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Reynolds Tob. Co. Donates \$60,000 To Meharry College

Negro Medical School Reaches 1st Step of Goal

WINSTON-SALEM — R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company will contribute \$60,000 to a national fund-raising campaign for Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., it was announced this week.

Collin Stokes, executive vice president of Reynolds, made the announcement at a luncheon Dr. Ralph H. Hines, vice president of Meharry College, and several Meharry alumni practicing in the Winston-Salem area.

Meharry is the only private, predominantly Negro medical school in the country. Since its founding in 1876, it has graduated about one-half of the Negro physicians and dentists in the U.S. There are 21 physicians and dentists in the Winston-Salem area who are alumni of Meharry.

The national campaign's goal is to raise \$55 million from private sources in three phases. Another \$34 million is expected from the federal government. The goal for the first phase, launched in October, is \$12.6 million from private sources and \$14.2 million in anticipated government support.

"This is a proud occasion for our company," Stokes said. "All of us are mindful of the contributions and the needs of Meharry Medical College. It is obvious from the number of Meharry alumni practicing in Winston-Salem and elsewhere here today, that our employees and the citizens of our community have an interest in the future of Meharry Medical College."

Dr. Hines noted that North Carolina ranks fourth in the nation in the number of physicians and dentists who are Meharry graduates. He said 80 percent of all Negro physicians and dentists in the state are Meharry alumni.

Housing Grants For 2 NC Cities

WASHINGTON — The Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved grants for Asheville and Clinton, N.C.



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION GIVES ANNUAL AWARD — One of the twenty-five recipients of Human Relations Commission Awards at the first annual meeting Tuesday night. Presenting the award is commission vice chairman, J. A. McLean.

(Photo by Purefoy)

Combined Assets Of Two Firms To Be Nearly \$200 Million Well-Known Oxford Mortician Passes After Lengthy Illness

OXFORD — Robert Leslie Shepard, 72, died at Granville County Hospital here Monday, November 10, after an illness of several months. He was the son of the late Rev. Robert Shepard, founder and first superintendent of Oxford Colored Orphanage, and Mrs. Pattie Shepard, born, reared, and educated at Oxford, Shepard later attended and graduated from National Training School in Durham now known as North Carolina Central University. (His cousin, the late Dr. James E. Shepard was the founder and first president of the institution.) He was member of Phi Eta Sigma fraternity and prior to his death operated Shepard Funeral Homes of Oxford and Henderson.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. As



SHEPARD a member of his church Shepard served as chairman of the board of trustees, treasurer, and deacon. Rev. Percy L. High, former pastor, delivered the

Joseph W. Goodloe, President of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, and Thaddeus B. Gaillard, CLU, President of Great Lakes Life Insurance Company made joint announcements recently of the proposed merger of the two companies.

The merger would be subject to approval of members of the two companies and the Insurance Commissioners of both North Carolina and Michigan who have already granted their preliminary approvals.

Great Lakes is the largest life insurance company in Michigan operated by Negroes. North Carolina Mutual is the largest Negro operated life insurance company in the United States.

Mr. Goodloe and Mr. Gaillard, Presidents of the two companies, pointed out, "Both companies have a rich heritage of community service. By pooling our manpower we will be in a position to effect certain cost reductions and put the combined firm in a more competitive position."

Tan Electronics Firm Wins RCA Vendor Award

MASSACHUSETTS — Freedom Electronics and Engineering, Inc., a black-owned and operated Dorchester, Mass. firm, was honored recently by the RCA Aerospace Systems Division with its Vendor-of-the-Month Award.

John R. McAllister, Division Vice President and General Manager of the RCA Division located in Burlington, presented the award to Robert Brown, Freedom Electronics and Engineering's General Manager, for the firm's work on a major RCA-built system.

"We appreciate the excellent performance that has characterized Freedom Electronics and Engineering's work for RCA, and we wish to recognize this excellence formally with an award."

Civil Rights Leader Reaches New Milestone

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — The University of Notre Dame appointed civil rights leader Bayard Rustin as the first Negro member of its Board of Trustees, last week.

Rustin's career as a civil rights leader began in 1941, when he served as Race Relations Secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. He participated in the first Freedom Ride, designed to test laws outlawing discrimination in interstate travel, and later became director of A. Philip Randolph's Committee Against Discrimination in the Armed Forces.

A long-time friend of Martin Luther King, Rustin drew up the first plans for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and later served as special assistant to King for seven years. In 1964, he organized the New York school boycott, the largest civil rights demonstration up to that time, and aided striking sanitation workers of Memphis by raising \$100,000 for their community committee. He is currently Executive Director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, an organization sponsoring programs to enhance the political power of the poor, by enlisting the help of white Americans, sponsoring voter registration, and expanding opportunities for the unemployed.

In addition to his efforts on behalf of American blacks, Rustin has defended Japanese-Americans placed in work camps during World War II, was chairman of the Free India Committee in 1945, and organized the Committee to Support South African Resistance, supporting blacks in that rigidly apartheid country.

Hum. Relations Comm. Gives Annual Award

The Durham Human Relations Commission held its first annual awards meeting Tuesday night, to reflect upon the progress the commission had made during its first year of existence, and bestow special recognition upon those persons and institutions considered by the commission to have most aided the commission in its efforts.

Guest speaker for the event was Olive Lofton of Washington, associate director of the Justice Department's Community relations groups must play to prevent violent upheaval and yet bring about needful change.

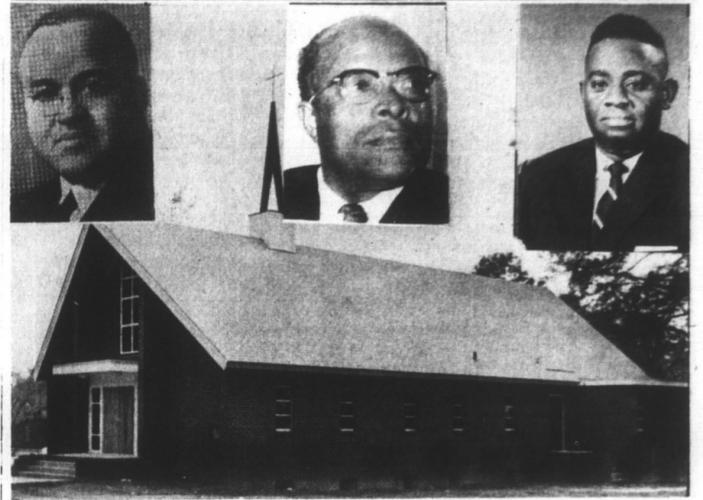
Warning that the establishment has never, or very rarely, initiated change, he said, "It only responds to the explosive forces gathering underneath it."

He concluded that the enormity of the problems will require a coordinated attack on many fronts and will take time, but added that a step in the right direction has been made by the establishment of the Human Relations Commission.

Commission vice chairman J. A. McLean presented awards to persons and organizations the commission felt had made significant contributions to human relations in Durham during the past year.

They were: city manager I. H. Hughes and police officer E. A. Allen Jr., for city government; Miss Dorothy Keister of the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill for state government; Oliver Lofton for federal government; Human Relations Commission members J. J. Henderson and Miss Lizzie G. Chandler; youth volunteer Alger Marable; adult volunteer Mrs. Frans Jobsis and Nathaniel B. White; James

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BISHOP STEWART **NEW EDIFICE** **REV. WHITLEY**

Mt. Olive AME Zion Begins Two Weeks of Dedicatory Services

First services in the new home of Mount Olive AME Church will be conducted Sunday, November 16 at the recently erected building at 1515 Club Blvd. Ceremonies will begin with a motorcade from the old church to the new site at 9:45 Sunday morning. The morning sermon will be given by Rev. E. H. Whitley, pastor of the church.

Monday, November 24 will mark the beginning of two weeks of dedicatory services. Each day of activities will feature a different speaker from churches in Durham and the surrounding areas.

Presiding prelates of the A. M. E. Zion church will also appear on the program of dedication that will end December 7. Speaking Friday, December 5 will be J. A. Brown, Supervisor of Durham District, Mount Olive AME Zion. Officiating at the actual dedicatory services Sunday, December 7 will be the Right Rev. William Andrew Stewart, Presiding Bishop, 4th Episcopal District of AME Zion Church.

The 3 p.m. services, entitled the "Act of Dedication" will include greetings by Durham Mayor Wense Grabarek, J. J. Henderson, Treasurer, North Carolina Mutual; J. H. Wheeler, President, Mechanics and Farmers Bank; and John S. Stewart, President of Mutual Savings and Loan and a Durham city councilman.

The Mount Olive AME Zion Church had been at its old location for a number of years, when notified to move by officials of Durham's Urban Renewal Program. This launched the search for their present new site.

Branch Joins Attack on Aid To Private Edu.

NEW YORK — The Connecticut State Conference of the NAACP has joined the American Jewish Congress, three other organizations and six individuals in a major test case challenging the constitutionality of state aid to parochial and other non-public schools.

The plaintiffs contend that public funds for parochial schools would promote de facto segregation as well as violate the guarantees of religious liberty and church-state separation in the Connecticut and Federal Constitutions.

They are seeking an injunction in U. S. District Court to halt the allocation of \$6-million in direct state aid to private and parochial schools in Connecticut. The aid was provided for in a bill the State Legislature passed last June, effective July 1, permitting the state to pay 20 percent of the salary of an instructor who teaches secular subjects in any of the state's 360 private schools, including parochial schools.

Suing, in addition to the NAACP and AJ Congress, are the Connecticut Council of (See NAACP page 12A)

Howard U. Honors Nabrit And Five Other Alumni

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President-Emeritus James M. Nabrit, Jr., and five distinguished alumni of Howard University were honored by the Howard University Alumni Federation Saturday night at its annual Awards Dinner and Gala, the final event in a week-long series of Homecoming activities.

Dr. Nabrit, who retired as President at Howard in June after more than 30 years service to the University, received a "Special Award for Service to the University and the Alumni Federation."

The other recipients of awards, all alumni of Howard University, were:

Dr. William Edwards Allen, Jr., of St. Louis, Mo., for "Conspicuous Service to his Profession and Community;" Dr. Norman Henry Campbell-Griffiths, of Washington, D. C., for "Conspicuous Service to his Profession and the University;" Judge Odell Horton, of Memphis, Tennessee, for "Conspicuous Service to his Profession and Community;" Captain Lucia A. Rapley, of Washington, D. C., for "Conspicuous Service to the Alumni Federation;" and Dr. Edgar A. Toppin, of Petersburg, Va., for "Conspicuous Service to his Profession."

Dr. Marvin M. Fisk, of Cleveland, Ohio, President of the Howard University Alumni Federation, who presided at the affair, said the Alumni Federation honors Howard graduates each year who have excelled in their contributions to the University, the federation, to their profession and to their community respectively.



JUDGE PARKER

Justice R. Hunt Parker Buried In Enfield Wednesday

RALEIGH — Governor Bob Scott led a large throng that filled Christ Episcopal Church Wednesday for simple, stately funeral services for Chief Justice R. Hunt Parker of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

The crowd included former governors Dan Moore and Terry Sanford, their wives, other members of the Supreme Court, judges of the Court of Appeals and Superior Courts, members of the Council of State and attorneys from throughout the state.

After the Raleigh services, the governor and many other members of the funeral party drove to Enfield where Justice Parker's body lay in state.

N. C. Beauticians Trade Show Ass'n Holds First Annual Event

The North Carolina Beauticians Trade Show ended two days of activities Monday, marking the initial presentation of the show planned to be an annual event for beauticians of Durham and surrounding areas.

"We felt we should try to give the beauticians of our area some of the advantages those in other parts of the country have," said Mrs. Esther Wiley, founder and organizer of the N. C. Beauticians Trade Show Association.

In explaining the reason that led to efforts to present such a show in Durham, Mrs. Wiley cited the fact that many areas such as Philadelphia, Atlanta, and California have trade shows that attract some of the biggest names in the beauty culture world.

"We in Durham and North Carolina need to be exposed to these new techniques and trends, and often we are not able to go to some of these other shows. So we plan to bring the show to us," Mrs. Wiley added.

The first two day meet held here November 9-10 in the Durham Hotel included platform demonstrations and classes by such well-known hair stylists as Chi-Chi of Chicago and U. G. Jeffries. Also on the show was one of the top salesmen for Summit Laboratories, Fred E. Singleton. Several other national manufacturers, including Lustrasilk and Lady Koscot cosmetics company attended the show.

Highlighting the events Sunday was a banquet, fashion show, followed by a hair styling competition. The affair, held in the hotel's Washington Duke ballroom, was headlined by one of the top models of men fashions in the country, Richard E. DeCarlo of Washington, D.C. Also modeling were Dorris Taylor of Ebonette Fashion Fair, Mary Hawkins of Durham, and others. Several of the newest wig creations by Pretty Girl, Inc. were also shown.

The hair styling competition pitted five contestants trying to capture one of the three trophies given. Winner of the contest was Dorris Taylor, with a creation she calls "Second Thought." Daisy Harris of Durham won second place with a style labeled "Platinum Essence." Capturing third place was Carolyn Dunston of Fayetteville with a work called "Strawberry Cameo." Other contestants were Dorothy Wilson of Durham and Doray Wallington of Greensboro.

The N. C. Beauticians Trade Show Association, which sponsors the planned annual event, is comprised of members of the DeShazor Alumnae, an independent chapter from the state organization. In addition to Mrs. Wiley, the founder, officers of the NCBTSA are Theresia Hall, General Mgr.; Magnolia Leak, Secretary; Gladys Lassiter, Fashion Coordinator; Mable Burnette, Supply Chairman; and Carolyn Dunston, Public Relations Manager.



HONORED — Dr. Marion D. Thorpe, President of Elizabeth City State University, reads the words which were inscribed on a plaque, citing and officially naming Dr. Sidney D. Williams as President-Emeritus of the University. Dr. Williams (left),

who served ECSU over a period of 29 years, was the fourth president of the institution from 1946-1958. City for his noble contributions as an outstanding educator, administrator, sports enthusiast, leader,

and gentleman, Dr. Williams became the second president to be so honored in the 78-year history of the university. A reception, in his honor, was held in the university center, following the installation ceremony.

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