

# COURT RULES AGAINST COUNTY OFFICIALS



**EXPLAINS CHURCH'S POSITION ON INTEGRATION**—The National Council of Churches of Christ's plans to help colored or white ministers who may lose their positions because they favor integration is explained to the above North Carolina College Religious Emphasis Week participants by Dr. Kenneth L. Maxwell. Shown left to right are Dr. J. Neal Hughey, college minister; Dr. Maxwell, director of the Department of Internal Affairs, NCCC, USA, Charles Smith and Miss Josephine Long, both Durham students.

## State News —IN— Brief

### NAB TAR HEEL SUSPECT

OCALA, Fla. — Otis D. Blake, sought on a murder charge in Raleigh, N. C. since July 4, 1952, has been arrested here by FBI agents. R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr., of Charlotte, special FBI agent in charge of North Carolina, reported that Blake is being held under a \$5,000 bond on a federal warrant charging him with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. Gaither Alford Allen was allegedly shot to death by Blake in the 100 block of McKee Street. According to Detective Captain Robert E. Goodwin the two men had been drinking and got into an argument. Allen went home to get a gun and was reportedly shot by Blake when he returned. The suspect has in-

## County Board Members Ruled Officers Of State

GREENSBORO — County school board members are officers of the state, Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes ruled last week, at the same time denying the request of a Montgomery County group, seeking desegregation in public schools, to have their case heard by a three-judge court.

Judge Hayes, presiding in Middle District Court, ruled that the case, brought against the Montgomery County School board on July 29, 1955, will be heard in his court at 10 a. m. on April 26.

## SEEK TO PUSH OLD FORT CASE

RALEIGH — According to information released this week the State Supreme Court has consented to study an appeal, during its current term, by a group of McDowell County race citizens

"NULL AND VOID"  
The jurist held that any state law or order requiring segregation is null and void insofar as it contravenes the U. S. Constitution, as interpreted by the U. S. Supreme Court.

"No three-judge court is necessary to make that declaration," he said.

In the opinion which accompanied his ruling, Judge Hayes said: "If the defendants (the board members) are discriminating against the plaintiffs, it will be the duty of a one-judge district court to hear and to determine the facts."

## Recreation Area Likely Will Be Integrated

ROCKY MOUNT — The Board of Conservation and Development's Parks Committee ran head-on into the race issue here Monday when the matter of whether Cape Hatteras Seashore Recreation Area would serve both races.

The point that Mrs. Lucille Purser, white hotel owner of Nags Head, wanted cleared up was a restatement of the policy of National Park Services. It has been clearly settled that all public parks

## Mob Forces Family Out

DETROIT — After a mob of some 500 people assembled before his house in a previously all-white neighborhood and hurled bricks through two windows, John W. Rouse, 70, and his family agreed to sell the home and to move elsewhere.

"We are not Negroes," said Mr. Rouse, a retired private policeman, after rumors that he was a Negro set off the demonstration.

The Rouses were paid \$18,300 for the house—\$2,000 more than they were paying for it—by the neighborhood association, known as the Belmont Subdivision Association.



**SPARKED PRAYER DAY** — The Rev. Adam Clayton Powell (right), chairman of the National Deliverance Day of Prayer movement, has his arm around the shoulder of Ed Nixon, treasurer of the Montgomery (Ala.) Improvement Association. Action took place during the recent Deliverance Day rally at New York's Manhattan Center, which was attended by an overflow audience, and a record number of leaders of all faiths. (Newspress Photo)

## Democrats Must Accept Integration

DURHAM — Carmine G. Desapio, leader of the New York's famed Tammany Hall political empire, in a prepared release here Tuesday night said that there is no longer such a thing as segregation and that the only thing his party leaders would have to do would be to resolve themselves to non-segregation.

The party chief said he made no mention of the fact that Democratic leaders here in North Carolina were in open defiance. Persons who read the statement feel that such a step on the part of the national Democratic party could very easily split the party wide open.

The statement was as follows: "The test of our national leadership is in the extent to which our nation can be unified. Indeed, the test of our national strength is the extent to which our country is unified.

"The philosophy of the Democratic party and the question of segregation is clearly set forth in our 1952 platform. The position of our country in this question is defined by the law of the land and has been interpreted

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## 3 Candidates Seek Public Posts

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Protesting NAACP Probe:  
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# S. C. STUDENTS STRIKE

## Three Toss Political Hats In

By J. B. HARRIS  
WELDON — For the first time since 1898 colored men have announced their candidacy for public office in Halifax County where the Negro population amounts to more than 60 per cent of the total.

In a surprise and unprecedented move here last week, Augustus C. Coffield, local mortician, announced his intention of seeking a position as State Senator from the 4th district, opposing W. Lunsford Crews, incumbent of the 4th district, in the 4th district, which includes Halifax and Edgecombe Counties, both with a majority of colored population.

At the same time Dr. Selter J. Cochran, the younger of the town's two Negro medicals, announced for the post of membership on the Halifax County Board of Education, subject to the forthcoming primary.

WALKER IS MANAGER  
Manager for both of the office-seekers is Weldon's newly acquired attorney, James R. Walker, Jr. Walker was one of the original plaintiffs who spearheaded the fight to open the Law School of the University of North Carolina to colored students several years ago. He is a graduate of the North Carolina College Law School and the UNC Law School, as well. He also studied at a Mas-



**DURHAM NAACP SPEAKER** — Val J. Washington, Director of Minorities, Republican Nat'l Committee, of Washington, D. C., will be the featured speaker at the monthly meeting of the Durham chapter of the NAACP, Sunday, April 22, at 4 p. m. The session will be held at the Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Washington, who is reputed to be a very forceful speaker, is a graduate of the University of Indiana, class of 1924, with a double major in economics and journalism. He has served as a reporter, and insurance agent and official, a free lance and a ghost writer for business, political and church groups.

## NC Farm Youth To Europe

NEW YORK (ANP) — Edward King, a 21-year-old Negro farm youth of Whitakers, N. C., was among six rural young people who sailed on April 8 for London for a six-month stay in England and Wales under the International Farm Youth Exchange Program, the National 4-H Foundation announced this week.

The other IPYE delegates are Theodore Kittrell of Brookfield, N. M.; Hazel Creasy of Brooklet, Ga.; Shirley Cubitt, Sandusky, Mich.; and John Tanner, Big Piney, Wyo.

King, who is a senior at Maryland State college, plans to be a dairy farmer. He has completed 13 projects in 4-H club work. These included the raising of dairy cows, swine, and the growing of corn, cotton, peanuts and tobacco.

Since the IPYE program was inaugurated in 1948, a total of 629 youths from the United States



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## 1,500 Quit Classes At S. C. State

ORANGEBURG, S. C. — Protesting a proposed state investigation of NAACP activities on the campus, some 1,498 students at S. C. State College here, went on strike Monday.

The strike was 100 per cent effective. James Robinson, a junior, said that everybody at the coed institution was out of classes "indubitably."

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## Principal, Teacher Killed As Cars Crash

GREENSBORO — A head-on collision between an automobile and a tractor-trailer on rain-slicked highway 29 near here Friday morning, snuffed out the lives of a school principal and one of his teachers, and brought serious injury to two other passengers in the ill-fated car.

Dead are: WILLIAM P. BRODIE, 43, principal of Brown Summit school; MRS. DOROTHY JEAN WHITSETT, 27, a sixth grade teacher at Brown Summit.

On the critical list at L. Richardson Memorial Hospital here is Mrs. Evelyn L. Hairston, first grade teacher at Brown Summit. Listed in fair condition at the same hospital is Douglas White, 18, a student at the school. All were passengers in the car, a 1955 model sedan—driven by Mr. Brodie.

Taken to Moses Cone Hospital and later released after treatment for minor injuries was Edward

## Local Clerics Rap Paper's Editorial

RALEIGH — Nineteen members of the Raleigh Ministerial Alliance, in their regular weekly meeting, held at the Bloodworth Street Y.M.C.A. Monday took sharp exception to an editorial which appeared in a local daily newspaper Sunday, which was titled "Reverend Troublemaker."

The ministers not only expressed their great concern, but sent a letter to the editor of the paper, in which they showed their dislike. Excerpts from the letter were as follows:

RALEIGH MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

## ODDS-ENDS

By ROBERT G. SHEPARD

Memo To All Pastors, Ministers: Christ's mission on earth was to free mankind from bondage and limitations. On one occasion He said, "I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

The ministers of Christ have but one job, that job is to preach, teach and explain the freedom mission of Christ, to teach men everywhere how to obtain and enjoy this abundant life.

In the South today, millions of Negroes are denied the privileges and joys of the freedom that the abundant life implies. In this so-called Christian land of freedom, they are not free despite the fact that Christ died for their freedom, despite the fact that, "where the spirit of the Lord is, there is

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE Desegregation Front

**Majority Would End Segregation**  
WASHINGTON — The 34-member-education committee of President Eisenhower, in a 50,000-word report issued on Friday said that "the majority of the American people 'want to abolish school segregation' as soon as possible.

But, the committee pointed out, "this is a problem which must be worked out by each community in its own way within the framework of existing legal structures and the intent of the relevant Supreme Court decisions."

The report said further that in view of the "emotionally charged atmosphere" surrounding the whole problem, the situation "makes special demands for understanding and tolerance of differing convictions."

**LIBERAL VICAR TOLD TO LEAVE**  
ORANGEBURG, S. C. — The

Rev. Henry I. Parker, vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church here, has been asked by the bishop of the South Carolina diocese to "continue his ministry elsewhere."

Bishop Thomas W. Carruthers, who made the request, said on Saturday that it was not because of alleged NAACP activities by the minister.

"It is a problem of church administration," he declared. "This

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**WHERE TWO DIED**—Tractor-trailer and sedan involved in early morning crash last Friday near Greensboro, which took the lives of William P. Brodie, Brown Summit school principal and Mrs. Dorothy Jean Whissett, a teacher at the school. Mrs. Evelyn Hairston, another teacher, is in critical condition in L. Richardson Memorial Hospital and Douglas White, 18, a pupil at the school, is in the same institution in a fair condition. All were passengers in the car which Mr. Brodie was driving. (Greensboro Daily News Photo)