

Florida "Needs A Few Hangings," Says Jailed Klan Dragon

Negroes Again Protest School Site Here

City Board Is Cold To Objection Of Lawyers To Unpaved Location Area

In a meeting of the Board of Education held in the Fuller School here Monday night, Negro citizens of Durham again presented a strong protest to the Pine Street site selected by the Board for the location of a proposed elementary school.

Although spokesmen for the delegation consisted for the most part of the four attorneys in the school suit brought here against the Board in 1949, for equalization of white and Negro schools, they were backed by representatives of religious, educational, business, civic and social groups of the City. The attorneys representing the delegation were J. H. Wheeler, M. H. Thompson, both of Durham; Martin A. Martin and Oliver Hill of Richmond,

Virginia. Others in the delegation were J. S. Stewart, C. E. Boulware, J. C. Scarborough, Sr., Jas T. Taylor, A. M. Rivera and L. E. Austin.

Main objections to the site were, lack of paved streets in the vicinity, the typography and its location away from the center of the population it would serve.

Same Old Traditions

The meeting was presided over by Spurgeon Boyce, chairman of the Board, with Stacey Weaver, Superintendent of City Schools, assisting him in answering the objections. Long before the end of the meeting it was plainly evident that although the Board has several new members,

who are apparently not fully aware of its shenanigans, it is still carrying on in the same old 'Basil Watkins' tradition, and is dominated by the old members who sneeringly laughed at the 1949 protest of Negroes with the remark "they weren't going to do anything."

Boyce told the delegation that the School Board has no authority in designating the paving of streets. He said that they have been assured by engineers that the site can be made a satisfactory one. He also stated although the site is not in the center of the school district east by west, it is in the center north by south.

Wheeler First Speaker - Opening remarks of the pro-

test were made by Wheeler who told the Board that judging from past experience in the paving of streets in the vicinity of Negro schools of the City that it would probably be more than 25 years before the streets around the new site would be paved. He pointed out that Lyon Park School, built in 1928, Hickstown School, built in 1922 and Burton School, built in 1939 were still located on unpaved streets. He stated that in rainy weather it is even difficult for automobiles to get to the Hickstown School. At the Burton School the roads are so bad local dairies refuse to deliver milk there on rainy days, he said.

Arrest Of Leaders Spurs Fight On Ill. School Jimcro

CAIRO, Ill. — Outraged by the sudden arrest of nine of the leaders of the fight to end segregation in the public schools here, Negroes of this city rallied to the support of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in its drive for an integrated school system.

On complaint of a local white restaurant owner and father of school children, Cairo police picked up without prior notice Dr. W. A. Fingal, president of the branch; Mrs. Rosetta Walker, mother of two children who have been transferred to a "white" school; Dr. J. C. Wallace, a leader of the branch, whose home was the target of a shotgun blast on the night of January 28; Rev. Arthur Jelks; C. P. Williams; David V. Lunsden, white attorney for the local group; Dr. W. S. Madison; and Lester Bailey and June Shagaloff, NAACP field secretaries.

Charge: "Endangering Lives"

All were released within four hours after posting bail bond of \$1,000 each. Hearings on the charges were set for Thursday, February 14. Warrants were issued for the arrests on the charge of conspiring to "endanger the life and health of certain children" of Cairo for insisting upon their transfer from outmoded Jim Crow schools to the schools nearest to their homes.

A warrant was also issued for the arrest of Mrs. Carrie Watkins, mother of a child who had been transferred. She was not held, however, because of pregnancy.

Upon being informed of the

arrest, Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel, left New York immediately to consult with Illinois lawyers on preparation of the defense.

Meanwhile Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, gave assurances that "this attempt to intimidate the leaders of our Cairo branch for demanding their constitutional rights

will not deter the NAACP from continuing its fight against all forms of racial discrimination and segregation."

Before leaving New York, Mr. Marshall sent a telegram to Attorney-General J. Howard McGrath protesting the arrests and requesting "immediate investigations" by the Justice Department.

Man Wounded By Sheriff Gets Retrial

OCALA, Fla.—The retrial of Walter Irvin, critically wounded when a sheriff killed his fellow prisoner while the two men were handcuffed together, got underway here early this week.

Meanwhile, at Tallahassee, the grand dragon of the State's Ku Klux Klan, a man who was quoted last Saturday at a Klan meeting at Orlando that Florida "needs a few hangings" to insure 100 per cent segregation, was arrested. But it took a Federal rap to nab Bill Hendrix, admitted leader of the Florida Klan. He is charged with using the mails to disseminate "defamatory materials."

The fate of Irvin, last surviving member of the famed "Groveland Three", rests again with an all-white, male jury. Seven Negroes were eliminated. (Please turn to Page Eight)



Mrs. Marion Rocker, outstanding New England soprano, will be one of the featured artists at the fourth observance of "Co-Ed Night" at North Carolina College Sunday evening. Mrs. Rocker, daughter of NCC house director, Mrs. Hazel McCree, has sung with the Boston "Pops" Orchestra. She is a regular soloist for the Belmont Congregational Church at Boston.



Funeral Rites Conducted For Mr. Strayhorne

Final rites for William Thomas Strayhorne were held at White Rock Baptist Church here, Sunday, February 10 at 3:00 p. m. The Reverend Miles Mark Fisher, pastor, delivered the eulogy. The scripture was read by the Reverend D. A. Johnston, pastor of Saint Joseph A. M. E. Church, prayer was offered by Reverend H. Albert Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Apex and the Obituary was by H. C. Davis. Remarks were made by Mrs. Essie Trice, Missionary (Please turn to Page Eight)

Expansion Of Escheats \$\$\$ Is Requested

A proposal that the Escheats funds of the State be used by all of the state supported colleges instead of just the Greater University of North Carolina was made here last week by J. T. Taylor, president of the North Carolina College general alumni association and member of the school's faculty.

The proposal received very little comment from leaders in the State Legislature, most of whom asserted that they needed more information about the proposal and the entire workings of the Escheats fund.

Escheats are all unclaimed funds and properties which revert to the State. Most are left by deceased persons who have no relatives or wills.

Under the State's current policy, this fund is applied to the units of the Greater University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, State College at Raleigh, and the Women's College at Greensboro.

It is thought that Prof. Taylor's proposal would require a constitutional change, since the State constitution requires that Escheats go to the Greater University. A two-thirds vote of the general assembly would (Please turn to Page Eight)



Dr. W. J. Trent, above, president of Livingstone College, was honored last Tuesday by officials of the A. M. E. Zion Church, supporter of the school. The occasion also honored the school's founder, Dr. Joseph Charles Price. Ministers, laymen and officers of the church were present at the day long celebration honoring Dr. Trent on his 27 years service to the school at Salisbury. \$76,158.53 was reported to the school by the several A. M. E. Zion districts.

A. & T. College Professor Dies

GREENSBORO — Richard A. Thornhill, assistant professor of Biological Sciences at A. and T. College died last Tuesday at the Veterans' Administration Hospital at Tuskegee, Alabama after a brief illness.

Selection Of Better Site Up To Board

When asked if they had any suggestion to make as to a site, Wheeler told the Board, "we would like very much to suggest a more desirable site could have that's our duty. We saw a number of places where the school might be put in that area."

Boyce then asked him if he knew of a site. "We do not know of a site," answered Wheeler. "Acquisition of land sometimes deals in personalities, especially in condemnation. We feel there are adequate places all through this area." Wheeler, Thompson and Hill all called attention to the many sites on paved streets on which sub-standard houses were located that might be secured in that same area.

It is reported that at one time a most desirable site could have been secured for much less than what it is going to take to bring the one already secured up to the standard of those on which white schools are located.

No Improvement Since Suit

Martin and Hill told the Board that it had done "absolutely nothing" to equalize facilities in Negro and white schools since the suit was brought back in 1949. He pointed out that the Board had spent considerable money in landscaping, terracing and purchasing a steel fence to protect the children at the Holloway Street School (white) while the grounds at Burton, Lyon Park and Hickstown Schools have no fences and that at the Lyon Park School children are forced to cross the street to get to playgrounds.

No Money Available

In reply to the accusation of Martin and Hill, Weaver stated that the Board has acquired land at several Negro schools, drawings of plans for construction work at others and that it has requested of the County Commissioners a bond issue of \$1,800,000 — \$1,200,000 of which will be spent on Negro schools. He stated further that until the money is made available by a bond issue that it will be impossible to make any major improvement on them.

One Negro Gymnasium

The attorneys also called attention to the charge recently published in a local daily newspaper that they were "inaccurate" in their statement that there were nine gymnasiums in the white city schools and only one in the Negro schools. They presented the Board a tear sheet taken from the November 24th, 1951 issue of the CAROLINA TIMES in which photographs of the nine gymnasiums and the one in Negro schools were published. Weaver called attention to the fact that one of the two gymnasiums at the Durham High School was now being used for other purposes and consequently the white schools now (Please turn to Page Eight)

Citizens Of Lee County Renew Complaints On School Board

SANFORD — Negro citizens of Lee County, represented by the Lee County Coordinating Committee, expressed anew this week their disapproval of action of the Lee County school board concerning their grievances over several school matters.

The committee has requested, among several other things, that the Negro schools be equalized, and opposed the consolidation of the Negro elementary school.

The following statement was made this week by D. H. Gilmore, chairman of the committee:

"I wonder why it has never been told or made public that the first project of the Lee County Coordinating Committee was to oppose the site of the proposed Negro Consolidated Elementary school? Did the Lee County school board (Please turn to Page Eight)

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Some of the ministers who attended the annual meeting of the Evangelistic Board of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention are shown above. The one day meeting was held at First Calvary Baptist Church here. Rev. M. H. Hart, pastor of the First Calvary and who served as host, is chairman of the Board. Shown above are, front row, left to right, Rev. Hart; Rev. O. L. Sherrill, executive secretary of the State Baptist Convention, Raleigh; Reverend J. R. Manley, secretary of the Board, Chapel Hill; Rev. W. L. Mason, promotional secretary, Rocky Mount; Rev. Wm. Fuller, Durham; and Rev. O. B. Burson, Henderson. Back row, left to right, are Rev. J. H. Clanton, Raleigh; Rev. H. A. Dawson; Rev. L. W. Reid, Durham; Rev. W. M. Morgan, Goldsboro; and Rev. P. G. Davis.

Presbyterian Leader Talks Here Sunday

The Second Annual meeting of the Catawba Synodical Council of men will be held at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, here Sunday, February 17th, beginning at 11 a. m.

The opening services will be presided over by Reverend James A. Cannon, pastor of the local church. Reverend James E. McMillan, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Yadkin and Pastor of the Blandonia Presbyterian Church will deliver the morning message.

The afternoon will be taken up by panel discussions of subjects affecting the growth and effectiveness of the Christian Church in America. At five a fellowship dinner will be held at the Jade Room of the Do-Nut Shoppe on Pettigrew Street at which time reports of various committees will be given.

At 6:30 the principal address will be given by Thomas E. Whitman, newly elected President of the National Council of Presbyterian Men. Following his address there will be worship and closing meditation period under the leadership of Reverend Charles M. Jones, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Chapel Hill.

This meeting gathers together men who represent the leadership in the Presbyterian Church throughout North Carolina and Virginia.

All men's groups in the city are invited to attend the evening meeting at the local Presbyterian Church.

South Carolina Would 'Disown' Public Schools

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Governor Brynes' State moved one step nearer its plan for "disowning" its public schools so that it will not be forced to comply with a possible Federal Court order for integration.

"States Righter" James F. Brynes, anticipating that a Federal Court will issue a non-segregation order in the now famous Clarendon County school case, spearheaded a move to get the State Legislature to pass a resolution calling for a state-wide referendum on an amendment to its constitution which would remove the public schools of South Carolina from state support.

In what Gov. Brynes and his fellow states righters hope is an effort to keep education segregated on the public school level, the House of Representatives speedily okayed the proposal for a constitutional amendment which would relieve the State of any responsibility for the public schools.

The measure has already received approval from the Senate, and only a routine third reading of it to the House is necessary to make a state wide referendum on the proposal certain.

The proposal would take out of the Constitution the present requirement for the maintenance of a public school system.

The move was inspired by action of the NAACP in seeking abolition of segregation in Clarendon County schools. The State's traditional policy of segregation was upheld by a lower Federal court, sent to the Supreme Court which vacated the ruling and ordered it returned to the original lower court.

If the state-wide referendum is approved, just how education for South Carolina children of public school age will be financed is not yet clear.

Dedication Of New Men's Hall At NCC Mon.; Chidley Speaker

Formal dedication of North Carolina College's new \$750,000 Howard J. Chidley Dormitory for Men will take place here on Monday, February 18.

Dr. Chidley, New England philanthropist who has been associated with NCC for the past 37 years, will come here from Winchester, Mass. to participate in the program.

The dedication will follow Dr. Chidley's annual message to the NCC community. He will be the principal speaker at the Monday forum series at 12:30 February 18. His talk is expected to follow the forum series' theme for the term, "Implementing Human Relations for a Better Social Order."

Dr. Alfonso Elder, president of NCC; J. Raymond Oliver, president of the Chidley Hall Dormitory Council; Miss Ruth G. Rush, professor of education and former dean of women, and John L. Stewart, dean of men, are expected to be among the principals in the dedication.

Over a period of years, Dr. Chidley and the members of his congregation gave substantially to the students and staff of NCC.



A scholarship is maintained at the college now in the minister's name.

A Canadian by birth, Dr. Chidley became a naturalized American citizen in 1917. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College, and he has done graduate work at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University, and Oxford University, England. He was given the D. D. by NCC in 1917.

NCC Set To Donate Blood; A. and T. Gives 500 Pints

"Blood for American fighting men" is the rallying cry at North Carolina College this week where Durham citizens are invited to join North Carolina College students and faculty in donating blood to the Bloodmobile of the Red Cross.

An intensive series of rallies at NCC this week netted a representative number of donors but local citizens who have not yet donated blood still have an opportunity.

The NCC community must obtain 400 pints of blood.

The Bloodmobile is accepting donors at the rate of one a minute through 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. Headquarters for the rally is the NCC Gymnasium.

Information about the drive or appointments for donating blood can be obtained at the NCC News Bureau, Telephone 0364.

Faculty and high administrative officers including Dr. Alfonso Elder, president of NCC, were among the first donors listed for Thursday.

Twenty student organizations met with NCC student government president Calvin Norman, in the early stages of the campaign to plan rallies. The drive has the endorsement of all NCC student groups as well as the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs and the Durham Business and Professional Chain.

GREENSBORO — A. and T. College students gave nearly 500 pints of blood in the Armed Forces Blood Donor Campaign conducted at the college last Monday and Tuesday.

According to officials of the Charlotte Red Cross Blood Center all of their previous records were broken for a single day's operation when about 230 donors (Please turn to Page Eight)

Urban League Seeks Halt Of Defense Bias

NEW YORK — In an effort to forestall the establishment of an employment pattern that would keep Negroes in low job classifications in the developing defense mobilization program, the Urban League has undertaken a nation-wide survey of conditions and will submit a complete report of its findings to the President's Committee on Government Contract Compliance.

This Committee, recently named by President Truman, is charged with the responsibility of policing the non-discriminatory clause in all government contracts.

Julius A. Thomas, director, Department of Industrial Relations of the National Urban League, at a press conference in the League headquarters Monday said that vigorous efforts will be made by the national office and the 59 local affiliates to end the discrimination now being practiced against Negro job seekers. He said that additional field staff has already been assigned to work directly with management and labor leadership in defense production centers.

Lester B. Granger, Executive Director of the National Urban League, in a statement opening the conference said, "Unless drastic steps are taken to curtail discriminatory employment practices in a majority of the nation's industries having defense contracts, there will be very few Negro workers in the manpower mobilization program."

Granger said his conclusion was based on a study of reports from 30 key industrial cities and reviews of field reports of its national staff members who covered over 30 cities in the last six months.

The present picture, Granger said, is very similar to that (Please turn to Page Eight)