

# SUICIDE OF A SOUTHERN TOWN

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — Maintaining the white balance of voting power in Tuskegee, Ala., despite the almost 6-1 majority of Negro residents, may mean the death of the city economically, Ebony magazine predicts in a December story titled "Suicide Of A Southern Town."

Recounting the history of the current struggle for the ballot, and the early warnings of Booker T. Washington that wholesale disfranchisement of Negroes would injure both black and white, the story traces the events which led to the ouster of 414 Negro voters out of the city, the 18-month-old "boycott" of white merchants by Brown County Negroes, and the resulting rise in both the quality and numbers of colored businesses.

Despite the fact that Negro merchants now provide the community with the bulk of goods and services which it requires, the article contends, the white community has solidified its opposition, preferring economic death to relinquishing its tight hold on the ballot box. Recently, investigators of

the Civil Rights Commission were refused access to registration records which Negroes contend will prove their right to vote is being unconsti-

tionally denied. With hearings set for Montgomery, Ala., on this question in early December, knowing the background of the Tuskegee struggle becomes more important to every Negro. "Suicide Of A Southern Town" is the proud story of a Negro community which forgot its class differences and has joined hands to demonstrate its desire for first-class citizenship.

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ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR — Dr. Leander J. Shaw, dean of the graduate school, Florida A. & M. University, was unanimously chosen as "Alumnus of the Year" by the West Virginia State College National Alumni Association. The citation was awarded Dr. Shaw following a banquet in Charleston, W. Va., in which he was the guest speaker.

### 50 Lawyers From Four States Meet At Durham

DURHAM — Approximately 50 lawyers from Georgia, South and North Carolina and Virginia were told here last week that they must help defend the United States judiciary from attacks by irresponsible critics.

Dr. Albert L. Turner, dean of the North Carolina College Law School, delivered the warning in an address before one of three yearly meetings of the Southeastern Lawyers Association.

The one-day meeting was held at North Carolina College.

In his address, which came at a banquet Saturday night following the meeting, Turner took note of the recent censure of the United States Supreme Court by an organization of state Supreme Court justices and declared that lawyers must realize that the U. S. Supreme Court justices cannot defend themselves to come to the defense of the court.

Earlier in the day, the assembled attorneys, many of whom studied under the NCC dean and have spearheaded legal attacks on segregation laws in the four mid-south states, heard another NCC law professor discuss the work of the newly established Civil Rights Commission.

LeMarquis DeFarmon, a teacher at the NCC law school, discussed the difficulties the Commission faces in its task of investigating complaints of denial of civil rights to Negroes in the South.

Currently, the Commission has scheduled an investigation of denial of Negro voting rights in the Tuskegee, Alabama, area.

The Southeastern Lawyers Association is composed of nearly 150 practicing attorneys in the states of Virginia, Georgia, and North and South Carolina.

An outgrowth of the old North Carolina Lawyers Association, the newly formed Southeastern organization was created to include the states neighboring North Carolina to "create closer bonds of fellowship among lawyers throughout these states."

Floyd B. McKissick of Durham is president of the organization. Its other officers include Major High, Greensboro, executive secretary; W. A. Marsh, Durham, treasurer; H. E. Boulware, Columbia, S. C.; Harvey Woods, Danville, Va.; E. H. Gadsden, Savannah, Ga.; E. E. Beech, Kinston, and E. P. Turman, Darlington, S. C., vice-presidents; Franklin Moore, Kinston, recording secretary; Robert Glass, New Bern, chaplain; and J. Kenneth Lee, Greensboro, parliamentarian.

### Chatham 4-H Girls Feted At Winston

PITTSBORO—Two Chatham Co. 4-H girls were among those honored at the first District 4-H Recognition Program held at Carter Consolidated School, Winston-Salem on Saturday, November 22.

Hermelia Harris of Moncure, a member of Horton School 4-H Senior Club, was awarded a certificate as district winner in the church dress division of the Dress Revue held at A. and T. College last spring.

Donese Undine Wicker of J. K. Waters Public School Junior 4-H Club, Goldston, was honored as State and District winner in the Junior Corn Meal Enrichment Program. Second and third place county winners respectively in this program were Janice Reeves of J. S. Waters School, Goldston and Shirley Dowdy of Horton Public School, Pittsboro.

Mrs. Margie Chavis, 4-H Leader of Taylors Chapel, appeared on program as representative of the Women Adult Leaders of the District.

Mrs. Elhora Paige, president of County 4-H Adult Leaders, was scheduled to appear but could not make the trip due to illness.

Other 4-Hers making the trip were Guyanna Horton, Pittsboro, Horton Public School Senior Club, County Achievement winner, and Mary Alice Paige, county winner



	
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