving in Mississippi while prosperous farmers are rewarded for not producing food, the Negro mothers leaving children in tenements to work in neighborhoods where people of color can not live and the awesome bombardment, already greater than the munitions we exploded in World War II, against a small Asian land, while political brokers de-escalate and very nearly disarm a timid action against poverty." Dr. King also stated that the federal government was ultimately responsible for the well-being of the people and thus truly responsible for poverty and unemployment. In contrast to the government's lack of concern, an overwhelming majority of Americans, according to the latest Louis Harris polls, believe that slums should be torn down and rebuilt and everyone should have a job. The SCLC President said, "We have learned from hard and bitter experience in our movement that our government does not move to See KING page 10A