

NAACP Files Suit Against Cairo Schools

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Mutual Building And Loan Reaches Two Million Mark

J. S. Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer of the Mutual and Loan Association announced here this week that the organization had reached the \$2 million dollar mark in assets.

Reaching the \$2 million dollar goal marks another milestone in the growth and development of the Association since its organization in 1921, when it was founded by the late R. L. McDougal. Since its beginning it has contributed much to the purchase of homes and churches by the Negroes of this community, many of whom are loud in their praise for what it has done in making it possible for them to own a home.

The Mutual Savings and Loan Association is the second largest organization owned and operated by the race in the nation and in view of the fact that there are approximately 25,000 Negroes in the entire county of Durham, it appears that the management has done an excellent job in selling the Savings and Loan idea to the people of this community.

Last year the Association moved into its spacious and

new office at 112 West Parrish Street, with office facilities that are among the most modern in this section of the country, including a Burroughs Sensimatic Window Posting Machine, one of the first to be installed in Savings and Loan Association in this state.

The present officers are C. C. Spaulding, President; E. R. Merrick, Vice President; Clyde Donnell, Vice President; W. J. Ken-

neddy, Jr., Vice President; G. W. Logan, Vice President and J. S. Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer. The Board of Directors is composed of R. L. Cotton, G. W. Cox, Clyde Donnell, A. Elder, R. N. Harris, J. W. Goodloe, W. J. Kennedy, Jr., G. W. Logan, D. B. Martin, E. R. Merrick, H. M. Michaux, T. D. Parham, A. T. Spaulding, C. C. Spaulding, J. S. Stewart, J. H. Wheeler and J. L. White.



Cpl. Isaac Vaughan, son of Mrs. Nancy Harris of 711 Grant Street, is serving with the First Marine Division Headquarters. Corporal Vaughan enlisted in the Marines on July 1, 1951.



Sgt. Charlie Worthy, husband of Mrs. Sylvia Worthy, 1021 Fourth Street, has been selected to attend the XVI Corps Leaders' School at Camp Matsuhashima, Japan.

Segregation In Schools Great Enemy - Johnson

Howard Prexy Sees Separate Schools Hurting Democracy

WASHINGTON Segregation in schools poses a serious threat to the American way of life, in the opinion of Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson.

The President of Howard University, speaking here last Monday at ceremony commemorating the 85th anniversary of the founding of Howard, expressed grave concern for an evil which he saw as greater than "the enemy which is confronting us from the outside."

"The greatest enemy to our system of democratic life is not the enemy which is confronting us from the outside, but that enemy which is coring democracy from within—namely, the extent to which segregation has enfeebled our faith in, and our loyalty to, our democratic institutions."

• Dr. Johnson will be the principal speaker at North Carolina College's Morning Worship Services, Sunday, March 16, at 9:45.

Dr. Edward J. Sparling, president of Roosevelt College in Chicago, was the principal speaker at the exercises. He traced the history of the development of Roosevelt College, founded in 1945 "with racial and religious equality as a cornerstone of the (Please turn to Page Eight)

Special Plans To Push Chain, Grocer Program

Representatives of 10 leading Negro grocery stores and meat markets met here Tuesday March 11 in the headquarters of the Durham Business and Professional Chain and formulated a cooperative buying organization that is destined to revolutionize merchandizing among stores and markets operated by the race in Durham.

Instead of individuals purchasing foods from wholesalers the merchants division of the Durham Business and Professional Chain will make purchases through a committee for all the member merchants in lots large enough to secure the very lowest possible price. By so doing merchants belonging to the DBPC will be able to pass on down to Mrs. Housewife prices comparable with those offered in the larger stores of the city.

The group also endorsed the placing of the DBPC emblem on windows of all member firms so that persons shopping for bargains in groceries, cuts and other (Please turn to Page Eight)

Trent To Speak At Conference Of NC 'Y' Clubs

The Reverend Kelly O. P. Goodwin, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Winston-Salem has been chosen keynote speaker and Dr. W. J. Trent president of Livingstone College, has been named banquet speaker for the 22nd annual North Carolina YMCA Older Boys Conference to be held at the J. C. Price High School in Salisbury, April 18-20.

Other features of the meeting include discussion groups under the theme, "Youth Facing Present Crises," the conference (Please turn to Page Eight)

Cage Finals Begin March 20 In Rocky Mount

ROCK MOUNT Commissioner of Athletics, Dr. W. T. Armstrong, of Rocky Mount announced on Wednesday that finals in both the AA and AAA divisions in basketball would be played next week beginning March 20.

The triple A section will be played in Winston-Salem with Adkins High School acting as host. Teams that have qualified for this section are Gastonia and West Charlotte, Adkins and Carver High of Winston-Salem represented by Raleigh, Kinston, (Please turn to Page Eight)

New Trial Sought For Two GI's Facing Death Sentences

WASHINGTON The trial of the two Negro GI's convicted of the rape-murder of a white civilian employee on the Island of Guam was lacking in fundamental fairness, Frank D. Reeves and Robert L. Carter, attorneys for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, charged this week in filing a writ of habeas corpus in the United States District Court here.

The NAACP is applying for the writ on the grounds that the convictions of Robert Burns and Herman Dennis were based on perjured testimony, illegally secured evidence, and coerced confession, and that the whole atmosphere of the trial was one in (Please turn to Page Eight)

YMCA Seen As Agency Removing Obstacles Confronting Youth

RALEIGH—The YMCA helps remove road blocks which may retard the progress of young men, Dr. J. W. Seabrook, president of Fayetteville State Teachers College, said in his address as principal speaker for the annual meeting of the Bloodworth Street YMCA Tuesday evening.

He said these roadblocks include the false idea that young men may fear themselves without direction; increasing urbanization with the result rural youth find it difficult to adjust (Please turn to Page Eight)

NAACP Slates Raleigh Meet

The North Carolina Conference of NAACP Branches is sponsoring an Emergency Registration and Get-Out-The-Vote, one-day Conference here, Saturday, March 22, at the Martin Street Baptist Church.

According to NAACP officials, the purpose of the conference is to increase registration and voting, eliminate political (Please turn to Page Eight)

NAIB TO ADMIT RACE COLLEGES

KANSAS CITY Action by the executive committee of the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball here on Wednesday opened membership to Negro colleges meeting NAIB accreditation standards.

Eligible colleges will compete in future national tournaments of the Association. Central State of Wilberforce, Ohio has already (Please turn to Page Eight)

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Action Claims Negro Pupils Excluded From Five Schools

NAACP Slates Raleigh Meet

In the first legal action invoked in the Cairo school case, lawyers for the NAACP have filed suit demanding an end to racial separation in the schools, dismissal of the city superintendent of schools, and the withholding of state aid to the Cairo public school system.

THE ACTION, FILED on March 5 by NAACP Attorneys W. Robert Ming, George Leighton and David V. Hansen on behalf of 18 Negro parents and 40 children, charges Leo C. Schultz, Cairo superintendent of schools; Miss Lucy McPherson, county superintendent of schools; and the seven-member board of education, with maintaining and operating seven elementary schools, two junior high schools and two senior high schools on a segregated basis.

NEGRO STUDENTS, THE petition points out, are unlawfully excluded from four of the elementary schools, from one junior high school and from one senior high school, solely on account of their race and color.

THIS PRACTICE OF racial segregation, NAACP attorneys contended in their suit filed in the Circuit Court of Alexander County, is contrary to the laws of the state of Illinois and in violation of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The suit asks for an in-school authorities from exclusion restraining the local (Please turn to Page Eight)

Court To Hear Brakeman Case

WASHINGTON Whether a porter is a porter or a brakeman may be settled here during the next month.

THE NATION'S HIGHEST court on last Monday agreed to review the judgment of the Eighth United States Circuit of Appeals at St. Louis which virtually classified Negro "train porters" as brakemen, a craft whose benefits they have been denied.

Simon L. Johnson, Sr., a passenger brakeman, in March of 1948, filed suit against the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Co., Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and C. O. Carnahan, general chairman of the BRT on the Frisco lines.

The action sought to restrain the Frisco and the BRT (Please turn to Page Eight)

JITTERS GRIP KINSTON AFTER SCHOOL SUIT

Principal Denies Knowing People Responsible For Court Action

KINSTON Unrest gripped this town this week following the filing of a suit by eight Kinston parents seeking a court order to force school officials to improve facilities available to Negro students.

Several reports of attempted intimidation of Negroes touched off speculations as to the support-Kinston Negroes would be willing to give the action.

While other school equalization suits have asked for an end to segregation, the Kinston action, filed in Federal Court at New Bern, requested only that appropriate steps be taken to end present inequalities.

The suit was filed by Mrs. J. J. Hannibal, Mrs. Margie Brooks, Clarence McCoy, Mrs. Viola Becton, Mrs. Louise Darden, Willie Arthur Croom, Mrs. Lena Whitfield, and Milton Dove, all of whom have children attending Adkin's High and/or Kinston elementary schools.

ADKIN HIGH'S PRINCIPAL, C. B. Stewart, expressed surprise over the suit and indicated an unfamiliarity with the names of persons responsible for initiating the suit.

Kinston school officials apparently plan to exert a vigorous effort to defeat the suit. Jesse A. Jones, a leading town lawyer has been secured to direct strategy for the school board.

Two hundred-fifty thousand dollars was appropriated for improvements at Adkin High after student struck for several days in November.

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Members of the Durham Ministerial Alliance, who were recently entertained at luncheon by William Amey, mortician and director of Amey's Funeral Home, are shown above.

News In Brief

Funeral Services Held For 115--Year-Old Woman

GREENSBORO Funeral services were held here Thursday for Mrs. Lethia Morton, reportedly the oldest person in the state, who passed Sunday leaving nearly 200 living descendants.

Mrs. Morton, born in 1836 a slave on the plantation of Mose Simpson in Caswell County, was the mother of fourteen children, of which one daughter and three sons survive. Her eldest son, William Morton, 90, now lives in Brown Summit.

In addition to her daughter and three sons, Mrs. Morton is survived by 75 grandchildren, 90 great-grandchildren, 26 great-great-grandchildren, and five great-great-great-grandchildren.

South Carolina Youth Dies After Gun "Prank"

SUMTER, S. C. "Pranking" with a gun brought death to 18-year-old David Wilson here this week when the youth was fatally injured by a .22 cal. pistol.

Supreme Court To Review Raleigh Speller Case

WASHINGTON The Supreme Court agreed here last week to review the conviction of Raleigh Speller, a North Carolinian under death sentence for the rape of a white woman.

Speller was convicted in three separate trials in Bertie County, North Carolina Superior Court, but his attorneys appealed for a review of the case by the nation's highest tribunal on grounds that Negroes were specifically excluded from the trial juries.

Goldsboro Resident Fatally Burned In Fire

GOLDSBORO Wayne County listed its fourth fire fatality within a month when T. H. Armstrong, 69-year-old resident of this city, died in (Please turn to Page Eight)

A. and T. College Choir Will Begin Concert Tour March 30

GREENSBORO The 60-voice A. and T. College Choir leaves Sunday, (March 30) on a seven-day concert tour which carry it as far north as Ossing, New York. The itinerary released early this week by the director, Howard T. Pearsall, will include engagements in Windsor, N. C., Norfolk, Va., Montclair, N. J., New York City, Philadelphia, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, and Ossing.

The traveling choir consists of a group of carefully selected singers who have entered a series of rehearsals during the past month in anticipation of this, the first of two proposed tours for the Spring season. The second tour will carry the choir to other principal cities in the mid-west.

The diversified program of the A. and T. College Choir. Features Afro-American and jubilee songs as well as folk tunes, motets from the 16th century, anthems from the Russian Liturgy and masterworks of the modern composers.

Among the soloists to be heard on the concert are: Miss Ruby Swinson, a mezzo soprano of Goldsboro; Miss Marion Hughes, soprano of Suffolk, Va.; Susie Harrington, soprano of Greensboro; Joel Norwood and Julius Pearce, baritones of Oxford and Hamlet, respectively.

PEARSALL, THE DIRECTOR and who will accompany the group, is a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., having graduated Magna Cum Laude from Fisk University. He holds the masters degree from Western Reserve University of Cleveland and has studied (Please turn to Page Eight)

White Man Gets 30 Years On Rape Conviction

CAIRO, ALA. The sentencing of a 32-year old White man in this Alabama community to thirty years in prison with no opportunity of parole, for the rape of a 7-year old Negro child and a 20-year-old mother was regarded as a victory in the fight for Justice in the courts being waged by the Alabama State Conference of Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

James Norton Guy received twenty years on the charge for the child and ten years on the charge for the young woman. He pleaded innocent by reason of insanity.



DR. AND MRS. DAVID D. JONES, Bennett College, received a special citation from the "Bennett Family" last Sunday during special ceremonies held in the Pfeiffer Chapel. Miss Juanita Page, president of the Student Senate made the presentation which was awarded to Dr. and Mrs. Jones for their twenty-five years of service to the school.