

Bishop Wiggins Dies In Minn.

MINNEAPOLIS (ANP) — Bishop John C. Wiggins, Sr., pastor of St. Paul's Church of God in Christ died suddenly here Sunday, Dec. 16.

He had recently returned from the annual convocation of the denomination held in Memphis, where a new senior bishop had been named to preside over the church official council, to succeed the late Bishop C. T. Mason, founder of the church.

Death came suddenly to his home as he was preparing to leave for Sunday service.

Elder Wiggins had been in poor health for several years but continued to carry on actively for his congregation.

Bishop Wiggins was made presiding bishop of the Church of God in Christ in the state of South Dakota several months ago.

He came to Minneapolis in 1932 from St. Louis where he was born. He founded St. Paul's church in 1935.

Bishop Wiggins is survived by his widow, Roberta E., a son, John C., Jr., a sister, Mrs. Minerva Moore of St. Louis, two brothers, Central of St. Louis, and Willie of Clarkdale, Miss.

A Not — Too Merry Christmas In Miss.

JACKSON, Miss.—For thousands of Mississippi Negroes—particularly those who have tried to exercise their voting rights—Christmas 1962 was not particularly merry.

Some 20,000 active in voter registration who have been dropped by local officials from lists of those eligible to buy federal surplus commodities.

As a consequence, Dave Dennis, CORE field secretary, has filed a formal protest with Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman and Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

CORE National Director, James Farmer has supplemented this with a wire to Attorney General Kennedy pointing out that "this is the type of reprisal to be expected through discriminatory use of local option in dispensing federal funds, goods and services."

In addition, Dennis asserts, "Many people who have attempted to register have been harassed to the extent of losing their jobs. Families have been thrown off their farms. Some have been pressured financially. Also, this year more than 68 percent of the cotton was harvested by automation, which meant that manpower was cut tremendously."

To bring at least some cheer to the destitute, the Council of Federated Organizations, which includes CORE, SCLC, SNCC and NAACP, initiated a program of distributing Christmas packages to needy Mississippi families.

The government of Madagascar proposes to hold an international fair at Tamatave from September 1-31, with emphasis on the creation of small industries to handle local products. (ANP)

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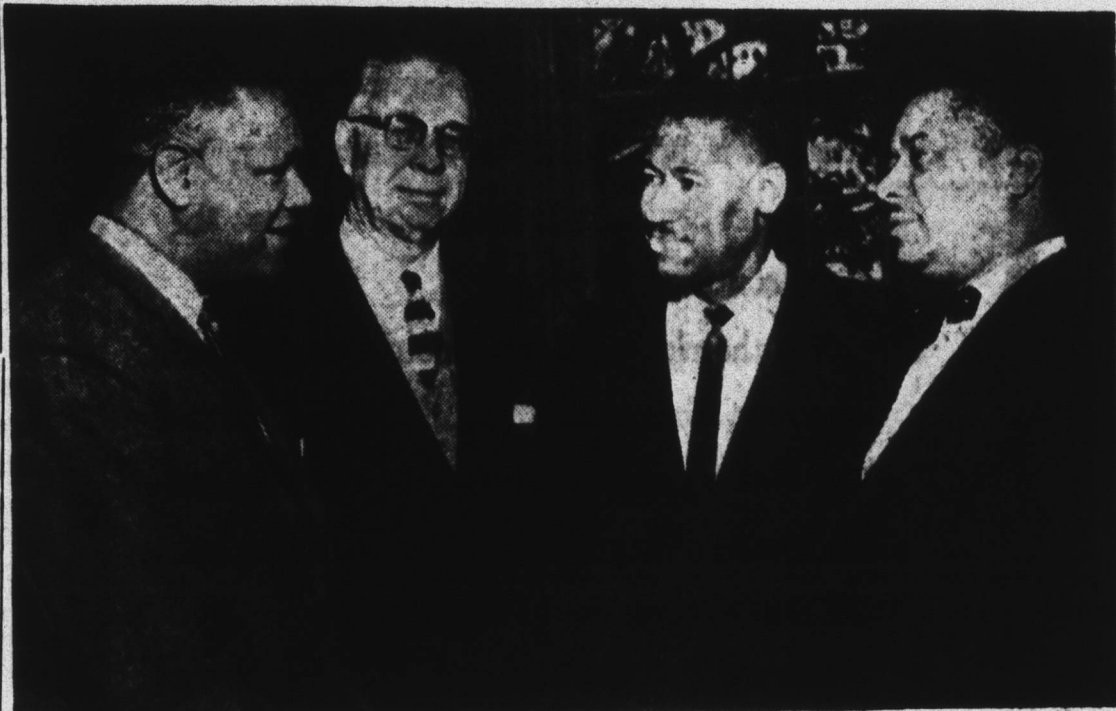
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LEADS A&T WOMEN'S COUNCIL—These are the newly elected officers of the A&T College Women's Council. They are, from left to right, Misses: Catherine Ramsey, Jackson, president; Betty Price, Madison, secretary; Patricia Lawson, Danville, Va., vice president; Mary Hill, Philadelphia, Pa., treasurer; Genevieve L. Jones, Bronx, N. Y., assistant secretary; Ethel Turner, Moyock, chairman, Awards Committee, and Yvonne Setzer, Hickory, chairman, Program Committee.



IN RESPONSIBLE POST — James Lawrence, a 1957 graduate of A&T College, now an analyst-chemist with the U. S. Food and Drug Administration, Washington, D. C., returned to his Alma Mater recently to interest student majors to seek employment with his agency. He explains his job to Dr. L. C. Dowdy, center, acting president, and W. I. Morris, right, A&T placement director.



NEW BOARD MEMBER — David W. Morehead, left, executive secretary of the Greensboro, N. C., Hayes-Taylor Memorial YMCA and recently appointed as a member of the A&T College trustee board, attends the first meeting of the board. He is welcomed by, from left to right: Robert H. Frazier, Greensboro, chairman; Dr. L. C. Dowdy, acting president of the college; and E. E. Waddell, Albermarle, vice chairman.

Things You Should Know

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S. C. Supreme Court Reverses Convictions

COLUMBIA, S. C. (ANP) — The State Supreme Court has for the third time within a month overturned the convictions of Negroes arrested in anti-segregation demonstrations in Sumter.

The Supreme Court held last week that recorder's court at Sumter lacked jurisdiction to convict two Negroes because the Negroes had not been arrested by city officers.

Joshua Prioleau and Alma Gregg were convicted in recorder's court of resisting arrest after their arrest

in 1961 by an agent of the State Law Enforcement Division and the Sumter County sheriff's office.

The supreme court noted that the Sumter ordinance makes it unlawful to "hinder, impede, resist arrest or otherwise interfere with any police officer of this city while in discharge of his duty."

In reversing the conviction, the Supreme Court said if such an offense occurred, "it was an offense against the common law, not encompassed by terms of the ordinance, and the recorder had no

jurisdiction."

In recent previous decisions, the Supreme Court had set aside the convictions of two groups of Negroes for breach of the peace. The high court held that facts did not bear out the charge as breach of the peace is construed in common law.

However, in another recent decision, the Supreme Court upheld the breach of peace convictions of a group of Negroes at Rock Hill because testimony indicated the demonstrators were noisy, blocked traffic and ignored police orders to disperse.

Prioleau and Miss Gregg had been charged originally with parading without a license, as well as resisting arrest.

The circuit court upheld the existing arrest convictions returned in recorder's court, but set aside the other conviction.

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