

# UNC MAY ADMIT NEGROES

## Raleigh Tigers And Greensboro Red Wings

Memphis, Tenn. — At its meeting here Sunday, March 18, the Negro Southern Association announced the granting of franchises to the Raleigh Tigers and the Greensboro Red Wings of North Carolina. Both teams were last year members of the Negro American Association and were the only teams out of eight to survive out of that association.

## Federal Judges Lash State Lawyers In U. N. C. Law School Case

### Perennial Candidate Wm. B. Umstead In Retreat

Richmond, Va.—Attorneys for the State paled before a withering cross-examination by jurists in the three-judge Federal Circuit Court of Appeals here last Thursday.

State Attorney General Harry McMullan, of North Carolina, and Major L. P. McLendon, associate defense counsel, were noticeably ill at ease as Federal Judge Morris Soper, Harry E. Watkins, and Armistead M. Dobbie, tried into the defense's claim that "substantially" equal law school facilities are provided at the ten-year-old, four-teacher Negro law school at North Carolina College at Durham.

Conspicuous by his absence was Attorney William B. Umstead, former U. S. Senator and perennial candidate, speaker and introducer of speakers for North Carolina Democrats. Mr. Umstead was one of the leading lawyers for the defense in the original action of the law school case brought in Middle District Court and the equal school suit brought by Durham Negroes against the City School Board and State school officials. Mr. Umstead is believed to be building his fences for the gubernatorial race in 1952, and therefore withdrew from active participation in the case.

In the opening argument Attorney Robert L. Carter, counsel for the students, told the court that the judge in the lower court ignored the United States Supreme Court's ruling in the Sweatt case when he denied an injunction to admit the Negroes to the University of North Carolina.

Attorney Carter compared the two law schools in question, using the identical criteria used in the Sweatt case. He told the court that in the areas of size and prestige of faculty, curricula, prestige of the schools in the communities, buildings and library volumes and facilities there would be no comparison.

Judge Soper berated the Tar Heel Attorney General, whom he accused of being careful in the lower court proceedings not to ask Dean Henry P. Brandis, of the University of North Carolina Law School, to testify as to the equality of the faculties of the two schools. At this point the Baltimore justice caustically accused Mr. McMullan, "If you thought you could have had Dean Brandis say the faculties were equal, I think you would have asked that question. What I want to know is why you did not ask him?"

The Attorney General replied that he didn't think that Dean Brandis was thoroughly familiar with the State College faculty. Brandis, however, at one time was a member of both faculties.

Attorney Thurgood Marshall, Chief Counsel for the NAACP, told the court that his interpretation of the Sweatt case was that equality in separate schools with "brick and mortar equality," equality of opportunity for legal education is impossible.

Judge Soper commented during the trial that it was apparent throughout the testimony in the record of the lower court that the State was content in providing "a good and adequate law school for Negroes," one which would provide the Negroes with a sufficient knowledge of the law to practice among the Negro people. The Justice observed, however, that it is not enough to assume that because Negroes were not members of the majority race, that they were not entitled to the same education. He added further that, "Whether a man is fool enough to want an education that he cannot use is not important, but what happens to a man's mind when he is denied that opportunity is what counts."

A crowded courtroom, including the defendants and most of the law school students from North Carolina College, heard Major L. P. McLendon tell the court that North Carolina had

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## NEW HOMEMAKERS TO MEET DURHAM MARCH 31

### Church School In Kentucky Admits Negroes

Louisville, Ky. — The board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Seminary announced here last Thursday that it was opening its doors to Negro students—the first time in its 92 year history.

This action by the board of trustees follows similar decisions by Southwestern Baptist Seminary and the Baptist Seminary in New Orleans. All three schools are operated by the South Baptist Convention, which also operates the Golden Gate Seminary at San Francisco, which never has barred students of any race.

Following a study of one-year, a committee, headed by Rev. Dr. W. Harry Williams of Charlotte, N. C., recommended the action to the board.

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### Sound New Chord At Teachers' Meet



Pictured above are principals on the program of the North Carolina Teachers' Association annual meeting held in Raleigh last week. At the right is Thurgood Marshall, Chief Counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; left, J. Saunders Redding, member faculty Hampton Institute and author and R. P. Anderson, president of the Association. Inset is Benjamin Mayes, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.

## WILLIE MCGHEE SAVED FROM DEATH CHAIR BY THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

Washington, D. C. — For the fifth time in five years, Willie McGee, Laurel, Mississippi Negro worker, has won a stay of execution in his fight against death for a "rape" which he charges he never committed.

The stay was granted on the afternoon of Thursday, March 15, by Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black, less than five days before McGee, father of four young children, was scheduled to be strapped into Mississippi's portable electric chair.

Justice Black ordered the stay to permit a hearing before the full Supreme Court of the United States on Monday, March 26, which will decide whether to grant McGee's Civil

Rights Congress attorneys a writ of review.

The new appeal is based primarily on charges that state officials used perjured testimony to get the conviction, and that Mississippi reserves the death sentence for the crime of rape for Negroes only.

It presents sworn statements by McGee and his wife Rosalee, that the alleged "victim," Mrs. Troy Hawkins, had actually engaged voluntarily in sex relations with McGee for a number of years though she claimed at the trial she had never seen him before.

It also includes an affidavit by Mrs. Hattie Johnson, declaring McGee was at her home at

the time of the alleged crime. Mrs. Johnson was not called as a witness by the state, but instead was frightened into silence by official threats, the defense counsel said.

### DEEP FREEZE WOMAN MUST LOSE HANDS

Chicago, (CNS) — Braving the news like a champion, Mrs. Dorothy Mae Stevens, 23 year old Chicago woman who has survived a usually fatal deep freeze condition, must now lose her hands to amputation. Last week, Mrs. Stevens lost both feet, cut 9 inches from the knees, due to dead tissue threatening her life.

To face the doctors' decision, after it had been declared that she would be spared any amputations because her condition was improving, Mrs. Stevens has been prepared physically and mentally. She thoroughly understands that these amputations are necessary and has given her consent. Before the first amputation, the "deep freeze" case claimed that if she ever got well again, she'd be the happiest woman alive.

### Workers Sign Petition Against Wage Freeze

Seasonal workers of the Tobacco Workers International Union A. F. of L. of Wilson, Farmville and Rocky Mount, North Carolina signed individual petitions asking the Wage Stabilization Board of Washington, D. C., to lift all controls on wages that are less than \$1.00 per hour at a Mass Meeting of Protest held for the workers in these areas at the First Baptist Church, Wilson, on Sunday, March 18.

Principal speakers at the meeting were S. E. Blane, First Vice-President; George Benjamin, Second Vice-President; Myrtle Dunn, Fifth Vice-President and Roy G. Trice, Ninth Vice-President of the Tobacco Workers A. F. of L. The church was full over its (Please turn to Page Eight)

### 1,200 Expected Here At Annual Convention

The annual State Convention of the New Homemakers of America will be held here at Hillside High School, on Saturday, March 31, from 9:30 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. Approximately 1,200 girls and their advisers are expected to attend.

Registration will begin at 9:30 and the first section, preceded by musical selections by Mary Mebane of Merrick-Moore High School, will begin at 10:00. Sarah Rose Alexander, State President of Clear Creek High School, Charlotte, will preside. Other state officers will also appear on the program.

After the business session, each of the eight districts will present a special feature. Included among them will be musical selections, both vocal and instrumental, readings, tap dancing and other types of entertainment.

An original NHA song will be presented by Georgie Carter, incoming state song leader of Mocksville. All of these features will be announced by Ann Johnson Bethea, state reporter and National Secretary of the organization.

Native Liberian Speaks  
Miss Erna Harris, Native Liberian, student and NHA member (Please turn to Page Eight)

### Educators Meet At A. And T. This Week

Greensboro — A combined four day meeting of Negro deans of men and women from institutions of higher learning in the country is being held here this week-end at A. and T. College.

The conference opened Wednesday evening in Harrison Auditorium with a welcome address by President F. D. Bluford of A. and T. College. Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, president of Palmer Memorial Institute at Sedalia, was the principal speaker.

Workshops on "Better Living Through Counseling" was conducted Thursday morning and afternoon. Panel discussions on Thursday evening will be on "Influences For Better Living" and "Student Prospects For Better Living in a Free Society."

The men and women deans will assemble in separate conferences on Friday. Evaluation of the conference will be held on Saturday morning.

In charge of the conference are Deans Jean Spinner and William H. Gamble of A. and T. College.

### Sub-Committee Move Seen As "Face Saver"; Gov. Scott Mum

#### Times Newsboy Champ



Collins Paylor, CAROLINA TIMES newsboy representative in Roxboro whose increase in number of copies sold won him a free trip to the home office of the company for Easter Monday with all expenses paid. Paylor will take part in the annual Easter Egg hunt staged for TIMES newsmen. Paylor has been named champion for the month of March.

A sub-committee of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina appointed by Gov. Kerr Scott on January 29 met here Wednesday for the purpose of considering the admission of Negroes to the graduate and professional schools of the institution.

The committee is composed of J. T. Pearsol, Mrs. Laura W. Cone, John Umstead, Dr. Clarence Poe and John Clark.

Reports were being circulated in and around here that in anticipation of reversal of the recent ruling of Judge Johnson J. Hayes on the suit brought against the University by several law school students of N. C. College, plus the filing of another suit by James Thomas of Wilmington for entrance to the Medical school, that the committee would recommend the admission of Negroes.

It is thought that the committee will recommend the admission of Negroes immediately in an attempt to "save face" should the Circuit Court's ruling reverse Judge Hayes' decision, which stated that the law school of N. C. College was substantially equal to that at UNC and in some cases superior.

The recommendations will be made to the Executive Committee on Thursday. President Gordon Gray stated that the committee met in executive session and he was not authorized to discuss its recommendations.

### Ex-Slave Hailed As Leading American Historian In Miss.

A Negro ex-slave has been hailed by leading American historian and writer Allan Nevins as "one of the most interesting and remarkable of American diarists." He is William Johnson, who kept a diary of events in Natchez Mississippi from 1835 to 1852, and who rose from bondage to a position of esteem in his community.

Johnson's personal writings are being published this month by the Louisiana State University Press under the title "William Johnson's Natchez."

The editors of Johnson's work, Edwin Adams Davis and William Ransom Hogan, point out that his diary provides a broader picture of everyday life and more of the well-to-do free Negro's attitudes on everyday affairs than any other known Southern diary.

Johnson, freed by a benevolent master during his early teens, became a barber in Natchez and soon began to acquire other businesses. He was landlord, moneylender, small farmer and even slaveowner. He started his diary to aid in keeping straight the accounts of his thriving enterprises.

He recorded such events as births, deaths, races, cockfights, epidemics, scandal, trials, and off-color news. Many of the occurrences he mentions never found their way into newspapers of the day, which make the diary doubly valuable to historians of the period.

Both professors of history, Dr. Hogan teaches at Tulane University (Please turn to Page Eight)

### Woman Gives Birth To Baby When Taxi Wrecks In Twin City

Winston-Salem — The stork pulled a fast one here this week in a situation that is usually just the reverse.

Mrs. Margaret Robinson gave birth to a baby daughter immediately following a collision of the taxi, in which she was riding, with another car at the corner of Claremont Avenue and Fourth Street.

Mrs. Robinson was en route to Kate Bitting Reynolds Memorial Hospital at the time of the accident, about four o'clock in the morning.

A life was given, none was taken. All person involved escaped without injury.

Mrs. Robinson and daughter are reported doing fine.

### Officers Of New Homemakers Of America

Officers of the North Carolina Association of the New Homemakers of America for the year 1950-51, who will be present at their meeting here next week, are: (left to right) Gwendolyn Pierce, historian, Beulah Spearman, treasurer; Mary Frances Jones, song leader; Delores Burwell, secretary; Sarah Rose Alexander, president; Portia Hunt, parliamentarian; Bessie Evans, vice-president; and Anne Bethea, reporter and secretary of the National Organization.

