

D. C. Branch, NAACP Asks End Of Discrimination In Hospitals

WASHINGTON, D.C. The elimination of racial discrimination or segregation in any form in Washington hospitals was requested today by the District of Columbia Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The request was made in letters addressed to the directors of voluntary and Federal hospitals in the District of Columbia from Dr. W. Montague Cobb, chairman of the Health Committee of the N.A.A.C.P. Branch.

In separate letters to the same authorities, Eugene Davidson, president of the Branch, urged the hospitals' full cooperation in the N.A.A.C.P.'s campaign which is on a national basis, and stressed concern for making the city of Washington an example for the rest of the nation. Dr. Edward C. Mazique, president of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of the District of Columbia, also addressed letters to the 18 hospital directors pointing out the good results of previous successful activity of that Society in working for the dropping of racial bars in Gallinger Hospital and the Medical Society of the District of Columbia and stating that Medico-Chi firmly joined hands with the NAACP Branch in its present objective.

At its 44th Annual Convention in St. Louis in June, the NAACP embarked upon a national campaign to eradicate hospital discrimination in the United States.

time the amount reported was \$2,443,110.50.

William R. Hudgins, Carver Federal's President, in commenting on the growth of the institution, said it is indicative of the maturity of the people of this community. "Its success is living testimony to the fact that, if you give the people first rate service, they will support your enterprise," he said.

CIO Asks Action On Bias Measure

WASHINGTON The CIO today called upon members of the House to sign Discharge Petitions Nos. 4 and 5 to bring to the floor for debate measures designed to end segregation and discrimination in the District of Columbia and to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry.

Describing the measures as "morally right, economically sound and socially desirable," CIO President Walter P. Reuther in a letter to congressmen said that favorable action on them would "prove to the world that the United States practices as well as preaches democracy."

High School Graduates To Fly For USAF

MOODY AFB, Ga. The United States Air Force has opened its flying training program to eligible high school graduates. Young men who have finished high school, and are between the ages of 19 and 26 and one half years of age, may apply immediately for Aviation Cadet, Aircraft Observer Training.

Aircraft Observer Training consists of training in such specialized fields as: Bombarrier, Navigator, Aircraft, Performance Engineer, Radar, Flying Armament Operation Offi-



Miss Eleanor Birdsall, above, became the bride of Attorney Samuel Mitchell Smith in a double ring ceremony at the St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Raleigh on July 3. Rev. T. P. Duhart, pastor of St. Paul, officiated at the ceremony.

Miss Birdsall is the daughter of Melvin P. Birdsall of 605 Edenton St. Raleigh, and her husband is the son of Samuel J. and the late Mrs. Mary Mitchell of Goldsboro. The bride, who is a member of the Fayetteville State Teachers College faculty, is a holder of the A.B. degree from Shaw and the M.A. degree from Columbia. Her husband received an undergraduate degree at Virginia Union and the Bachelor of Laws degree from Howard.

cer, and other specialized fields. Upon completion of the specialized course the high school graduate is commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force and is awarded an aeronautical rating and the silver wings of an aircraft observer.

For further information, write call, or visit Aviation Cadet Selection Team No. 304, Pope Air Force Base, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Team is located on the flight line in building TP-592, telephone 4-9211.

EISENHOWER AND TRUMAN INVITED TO NAACP FALL MEET

NEW YORK There is a probability that President Eisenhower and former President Truman might meet on the same platform this fall in a cause of brotherhood and interracial progress, according to plans now being formulated by officials of the NAACP. This became known this week when it was revealed that the organization will soon issue a call for a mammoth non-partisan fund raising rally to take the form of a dinner, and that Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Truman will be invited to address the gathering.

Last week, Walter White, executive director, and Dr. Channing Tobias, chairman of the Board of Directors of the NAACP, called on ex-President Truman in his Waldorf Towers suite here and extended him an invitation to speak at the dinner. Just before he left aboard the Liner YMCA, Dr. Tobias said a formal invitation will be extended to the President.

A spokesman for the NAACP denied a report that Mr. Truman was being considered for membership on the Board, or that he would head the campaign to raise a \$10 million Freedom Fund which the NAACP will seek during the next ten years. The drive for the Freedom Fund was urged by Dr. Tobias during a speech at the recent NAACP annual convention in St. Louis. It was touched off when the Board Chairman pointed out that an organization with a program like that of the NAACP would need about a million dollars a year. Nothing that racial discrimination and segregation should be ended in about ten years, it was immediately concluded that such a program should be undertaken.

VSC Hopes For Another Grid Championship

PETERSBURG Va. A band of 25 lettermen, headed by Steve Ellerbe, senior from Washington and 1953 captain, will form the hard core of Virginia State College's hopes for another grid championship when it undertakes a nine-game schedule next fall.

The team will start its campaign September 25 in a game with Tennessee A. and I. State University at Nashville and will close out the slate with Morgan State College in Baltimore November 26.

Ellerbe, a backfield ace, is one of several senior lettermen returning to the lineup. Others who will wear the "Orange and Blue" for the last time in this nine-game season are: Ed Allen, tackle, from Washington; Lawrence Emanuel, quarterback, Newport News, Norman Hill, guard, Newark, N. J.; Charles

the suspicious aggressive attitude!

NNBL To Meet In Atlanta, Ga.

WASHINGTON President Horace S. Sudduth of the National Negro Business League announces coming convention of the League, scheduled to be in Atlanta.

President Sudduth met with the officers of the Atlanta Negro Business League and outlined the conditions under which the National Organization would agree to hold its annual convocation in the gate city of the south. Joining with the Local Business League in extending the invitation, were a number of civic and fraternal organizations.

According to the president, the Atlanta convention will attract the largest delegated attendance of any of its annual sessions within the past half century.

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(Continued from Page two) war was won the working people went back to their farms and workshops; but the proletariat class got together for months on end to devise a means to consolidate their gains: Another monarchy? The people wouldn't stand it. But a centralized state of some sort? Why? Essentially out of suspicion toward existing states. For the state is the ultimate refuge for

Prettyman, end, Baltimore, Md.; Charles (Cookie) Walker, back, Lexington; Wilbur Wilson, back, Haddonfield, N. J.; Lloyd Hopson, center, Hampton; Charlie Thompson, end, Charlottesville; and Jim Peal, end Philadelphia, Pa.

Only four third-year men are in the group of Trojan veterans. They are, Norm Day, tackle, East Orange, N. J.; Charles (Butch) Evans, back, Raleigh, Clinton Freeman, quarterback, Washington, D. C.; and Charles (Chuck) Williams, guard, Bradock, Pa.

A flock of last year's promising freshmen will be back under Coach Sal Hall's tutelage. They are: John Christian, back, Beckley, W. Va.; Marvin Harrell, end, Newport News; John Nash, end, Baltimore, Md.

Albert Smith, guard, and Nathan Smith, back; brothers from Rahway, N. J.; Grady Springs, tackle, Washington, D. C.; John Simmons, tackle, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Ronald Whitson, tackle, Washington, D. C.; Charles Whitaker, back, Raleigh, John Cunningham, back, and Earl Trent, tackle, both from Richmond.

The schedule: *September 25, Tennessee A. and I. State University, at Washington. October 3, Bluefield State College, at Bluefield, W. Va. October 10, Shaw University, Petersburg, Va. October 17, North Carolina College, at Durham, N. C.

*October 24, Hampton Institute, at Washington, D. C. (National Classic) October 31, Virginia Union University, Petersburg, Va. (Homecoming) November 7, West Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va. November 14, North Carolina A. and T. College, Petersburg, Va. November 26, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md. (Thanksgiving).

A. & T. Aggies Schedule Lists Nine Games

GREENSBORO The official football schedule of the A. and T. College Aggies released early this week by Bill Bell, director of athletics at the college, lists just nine games. Hampton Institute and Central State College dropped the

Lucky Strikes . . . by JOE BLACK



Every baseball pitcher thinks he's a good hitter, and one of the greatest thrills that can happen to any one of us is to hit a home run. Of course, not many do hit that "dream homer," and the last person anyone expected to turn the trick was Preacher Roe.

Roe has been in the big leagues for 9 years and hit only two extra-base blows—both doubles! And what does he do? The other day in Pittsburgh he hits the home run no one thought possible.

When we saw that ball going over the fence, we couldn't believe it. And from the way Preacher was running around the bases, it looked as though he didn't believe it either. He ran as slowly as he could, making this historic mo-

ment last as long as possible. Some of the players tried to make home plate to the dugout like a royal carpet. When he came into the dugout, we were going to give him the silent treatment we usually save for players hitting their first major-league four-bagger, but the fellows couldn't resist congratulating him.

After the game, while we were relaxing with a pack of Luckies, I laughingly asked Preacher if I could feel his muscle. He put out his arm and whispered, "It's all in the wrist!" We call him "Sluggo" now.

That was a day Of Preach will never forget. And the day you'll never forget is the day you switch to Lucky Strikes. Luckies have a cleaner, fresher, smoother taste that just can't be beat. So, Be Happy—Go Lucky, today! See you next week.

Greensboro outfit from their schedules which accounts for the radical reduction from the last year's robust 11 game card. It marks the first time in many moons that A. and T., has had to face fewer than 10 encounters in a single season.

According to Bell, the impending campaign is no easier, for the Aggies have had little difficulty in the past three years in bowling over, both Hampton and Central State. He still has to meet such troublesome outfits as Florida A. and M., Morgan, Virginia State, North Carolina College and Virginia Union.

With the elimination of the Intercollegiate Classic against Central State of three years running, the Aggies will take the road for its initial encounter for the first time in the past six years. The team takes on Allen University in Columbia, S. C., on the night of September 26.

The home card includes: Virginia Union University in a High School Senior Day encounter on October 3; Winston-Salem Teachers College, a Merchants Night celebration, Friday, October 23; Florida A. and M., homecoming, November 7 and North Carolina College in the Thanksgiving Day Classic, November 26, the latter two are afternoon engagements.

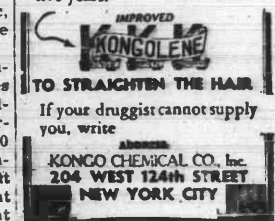
In addition to the Allen University encounter, the games away are: Maryland State College in the Fish Bowl at Norfolk, Va., October 10 at 8:00 P. M., Shaw University at Raleigh, on October 17 also at night; Morgan State College at Baltimore, Md., October 31 at

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(Continued from Page two) wards, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Give God a chance to work on that restless and sinful heart of yours. "To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

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AME Zion Group Petitions Bishop For New Pastor At St. Mark In Durham

Charges Rev. S. P. Perry Attempts To Rule By Threats And Violent Abuse

In a recent letter addressed to the Rt. Reverend S. G. Spottswood, Chairman, and the Board of Bishops of the A. M. E. Zion Church, a group composed of some of the leading members of St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church have petitioned for a new pastor. Below is a copy of the letter addressed to the Board of Bishops.

GREETINGS:

We, the undersigned members in good standing of St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Durham, N. C., Central North Carolina Conference, Ninth Episcopal District, and representing a large number of St. Mark members similarly situated, respectfully submit the following complaint and petition for your consideration and adjudication:

For the past sixteen years the Rev. S. P. Perry has served as pastor of St. Mark Church. When he came to us, and during the early part of his administration, St. Mark occupied a place in the front ranks of the Churches in the city of Durham, N. C. Its service and influence were known and respected by the religious and civic institutions of our area.

Great crowds of eager and earnest worshippers attended our services, both morning and night, and our entire program was operated with gratifying success.

Some years ago Rev. Perry inaugurated a move to build a new church to cost approximately \$200,000. At first the members were enthusiastic over the project but during the entire sixteen years of his administration we have raised only \$74,000.00 for this purpose.

In the meantime, however, Rev. Perry has changed from a gracious, congenial and inspiring spiritual leader to a scheming, self-willed and intemperate boss-type of minister, and has consistently attempted to rule his members by threats, intimidations and sometimes violent public abuse, one outburst of which was delivered in the presence of Bishop R. L. Jones on a recent occasion.

As a result of Rev. Perry's continued ungenerous attitude, selfish acts and intemperate words the morale of

the Church is probably at the lowest point in its history. Its former glory and high prestige have faded away, and the uncouth demonstrations have made us the laughing stock of Durham.

Many of our best members have gone to other A. M. E. Zion Churches, and some have gone to other Denominations, rather than submit to this form of ministerial tyranny. Our regular Sunday morning congregations have been greatly reduced, and many times we have only thirty-five or twenty persons attending our night services.

Since Rev. Perry launched the project of a new Saint Mark Church the following new Churches have been built and completed in the city of Durham:

- Ebenezer Baptist
- First Calvary Baptist
- Morehead Baptist
- St. John Baptist
- Presbyterian
- St. Joseph A. M. E.

New Educational Building, and remodeling of Church.

These projects have been completed at the cost of many hundreds of thousands of dollars while we have dragged along for sixteen years raising only \$74,000.00 because of inefficient and ineffective administration.

This Committee, respectfully presenting this appeal, and the members we represent, have been loyal Zionites all our lives. Some of us have

been members of St. Mark Church for more than forty years and have served in official capacities for many years. It is not and has never been our desire or intention to leave St. Mark Church, regardless of unfavorable conditions.

But we would like to see some action that would restore the morale and prestige of St. Mark Church to its former-high state.

We have made several appeals to Bishop R. L. Jones begging him to remedy our situation but thus far we have had no favorable results.

We have sent two appeals to you, our Board of Bishops, but you have not seen fit to favor us with a reply. It may be that our previous appeals to you were not in order; but according to the 1948 Book of Discipline, Page 58, Paragraph 85, we know that this complaint and petition is regular and in order.

Therefore, we respectfully ask that you consider our disturbed condition and in some way arrange that we have a new Pastor in the reasonable future at St. Mark Church.

Respectfully Submitted,
Your Committee,

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