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ATTEND MASS MEETING—A segment of the audience attending the mass meeting at Saint Joseph A. M. E. Church last Sunday is shown. More than 1,000 persons filled the lower auditorium and balconies of the church.

The meeting was called to re-acquaint citizens with the recreation bond election and for them to hear Durham's Negro

candidate for County Commissioner present his platform. The meeting was sponsored by the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs whose chairman is J. S. Stewart, local businessman.

Those attending were urged to exercise their voting privileges at the polls Saturday, May 29. R. N. Harris, city councilman, Dr. Rose B. Browne, and L. E. Austin were also heard at the meeting.

Largest Crowd Hears Speakers Laud Work Of Negro Affairs Committee

More than 1,000 citizens of Durham were present last Sunday at Saint Joseph's A. M. E. Church when the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs held its pre-election mass meeting featuring outstanding civic and business leaders of the city.

J. S. Stewart, prominent businessman and chairman of the sponsoring committee, presided over the meeting after he gave the aims and objectives of the committee. Mr. Stewart said that the committee's work will not be complete until every person in Durham has obtained equality of opportunity.

In outlining the objectives, Stewart said that a booklet showing the committee's overall progress for the past 20 years will be released to the public in the fall. In citing the work before the committee, he gave the example of how Negroes lost their jobs in local industries recently when use of machinery made the work clean enough for white persons to take over. He said the committee wants to see unbiased practices executed in hiring personnel for such jobs.

R. N. Harris, city councilman, expressed his appreciation to the citizens for supporting him during his candidacy, and explained the Recreation Bond issue to the audience. His simplicity of presentation caused many to leave the meeting with a clearer view of what they were being asked to vote for.

Asa T. Spaulding, prominent businessman and candidate for County Commissioner, presented the platform which he promised to uphold if he be elected to the office. His proposed program met with wide approval by those attending. Mr. Spaulding stated that he has already talked with the County Manager and has be-



CANDIDATE — Persons attending the gigantic mass meeting at St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church last Sunday afternoon heard Asa T. Spaulding present his platform for the office of County Commissioner in the May 29 Primary. The Durham businessman's platform received favorable comments from all attending.

gun a study of current problems. He emphasized the point that his primary aim as County Commissioner will be to bring into effect those things which will be for the improvement and benefit of all Durham citizens.

Appeals to the voters were made by Dr. Rose B. Browne of North Carolina College, and L. E. Austin, a member of the sponsoring committee, who shared the rostrum with others on the program. Dr. Browne, appealing to citizens to vote for

Playground Ban Abandoned In Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C. Deciding that "there was no reason to put off any longer," the Recreation Board voted to open Washington's 137 public playgrounds to all children—white and Negro.

The board made the decision at a special meeting in light of the recent historic Supreme Court decision. The vote to end segregation which had been a subject of much controversy was unanimous. Just a week earlier, it had voted against opening the playgrounds by one vote.

Cross-Burning No Solution In Race Issue

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. Bill Hendrix, former Ku Klux Klansman, who admitted being the national leader of the organization last fall, stated this week that, "Cross burning is not going to put a stop to the ruling," made by the Supreme Court.

Level-headedness was advocated by the Florida klansman who observed that his solution to the new ruling would be to ship most of the Negroes to the North. A meeting was called this

ELKS RE-ELECT REV. KEMP P. BATTLE AT GASTONIA CONFAB

GASTONIA The well-oiled machine of the incumbent Battle administration rolled triumphantly over the challenging Martel Scott forces and won another two years as leaders of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order Elks of the World in Tarheelia in the second round of what was expected to be a bitter fight between the Rev. Kemp P. Battle, president for seven years, and A. Martel Scott, Goldsboro's "barbecue king," who challenged the Rocky Mount minister and Grand Lecturing Knight for the president's post over 18,000 Elks, the largest and oldest state conference in Elksdom.

Following the president's annual report, a motion to elect by acclamation prevailed despite vigorous protests led by Attorney Pete Harris. Battle forces followed through with a 41 to 17 vote while Scott forces headed by R. H. Beatty—his campaign manager from Fayetteville, kept quiet, not even placing their man in nomination. Everyone wondered why!

The answer appeared to be that Battle's men were too smart for them, despite the very orderly manner in which Grand Exalted Ruler, Robert H. Johnson, conducted the election. Scott Given Grand Commission. Then followed the unanimous election of the remaining old officers except for a few. After this, Exalted Ruler Johnson drew much praise for himself when he complimented Scott for the straight-forward fight he had waged, though losing for the state presidency; and followed by rewarding Mr. Scott with an on-the-spot appointment as Assistant Grand Commissioner of the Shrine department as Assistant Grand Com-

tes. Thus, Scott was even more glorious in defeat than he would have been in victory. Other grand lodge officers attending besides Mr. Johnson were Herbert Jones, Grand Organizer, Washington, D. C., and E. H. Copeland, Past Grand Exalted Ruler and former president of the N. C. Association.

Negro City Treasurer It is hard to believe, even when you are looking directly at him and see Mayor W. H. Yancey and city solicitor, Basil Whitener sitting on either side of Nathaniel Barber, you still wonder: "Are You in Dixie?" because Barber is a Negro man who controls the city's purse, and there are 30,000 people in this "City of Growing Beauty." Mayor Yancey and Mr. Whitener welcomed the Elks. The 1955 meeting will be held in Raleigh.

Dr. Julian To Address 320 VSC Graduates PETERSBURG, Va. Dr. Percy L. Julian of Oak Park, Ill., distinguished research scientist, will deliver the address at the Sixty-ninth Commencement Exercises at Virginia State College Monday morning May 31, at 10:30 o'clock. Degrees will be conferred on 320 candidates by President R. P. Daniel.

Dr. Julian, president of a research laboratory company, has served as director of research for several well known industries. He was formerly professor and head of the Department of Chemistry at Howard University, and was for four years re-

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Supreme Court Deals New Blows At Segregation

New Victories Hailed By Race Leaders

WASHINGTON, D. C. Monday of this week proved to be another eventful day in the United States Supreme Court. The body which won national and international acclaim last week by ruling segregation unconstitutional in public schools ordered lower courts in three states to reconsider their judgments on three cases involving golf courses, theaters, and colleges in light of the recent ruling by the high tribunal.

One case involved the admission of Negro students to the University of Florida and Louisiana State University. Another referred to the admission of Negroes to the city-owned amphitheater in Louisville, Ky.

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AND EVERYBODY SURVIVED—An onlooking pedestrian is shown leaving an over-turned car which he inspected in hopes of determining how the four persons involved in Monday afternoon's triple auto collision on Fayetteville Street escaped with their lives although three required hospitalization. The accident occurred as Marion G. Jones pulled his vehicle into Fayetteville from Lawson Street and struck a car driven by John Figrum, whose machine simultaneously turned over and collided with a car operated by Mrs. Frenzela Credle, local school teacher. Miss Annie Belk was still being treated at the Lincoln Hospital late Wednesday afternoon.

Editor Wilmington Journal Halts Support To Senator

Citizens Continue Their Praise Of Supreme Court's Decision

More favorable comments on the recent Supreme Court decision have been pouring in during the past week due to the impact and overwhelming significance it brought to the minds of all Americans. Following is a continuation of comments on the issue which began in last week's publication:

From W. J. Kennedy, Jr., president, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company: "The ruling of our nation's Supreme Court banning segregation in the public schools is in complete accord with the principles of a true Democracy and supports the articles of faith as set forth in the Christian religion of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. It also strengthens the position of representatives of our government both in the United Nations and in every other organized effort for peace, freedom, and security for all of the people of the earth."

All American citizens who believe in true democracy and who embrace the Christian religion are obligated to unite their efforts to implement the ruling."

J. H. Wheeler, president, Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham: "The Supreme Court's decision outlawing segregation in the public schools and upsetting 'the separate but equal' doctrine should, without question, prove to be a social and



NCC FINALIST—William L. Shirer, author-journalist, will be the speaker for the forty-third annual commencement exercises at North Carolina Tuesday, June 1, at 11 a. m. Mr. Shirer's radio commentaries during World War II established his international reputation as a journalist. A native of Chicago, he also wrote several books. Baccalaureate speaker for the college's closing will be the Rev. W. J. Faulkner, dean of the chapel at Fisk University.

economic bonanza for the southern states. Apparently, most southerners who wish to hold on to practices of racial segregation have not realized that it looms as the greatest single barrier to lasting prosperity and to social maturity in the south.

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WILMINGTON T. C. Jervay, Publisher of the WILMINGTON JOURNAL, this week walked out on the Lennon-for-Senate Campaign Committee because of what he termed "the injection of the race issue in the senatorial campaign."

Both Senator Lennon and ex-Governor Scott, bitter rivals for the Democratic nomination for senator in the May 29 primary, reacted against the Supreme Court's decision outlawing segregation in public schools, but many North Carolina newspapers believe Senator Lennon's comment was the most caustic and criticized him for "striking below the belt," in his remarks that ex-Governor Scott had tried to destroy segregation in the state's school system when he was governor.

Jervay, who a few years ago, was threatened by the KKK for his editorials against the hooded order when it operated in Southeastern North Carolina, said he would not be a party to "the Negro's becoming the 'fall guy' in the contest. Further, he said that from the beginning he feared the Umstead forces would inject the race issue in the election if they felt it would win for them, in-as-much as they had successfully used it in the Graham-Smith and Umstead-Oliver elections.

The editor added, however, that he had tried to be loyal to Senator Lennon who is from Wilmington who has to his credit a liberal record as a former judge of Wilmington's recorder's court. Umstead appointed Lennon to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Willis Smith.

The publisher, who is a member of the board of directors of the National Newspaper Pub-

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