

Blacks Plead For Representation On Halifax Board Of Ed.

Negro Voting In South Registers Sharp Increase In 1968



THREE GET PLAQUES—Sunday night, Jan. 26, plaques were presented three outstanding members of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church here for long years of faithful service as church and Sunday School workers. Making the presentation was Rev. A. D. Moseley,

pastor, second from left. At the extreme left in the picture is Levi Mitchell who was honored for 25 years as Sunday School teacher and superintendent. Also was Mrs. Bettie Tuck, Sunday School teacher who was honored by having the name

of the Truth Seekers Bible Class changed to the Bettie Tuck Bible Class. At the right is B. B. Rogers who was also honored for his long years of service in the church and Sunday School.

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NAACP In Mississippi Presses School Upgrading Demand Board Asked For New Heads Negro Schools

INDIANOLA, Miss. — The Sunflower County Branch of the NAACP has achieved the first success in its four-month campaign to win quality education in the local schools. The county school board has agreed to consider, at its next meeting, Feb. 11, the replacement of two principals of all-Negro schools whom the NAACP had found educationally and psychologically unqualified. Their replacement was one of ten demands made by the NAACP branch in September of last year.

In its first demand, the branch asked that "immediate steps to secure accreditation" of each school in the Indianola school system be taken. The principals in question, the NAACP claimed, had so little education themselves that this fact alone made any accrediting practically impossible.

Other demands included: establishing of an effective parents and teachers association, free school lunches for the poor, lunchroom facilities in which children could eat from tables instead of their laps, immediate inclusion of black people on the school board, installation of lockers and language laboratories. All of these improvements were requested for implementation prior to the beginning of the second semester.

Full integration of the public school system is part of the campaign. There are 4,100 Negro and about 1,000 white students in the county school system which has been operating on the "freedom of choice" system. Opposing total integration, the county

Magazine Editor, John Johnson and John H. Murphy III, Afro president and president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Roy Wilkins, NAACP national director, was at a meeting and could not attend. Robert Brown and Pat Moy-nihan, Nixon appointee on Urban Affairs, assisted the President. Mr. Nixon indicated that this



NIXON MEETS LEADERS AT HEADQUARTERS—(New York) Robert Brown, a recent Nixon appointee, called a meeting at Nixon's headquarters at the Hotel Pierre here recently.

Among those present were President Nixon, the Revs. Ralph Abernathy, Sandy Ray of Brooklyn, N. Y. who represented the Rev. Jessie Jackson, Nathan Wright, Hobson Reynolds, the Elks leader; Ebony

would be the first of many such meetings to develop communications between his administration and black America.

He said he will want advice from these leaders as well as other leaders in specific fields, to give him direction, advice and criticism when necessary in affairs that affect black citizens.

Five Va. Teachers Associations Seek \$6,000 To 7,000 Minimum Salary

NOTE TO EDITORS: This release includes 23 localities which have been reported to us since our last salary roundup.

RICHMOND — At least a \$6,000 minimum salary is being sought by all but one of the 51 local education associations which have reported their salary objectives to the Virginia Education Association (VEA) to date.

School boards in six localities have proposed salary schedules to their governing bodies for approval. In Fairfax county school board and Fairfax Education Association representatives have reached agreement on a \$7,000 minimum through professional negotiations.

In Portsmouth, the school board is proposing a \$6,500 minimum; in Buena Vista,

Ralph K. Frasier Named Vice President Wachovia Bank And Trust Company

The Directors of Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, N. A. in a recent meeting promoted Ralph Kennedy Frasier to the position of Vice President in the bank's general offices in Winston-Salem. Frasier will head up the bank's legal department.

He joined the bank in 1965 and was elected Assistant Secretary in 1966 and promoted to Assistant Vice President in 1968.

Frasier was born in Winston-Salem and moved to Durham with his parents at a very early age. He attended elementary and high school in Durham. He attended the University of North Carolina and graduated from North Carolina College and the School of Law of that institution.



FRASIER
The Wachovia Bank is the largest bank in the Southeast with assets of 1 1/2 billion dollars. He is believed to be the first (See FRASIER page 8A)

Weldon Physician Urges Abolishment Taxation Blacks No Representation

HALIFAX—At a meeting with the Halifax County Board of Education here last Tuesday night, Dr. Salter J. Cochran of Weldon, representing black citizens of the county, Eastern North Carolina, pleaded with its members to appoint or help elect some Negro member to the Board.

Said Dr. Cochran in part: "This Board is composed of elected and appointed members, all of whom are of the white or Caucasian race. We recognize that this Board has the power and duty to make policies and decide school business for all people of Halifax County, most of whom are black. It is most difficult for the Black Community to accept the actions and decisions of this Board so long as the Black people are completely



COCHRAN
denied participation as members of the Board." Included in Dr. Cochran's plea was that some qualified Negro principals be appointed to head some previously all-

white schools of the county. Said Dr. Cochran further: "In an effort to gain a seat on this Board, the Black man has been defeated. The reason for this consistent defeat is expressed in the 1968 Report of The National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, which states that race riots are by 'White Racism' in this country. This white racism is a wide spread disease and is present in Halifax County in epidemic proportions and is the real cause of the Black man's defeat each time he has sought office in Halifax County."

School Board Chairman, Macon Moore stated at the close of the meeting: "I think Dr. Cochran was criticizing the recent appointment of a white (See PHYSICIAN page 8A)

Excelsior Credit Union Assets Near Million And Quarter Mark

Annual Meeting of Gastonia Group Shows Great Gain

By Maude M. Jeffers

GASTONIA — The shareholders of Excelsior Credit Union of Gaston County celebrated their 27th anniversary and the reaching of their first million and a quarter in assets, Tuesday night.

Beginning in 1942 with initial assets of \$193,750, Excelsior has grown to a total worth of \$1,244,611.53 as of December 31, 1968. It started with 20 members and has now grown to over 3,000. A 4.5 per cent dividend was voted by the shareholders. The earnings for 1968 totaled \$90,741.49, the largest in its history. Over the years, the Christmas Club has paid out over one-half million dollars.

W. B. Brooks, president, presided over the meeting, and presented Attorney Donald E. Rameur who presented plaques to each of the past presidents. Honored were Charles Costner, the first president, Douglas Miller, Sr. (deceased), the second president; T. Jeffers, Dr. N. A. Smith, and J. Q. Falls. Expressions of appreciation was made for the service these men had rendered over the 27 year history.

Board members also presented a special plaque to Executive Secretary Nathaniel (See EXCELSIOR page 8A)

White Urges All Black People Remain Unified in Boycott Effort

One of Durham's most prominent civic leaders warned last Sunday night that the current Black Solidarity boycott "may be...the last attempt to settle the racial problems in our city peacefully and without violence."

Nathaniel B. White, president of Service Printing Co. and a veteran leader in business, church, and civic affairs here, voiced the warning in a talk at last Sunday night's mass meeting of the Black Solidarity Committee for Community Improvement.

"The truth of the matter," White declared, "is that every conceivable way to solve the problems of black people in Durham has been tried without any appreciable success."

Later, a second speaker was applauded when he praised Black Solidarity leaders as people who "don't believe in burning up things, but in tearing down a whole lot of things and building up."

The comments emphasized the mood of the audience to press forward and to "keep keeping on" with the boycott until its demands are satisfied.

White recalled several



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instances of discrimination against black people that he has personally witnessed during his decades of civic service here.

He was loudly applauded when he declared, "This community has all the resources it needs to solve its racial problems. What is needed is the will, the desire, the commitment to solve them."

After listing again the demands of the Black Solidarity Committee, White urged all

(See WHITE page 8A)

S. C. Group Asks Aid In Prosecuting State Patrolmen Killers

Dear Friends of the State College Family:

As you are probably well aware, a Federal Grand Jury in Columbia recently refused to bring indictments against nine nameless State Highway Patrolmen who shot more than thirty of our students last February 8.

With the hope that justice might yet prevail, an autonomous committee of faculty, students and staff from South Carolina State College had been formed. We have enlisted the services of Attorney Matthew Perry to pursue our fight through legal channels and have secured written permission from the injured students and parents of the deceased students to pursue these steps. Attorney Perry has willingly decided to file civil suits in Federal Court against the highway patrolmen on behalf of the dead and injured students.

Moreover, Attorney Perry has generously declined to accept (See PATROLMAN 8A)

Edwin T. Pratt, Urban League Seattle Unit Director Slain Sun.

SEATTLE — The executive director of the Seattle Urban League, Edwin T. Pratt, 38, was shot to death here Sunday when he opened the door to enter his home, located in the northern section of the city.

Officers stated Pratt was shot in the forehead by a bullet fired about 20 feet away.

Benjamin Weeks, past president of the Urban League Board of Directors, told officers that Pratt had informed him of threats but shrugged off the incidents and gave no further information about them.

His wife Betty said she went to a window as he came to the door and saw two youths with a rifle. A neighbor, Don Anderson, said he heard the two shots and saw two youths about 18 or 19 run from Pratt's home. One carried a rifle. He said they jumped into a nearby car and sped away.



PRATT

Indian Study

PEMBROKE — A national study of American Indian education is being conducted and the Pembroke area will be the only one examined east of the Mississippi. Robert W. Birchfield, associate professor of sociology at Pembroke State College, is the project supervisor of the Lumbee Indian portion of the national study.

Black Vote in Dixie Praised By Louis Martin

By Louis Martin
An analysis of the 1968 election returns in key areas reveals that close to 80 per cent of the 7.2 million Negroes registered in vote went to the polls last November.

The returns indicate further that the Humphrey-Muskie ticket received between 90 and 92 per cent of the national black vote. It appears that Negroes who are registered as Republicans either fail to vote in large numbers or gave their support to the Democratic standard bearers.

Attached to this report is a survey of sample wards and precincts in key Negro areas. The voting pattern was the same in all sections of the country without exception.

Despite a late start and a shortage of funds, campaign activities in the black communities and the promotion of the candidates through Negro oriented literature and the Negro media, principally newspapers and radio, reached a satisfactory peak by election day.

The Committee received more volunteer campaign support from the Negro community than ever before. Direct mail appeals for funds to Negro professional leaders in support of the ticket brought in over \$35,000. Volunteer organizational support in conducting rallies and special campaign programs was never greater.

For the first time in this (See VOTE page 8A)

S. C. President Speaks at Ship Commissioning

ORANGEBURG, S. C. — The Navy for the first time has selected a Negro to deliver the principal address at the commissioning of one of its nuclear powered attack submarines.

Dr. M. Maceo Nance, Jr., president of South Carolina State College in Orangeburg, will be the principal speaker at the commissioning of the Nuclear Attack Submarine Sea Devil, (SSN 664) January 30, at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, in Newport News, Virginia.

Dr. Nance, a World War II Navy veteran, was attached to the YP 105 which was involved in testing of mines and torpedoes off the Atlantic Coast. (The YP 105 was the Navy-converted yacht of Major Edward Bowes, the network radio personality of the 1930's who conducted "Major Edward Bowes Original Hour" and other programs on CBS.

The Navy's latest ship will be the second sub in the fleet to bear the name Sea Devil. The first ship made her maiden patrol on September 3, 1944. She was decommissioned in March, 1948 and was recommissioned twice. Her name was taken from the Navy List on July 10, 1964.

Her namesake is a 292-foot warship equipped with the latest navigation and electronics systems, a computer controlled weapons system which enables her to detect and attack targets at various distances. She will be manned by 12 officers and a crew of 95. Her surfaced displacement is 4,140 tons. The captain of the ship is Commander R. A. Currier, a native of Beverly, Massachusetts, and a veteran of 19 years in the Navy.

Alexander Cites Black Voters Of Greensboro

By J. B. Harren

RALEIGH — The future progress of Negro-Tarheel will depend, in the main, upon the continued application of the intelligent use of legal pressures in all areas of civil rights, declared N. C. NAACP president Kelly Miller Alexander Sr., of Charlotte and Grover Smith Jr., Labor Director of Birmingham, Ala., as they addressed the fifty adults and 42 youth and college chapter members of the State NAACP meeting in Raleigh at the Carolina Hotel Saturday, Jan. 25, in their Winter Meeting.

On the theme of "Implementing An Effective 1969 NAACP Program of Action," the Leadership Conference envisioned new horizons for those who are willing to work (See ALEXANDER page 8A)