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President Quits Tuskegee Inst.

Educator Resigns Post To Accept Position With Phelps-Stokes Fund

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. Dr. F. D. Patterson resigned his post as president of Tuskegee Institute today, to become Educational Director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund in New York, effective June 1, 1953.

Announcement of his resignation was made by Tuskegee Institute's Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Basil O'Connor.

Dr. Patterson gave as reasons for his decision: 1) The belief that his eighteen years spent in the service as president of Tuskegee Institute comes close to the upper limit of what is regarded as satisfactory tenure in this post. 2) The new position will permit use of his experiences in higher education, gained in working over the past thirty years. 3)

Through favorable and long time association of the Phelps-Stokes Fund with Tuskegee Institute and the fact that he will be able to continue an active relationship with the United Negro College Fund, under which he is president and founder, he hopes that his services might be made more effective.

In releasing the statement, O'Connor stated that the United Negro College Fund, under Dr. Patterson's leadership, had raised over twenty million dollars since 1945.

Speaking of the position soon to be taken as Educational Director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, Dr. Patterson said, "My chief concern in this new post shall be that of working for those changes and developments which seek a



DR. F. D. PATTERSON

Leaves Tuskegee

higher level of educational opportunity for Negro youth in private colleges."

It is expected that the chairman of the Board of Trustees will soon appoint a committee from the Board to set up plans for choosing a successor to Dr. Patterson. He will remain at his post through June 1st, and he indicated a willingness, if requested, to be available for any service he can render.

DURHAM PRESBYTERIANS

Deny Seeking Embattled Pastor

Six Killed In Crash Of Bus, Truck In S. C.

All Occupants Of Truck Dead; 3 On Bus Hurt

COLUMBIA, S. C.

Death claimed the lives of six persons here Sunday in a head-on collision between a Greyhound bus and a one-ton stake body truck.

The accident occurred at approximately 2:30 a. m. on an almost deserted North Main Street.

The victims, riding in the back of the truck, were instantly killed.

Only three of the 16 passengers on the Charlotte-bound bus were hospitalized. The driver, Gilbert Harrelson, suffered broken legs.

A woman passenger and her 4 year old son were thrown from their seat onto the ground and pinned beneath the bus.

Since no eyewitnesses were available, police theorized that the truck attempted to pass a car which did not stop, since the truck was four feet over the center line. The truck then attempted a sharp left turn to avoid the collision, but was too late.

One of the three persons in the cab of the truck was thrown out and the three riding in the body were thrown in various directions.

The dead were identified as Sam Washington and his wife Gladys; Felix Padgett and his wife Josephine; Wilnot Young; and William Taylor, identified by police as the driver. According to the firm to whom the truck belonged, it was being used without permission.

Greyhound officials said that Harrelson had established a perfect driving record with the bus company since he joined in 1948.

Church Officer Says Rev. Jones Not Considered

An official of the Covenant Presbyterian Church denied here this week that Reverend Charles M. Jones, embattled pastor of a Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church is being considered for the pastorate of Durham Presbyterian Church.

Dr. C. E. Boulware, clerk of the session and chairman of the pulpit nominating committee which is seeking a replacement for Rev. J. A. Cannon who resigned last Summer to accept a position in Detroit, in a prepared statement for the TIMES this week said:

"Not a single word to this effect (to the possibility of Rev. Jones' being considered) has been uttered in any of our official meetings, neither has the name of Rev. Charles Jones been submitted to the pulpit nominating committee."

Last week's TIMES carried a story which quoted Dr. Boulware as saying that some thought had been given to the possibility of asking Rev. Jones to accept the pastorate of the Covenant Presbyterian Church here. But last week's story also went on to point out that it was not clear whether Rev. Jones had been considered by an official body of the church.

T. D. Farham, also an officer of the church and who was quoted last week as saying that some members and officers of the

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Negro In Race At High Point

HIGH POINT

Augustus M. Greenwood announced here this week that he is a candidate in the race for City Council. His announcement was the first to be filed in the coming election.

The first Negro to seek a seat on the City Council in recent years, Greenwood filed his candidacy subject to the Democratic Primary on April 21.

Greenwood, a veteran of World War I, has operated a pharmacy here for the past 20 years, and has served as an official of the local branch of the NAACP. He has also served as a member of the city's advisory rent committee.

Father Survives Blaze Which Destroys Family

MATTHEWS

A house burned here this week, for the second time in two years, and claimed the lives of three members of a Duckworth Community Family.

Dead were Mrs. Lillie Mae Huff, 30 year-old wife of Hazel Huff, Jackie Huff, 11, his daughter, and his wife's sister Cora Lee Winchester, 13. Huff was severely burned and hospitalized as a result of the blaze. The bodies were badly charred and had to be identified according to size and positions in the house.

The fire was discovered at approximately 4:30 Sunday morning when flames had already enveloped the four room dwelling. Located outside of the town limits, it was impossible to get equipment to the scene in time to save the statue.

Hazel Huff experienced a similar tragedy in 1941 when his home, on the same spot, was demolished by fire, caused by an explosion of an oil heater. Some months later he had rebuilt another house on the same site.

According to Huff, who was unable to talk at length at the hospital, he woke up almost overcome by smoke. He said that he immediately jumped out of bed and out of a window, and realized that his family was still in the burning house. He attempted to enter the house again and was overcome by smoke near the entrance and was found by investigating officers upon their arrival.

County Deputies Shelley Griffin and Cliff Dutton made the investigation.

The possibility of foul play has been hinted in connection with the tragedy. Huff had been building a garage next to his house and had put his car inside it to judge the size. Officer Dutton reported that their attention had been called to the garage

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Shown here is a portion of the persons who attended a meeting of labor officials here last Saturday afternoon at the A. F. of L. Labor Temple on Pine Street. The meeting brought together officials of the Southern Allied Shop Committee from several Southern States. The group was entertained by music by the Gospettes of the Ebenezer Baptist Church and then heard brief addresses from Attorney Dan K. Edwards, former Durham mayor, and Reverend C. E. McLester, pastor of the Morehead Avenue Baptist Church here. Guy Maszyk, prominent Durham labor leader, served as chairman for the program.

Atty. General Is Praised For Stand On Jim Crow

NEW YORK Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has praised Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., for his request to the Supreme Court asking for the review of a law which would end race segregation in restaurants and other public places in the nation's capital.

In a telegram to the new head of the Justice Department, on March 11, Marshall said that the brief filed by him was "most effective" and "presents in clear fashion the position of our government in regard to the necessity of upholding municipal regulations aimed at prohibiting racial discrimination against fellow Americans."

"The filing of this brief by you, as Attorney General of the United States, not only makes the position of our government clear in this particular case but demonstrates to the country at large, and the world, the forthright position of our govern-

ment in defending municipal regulations aimed at removing racial discrimination especially in the nation's capital," Marshall stated.

Brownell filed the brief with the U. S. Supreme Court Tuesday, March 10, in the test case the District of Columbia has against the John R. Thompson Co., Inc., which questioned the right of Washington restaurants to bar Negroes.

The District of Columbia passed a law between 1872 and 1873, when it had a form of local self-government, that made it a criminal offense for owners of public places like restaurants, hotels, bathhouses and barber shops to discriminate because of race or color.

The Court of Appeals had ruled that the anti-discrimination laws passed in 1872 and 1873 by a District of Columbia legislative assembly are invalid because the assembly did not have the constitutional authority to enact legislation of this nature.

Four Enough

RALEIGH

Odell Cook, 30 year old man of Cary, was shot four times here Tuesday night by the night watchman of Peace College, an all girls' school here.

S. F. Woodell, the watchman who fired the shots, said that Cook, who is in critical condition at a hospital here with wounds in chest, stomach, arm and leg, resisted arrest for trespassing.



David Thomas, Cultural Attache to the Liberian Embassy in Washington, will be principal speaker at the chapel program at North Carolina College, sponsored by the Commercial Club in its observance of the second annual "Commercial Day" and Job Opportunities Clinic, on Friday, March 20.

Other features of the day will be demonstrations of the latest in office machinery and equipment by representatives from nationally known firms and workshops conducted by Dr. I. J. Harrison, Hillary Holloway, Frank Scott, Stewart B. Fulbright, Earl W. Phillips, Miss Johnnie Mae Wooten, and Urian Adkins, all prominent figures in the business and commercial field.

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IN COMMAND PERFORMANCE—Rehearsing one of the numbers of the highly successful High School Musical Revue, "Mr. G's Swing School," are a few of the cast of 125 performers. The colorful revue will be presented here Monday night in the Hillside Auditorium by the Durham Chapter of the North Carolina College Alumni Association.

Left to right are Delores Fuller, Gwendolyn Andrews, Hampton Carlton, Carolyn Ingram, Sterling Gordon and Charles Joyner. Seated at the piano are J. H. Gattis, producer, and Doris Southland, star soubrette.

Nominations Pour In For Durham's Best Cab Driver

Nominations for the first annual Taxi Drivers popularity contest poured into the office of the Carolina Times this week as friends, patrons and other interested persons began sending in the names of their favorite cab drivers.

Many persons who did not care to come to the Times office mailed in blanks bearing the names of their nominee. Already 20 taxi drivers had been nominated at press time and it is expected that before the week is out the number will near the 50 mark.

All next week nominations will be received at the office of the Carolina Times and the contest manager urges all persons who intend to send in the name of a cab driver to do so by Wednesday noon of next week so that their names may be published with other nominees.

Names, car number and number of votes of those nominated up to Wednesday noon this week are as follows:

William Rogers, 108, 50,000; Isaiah Hampton, 103, 50,000; Marvin Allax, 153, 50,000; J. B. Watson, 143, 50,000; Charles Tomlin, 102, 50,000; Pete Goins, 105, 50,000; Lee Lassister, 181, 50,000; Walter Robinson, 184, 50,000; Phillip Edwards, 104, 50,000.

And, Charles Credle, 107, 50,000; Alexander McLean, 35, 50,000; Joseph Barnes, 188, 50,000; James Burch, 141, 50,000; William Bullock, 147, 50,000; Delinger Kinzie, 142, 50,000; Mel-

vin Parker, 148, 50,000; James 50,000. See page eight for list of son, 177, 50,000; Willie Gibson, prizes to be awarded in contest 98, 50,000; and Sonny Harris, 37, and for voting blanks.

Shaw Ends "Religious" Week

RALEIGH

A very impressive week of Religious Emphasis was concluded last week at Shaw University. The observance was led by the Shaw University Christian Mission Team composed of the following members: Dr. Shelby Rook, Min-

ister, St. James Presbyterian Church, New York City; Miss Rosalie V. Oaks, National Student Secretary, YWCA, Southern Region, Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. B. Copher, Professor of Old Testament, G. M. M. O. Theological Seminary; and Dr.

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AT LAST (An Editorial)

At long last, after a seemingly interminable series of delays, a traffic signal has been put into operation at the corner of Fayetteville and Pettigrew Streets. This newspaper first began urging some action of this nature in its issue of March 8, 1952. That was at least three months after Pettigrew Street, east of Fayetteville, had been widened and paved, making mandatory a traffic signal at this corner. The light was put into operation March 16, 1953.

Between March 8, 1952, and March 16, 1953, a countless number of urgings by this newspaper, explanations and promises by city officials have been made. At one point, it became necessary, apparently, for this newspaper to write the President of the Southern Railway Company, which firm had been represented as being the "bottleneck" to the project. Finally, however, last Monday, March 16, the traffic light was put into operation.

We appreciate the problems of city officials who are responsible for the safe, orderly flow of traffic in this city, and we realize that there are many handicaps under which they must work. And we would like to offer our gratitude for this long overdue safety measure which will doubtless save some lives.

NEXT WEEK:

An Exclusive Interview With RALPH ELLISON, Famous Young Author Of "The Invisible Man"

Next week's issue will carry an exclusive interview and pictures of the rising young author, Ralph Ellison, whose novel, "The Invisible Man," has already won the National Book Award. Ellison is appearing in North Carolina this week at Bennett College's Homemaking Institute.

Also in next week's issue will be pictures and the life story of beautiful Maidie Norman, star of the recent hit motion picture, "The Well." She is also appearing at the Institute along with several other noted personalities.