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The Carolina Times Calls You From Your Homes, Your Jobs And Every Walk Of Life, To Let Nothing Stand In Your Way This Saturday To Prevent You From Voting.

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Negro Registration Over 100,000

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Pictured above is one of the women's Sunday School classes and the pastor, Rev. D. A. Johnston. The class was started by St. Joseph A. M. E. Church with three members, with Mrs. Nell Hunter as teachers, assisted by Mrs. Emma Butler. The class now has an enrollment of 50 members. Thirty-six of that number are in the above photo. — Photo by Holly.

President NAACP Says Drive For Voters Just Begun

STATE DEMANDS EQUAL SCHOOLS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston, S. C. — Charging that the Clarendon County, South Carolina, Board of Education discriminates against Negro children in the provision of educational facilities, the NAACP has filed a suit in the United States District Court here on behalf of some 50 Negro children and their parents asking that the court issue an injunction "forever restraining and enjoining the school board from making a distinction on account of race and color in maintaining public schools for Negro children which are inferior to those maintained for white children."

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's complaint, filed on May 16 by Attorneys Harold Boulware of Columbia and Robert L. Carter of New York, charges that the school board has "consistently pursued and maintained the policy, custom and usage of providing free bus transportation for white school children in School District No. 22 of Clarendon County while failing and refusing to provide similar free bus transportation for Negro pupils... solely on account of their race and color, and in violation of rights secured under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States."

The court suit, supported by the South Carolina Conference of NAACP branches, was preceded by the filing of a formal petition with the county Board of Education in November of 1949 in which the discriminatory practices, which are the bases of the present suit, were brought to the attention of the Board, and the Board was asked to take immediate steps to remedy same.

On February 22, 1950, the Board formally repudied disavowing any discriminatory practices and alleging that the educational opportunities afforded to Negroes in the county were equal if not superior to those provided for whites, whereupon the present court action was taken.

Dudley High Announces Commencement Plans

Greensboro — James Bonner MacRae, dean of students, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania and the Rev. J. C. Melton, Greensboro, will be the principal speaker during the Dudley High School's 31st Commencement exercises from May 17th through 31, announced Principal J. A. Tarpley.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday, May 28, at 4:00 p. m. by Rev. Melton who for more than 35 years has been in active pastorate, and is now pastor of High Street Baptist Church, Danville, Va.

On May 31, at 8:00 p. m., Dean MacRae, native North Carolinian and formerly dean at Fayetteville State Teachers' College, will address the 127 seniors.

Kelly Alexander, president of the North Carolina branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People stated this week that registration of Negroes in North Carolina has reached well over the 100,000 mark, and that the drive to register 250,000 would continue with the organization of Registration - Vote Committees in every county in which they are not organized at present.

"We have just begun to register Negroes in North Carolina," said Mr. Alexander. "We intend to continue our ground work in every county of the State where there is not an active unit of our association and where the effort to get Negroes registered lags. The goal is 250,000 and we will not cease our efforts until it is realized."

Mr. Alexander also stated that plans are now being perfected to bring legal action in the federal courts against registrars in the State who have abused their authority by denying qualified Negroes the right to register.

He stated that he hopes all of these persons will present themselves for voting on next Saturday so a complete case can be made out against such registrars.

"When they are turned down at the ballot box we will then have a clear cut case and can begin legal action."

Chairman of the Registration Vote Committee is L. E. Austin, who stated Wednesday that Durham leads the State with approximately 9,000 Negroes registered.

Other high-ranking counties are Mecklenburg, 7,000; Wake, 6,000; Guilford, 5,900; Forsyth, 4,200; Buncombe, 3,900; Cumberland, 2,800 and Wilson, 2,200.

Dr. Marshall Shepard To Speak At Harnett County Training School

Dr. Marshall Shepard, one of the nation's outstanding leaders, will deliver the annual commencement address at Harnett County Training School, May 30.

A native of Granville County, Dr. Shepard is one of the few persons who has mixed politics with religion and obtained a blend of success.

During week-days he can be located in the Recorder of Deeds Office, Washington, D. C. where he is chief. On week-ends he commutes to Philadelphia, where he is pastor of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

In addition to these two full-time positions, the minister writes a weekly column for the National Negro Press, contributes freely to magazines and other publications, and travels throughout the world filling speaking engagements.

GOP NAMES T. O. SPAULDING FOR CONGRESS POST

Philadelphia — Theodore O. Spaulding, an attorney and a member of the national board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was nominated for Congress in the Republican primary election here on May 16.

For United States Senate



Senator Frank P. Graham, Christian Gentleman, World Citizen, Humanitarian and Lover of all Mankind.



PLEADS GUILTY: Rev. H. Beecher, Jackson, former pastor of 18th Avenue Presbyterian Church in Newark, N. J. pleaded guilty and received life imprisonment last week for ice pick slaying of 70-year old sexton of his church. Photo shows Rev. Beecher being led to his cell after hearing he was to spend the rest of his years in jail.

N. C. Teachers Make Last Payment On Raleigh Building

Wilmington — Recently the North Carolina Teachers and their friends made a third pilgrimage to the Hammocks Beach in a determined effort to raise the balance due from county and city units in their \$100,000.00 development drive.

The outing was featured by a roll call of local units which netted an additional \$1,800 toward the development fund. Dr. H. L. Trigg, chairman board of directors, issued Certificates of Merit, in a ceremony that took place on the Beach property, to local units having subscribed or oversubscribed their quotas. Members of the board of directors, promotion committee, and teachers were congratulated on a splendid effort put forth by these groups so far in this drive. They were asked to continue to do whatever they could to help raise the balance due in their respective units.

Dr. Sharpe, recovering from a recent illness, was unable to attend. The grateful patrons gave a hearty response to the appearance of Mrs. Hirst, who at her own suggestions helped to make this property available to the teachers.

It was the expressed idea of followers close to the drive that the remaining balance of less than \$8,000 would be raised by the end of this school term, and the beginning development of this beautiful, spacious, ocean-side estate would be a reality at least by the summer of 1951.

Protest Showing Of Birth Of A Nation

New York — Protesting the current showing of the old anti-Negro film, Birth of a Nation, in a New York theatre, Roy Wilkins, acting secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, wired Mayor O'Wyer urging him "to take effective steps to ban its showing here."

Chas. Houston Gets Spingarn Award

New York — The posthumous award of the 35th Spingarn Medal, for outstanding achievement of a Negro American, to the late Charles H. Houston, was announced here today by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Presentation of the award will be made to a member of Mr. Houston's family by Dean Erwin Griswold of the Harvard Law School at the closing session of the 41st annual convention of the NAACP in Boston on June 25. In consenting to make the presentation, Dean Griswold said: "We are very much pleased to learn that the medal will be awarded to the late Charles H. Houston. He was one of the distinguished graduates of this school, and I shall be happy to have a small part in your honor to him."

The Spingarn award was established by the late Joel E. Spingarn, one-time president of the Association, who set up a trust fund "to perpetuate the lifelong interest of my brother, Arthur B. Spingarn, of my wife, Amy E. Spingarn, and of the myself in the achievements of the American Negro."

Judge A. W. Scott Speaks To Business Institute

Wilmington — An occasion that attracted state wide attention and one that will long be remembered by the hundreds who were in attendance, was that of the sixth annual Negro Business and Professional Day and Youth Leadership Anniversary, recently held at the Central Baptist Church, this city, Reverend R. Irving Boone, pastor, with special services in both the morning and afternoon.

In addition to the hundreds of Wilmingtonians who availed themselves of the opportunity of this great observance, there were scores of people in attendance from various other cities and communities in the state.

Practically all of "official Wilmington" shared the inspiring occasion and to pay tribute to a distinguished son, Judge Armond W. Scott, the guest speaker for this event.

Present were: Mayor Royce S. McClelland, who extended greetings on behalf of the city; Superintendent H. M. Roland, who represented the schools in appropriate greetings; former Mayor and Councilman E. L. White; Judge of Juvenile Court, Hardie Ferguson; Chairman, Board County Commissioners, Addison Hewitt, Sr.; Commissioner George W. Trask; Director of Public Safety, T. C. O'Neal.

At the eleven o'clock worship, a vast congregation heard the Reverend C. L. Thomas, guest speaker.

Walter White, the late James Weldon Johnson, Dr. Channing H. Tobias, and Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune.

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Mrs. L. Adams Queen Of Mother's Day At Union Baptist Church



Mother's Day ceremonies concluded with the crowning of Mrs. Lottie Adams, (above) a member of the Senior Choir of Union Baptist Church. Mrs. Adams polled a total of 1,260 votes, greatest majority over four other contestants who represented the various departments of the Sunday School. Mrs. LuSybil Fuller crowned the winning contestant.

COMMENCEMENT DAY AT A. AND T.

Greensboro — The Fifty-second Commencement at A. and T. College, beginning Saturday, May 27 and ending Monday, will be the largest in the history of the school. Degrees and certificates will be awarded to 585 regular and trade students — 386 B. S. degrees, 187 trade certificates, and 12 graduate degrees.