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FIGURE IN AMERICAN SAVINGS & LOAN LEAGUE MEETING



Participants in the annual meeting of the American Savings and Loan League, held recently in Detroit, were (l. to r.) Clifford F. Allen, Philadelphia realtor; Arthur M. Simmons, president, Home Federal Savings and Loan Association, Detroit; (leaning) William R. Hudgins, vice president, Carver Federal Savings and Loan Association, New York; Franklin Hardinge, Jr., Chicago, vice president, U. S. Savings and Loan League, a key speaker; and J. S. Stewart, secretary-treasurer, Mutual Building and Loan Association, Durham. Stewart is the new president of the savings group. Simmons and Hudgins continue as vice presidents.

Group Lists Ten Reasons For Opposition To Plan

The regional plan of graduate and professional education, approved by twelve Southern and border states, and scheduled to swing into operation this month, is based on prejudice, not science, according to Aubrey Williams, of Montgomery, Alabama, president of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated.

"As now formulated," said Mr. Williams, "the regional plan exhibits a minimum of statesmanship and a maximum of obscurantism."

In a statement released by the New Orleans headquarters of the SCEF, Mr. Williams advanced ten reasons why the Board of Control for Southern Regional Education should be opposed, all of them resting on the fact that the plan is based on racial segregation.

"The Jim Crow structure of the plan," declared Mr. Williams, "thwarts the basic purposes of a university."

"If the purpose of our universities is merely to perpetuate narrow, traditional patterns of thinking and acting, then our segregated institutions are good enough," said

Mr. Williams. "But if the purpose of our schools of 'higher learning' is to substitute scientific attitudes for prejudice and to educate for one world based on our rich heritage of freedom, equality, and brotherhood, then clearly segregation is out of place. Segregated schools cannot educate for an integrated world."

"The art and practice of democratic procedures cannot be taught by the lecture method alone, least of all in a Jim Crow classroom, but must be learned the hard way, by actual practice. A school of science without scientific laboratories is no more a caricature of an educational institution than a university which purports to prepare youth for

a democratic society, yet denies to its students a laboratory in which to practice democratic human relationship.

Other reasons given by Mr. Williams for his opposition to the regional plan are: 1. The plan is discriminatory, hence unconstitutional; 2. A system of parallel schools is uneconomic and unreasonable; 3. The plan will serve as a brake on the present trend toward integration of Negroes in existing state universities, a trend in evidence in eight Southern and border states; 4. It is an unnecessary expedient since many polls show that faculty and students of Southern institutions are ready and willing to accept students on the sole basis of personal qualifications, regardless of race, creed, or religion; 5. The plan makes legal redress for discrimination more difficult; 6. It limits rather than expands existing facilities; 7. It was formulated in an undemocratic manner, a plan primarily for but not by minorities; 8. Segregated regional schools are not an

Court Will Review Case Of Martinsville 7

RICHMOND, VA. The fight to save the lives of seven young men, convicted of assault on a white woman in Martinsville and sentenced to die on September 16, was advanced by a decision of the Virginia Supreme Court granting a writ of error and agreeing to review the trials.

The decision, handed down by the court sitting in Staunton on September 6, raises hope for a new trial and ultimate freedom for the seven who were convicted in Martinsville last May.

The Virginia State Conference of NAACP Branches undertook the defense of the young men after investigation of the case revealed that they had not received a fair trial. Martin A. Martin, Oliver W. Hill and Spottswood W. Robinson, III, NAACP attorneys, carried the case to the State Supreme Court.

In an appeal for funds for the defense, Dr. J. M. Tinsley, president of the state conference, said that "victory in this case is vital to the establishment of fair and impartial trials for everyone in this state regardless of race or color or the nature of the alleged crime." He asked that funds for the defense of the Martinsville Seven be sent to the Virginia State Conference of NAACP Branches at 404 North Second Street, Richmond, Virginia.



Mrs. M. A. Horne, supervisor of the Forsyth Junior Union, will visit Durham and Mount Vernon Baptist Church under the auspices of the Church's Missionary Department. She will speak at a mass meeting, Sunday, Sept. 18th at 3 in the evening.

New Trial Is Sought For Groveland Trio

TAVARES, FLA. A new trial for Samuel Shepherd and Walter Irwin, 22, and Charles Greenlee, 16, convicted of rape here last week, has been asked by Alex Akerman, Jr., Orlando attorney, retained by the NAACP to defend the accused youths.

In a motion for a new trial filed here on Sept. 6, Akerman contended that the verdict was contrary to the evidence and to the law and charged the court with error in denying a series of pretrial motions.

The three were convicted after a three-day trial on September 3 by an all-white jury which deliberated for two hours and recommended mercy for Greenlee. Conviction of Shepherd and Irwin carries a mandatory death sentence whereas the recommendation of mercy for Greenlee prevents sentence of death, imposing long term imprisonment.

At Spaulding Reunion



Above, left to right are Attorney Theodore Spaulding of Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. J. H. Moore of Wilmington and Dr. C. C. Spaulding. The scene was the annual reunion of the Spaulding family and relatives from Bladen and Columbus Counties held recently at Whiteville.

Over 400 Frosh Arrive At NCC; Enrollment Is Expected To Toll 1000

A near record class of 450 freshmen arrived on the North Carolina College campus last Tuesday to begin a series of activities, freshmen orientation week, designed to acquaint them with life at the college.

The administration, faculty, and student organizations rolled out the welcome mat this week for the new students as a varied calendar of activities kept them busy. New students came from every state on the eastern seaboard from Connecticut to Florida.

Orientation for the newcomers got underway Tuesday as Dr. A. E. Manley, dean of the colleges of Arts and Science, and representatives of student organizations welcomed the freshmen at the B. N. Duke Auditorium. The annual Faculty-Student Tea slated for Sunday afternoon, will end the week's activities.

On Tuesday after the B. N. Duke program, the freshmen consulted with the personnel deans, J. L. Stewart and Miss L. M. Latham. A tour of the campus, medical examinations and the annual freshmen sing wound up things for Tuesday.

Placement examinations were scheduled for Wednesday.

Wednesday evening a sports parade, featuring introduction of the athletic coaches, a showing of football movies and a desecration of student organizations welcomed the freshmen at the B. N. Duke Auditorium. The annual Faculty-Student Tea slated for Sunday afternoon, will end the week's activities.

The Southern Patriot, with headquarters at New Orleans, Louisiana and with nearly a damn Yankee on its staff or membership roster has the following to say in its September issue just off the press. The Southern Patriot is the official organ of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. We have not heard of any of its members being charged with being radicals, Reds, pinks, communists or crack brains:

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Our opposition to the current regional plan of education rests entirely on the fact that it is based on racial segregation. The Plan is: 1. Discriminatory and unconstitutional. "Separate but equal" schools, the legalistic euphemism used to designate the Jim Crow school system, is a pure abstraction, unsupported by historic fact. In all of the 17 states which require separate schools by law there is not one instance where the state supported college for Negroes is even remotely equal in its facilities to those available to white students. There is no evidence to indicate that the segregated regional centers operated jointly by the Southern states will be any less discriminatory than the segregated institutions operated individually by the same authorities.

Since the regional plan discriminates on the basis of race, it is unconstitutional. The U. S. Supreme Court has ruled in the Gaines and Sipuel cases that the legal training made available by a state to white students must at the same time be available within the borders of that state to Negro students. To require a Negro medical student from Richmond, Va. to leave his home state and travel several hundred miles to Nashville, Tennessee, to receive his training

Dismissal Motion Judgement Held Up For Further Study

Postponement of the Federal Court hearing on the suit filed by a group of Durham citizens charging state and local school officials with discrimination in school facilities was granted here this week.

The case was originally scheduled for hearing in the September term of the court here which is slated to begin Monday, Sept. 26.

Also judgement on a motion to dismiss local school officials from the case as defendants was suspended by Judge Johnson J. Hayes. Judge Hayes has indicated that he has not had sufficient time to study briefs in the action.

30 days were granted the defendants as an extension which will run past the term of the Court for the last week of this month here. It appears now that the case will go over to the February term of the Court unless Judge Hayes calls a special session of the court.

Postponement was granted the defendants when a list of 72 questions was submitted by the plaintiffs. R. P. Reade, attorney for the defense, stated here last week that the defendants will be unable to get answers to the list ready for the September term of the court.

The suit, filed on behalf of some 60 Durham school children charges that Negro children have been and are being discriminated against with regard to local school facilities offered. Local school officials, defendants in the case, including Superintendent L. S. Weaver, Business Manager J. L. Woodard, and members of the board of Education, have denied charges.

It was revealed that plaintiffs in the suit have asked in the list of interrogations for such detailed information as would require inventories of school equipment in every city school. Local officials have indicated that the answers will be voluminous.

Sworn In



Two young attorneys, Wilbert F. Brower and Milton Edgar Johnson, were admitted to the practice of law in North Carolina after being sworn in here this week.

The two, introduced to the court by C. Jerry Gates, prominent attorney of this city, were sworn in by Judge William P. Hatch, presiding at the current term of the Superior Court, for the trial of criminal cases.

Both are Durham residents and plan to practice in Durham. They passed the state law examinations in August.

Both are graduates of the North Carolina College Law School.

Attorney Brower did undergraduate work at Hampton Institute in Virginia.

The two lawyers are setting up joint offices in the Logan Building in this city.

Plans For NCC Homecoming Are Revealed

The crowning of "Miss North Carolina Scholastic" will be a feature of North Carolina College's homecoming according to M. S. Johnson, executive secretary of the Alumni Association.

"Miss N. C. Scholastic" is to be selected on the basis of attractiveness, talent, leadership qualities and other abilities. Each high school in the state will nominate some outstanding co-ed. Nominations will be mailed to the Alumni Association and turned over to the judges who will in turn select 25 of the nominees and invite them to the Homecoming game as the guests of the Alumni Association.

The winner of the contest will be crowned at halftime ceremonies and will be awarded a substantial scholarship to North Carolina College.

In addition, high school principals from North Carolina and Virginia will be invited as guests of the Alumni. According to advance information, several hundred will be present for the occasion.

The North Carolina College football team will play the Virginia State College Trojans for the Homecoming classic, Oct. 15. Chairman for the General Homecoming committee is William P. Malone, '46, instructor in Public Health Department. Tickets for the affair are on sale now at the Alumni office.

City Must Lead In Memorial Fund Drive Says Fund Official

Durham must take the lead in contributions to the James E. Shepard Memorial Foundation drive for funds said A. T. Spaulding, assistant chairman of the Initial Gifts Committee, this week.

The Foundation, chartered by the state, has been set up for the purpose of effecting some lasting memorial to the late Dr. James E. Shepard, founder-president of North Carolina College.

Spaulding pointed out that the city must take the lead in the drive because of the fact that Dr. Shepard lived in and worked around the city. "The statewide broadcast," said Spaulding, "has focused eyes of the state and the nation upon Durham." He explained that "people in all sections of the country are extending to see evidences of the extent of local appreciation of the life and service of Dr. Shepard in this community measured by local contributions."

Response from out of town-ers to the plea for funds has been spontaneous according to Spaulding. Contributions have already come from as far away as Vicksburg, Miss. According to Spaulding, one contributor of a significant amount stated that he did not know Dr. Shepard but that his wife had heard the statewide broadcast and had convinced him that the cause was worthy.

More reasons why Durham should take the lead in the fund drive were pointed out by the

assistant chairman of the Initial Gifts Committee as he stated that Dr. Shepard, in addition to having advertised Durham far and wide, further benefitted the locale by bringing some of the best thinkers and statesmen of the country, aside from the fact that the student body and faculty added to the business volume of the city.

He urges "every one, irrespective of class, group, party, race or region to become identified through his contribution to this history making event because of: (1) the man to be memorialized who according to Senator Graham, is a 'living symbol' and 'who interpreted the best of Negroes to whites and the best of whites to Negroes' and (2) because of the worthwhile ser-

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