

Baptist Leaders

HAIL SUPREME COURT DECISION

NAACP Branches In Mississippi Threatened By Whites



CAROLINA TIMES Newsies of Durham had a grand time when they were taken on their annual bus ride and picnic last month. Shown here are 35 of the top-ranking boys and girls in the local sales force with circulation manager, J. H. Coffield and assistant circulation manager, Wallace Pratt.

Lott Carey Presidents Say Decision Greatest In History Of America

PETERSBURG
Dr. P. A. Bishop, of Rich Square, N. C., president of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, and Mrs. W. L. Ransome, Richmond, Va., president of the Woman's organization of the group, praised the United States Supreme Court's decision in their annual address before the second meeting of the group here last night in Virginia Hall at Virginia State College.

Asking the question how do we stand on the recent ruling of the Supreme Court, President Bishop, pointed out that "one of the most current issues that is being discussed at the present time is the ruling of the Supreme Court to integrate Negro and white children in the public schools." It is the greatest decision handed down by the Supreme interpreters of our law in the history of America.

STEP FORWARD
"It is the reversal of all previous decisions, it is a step forward abolishing segregation among the people of America, it is a movement in the direction of eliminating a second class citizenship among the citizens of this great country."

"The Christian church should and must make its position known in this all important American discussion." Not many Americans in the south mean to apply democratic principles to the race problem in this country. People of both races must think prayerfully and deliberate cautiously to make the decision workable. "It is deplorable to say that quite a few Negro leaders are not interested in the masses of our group. The Christian church today confronts one of its greatest problems.

MUST MEASURE UP
"Our people must be taught that in order to become first class citizens, they must measure up to the standard of first class citizenship. The church, he continued, is now forced to put on a vigorous program in order that the masses of our people might be informed to get up, clean up, and measure up in every respect with the group with which we are struggling to compete. We are duty bound to help the masses qualify to integrate themselves by the usual process that other people of the world have raised their standards. The Negro must and wants to be somebody. He must and wants it to the extent that he will not take any substitute and no denial of first class citizenship.

"We must let the world know our position of this issue. It is just as much the duty of the Christian church to assist in shaking off the shackles of economic slavery, segregation, and prejudice that bind the hands and feet of the Negro as it is to sit around the communion table with deep emotions and praise."



DR. P. A. BISHOP

Citing from the "All Baptist Assembly," Dr. Bishop stated, "we want everything in the world that any other civilized Christian citizen may desire. We are determined by the help of the Almighty God to continue struggling, contending and fighting for the type of citizenship that will let us free; act free; and live free in the land of freedom protected by the brotherhood of mankind."

"We have no hate nor ill-will toward any one. Our goal is the same as that for which the founders of this country fought, and the people all over the world are joining hand in hand struggling for freedom. It should be our intentions to support the Supreme law of the land as handed by the Supreme Court." The Christian church cannot keep silent without blood-staining the garment of our crucified Lord again.

Mrs. Ransome of the Woman's Auxiliary with delegates here from twenty four states and foreign countries, in her annual address, said, "the legal decision handed down by the United States Supreme Court relative to the constitution and segregation as it relates to public schools was Divine Providence working through Christianity bringing men to a greater sense of human justice."

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No Race Problem At University Of Maryland

COLLEGE PARK, MD.
The University of Maryland will open its doors for the new semester with a maximum of six Negro students in the undergraduate schools. According to its new president Dr. Wilson Elkins, three Negroes have been admitted, one rejected and three still pending. He also sees "no avalanche of Negro students this fall.

Omeegas Set Achievement Week Program

WASHINGTON
Dr. Matthew J. Whitehead, Director of the National Achievement Week Project of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity announced last week that 227 chapters of the Fraternity are making plans to celebrate the National Achievement Week Observance.

The Annual National High School Essay Contest which is the phase of the Achievement Week Project is again being sponsored this year. Announcements have been sent to more than 1,000 high schools. The subject for the contest and the National Achievements Observance is "America's Challenge: To Implement School Integration By Understanding And Treating Prejudice."

Three prizes are offered. First prize—\$125.00; second prize—\$75.00; and third prize—\$50.00. The contest is approved by the National Education Association.

During the Achievement Week the Fraternity will select the outstanding citizen of the year and the Omega Man of the year to whom plaques will be presented at the Grand Conclave in Atlanta, Georgia, in December.

National Baptist Convention To Meet In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS
An estimated 15,000 delegates are expected in Saint Louis for the 74th annual meeting Tuesday, Sept. 7 of the National Baptist Convention U. S. A. The world's largest Negro religious organization.

The meeting will continue through Sunday, Sept. 12. The Rev. Joseph H. Jackson of Chicago, who was elected to the central committee of the World Council of Churches, heads the convention.

Speakers of the program include Dr. J. Oscar Lee, race relations director for the National Council of Churches; Major A. B. Green of Mound Bayou, Miss., and Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, dean of the Virginia Union School of Religion.

Plans also will be made for the diamond jubilee convention to be held next year at Memphis, Tenn.

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Refuse Negro Catholics At Immaculata School

With Negroes already attending Catholic Schools in Raleigh, Charlotte, Greenville and Gaston County, the Immaculata School of Durham appeared to be the only Catholic School in North Carolina that has not yet complied with the order of the bishop, striking down segregation in Catholic schools and churches.

In an interview here, late Tuesday afternoon, with Father Charles J. O'Connor the Carolina Times learned that although four applications for Negro Catholics have been on file at the Immaculata School for over a year no Negro has as yet been admitted to the school. Whether it is the established policy of the school not to accept Negroes or whether they are being refused for reasons other than racial was not satisfactorily established to the Times representative.

When the Times representatives asked point blank as to why the applications of the four Negro children had not been accepted Father O'Connor replied that he did not care to make a statement to the press as to why but that the father of the children knew why his children had not been admitted. However, the Negro father, who urgently requested that his name not be used, informed the Times that he does not know why his children have not been accepted other than that they are Negroes.

Two letters which the father of the children wrote Bishop Waters concerning his children have been released to the Times. They reveal to some extent just what has been going on behind the scenes for over a year around one Negro Catholic's efforts in Durham to have his children enrolled in the Immaculata School. According to the writer he has never received an answer to either of the letters, both of which were addressed to Bishop Waters, the same man who issued the Pastoral Letter on segregation last year on June 12, in which he declared, "There is no segregation of races to be tolerated in the Diocese of Raleigh. The pastors are charged with the carrying out of this teaching and shall tolerate nothing to the contrary."

The letter of April 19, 1953, addressed to Bishop Waters is in part as follows:
Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters: Residence of the Bishop 15 North McDowell Street Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Bishop Waters: In February of this year I contacted Father O'Connor of Immaculata Conception Catholic Church, Durham, North Carolina, to enroll my children in Immaculata school. I was told by Father O'Connor that it was the policy of the school to accept the children of their Church first, then other Catholics and, in September, if there was any space left, non-Catholics.

I have four children, two of them of school age and two of kindergarten age. All four of them were born in the Catholic Church and all have been baptized. These facts I reported to Father O'Connor. He informed me that there should not be any problem to get



Hollis F. Price, president of LeMoyné College, Memphis, Tenn., has been appointed director of fund-raising for the United Negro College Fund, it was announced this week by W. J. Trent, Jr., executive director of the Fund.

Dr. Price, who has been president of LeMoyné since 1943, has been granted a leave of absence by the trustees of the college, Mr. Trent said. LeMoyné is one of the 31 private colleges and universities associated in the United Negro College Fund.

Race Mechanics Admitted To Florida White Union

NEW YORK
Fifteen Negro mechanics have been accepted as members of the previously lily-white AFL Bricklayers, Masons and Plasters Union in Dade County, Fla., it was announced here this week by Herbert Hill, Labor Relations Assistant for the NAACP.

Dade County encompasses Miami and Miami Beach. Mr. Hill said the union's in Florida conducted by the NAACP national office and Miami branch. The International Brotherhood of Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers, AFL, agreed to admit Negroes to membership after conferences between the union's business manager, W. T. Smith, Mr. Hill, and representatives of some 11 all-Negro building trades unions in Miami.

The significance of admission of Negroes into the Dade County union, Mr. Hill pointed out, hinges on the fact that membership in the AFL union is a condition of employment in the major construction installations in the area. To date, Negroes have been denied employment at the twenty-three million dollar Home-Steer Army Air Force Base and on all other construction jobs in Dade County because of non-membership in the AFL, Mr. Hill noted.

He observed that a rigid policy of segregation still exists in all other AFL building and construction trades unions in Dade County and throughout Florida, including unions of carpenters,

New Principal Assumes Office At Badin High

Glover L. Hines assumed his new duties as Principal of the Badin High School, on August 26.

Mr. Hines is a native of Georgia, but received his elementary and secondary education in Chattanooga, Tenn. He received a B. S. degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga.; later securing his M. A. degree from North Carolina College at Durham.

Prior to coming to Badin, Mr. Hines served as Principal of the Chapel School in Franklin. He also worked for several years on the faculty of the Kingville School in Albemarle.

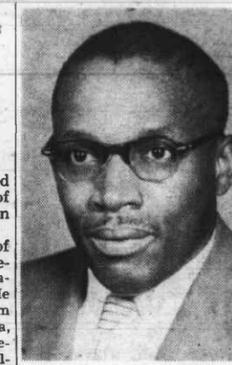
OPERATION 25 TO CLEAN UP EAST HARLEM

NEW YORK
With "Operation 25" in effect, September 1st marked the quietest, least criminal day in the 84 year old history of the East Harlem police station. The police force has been trebled in the area, with better protection in the subway system, in an all-out effort to clean up muggers, narcotic fiends in Harlem.

Tallulah Bankhead Says Baseball Has Helped Race Relations

NEW YORK
Tallulah Bankhead, the fiery Southern actress, said last week that the entrance of Negro players into baseball has improved race relations considerably. Writing in the current issue of Look Magazine, Miss Bankhead says that Negro players, with their superb grace, speed and reflexes, have boosted the caliber of major league ball. "And baseball has done something for the Negroes too," Miss Bankhead points out in LOOK. "If nothing else, it has unbogged some bigots!"

As far as Miss Bankhead, a rabid Giant rooster, is concerned, the amazing Willie Mays is already as great as Babe Ruth. Willie is the difference, she says, between last year's Giants, which finished 35 games behind the Dodgers, and this year's club, which is driving to the pennant.



C. A. Rogers accepts position as a medical social worker of Norfolk Community Hospital. It is the largest for Negroes of its kind in the tidewater area.

Rogers will be in charge of all admitting and discharging of patients. He has met the requirements and qualifications of the state of Virginia for Social Worker A and B, and will assume his duties on September 1. Mr. Rogers is a graduate of North Carolina College and a former resident of Durham. He was connected with the Juvenile Court as probation officer for three years until he resigned in order to prepare himself for other fields of social work.

Last Rites For Sister Of Local Dentist Held

Last rites for Miss Lillie J. Hubbard, sister of Dr. J. M. Hubbard, Durham dentist and secretary of North Carolina College Trustee's Board, were held at Shiloh Baptist Church in New York City, August 25. The Reverend C. S. Stamp, pastor, officiated. Miss Hubbard was born in Clinton but for the past forty years had lived in New York. She was the daughter of the late Unas and Alice Hubbard of Clinton.

In addition to her brother in Durham, she is survived by three sisters, Meg James Mary Wilson, New York City; Annie Keith, New York City and Mrs. Fannie A. Moore of Clinton.

The following retired teachers were recognized for their many years of faithful service rendered to the children of their communities. They were Mrs. Emma Butler, Mrs. Pauline F. Dame, Mrs. Sadie C. Escoffery, Miss Hattie M. Jenkins, Miss Nettie Lee Johnson, Miss Annis Kirby, Miss Sarah J. Pratt, Miss Lucy A. Royster, Mrs. Cora Russell, Miss Mittle E. Trice, Rev. J. Lee White, Mrs. Martha H. Williams, Miss Constance Young and Mrs. M. V. Amey. Mrs. Amey was spokesman for the retired teachers who left us with a challenge to "throw away the crutch" in education.

NEGROES NOT FRIGHTENED BY MOB ACTION

BIRMINGHAM
Repercussions from the political campaign leading up to the recent primary election in Mississippi are being felt by NAACP branches in that state.

The Southeast Regional Office here has been in receipt of a number of reports indicating that efforts have been started to run the NAACP out of the state as was promised by the winner of the Senatorial nomination and several of the legislators.

Mrs. Ruby Hurley, NAACP Regional Secretary, said, "In one county, certain law-enforcement officers together with a number of other persons walked in on one of our branch meetings and warned our people to leave registration and voting alone when they learned that was the purpose of the meeting. We have had numerous complaints about threatening telephone calls and visits by white persons to our branch officers in several sections of Mississippi, but although the Negroes are terribly annoyed they are not frightened as they might have been a few years ago."

The Supreme Court decision affecting segregation in public schools and the increased interest among Negroes in registration and voting are the underlying causes of the recent actions against the NAACP.

"However," Mrs. Hurley said Mississippi is still in the United States of America and we will do all in our power to make the Constitution work there as elsewhere." She indicated there has been in constant communication with the National Association's Office during the past two weeks and assurance has been given that the full resources of the NAACP will be thrown into the protection of the people in Mississippi and it is expected that the matter will be placed before the Department of Justice.

Bank Entertains City Teachers With Banquet

Negro teachers met at Hillside High School prior to the opening of school this week. L. Stacey Weaver, superintendent, appeared before the group and discussed and outlined the rules and regulations for the following school term.

Howard Alston, President of the Durham Association of Public School Teachers presided over the meeting and Mrs. Dorothy Judkins rendered a piano selection.

The mechanics were guest of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank at a luncheon held in the school cafeteria following the meeting.

New teachers were introduced to the group and have before them a challenge and responsibility to the child and the community.

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