

# NEW TRY TO GAG FILIBUSTER

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WISING IKE UP: President-elect Dwight Eisenhower is shown (center) with members of the delegation from the National Fraternal Council of Churches, who called on him at his New York headquarters last week. "Ike" expressed surprise when told there were hotels in the U. S. which did not welcome Negroes. Rev. Thomas S. Harten of Brooklyn (center, right) expressed serious need to enlighten Eisenhower on just what needed to be done in line with his pre-election pledges. (Newspress Photo.)

### F. HENDERSON SUCCUMBS IN N. Y. DEC. 30

NEW YORK  
Fletcher Henderson, famed orchestra leader and arranger, died Monday night at a Harlem hospital following a long illness. Henderson was 55 when he died.  
One of the most popular band leaders, arrangers and showmen of 15 years back, Henderson had been in show business for three decades. He had lived for the past few years in Manhattan with his wife, Mrs. Leora Henderson.

### Local NAACP Program Set Here Jan. 11

The first in a series of the New Year's Convention sponsored by the local branch of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People is scheduled for White Rock Baptist Church here Sunday afternoon, January 11, at three o'clock.

Officially titled "Durham Citizens' New Year Convention," the purpose of the convention, which a spokesman said early this week will become regular year-opening affairs, is to push a "program of action to bring more democracy to Durham in 1952."

The program proper will consist of devotionals, a review of the local and national NAACP's work during 1951 and a roundtable discussion. Also, the first Negro graduates and students of the University of North Carolina will be introduced during the meeting.

Local chapter president M. E. Johnson will review the association's work for the year, and J. S. Stewart, A. J. Stanley and L. E. Austin will participate in a discussion on the subject "Elevating the Standard of the Negro in Our City 1952." R. N. Harris, member of the local chapter's executive committee, will preside over the convention.

The slogan of this—the first convention—is "First Class Citizenship—the Inalienable Rights of All Americans." In issuing the call for the first convention, the local association urges every citizen "to attend this convention to outline a program of action to bring more democracy to Durham in 1952."

The call reads further: "We . . . are initiating . . . a Durham citizens' New Year Convention which we hope to convention in future years and establish as a tradition in Durham. We believe that this will have a beneficial effect upon progress . . . in every area of activity . . . in Durham for our more than 25,000 Negro citizens."

### Senate Group Plans Move To Halt Filibuster

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
A fresh attempt to halt the senate's practice of allowing its members to literally "talk legislation to death" was launched here Tuesday as a group of Democratic and Republican senators held a conference to map plans for the drive.

Senator Herbert Lehman (D-Lib-N.Y.), who called the meeting at his office, announced following the meeting that an effort will be made on opening day (Saturday) of the new Senate to break the body's cloture rule.

The cloture rule has enabled Southerners to use the filibuster with smashing success in stopping civil rights legislation in the past two Congressional sessions. Instead of referring to the rule as allowing the filibuster, Southerners say that it permits unlimited debate.

Attempts to change the rule twice before have met with unsuccessful results. A similar proposal to have it changed in the 81st Congress was beaten down by a coalition of southern Democrats and Republicans, and the filibuster effectively stymied action on civil rights legislation which came up in the 80th Congress. (Please turn to Page Eight)



Dr. Ralph Bunche, director of the division of trusteeships of the United Nations, was appointed last Sunday a member of a three-man commission to investigate racial disturbances in the Union of South Africa. That territory has been the scene of unprecedented racial violence since Premier David Malan's government assumed sweeping judicial and executive powers which were designed to reduce the native Africans to virtual serfdom.



The first fourteen Tar Heel students to benefit from scholarships set up by the James E. Shepard Memorial Foundation are pictured here in North Carolina College's Shepard Memorial Library recently.  
Scholarship winners are, front row, left to right, Herman Thomas, Morganton; Evelyn Wilder, Franklinton; Mary Young, Greensboro; Mary Mason, Apex; Josephine Long, Durham and Willie Adams, LaGrange. Back row, left to right, are Charles Strayhorn, Trenton; Fronnie Whitehurst, Ayden; James Merrill, Jacksonville; Lucille Reynolds, Asheville; James Jordan, Oxford; James McLean, Lillington; Donald Henderson, Charlotte; and Wade Korney, Mount Olive.

## State Solons Confused By Pending Fate Of Jim Crow

RALEIGH  
"Typical of the confusion which the issue of the Supreme Court's deliberations on the legality of segregation has on the minds of some of the members of the State General Assembly is the reaction of Rep. John W. Umstead of Orange County to a question posed him by the Associated Press recently on what he thought North Carolina should do if the Court rules against segregation in the public schools."

Rep. Umstead was quoted by the Associated Press as saying that the solution lies in providing separate but equal facilities.

He was further quoted: "This will in my opinion go a long way toward settling this difficult problem. It has been my experience in talking with Negroes in my County as well as in other parts of the State, that they only wish equal opportunities. They would much rather prefer to have their own schools. I feel that 98 per cent of the Negroes in North Carolina are of this opinion."

When questioned this week by the Carolina Times as to how his survey of the thinking of Negroes on this issue was made, and how he arrived at the 98 per cent figure as representing those Negroes in North Carolina who favored segregation, Rep. Umstead immediately declared that he had been misquoted by the Associated Press, and that he was referring only to Negroes of Orange County.

When asked to name a few of those who favored segregation, Rep. Umstead peremptorily suggested that his information was gained in confidence and abruptly broke off the interview declaring he wished not to become embroiled in any argument and that he had done as much for Negroes in North Carolina as any public official.

On the reaction to the Associated Press question (Please turn to Page Eight)

## EDITORIAL Putting Words In Negro Mouths

When Representative John W. Umstead of Orange County attempts to put words in the mouths of "98 per cent of the Negroes in North Carolina" about how they feel on the matter of segregation, we are of the opinion that he is sticking his nose into a matter he knows absolutely nothing about. No white man is or can be qualified to understand the painful sting of being humiliated and insulted over and over as the result of segregation. Certainly he has no right to set himself up as an authority on the issue when the only side he has ever been on has been the one that imposes the nefarious system.

The pernicious practice of some white people in trying to represent themselves as being able to interpret how the Negro feels or what he wants is, in our judgment, not only vicious but downright stupid. The CAROLINA TIMES does not intend to stand by and let these self-styled authorities on Negro affairs get away with their rotten practice any longer. No respectable Negro in North Carolina or anywhere else endorses segregation in schools or elsewhere. He does not endorse it because he knows that basically it is wrong and that it not only destroys self-respect in Negroes, but self-respect and the morals in any man, white or black, who allows himself to sink so low in the scale of human existence as to believe that God has made him His pet brat to kick other people around.

John W. Umstead may have talked with a few Negroes in Orange County and outside who are hamstrung because of a job or some other benefit they feel they would lose if they would talk freely and frankly on the question. We defy him to trot out a single person whom the Negroes approve as a leader who will endorse segregation in any form.

North Carolina and other southern states have had around 90 years to prove that they meant what they said about "separate but equal" schools. Up until this day and not in one single instance can they show that prior to resort to the federal courts that they made one honest attempt to live up to their own laws which they legislated without one Negro having anything to do with them.

For 90 long years the Negro worked, waited patiently, paid taxes, fought in the armed services and shouldered every other responsibility of citizenship. The only thing he got



Dr. Alonso G. Moron, President of Hampton Institute, chats informally with a group of Hamptonians prior to a meeting of the North Carolina Region of the Hampton Alumni held recently in Durham.  
Shown above are: (seated, left to right) E. Kelly Bryant, Jr., Corresponding Secretary of North Carolina Region; Mrs. William M. Eloh, Dr. Moron, Nathaniel B. White, President of North Carolina Region; Mrs. G. L. Thompson, Mrs. C. S. Wilson, President of Burlington-Graham Chapter; standing, Dr. A. E. Weatherford.

## Burlington Girl Dies In Fluke Accident

BURLINGTON  
A 17-year-old girl was killed here Monday morning when she was struck by a loaded school bus on Burch Bridge Road.

Miss Elsie Mae Roberts, resident of Route 4, Burlington, was pronounced dead on her arrival at Alamance County hospital where she was rushed soon after the accident.

Because of the unusual circumstance surrounding the accident, county coroner J. E. Walker has ordered an autopsy to determine the exact cause of the girl's death.

According to Highway Patrolman O. M. Hicks, who investigated the accident, Danny William Wagener, the bus driver, was backing out of the driveway of a service station when his rear wheels passed over the body of the girl.

Patrolman Hicks quoted Wagener as saying that he did not see the girl before the accident (Please turn to Page Eight)

## FOSDICK TELLS INTERRACIAL GROUP DEMOCRACY MUST BE REBORN EACH GENERATION

NEW YORK  
Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, internationally known minister and author, said in an address at Convent Avenue Baptist Church in New York City recently, that although he was encouraged over improvements that had been made, he was still indignant over the injustices inflicted on colored people.

Continuing to speak in this vein at the monthly interracial meeting sponsored by the Christian Education Department of the Baptist Churches of Greater New York, of which Dr. Horatio Hill is the head, Dr. Fosdick exhibited unmistakable awareness that citizens have a definite responsibility for making democracy work.

"Democracy cannot be inherited, but must be reborn in each new generation in the moral life

of the people," the eminent minister said.

Using as a subject "The Recovery of Our Nation's Moral Heritage," the former minister of Rockefeller Church of New York, further developed his theme by saying that because of science we have evolved new modes of transportation by which the world has undergone great shrinkage. The result, he said, is an undeniable proximity. "Have we the power to transform this world-wide proximity he challenged his audience.

In what might have been received by the audience as the answer, Dr. Fosdick said that the problem is not scientific, but ethical.

"What man's mind creates," he said, "his character must control." (Please turn to Page Eight)