



CIVIL RIGHTS SPEAKER addresses a workshop at Zoar Baptist Church near Conway on Saturday. Nearly 250 Negroes registered for the all day session that featured local and state speakers. L. S. James of South Carolina is shown. He was identified as a worker for the

National Sharecroppers Fund. Discussions covered all fields of civil rights activities including local organization, voters rights and equal employment laws. Participants came from Northampton, Bertie and Halifax counties.

Negroes Told To Register And Vote At Civil Rights Meet

By MARIE WOOD
CONWAY — If you get federal registrars somebody's got to go and request it, some 250 Negroes attending a Civil Rights meeting for residents of Bertie, Halifax and Northampton counties, were told Saturday.

Setting was the Zoar Baptist Church at Conway and sponsors were the Voters Movement of the three counties, with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. (Buddy) Tieger, representatives of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and currently residents of Bertie County, assisting.

It was a day-long session getting under way around 10:30 a.m., and continuing for the next 12 hours with meals served to the assemblage.

Speakers at the meeting included Golden Frinks, Southern Christian Leadership Conference field secretary; John Lewis, chairman of the Atlanta based SNCC; Miss Ella Baker, adviser to SNCC and director of the SCLC; Durham attorney Floyd B. McKissick, national chairman of the Committee on Racial Equality (CORE); Raleigh attorney Sam Mitchell; L. S. James of the National Sharecroppers Fund, and Danville, Va., attorney Philip Hershkopf, and members of the Mississippi Freedom Labor Union who discussed organization of agricultural day laborers.

During the meeting there were question and answer periods at which a large number of persons

alred grievances concerning their communities, with those in Bertie County covering school problems.

During these airings the assemblage was urged to ask for transfers of children to white schools where this has not been done.

Too, they were told not to be afraid to assume leadership and that they must register to vote and after registering they must get out and vote.

They were told "the government will help you but you have got to have courage" in various speeches which were tape recorded throughout the day and evening.

They also were warned that they were not at the meeting to talk about jobs and mortgaged homes, that in many instances "you're going to lose those anyway. The thing is that you're going to have to give..."

James' talk dealt with what is available under the Economic Opportunities Act through the Farmers Home Administration in the way of money for the poor in rural areas.

"The federal government has decided we are going to get certain benefits," James told his audience, "and is giving us the tools to get them. You don't have to go to Washington," James assured his audience. "Washington depends on you to contact the right people in your own community."

In answer to a question about when to do when such a request is

turned down, James said "get a letter" and send the letter to state and federal authorities, and to Mr. Tieger and to him, James.

He discussed cooperatives and the federal money available for setting these up under the EOA and the FIA.

He discussed the importance of making people "lowest down feel they are a part of democracy. We must have people from the Power Structure down," he added, and described the new emphasis "on the part of those who have been overlooked."

He discussed the Neighborhood Youth Corps with its \$1.25 an hour wage to those enrolled and said the reason this program couldn't get started in many places was because where they might have employed youth as assistant teachers, laborers, janitors and the like, "they weren't paying the regular staff \$1.25 an hour."

"But once you know the way," he admonished those listening, "don't give up."

In discussing grievances from a member of the audience, James listened to the statement, "We don't want to do like Plymouth," and warned, "I would boil over just yet."

The latter answered, "I can't hold yourself but so long," and went on to air his problems concerning Bertie County schools.

Later speakers were much less restrained than South Carolinian James who spoke highly of the "North Carolina image" as he described situations in which they said Negroes had been mistreated and denied their rights, and outlined these rights and the fight which must be made to obtain them.

The program had called for discussions of the many available federal programs, areas of industrial unionization, implementation of the new voting rights act and formation of a three county coordinating committee to strengthen civil rights activities in Bertie, Halifax and Northampton counties.

Among those sharing in audience participation was Jesse Seaver who told the group that "it is often said that I am about the best friend the Negro has in Northampton County. I am 74 years old and a Yankee, if I live and keep my health," he promised, "I am going to do something for the Negroes in Northampton County and North Carolina."

During the late afternoon the Ku Klux Klan was mentioned and the assemblage was told that "the Klan will burn crosses as long as you let them." The statement also was made: "The white man is not going to respect you until you respect yourself."

More than a dozen patrol cars manned by the Northampton Sheriff's Department and the N. C. Highway Patrol provided the area during the meeting but there were no incidents.

Final Money Arrives For Head Start
MURFREESBORO — Some \$61,265 of Head Start funds have been received to settle the final accounts in Northampton County, Roger Jackson, head of the Choanoke Area Development Association, reported Monday.

The money will be used to pay all outstanding bills and that includes salaries, medical accounts in Halifax, Northampton, Bertie and Hertford Counties, according to Jackson.

Special Call Requested Of Bloodmobile

WOODLAND — A special call for 10 pints of a positive blood has been received by the Rev. Randolph Phillips, county chairman of the Tidewater Regional Red Cross Bloodmobile from the bloodmobile's visit to Woodland next Monday. The quota for the visit will be 105 pints.

Open heart surgery, scheduled at N. C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill on Tuesday, September 28, will require 20 pints of positive blood. The other 10 pints will be called from Virginia.

The Rev. Mr. Phillips has urged all A positive donors having the blood type to visit the bloodmobile during its visit here at the National Guard Armory from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday.

Col. Selden Earns Air Force Medal

EGLIN AIR BASE, Fla. — Alaskan Air Commander Major General James P. Jensen presented the first Oak Leaf Cluster of the Air Force commendation medal to Col. Linton C. Selden during the recent command parade and review.

The new ACC Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans earned the decoration for distinguished service as vice commander 39th Bombardment Wing at Eglin Air Force Base.

Col. Selden is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Selden of Jackson. He is married to the former Jeannette McDaniel, also of Jackson and they have two sons. He has a brother, Stancell Selden, of Weldon.

Mrs. Porter To Head Workshop

KINSTON — Mrs. Julian Porter of Severn will serve as chairman of district workshop sponsored by the N. C. Division of the United Nations Association of the USA, Inc., on Monday, September 27 here.

Sponsored by the junior and senior women's clubs the workshop will be held at Kinross Hotel from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Ag. Commissioner Says: Record Peanut Crop Produced This Year

By LAURA HARRELL
LEWISTON — It was an ideal day for getting out into the field and learning about methods and equipment for improving the harvesting of peanuts and even though it was an ideal day also for working in the field, a record number of farmers and farm owners from North Carolina and Virginia took time off from their work to attend the 13th Annual Peanut Field Day at the Peanut Belt Research Station in Lewiston on Thursday.

A capacity crowd filled the seats in the cinder block building which is used for the morning membership meeting of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association.

Astor Perry, program chairman, was in charge. Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham told the group in his welcoming address that peanuts are big agri-business in North Carolina.

"This crop is vitally important to the State's agricultural economy, not only for the \$40 million a year it brings the growers in cash farm income, but for the processed value as well.

"And some records are being shattered by you growers, not only with the members of the Two-Ton Club in 1964 but by all of you this year."

Graham said even though farmers have been helped by the weather, they have set a record crop estimated at 387,200,000 pounds. This year's yield is estimated at 2,200 pounds per acre on the 176,000 acres to be harvested.

He added that the doubling of peanut yields in the past 15 years "is a three-way result of research from the Experiment Station, the Extension Service's efforts in bringing the new findings to you and your efforts, too, in putting these findings to work. Research cannot increase yields by a single ounce unless farmers put research findings to work."

In conclusion, Commissioner Graham cited the work of Senator J. J. Harrington and others in the Legislature who have shown an interest in helping agri-business "and in you, the farmer."

Joe Hunt Asks For Support Of State \$300 Million Bond Issue

JACKSON — Joe Hunt, chairman of the State Highway Commission, told a gathering at the courthouse here Friday morning that his tour of North Carolina was to see first hand the road problems from the Tennessee line to Ocracoke, from the South Carolina line to the Virginia line, to meet the people and to promote the proposed \$300 million road bond issue coming up for vote on November 2.

Over 100 men and women gathered in the courtroom to hear Hunt who said he "believed it was the largest audience of ladies" he had spoken to on the statewide trip.

The speaker was introduced by Don Matthews, Jr., of Hamilton, commissioner of the First District, who accompanied the group. Others on the tour included Bill Babcock, director of State Highway Commission; Cameron Lee, chief engineer; George Willoughby, secondary roads officer; Jerry Elliott, public relations officer; and Carl Renfro, Fourth

Highway Division commissioner. Hunt said that if he traveled to learn the people of the state, they also ought to learn to know the highway commission, since it would be spending their money.

He said, "We decided we could gain more knowledge of the state by traveling over it than we could sitting in Raleigh 10 years looking at road maps.

"In eastern North Carolina we have seen that one of your problems is a lot of water which also is a tremendous asset. The water poses a problem in construction," he said.

Chairman Hunt stressed that "if and when the road bond issue is passed, we're not going to engage in a crash building program."

He discussed the rural road bond proposal of Gov. W. Kerr Scott and said city people felt that it would not be in their interests. They found out, however, that with better rural roads, country people came to the city by merchandise, caused the sale of more cars which purchased more gasoline.

"We do not find any organized opposition to the road bond issue," Hunt said. He urged the people not to become complacent because "there are a number of people who are diametrically opposed to any kind of bond issue to defeat it if people don't go to the polls and vote for the issue."

He stressed the bond issue will not cost the taxpayer one penny additional tax. He said retirement of the 1940 bonds and increase in population, cars and consumption of gasoline will make it unnecessary to increase the present penny-per-gallon bond tax.

He said North Carolina is on the "threshold of its greatest era, industry is interested in moving to North Carolina" and good roads is "the key to the future of the development of our state."

He pointed out that the state counted 30 fatalities on the highways last weekend and that the state ranks fifth in the nation on weekend fatality rates.

"These fatality rates emphasize the need for better roads," he said, "and the passage of the road bond issue will assure better roads."

Hunt described Matthews, who was recently appointed First District Commissioner, "as a hard working, dedicated commissioner who knows as much about his district as anyone. He has been all over the district and knows the problems and is interested in you. Give Matthews all the help he needs because he is going to help you."

J. Guy Revelle, Jr., chairman of the county Board of Commissioners, who presided at the meeting, stated that the board has endorsed the \$300 million road bond issue.

Proceeds will be used to purchase needed equipment for the department, according to Meredith Lee, publicity chairman.

ABC Stores Open On October 1st
JACKSON — Liquor stores will be opened in Northampton County on October 1, 1965 according to Bartlett Burgwyn, Chairman of the ABC Board.

Burgwyn said that the new Grady's Store in Jackson and the old Studebaker building in Conway would be used as ABC store locations. He said that the board had decided to start the first four stores including Gaston and Rich Square with only one employee until the volume of business and the work load were determined.

He also stated that the choice of these locations did not mean that there would not be a need for additional stores in the future.

Young Woodland Attorney Sworn By Judge Burgwyn
WINDSOR — Charles Julian Vaughan of Woodland was admitted to the Bar Monday at noon when he was sworn in by Superior Court Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn during the first day of the fall term for Bertie County.

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Vaughan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Vaughan of Woodland and a June graduate of UNC Law School, Chapel Hill, does not plan to establish a law practice until he completes a three year stint in the Navy; however, he was appointed by the Bertie County defense counsel for Dorothy

Pugh, charged on five counts of forgery, after taking the oath. In November Vaughan will enter the Navy and serve in the Advocate General's office as a member of the legal staff.

With plans still indefinite for location of private practice when he is discharged from the Navy, Vaughan said, "All I know now is that I will return to Eastern North Carolina to practice."

The young lawyer took his oath in the Bertie County Superior Court because no term will be held in Northampton before he leaves for military duty. Judge Burgwyn, from Vaughan's home county, was asked to administer the oath.



MEET HUNT — Approximately 100 persons were in Jackson on Friday morning to meet Joe Hunt, chairman of the State Highway Commission. Exchanging a few remarks with

Hunt, second from left, prior to his talk are: R. L. Grant, C. W. Bass, both of Jackson, and J. Guy Revelle, chairman of county commissioners, of Conway

ASCS Co. Convention Elects Committeemen

JACKSON — The County Convention to elect a County Committee was held in the auditorium of the Agricultural Building on Friday, September 17, at 2 p.m. The following men were elected to serve as County Committeemen for Northampton County for the coming year:

J. Frank Garriss, chairman; Julian J. Edwards, vice chairman; J. Russell Vaughan, regular member; *Charlie W. Taylor, first alternate; Ralph Askew, second alternate.

The results of the community committee voting are listed below giving the number of votes for persons appearing on the ballots, including write-ins. The first five men were elected to the community committees to serve as chairman, vice chair-

Post Office Moves To New Fed Building
RICH SQUARE — All was happy confusion at the new Rich Square post office Thursday morning. Postmaster E. L. Womble decided on Wednesday to go ahead with the planned move from the old building to the newly completed Rich Square Federal Building.

The move into the new quarters was completed Wednesday night.

Thursday morning postal patrons were being served from the new office. One of the first orders of business for the day and a contributing factor to the general comings and goings was the assignment of boxes in the new office to patrons.

Most patrons were happy with the change and admiring the interior of the new building.

man, regular member, first alternate and second alternate, respectively.

(* Indicates that person elected is a new member to last year's incumbents.)
CONWAY — Hiram Draper, Jr., 150; Lawrence Ricks, 143; John Day, 149; Rodney Barrett, 145; Billy Lassiter, 138; John M. Boone, 34; Willie B. Foriest, 29; William Deloach, 9; George Porter, 9; John Cumbo, 8; Henry Clemons, 6; Bernard Deloach, 1 (write-in); George T. Vann, 1 (write-in). Total number voting, 176.

CREEKSVILLE — Charlie W. Taylor, 115; Harbie Martin, 109; *E. L. Ricks, 96; John Sykes, 94; Grady Lassiter, 90; Frank R. Deloach, Jr., 31; Chester Hawkins, 30; Raleigh Deloach, 28; Robert C. Deloach, 20; Alvin Reid, 12; George F. Joyner, 9; S. L. Deloach, 6. Total number voting, 132.

GALATIA & MARGARETTSVILLE — Henry Britton, 131; Alvin Bridges, 129; Dewitt Gay, 125; Tom Vaughan, 124; Harold Taylor, 119; John H. Foriest, 40; John J. Dickerson, 38; Arthur Day, 19; W. Raleigh Lee, Jr., 13; Randolph Galloway, 11; Aaron Deloach, 8; Alvester Watson, 8; Wilber Morris, 3; R. O. Dwyer, 1 (write-in). Total number voting, 159.

GARYSBURG — North Taylor, 97; J. A. Suter, 96; John Burgwyn, 95; J. Bennett Stephenson, 94; Read Stephenson, 85; Sumner Bell, 26; Joseph Johnson, 18; Roy Burdette, 16; Sam Moody, 15; C. L. Buffalo, 12; Wilson Hardy, 6; Joseph L. Johnson, 5; Paul S. Buffalo, 4; Lawrence Gee, 4. Total number voting, 124.

GASTON — Marshall Grant, 76; M. C. Dunlow, 75; Allan Dickens, 74; W. Grant, 66; *J. E. Dickens, 61; James H. Jones, 28; Leroy Moore, 25; James Ivey, 18; Hubert Turner, 14; Gus

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Mrs. Dan Moore To Speak In Ahoskie

AHOSKIE — North Carolina's First Lady, Mrs. Dan K. Moore, will be a special guest and the featured speaker at a Tri-County Democratic Women's Club meeting Tuesday, September 28, at 1 p.m. at the Tomahawk Restaurant in Ahoskie, it was announced Monday.

Members of the Hertford, Bertie and Northampton County Democratic Clubs will be hostesses for the meeting according to Mrs. Richard Van of Murfreesboro, chairman of the Hertford County club.

Mrs. Arthur B. Bradsher is chairman of the Bertie County club and Mrs. Julian Porter is chairman of the Northampton County club.

The Tomahawk Restaurant has notified the presidents of the three clubs that it can take care of 180 guests and presidents are urging club members' attendance.

Mrs. Moore's visit is a part of her plan to make a personal appearance in each of the state's congressional districts with the Ahoskie luncheon to mark her official appearance in the First Congressional District, and representatives of the Democratic



MRS. DAN K. MOORE

clubs in each of the 15 counties in the district are being invited.

Mrs. Moore is the first governor's wife to make such a statewide tour. On September 8 she visited the 10th District and spoke at a Democratic club-sponsored meeting at Shelby.

Firemen's Yearly Supper Planned

WOODLAND — The Woodland Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring its annual barbecue supper on Wednesday, September 23, at the Fire House, starting at 6 p.m.

Advance tickets may be purchased from fire department members.

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