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Judge Hayes Postpones Durham Equalization School Suits



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Southern School Admits Negroes

Berea College Opens Doors To Undergraduates

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Kentucky last week took undisputed lead in the New South's crusade to extend equal educational opportunities to Negro college students.

Kentucky's latest action happened in the town of Berea, where Berea College's trustees acted to admit "qualified" Negro undergraduate students.

Last Friday's action at Berea College, founded in 1855 and once before boasting an unsegregated student body, followed within less than a month previous action of the Kentucky Legislature which amended the state's infamous Day law.

The Day Law, enforced here since 1904, was enacted to prohibit Negroes and whites from attending the same schools. As amended by the State Legislature, the law permits mixed schools.

As Berea's trustees reaffirmed their faith in the youth of the "Appalachian Mountain region," they made particular reference to Negro youth, saying: "We also express our interest in Negro youth of this region to get an education and hereby empower our administration to admit such Negro students from within this mountain region whom we find thoroughly qualified coming completely within the provisions of the Kentucky law and whom in their judgment it appears we should serve."

Although numerous polks taken among faculty and students in Southern colleges during the past several years have shown an overwhelming sentiment in favor of admitting Negro students, the Berea College's trustees have taken the first step in admitting Negroes to undergraduate colleges.

Berea, however, is following the example officially set by the State of Kentucky. Unlike North Carolina, Kentucky is hampered by no false reputation of mid-century liberalism. Whereas North Carolina and other Southern States have sought to shift their responsibilities in providing education at graduate and professional levels for Negroes on the Southern Regional Conference, Kentucky has faced this issue squarely.

For over a year now, over twelve Negroes have been attending the various branches of the University of Kentucky. The ex-

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Succumbs



Nebraska Watson, 53, who died suddenly at his home, 1019 Cornell Street Saturday afternoon. Mr. Watson was a prominent member of First Calvary Church and the husband of Mrs. Lu Hattie Watson. Funeral services were held Tuesday night, April 18 at First Calvary Church.

LOCAL YOUTH WINS COLONIAL STORES PRIZE

Mrs. Alma Holland Beers, of Chapel Hill, won the top \$2,500 award for the Carolinas in the Colonial Stores \$40,000 Cash Scholarship Award Contest, Scott W. Allen, president of the grocery store system, announced Thursday.

Winner of the second prize was Bruce P. Robinson, of Lancaster, S. C., who will receive \$1,500. The third award of \$1,000 went to Carroll G. Allen, of Columbia, S. C. Fourth place in the Carolinas section was won by Doris King of Durham, who will receive \$750, and fifth by Mrs. Moir W. Edwards, of Lexington, whose entry was worth \$500.

Winners of the other two first (Please turn to Page Eight)

Ku Klux Klan Orders FTA Union Out Of Winston Salem

WINSTON-SALEM — From the headquarters of the FTA local 22 comes the announcement this week that it has been notified by the Ku Klux Klan that members of FTA are not wanted in Winston-Salem and that the Klan has moved in to it that the FTA moves out.

A photostat copy of the alleged note sent the CAROLINA TIMES is as follows: To FTA Local 22.

You are not wanted in this city and you must go and we are here to see that you go. This town can get along

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Last Rites Held For Moranda Smith In Twin City

PHILADELPHIA — The death of Moranda Smith, nationally known woman trade union leader and a member of the International Executive Board of the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers Union, was announced at union headquarters here today.

Mrs. Smith, who had been one of the builders of the largest lo-

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June 26 New Date For Trial

The Durham school suits have been postponed for the third time, this time due to the busy schedule of Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes, who has listened to the evidence presented in the case to date.

The new date for the hearing is June 26 in Federal Court House here.

Nearly a year ago now, Durham lawyers M. H. Thompson and John H. Wheeler filed suit in behalf of 26 of the city's Negro children alleging inequalities in school facilities for whites and Negroes in Durham Schools.

The local lawyers are assisted by Martin, Oliver Hill, and Spotswood Robinson of Richmond, well known for their efforts in the Virginia civil rights suits.

Defense attorneys, headed by State Attorney General, McMullen, include his assistant, Reade, Umstead and Fuller (???) and Major L. P. McLendon of Greensboro. The latter attorneys are also representing the State in the case brought by seven North Carolina College law students seeking to gain admission to the white law school at Chapel Hill.

Attorney General McMullen has blasted completely the reputation of North Carolina as a liberal Southern State by filing a brief in the Sweatt case before the Supreme Court and in his all-out cooperation with other Southern attorney generals in the effort to halt the trend toward the integration of Negro and white college students as well as students of the two races in graduate and professional schools throughout the South.

Sources close to Thompson and Wheeler say the lawyers had conferred with chief defense Counsel Umstead before the announcement Wednesday from Attorney General McMullen of the postponement.

The two local lawyers, whose

JOE ANSWERS CENSUS



COUNT MY NOSE: Retired heavyweight champ Joe Louis stopped in New York's Hotel Theresa lobby last week long enough to get his nose counted in 1950 census by pretty Blythe Ford, one of many Negroes taking census in Gotham. Joe liked ordeal which wasn't an ordeal, that is, talking to a young lady as vivacious as Miss Ford.

Regional School Plan Gets Severe Blow At Hands Of Supreme Court Of Maryland

Shaw U. Holds Own Without President

RALEIGH — Shaw University, after three months of inter-
operational basis and is making steady progress. That is the judgement of Dr. C. C. Spaulding, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Shaw University Board of Trustees.

Dr. Spaulding issued the statement following a meeting with the five member Interim Administrative Committee, whose work he called "gratifying beyond expression."

The well known insurance executive, who heads the committee on the nomination of a new president for Shaw University asserted that the progress of the school continues unimpaired. The Interim Committee is going forward with plans for Commencement and for the 1950 Summer Session, which will follow the customary pattern.

Members of the Board of Trustees, who held their annual meeting recently, found faculty and students working harmoniously with the program as planned. Financial contributions to the institution, which are coming in according to schedule, reveal the soundness of the faith and spirit of alumni and friends.

At the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Robert F. Daniel declined reelection to the Board for the normal term of three years, but was prevailed upon to continue as a member until the next annual meeting. He was also asked by the Board (Please turn to Page Eight)

BALTIMORE, Md. — Maryland last week was forced to abandon its mistaken notion that the Southern Regional Schools plan provided an excuse for the State to shift its responsibilities of educating Negroes within the State of Maryland.

The Court of Appeals invalidated a previous ruling of a Baltimore jurist that Miss Esther McCready could find "equal educational facilities" at segregated Meharry Medical College's School of Nursing.

In its ruling, the Court of Appeals said, in so many words, that the attitude of the United States Supreme Court in similar suits launched against the states of Oklahoma and Missouri made it mandatory for the individual states to provide for Negro graduates and professional students the same kinds of facilities provided other students. The court specifically denied that the Regional Schools plan could be used to circumvent this duty of the State.

Miss McCready last year applied for admission to Maryland's School of Nursing. The fight to prevent her from entering was spearheaded by President Byrd said he "supposedly" meant Byrd of the University of Maryland.

Commenting on the Court of Appeals' ruling, President Byrd said he "supposedly" the State would have to make arrangements to provide Miss McCready "equal facilities."

Observers in Baltimore and Washington are comparing the Maryland ruling to prospective cases soon to be heard in North Carolina. Some observers see in the Maryland court's ruling an example for North Carolina which has two sets of civil rights cases pending in the Middle and Eastern Districts of Federal Court.

In Durham, the case of Carolyn Blue and 25 Durham Negro children suing for equal schools has been postponed for the third time to enable Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes to close a term of court he is now holding in Salisbury.

In Durham, also, it is thought an agreement has been reached between counsel for Harold T. Epps and Robert D. Glass, and State Attorney General Harry McMullen to postpone the case of the two NC College law students pending the decision of the Supreme Court in the Sweatt case.

Maryland's capitulation follows closely that of Oklahoma, Kentucky, Arkansas, and Missouri. It is generally believed that North Carolina, the State that started the school suits in 1935 with the Hocutt case, is next on the list.

All Out Campaign Called For By Register-Vote Committee Of N.C.

CHARLOTTE — Kelly Alexander, president of the North Carolina branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and L. E. Austin, Chairman of the Registration-Vote Committee issued a joint statement this week appealing to every Negro man and woman in North

Carolina to register and vote in the May primary.

Said Mr. Alexander, "I am calling upon the Negro people of North Carolina to register an vote as never before. I am calling upon them to do so because we have so much to lose in this election and so much to gain (Please turn to Page Eight)

NEW VIRGIN ISLAND GOVERNOR TAKES OATH



Gov. Morris F. de Castro, first native governor of Virgin Islands, is sworn in by Federal Judge Herman E. Moore of Chicago in ceremonies at St. Thomas Charlotte-Amalie, V. I., recently. At extreme left are the Governor and his wife. Next to new governor is Hon. C. Girard Davidson, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Raymond de Castro, son of Mr. de Castro is shown at extreme right.

John Avery Boys' Club To Sponsor Yearly Contest

The Fourth Annual Bird House Contest sponsored by the John Avery Boys' Club will close Friday, April 28th at 5 p. m. The contest which is open to Girls and Boys fifteen years old and under has been in progress for two weeks. Instructions in regards to the contest may be secured from the W. D. Hill Recreation Center and the John Avery Boys' Club.

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.