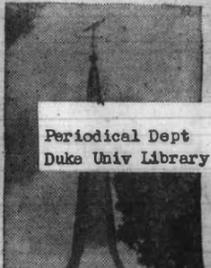


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PARTICIPANTS IN BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES AT BENNETT COLLEGE, MAY 29 AND 30, WITH THE ANNIE MERNER PFEIFFER CHAPEL WHERE THE COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD.

Two of this country's outstanding theologians will participate in commencement exercises to be held at Bennett College in Greensboro. Dr. David D. Jones, president of Bennett, announced recently that Dr. Howard Thurman, dean of Marsh Chapel and a professor in the School of Theology, Boston University, will deliver the Baccalaureate address May 30 to the 77 graduating seniors, their parents and friends.

Monday morning at 10 o'clock, May 31, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ Church, New York City, will give the commencement address. Dr. Thurman, selected last year by LIFE magazine as one of the 12 outstanding ministers of the United States, will speak at 4 p. m. Sunday. The Commencement speaker, Dr. Sockman, in a recent poll conducted by the Christian Century was named as one of the six foremost clergymen of all denominations in this country today.

Crooked Precinct Meeting Protested

Rev. Mr. Dungee Sends Protest To Chairman

HENDERSON
Civic-minded residents of chairman of the Vance County Henderson have made a protest to George T. Blackburn, Democratic Executive Committee, against the manner in which the recent precinct meeting was held in the North Henderson district on May 8. Endorsers of the protests were the Rev. John R. Dungee, Robert E. Stitt, and W. H. Peoples.

Previous to the registering of the written protest, Rev. Mr. Dungee had verbally protested the meeting's procedures at the Democratic convention held at the courthouse.

The protest stated that proper advanced information was not released advising citizens of the place the precinct meeting was to be held. The protest further stated that no information was made available by the county or precinct chairmen concerning the chosen meeting place. The procedure is said to be a violation of Section 13 of the Plan of Organization of the Democratic Party in North Carolina.

The final paragraph of the protest reads in the following manner: "The unduly abrupt convening, holding, and adjournment of the North Henderson precinct meeting within less than five minutes of the appointed time, for the apparent purpose of excluding the undersigned from participating in the said meeting."

Definite action in the form of a reply by Chairman Blackburn, had not been learned at press time.



Asa T. Spaulding, left, candidate for County Commissioner in the May 29 primary, will present his platform to the public Sunday afternoon at Saint Joseph's A. M. E. Church in a mammoth civic mass meeting. Mr. Spaulding holds positions of trust and responsibility in the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company and other civic and religious organizations in Durham.

Dr. Rose Butler Browne, right, professor of education at North Carolina College, will be among the principal speakers at the program. Dr. Browne will make an appeal to all civic-minded persons during the meeting.

Expect 1,000 At Mammoth Mass Meeting Sunday

Over 1,000 persons are expected at the mammoth mass meeting to be held at the St. Joseph A.M.E. Church here Sunday, J. S. Stewart, chairman of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs, will preside at the meeting which starts at 4 p. m.

The Rev. C. E. McEster, pastor of Morehead Avenue Baptist Church, will give the invocation. Music will be by the St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church Male Choir.

Purposes of the meeting are to re-acquaint all citizens of Durham with the aims and objectives of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs; to explain the proposed Recreational Bond Issue; and to hear the platform of A. T. Spaulding, candidate for County Commissioner.

Deacons Of Gethsemane Baptist Claim No Knowledge Of Funeral

Ed's Note—In the April 3 issue of the CAROLINA TIMES, a story was published giving an account of the accusation made by Fred Watson of Enterprise Street alleging that the Rev. N. A. Trice, pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church, refused to preach the funeral of his stepdaughter, Miss Frances Elliott in Gethsemane Church.

Grounds upon which Rev. Mr. Trice refused to preach the funeral were alleged by Mr. Watson to be that if the Mims-Trice Funeral Home could not conduct the funeral, Rev. Mr.

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Charlotte Medics Admit Negroes

First In State To Drop Barriers To Race Doctors

CHARLOTTE
At a recent meeting of the Mecklenburg County Medical Society a vote was passed to admit qualified Negro physicians into membership. Dr. Hugh Verner presented the proposal in April to amend the constitution and its by-laws to make this possible.

Mecklenburg County's Medical Society is the first in the state to drop its barriers to Negro doctors. It stands out over the State Medical Society which recently tabled a motion to admit Negroes into its membership when it met in Pinehurst.

According to the county society's regulations, a month's waiting period is required before any voting can be done to change the constitution and its by-laws. The motion made specifies that the word "white" be deleted from the constitution and the by-laws wherever it occurs.

One specific article of the constitution which will be affected by the change reads: "Every legally licensed white physician residing or practicing in Mecklenburg County, who is of good moral and professional standing and who is a graduate of a medical association, shall be eligible for membership."



VISIT-INSURANCE OFFICE—Shown are delegates from the high schools in North Carolina and Virginia who visited the offices of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company Friday, May 7, in connection with the job opportunities project sponsored by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

W. J. Kennedy, Jr., president of the company is shown at the left giving the visitors some pointers on the job opportunities of such business.

Among those accompanying the group were: Mesdames Alma M. Harlee, general chairman of the sorority's Eastern Region; Fannie Womack, Lynchburg, Va.; L. B. Roberts, Petersburg, Va.; Miss Mae Holmes of Kinston; Miss Wilmoth Carter and Mrs. Elizabeth Coffield of Shaw University.

SPAUDLING HIGH Principal, Eighteen Teachers Fired

SPRING HOPE
This Nash County town was rocked to its foundation last week when it was disclosed here that 18 teachers of the Spaulding High School, including the principal, had been fired by Superintendent Insocoe of the county schools.

The principal, Joseph Anrum, it will be remembered, is the same man who fired seven of his teachers in May of last year, just before the closing of schools. Also included in this year's dismissal was Mrs. Grace Massey, former Hillside High School and Palmer Memorial Institute teacher of Durham and Sedalia, respectively.

Mrs. Massey is reported to have been the main source of influence that caused the dismissal of the seven teachers last year. She is said to have wielded dictatorial power over Principal Anrum to the extent that he "jumped at her every beck and call."

A representative of the Times who visited Spring Hope this week heard charges and counter charges of loose morals prevailing among teachers and students of the school. One teacher, James E. Pailin is said to have impregnated one of the students, and hurriedly married one of the teachers, the former Miss Clara L. Bebe, in an attempt to escape the responsibility for the offense.

The list of those discharged are as follows: Joseph A. Anrum, principal, Spring Hope; Mary V. Brooks, Wooddale; Mrs. Estelle C. Frazier, Fayetteville; Cora M. Washington, Wilson; Daisy Vandergriff, Raleigh; Mrs. Grace Massey, Durham; Marvin R. Smith, Dunn, Shepard Moore, Fayetteville; Cary W. Gogdell, St. Pauls; Johnny O. Alston, Jr., Rocky Mount; Luther Wooten, Jr., Goldsboro, N. C.; Mrs. Inez Anrum, Spring Hope; Mrs. Mentzie Johnson, Clarkton; Miss Merly V. Weeks, Elizabeth City, N. C.; Helen B. Malone, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Mrs. Lena McCoy, Miss Clara L. Bebe.

Editorially Speaking . . . THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA

The greatest benefactors of the U. S. Supreme Court's decision, striking down segregation in the public schools, will not be the Negroes of the South but its millions of white people who for the first time in their lives will have a protected opportunity and right to look upon their Negro fellowmen as full human beings and to so treat them. It has been the denial of these rights by southern society that has continuously haunted the consciences of decent white people of the South and forced them to have a secret contempt for their churches, courts and above all, for themselves. The Court's decision now frees them, to the extent that if they think out loud on what their consciences tell them is right they can at least find refuge in the fact that the highest court in the land sustains them.

The irresponsible statement of Governor Talmadge of Georgia that the decision had reduced the Constitution to "a mere scrap of paper," and that of Senator Russell of the same state that the decision is "a flagrant abuse of judicial power" is not representative of the intelligent white people of the South. Both will be laughed at by many of them who will remember that Talmadge nor Russell cares anything about that part of the Constitution upholding the rights of Negroes, or the school cases would never have been before the Supreme Court.

In striking down segregation the court struck the shackles from the souls of all southern white people and enthroned for the first time in nearly 300 years human dignity for all mankind of this nation without regard to race, color or creed. The Supreme Court could not have done otherwise and maintained its judicial dignity, its self respect and above all the respect of decent citizens of the United States and the peoples of the world.

Damaging Blow Dealt Advance Of Communism

CITIZENS HAIL—
Negro leaders from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia were unanimous in their praise and appreciation this week for the ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court outlawing segregation in public schools. In a telegram sent several outstanding personalities in the three states requesting statements on the ruling, the Carolina Times has been assured that the Court's action has met the unanimous approval of Negroes everywhere.

Some of the statements from various leaders in three states are as follows:
From Rev. James F. Wertz, pastor St. Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte:
"The decision of the United States Supreme Court against segregation has opened the doors of opportunity which for years have been closed to the Negro in the South. This evil will not disappear immediately but the end is near. The Negro must be thoroughly prepared to cope with the responsibility which the decision imposes. We hope soon the church will do by Christian principle what the United States Supreme Court has done by law."

From Rev. W. F. Elliott, pastor First Baptist Church, High Point:

"The historical Supreme Court decision is the greatest step made in the liberation of the Negro since the issuing of the emancipation proclamation. The enlightened element of the American population, being inherently law abiding will implement the same without disturbance."

From Attorney C. O. Pearson, Durham:

"I was surprised but gratified by the fact that this decision of the Supreme Court was clear cut, unequivocal and unanimous. While I believed that the Court would hold that segregation per se was discriminatory, nevertheless, I felt that the decision would be such as would create a lot of confusion as to its meaning. However, the clearness of this decision not only represents a step forward for Negro citizens alone; it also represents a trend toward unity of all American citizens in upholding the basic principles of our democratic form of government.

Above all, I believe that the Court was on sound ground when it ordered submission of briefs in October by all of the parties involved in order to formulate plans and methods to de-segregate the schools. The fact that seventeen states involved were invited to submit their view and plans, indicates that the Court recognized the tremendous problems involved. I do not believe that there will be any violence, disorder, or loss of jobs in carrying out the mandate of this, the highest Court of our land. We should not use an emotional approach in discussing this decision."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Attorney Pearson was counsel for the plaintiff in the "Hessett Case" which was brought in Durham County in the 1930's. This was the first attempt in the United States to break down segregation on the university level in State schools. He is at present the Chairman of the Legal Redrum Committee of the North Carolina Branch of the NAACP.

Bishop Frank Madison Reid, A. M. E. Church, Columbia, (Please turn to Page Eight)