

Duke Graduates 1500; Awards Honorary Degree To Negro

CRIMINAL CHARGE BROUGHT AGAINST TEACHER

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Garrett Successfully Defends FCD; \$40,000 Is Received

Record Shows FCD Not Linked With A&T Row

Daily newspapers of Durham in their efforts to connect staff members of The Foundation for Community Development (FCD) with recent upheavals at A & T University at Greensboro, have proved to be futile. According to Nathan T. Garrett, executive director of FCD, described as "malicious slander" the newspaper reports which alleged that Howard Fuller and Franklin D. Williams employees of the foundation, were involved in the Greensboro campus disorders.

According to Garrett, the Greensboro police and State Bureau of Investigation informed him that "they have no evidence establishing any connection between A & T riots and FCD or its employees."

As a result of the findings the FCD received this week \$40,000 as the first installment of a \$900,000 federal grant, Garrett stated.



GARRETT

Local newspaper accounts apparently based their assumptions on the fact that both Fuller and Williams legally purchased rifles about a month ago. Garrett reacted in the defense of the purchase of

fire arms by these two employees saying that they had a legal right to do so just as service station operators and milkmen. "I replied that if they felt that they needed this protection, certainly with memories of

Martin King and Robert Kennedy and Medgar Evers and Malcolm "X" and John Kennedy, I could not forbid them from taking legal steps to arm themselves," Garrett stated.

Commenting further on the purchase of fire arms by them, Garrett described Fuller's job as probably the most dangerous in the state. It was determined that Fuller stopped briefly in Greensboro for a meal and was not there at the time for the riots.

Greensboro authorities arrested and charged Williams with possession of an alcoholic beverage and a search of his car revealed four cans of beer and three firecrackers. Garrett in his discussion of Williams' arrest voiced grave doubt as to the possession of four cans of beer constituting a serious violation of curfew and three cans of beer posing a threat as pyrotechnic devices.

In the opinion of Garrett, newspaper reports, "have sought to make it appear that FCD is staffed by a group of gun runners who go about the state fomenting riots." He further stated that, the plain fact is that when civil disorders occur, (See RECEIVED 2A)



THE FIRST—Asa T. Spaulding, retired president of N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company, is shown here Monday, June 2. Shown here Monday, June 2. Shown here Monday, June 2. Shown here Monday, June 2.

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Spaulding is First of Race To be Named

Graduation exercises for some 1,500 Duke University degree candidates were held at 10 a.m. here Monday, June 2 in Indoor Stadium.

Hundreds of parents and special guests witnessed the colorful procession of graduates and faculty members as the university closed its 117th academic year.

Angier Biddle Duke, U. S. Ambassador to Denmark, delivered the commencement address. Duke is among seven individuals who received honorary degrees from the university.

Dr. Asa Spaulding, retired Durham insurance executive, became the first Negro to be awarded an honorary degree from Duke. Other recipients included:

Dr. Maynard Mack, professor of English at Yale; Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Western North Carolina Conference, United Methodist Church; Dr. Rudolph Wittkower, professor of art history at Columbia; Dr. Jerome S. Bruner, Harvard psychologist; and Dr. William M. Fairbank, Stanford physicist.

This year's commencement at Duke was the last for Dr. Douglas M. Knight as president of the university. Knight, who delivered the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, has resigned to accept an educational post with RCA next month.

Howard Univ. Official Named President FSC

FAYETTEVILLE — Dr. Charles Lyons, Jr., director of admissions at Howard University in Washington, D. C., was confirmed Thursday, May 29, as the new president of Fayetteville State College during a meeting of the FSC trustees.

Dr. Lyons, 43, was reported earlier as the leading candidate to succeed Dr. Rudolph Jones, who resigned recently. Dr. Jones has accepted a professor's post at Elizabeth City State College.

Selected from seven candidates for the post, Dr. Lyons will assume his new duties on August 1.

Attorney John H. Cook, chairman of the FSC board of trustees said today, "I just think Dr. Lyons is tops and will make a wonderful president. He has had every qualification that the job requires."

A native of Conetoe, Dr. Lyons received an A.B. degree from Shaw University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio State University.

He taught in the Raleigh Public Schools in 1949-50, and at Ohio State from 1951-54 and 1955-56. He was associate professor of Political Science at Grambling (La) College, from 1956-59 and professor of Political Science and History at Elizabeth City State College from 1959-62.

Dr. Lyons was dean of Elizabeth State College from 1966-62 and served as executive secretary of the North Carolina Teachers Association (NCTA) from 1962-64, and as admissions director at Howard University since 1964.

He affiliations include Alpha Kappa Mu, Sigma Rho Sigma, Phi Sigma Alpha, and Phi Alpha Theta honorary organizations. In 1962, he was awarded a leadership plaque from the NCTA.

In Washington, he is a member. (See NAMED page 2A)

Second Black Educators Meet Of NAAAE In Atlanta Aug. 20-24

NEW YORK—Black teachers, administrators, students, parents, and community workers - all concerned with strengthening the role of education in the black community - will converge on Atlanta, Georgia for the second National Conference called by the National Association for African-American Education (NAAAE). The Conference will meet from August 20 through August 24.

Preston Wilcox, the national chairman of the organization, issued the call. "We are attempting to define and create a truly black educational agenda and a climate which meets and stimulates the aspirations and needs of the black community."

The conference theme, "The Fire This Time," focuses on new black perspectives and creative black solutions to pressing educational problems. Key issues before this year's assembly are expected to include community control of schools, black studies, college admissions, the dormitory issue, job protection, health and nutrition, and graduate and professional studies.

The conference will be built around workshops in key interest areas. Existing programs will be presented as models for discussion and imitation. Speakers of national repute will address the general sessions to which the black Atlanta community will be invited. There will be exhibit space for companies and organizations with black publications and educational materials.

The first National Conference of NAAAE was held in 1968 in Chicago, Illinois and attracted some 1,000 attendees from all sections of the country. This year's host group, headed by the Greater Atlanta Summit Leadership Conference, is laying plans to accommodate five thousand black educators, many of whom will be accompanied by their families. (See EDUCATORS 2A)

FRIENDS TO HONOR DR. ROSE B. BROWNE AT MT. VERNON SUNDAY

Friends of Dr. Rose Butler Browne are sponsoring an Autograph Party at the Mount Vernon Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, June 8 from 4:00 until 6:00 at which time her new book, "Love My Children," will be presented to the public.

Dr. Brownes, retired Chairman Department of Education, North Carolina College, is well known throughout the United States for her educational and religious activities. As a distinguished educator she has been the recipient of awards from both black and white communities, the latest of which was her picture on the front cover and home page paid for her achievements in the Spring issue of the Rhode Island State College Alumni. She has received numerous honorary degrees and citations from both educational and religious institutions.

"Love My Children" is the autobiography of the first Negro woman to receive the Ph. D. Degree from Harvard University. It tells of the education of the educator and her life. (See DR. BROWNE 2A)



DR. BROWNE

other NAACP activists who attempted to set up a Military Complaint Center in Leesville to receive complaints from Negro servicemen stationed at Fort Polk.

The full text of the telegram follows:

On May 17 last, eighteen persons including NAACP Field Director Harvey Britton were arrested in Leesville, Louisiana, on charges of disturbing the peace and investigation of vagrancy. These persons were situated on private property to which they had

access. (See FT. POLK page 2A)

C. M. Mitchell New Spingarn '69 Awardee

NEW YORK—Clarence M. Mitchell, director of the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People since 1950, has been chosen the 54th Spingarn Medalist.

Mitchell was named recipient of the coveted medal by the nine-member Spingarn Medal Award Committee in recognition of his vital role as lobbyist for civil rights legislation and particularly his crucial contribution to the enactment of the Fair Housing Title of the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

The selection of Mitchell for this honor was announced here, June 3, by NAACP Executive Roy Wilkins who cited his 23 years of dedicated service to the NAACP, the last 19 as Washington Bureau Director.

The Spingarn Medal, Wilkins noted, "is awarded annually to an American of African descent for distinguished achievement during the preceding year or years. On the basis of his superb performance as our legislative representative in Washington, Clarence Mitchell richly deserves this recognition."

Commenting on Mitchell's effectiveness as lobbyist for the fair housing bill, the authoritative Congressional Quarterly said: "Seldom has an individual lobbyist been accorded so much credit for the outcome of a bill as was Mitchell." A feature article in POTOMAC, the Sunday magazine of The Washington Post hailed him as "the 101st Senator of the United States."

A graduate of Lincoln University and of the University of Maryland Law School, Mitchell has been employed by the NAACP since 1956. Previously, he has been a newspaper man, the executive director of the Urban League of St. Paul, and

Hearing Halifax Deadly Weapon Case Continued Until June 17

Atty. J. Walker Fighting Grim Battle in State

HALIFAX — A District Court hearing in the case of Mrs. Pattie J. Cotton, 27, Negro teacher in the William R. Davie High School of Halifax has been set for Tuesday, June 17, it was revealed here early this week.

Mrs. Cotton is being charged by a white parent, Mrs. Marvin W. Tanner, with assault on her son with a deadly weapon when she spanked him with, to wit, a ruler. Mrs. Cotton is charged in the warrant with striking the boy 10 times across the hip.

In addition, Mrs. Cotton is being charged by the Advisory Council of Halifax with poor teaching. The latter hearing has been set for June 12 before the School Board of the County. Included in the action are six charges as follows:

1. Failure to teach and grade pupils properly in classes.
2. Neglectful about teaching methods by refusing to answer questions and to give help when asked by pupils.
3. Refusing to let children eat lunch as punishment.
4. Staying out of classroom for long periods of time.
5. Failure to introduce new subjects in a manner that is understood by a majority of class.
6. Creating an atmosphere of fear in the classroom causing students to be afraid to ask questions because they might be ridiculed.

Mrs. Cotton is being represented by Attorney James R. Walker, the only black lawyer of the county. He has previously requested that, due to the fact there is no basis for the brave charges other than racism and that school officials are compelled to downgrade black teachers, the charges before the school board be "continued forever."



MRS. KOONTZ

Over 500 Awarded Degrees at NCC Commencement Held Sun.



MRS. COTTON

Mrs. Elizabeth D. Kooztz praised today's student generation for its involvement and warned that "dissent must be carried out in a framework that will accomplish its goals." The head of the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor told graduates at North Carolina College that the conventional admonition of commencement speakers — to go out there and take the tiger by the tail—would seem old-fashioned today.

"This generation under 30 has been involved in real issues," Mrs. Kooztz said. She called the student generation idealists who are interested in an education that is relevant to the time and to people. "Of course what they sometimes do to people after talking about helping them may be something different," Mrs. Kooztz said.

Mrs. Kooztz, a native of Salisbury and the first Negro to hold her current post spoke to a graduating class of 513, including 407 receiving bachelors degrees.

She said students are justified in questioning the educational system and even the very foundation of this society. "Of course there are mistakes. The most crucial mistake has been that dissenting students with a just cause have lost control of their cause. Others interested only in power have left the students with a cause, with a manner and method of protest that they cannot support and

(See DEGREES page 2A)

Ninety-seven Graduated From Durham Technical Institute

Ninety-seven students were graduated from Durham Technical Institute during the annual spring commencement exercises held Friday evening, May 23, at Brogden Junior High School. Forty students were granted the Associate in Applied Science degree and sixteen were recipients of a vocational diploma.

Adult high school diplomas were awarded to forty-one graduates. The commencement

address was delivered by Dr. Charles E. Bishop, Vice President for Public Service Programs, Consolidated University of North Carolina. Candidates for graduation were presented by Harold K. Collins, President of Durham Technical Institute.

Degrees and diplomas were conferred by Dr. Sherwood Githens, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Durham Technical Institute.