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# Segregation Ends In All VA Hospitals

## Nine N. C. Educators Among Supporters For Integration

HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

In a significant statement calling for immediate planning in good faith to implement the Supreme Court decision and offering wholehearted cooperation in the attainment of this objective, sixty Negro educators from fourteen southern states and the District of Columbia set forth their views on this subject.

The two-day meeting, called by fifteen Negro educators and sponsored by the Phelps Stokes Fund, was held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, October 26-27.

The statement of the educators began: "We welcome the decision of the Supreme Court and look upon it as another significant milestone in the nation's quest for a democratic way of life and in the Negro's long struggle to become a first-class citizen. . . . This is a part of an evolutionary process which has been going on in the South and the nation for some time."

The educators criticized sharply "the effort on the part of some leaders and school officials to intimidate Negro teachers and other citizens under threat of loss of job if they ex-

## Hope, Jarrett Speakers For Library Meet

WILSON

Dr. John Hope Franklin and Dr. Hobart Jarrett will be the featured speakers at the meeting of the North Carolina Library Association when it holds its Annual Conference in celebration of its twentieth anniversary in Wilson, November 4-6. The meeting will be held at the Elvie Street School, of which M. M. Daniels is principal.

Dr. John Hope Franklin, Professor of History, Howard University, Washington, D. C., will speak at the Public Meeting Friday night on the subject, "Anti-Communism in America: The 'British View,'" Dr. Franklin is an author and lecturer of international renown.

Highlighting the banquet Friday afternoon, will be an address by Dr. Hobart Jarrett, Chairman of the Humanities



The above photo shows Dr. G. D. Carnes, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina paying a tribute to Zechariah Alexander at the latter's funeral held in Charlotte, October 28. Mr. Alexander succumbed on October 24 to injuries sustained in an accident while crossing the street in Charlotte, October 12.

## 1,500 ATTEND LAST RITES FOR "ZAC" ALEXANDER

CHARLOTTE

Zechariah Alexander, Sr., Charlotte, Imperial Potentate Emeritus, an honor that was conferred upon him at the 1954 Imperial Council Session of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, met with an accident on Tuesday, October 12th while crossing a Charlotte street near his home. He died Sunday, Oct. 24th at 12:30 A.M. in a Char-

lotte hospital. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, October 26th at the Friendship Baptist Church with the Rev. Coleman W. Kerry Jr., pastor of the church, officiating. More than 1500 attended the services with the church unable to accommodate the crowd. Dr. Raymond E. Jackson of Buffalo, N. Y., Imperial Potentate, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South

America, conducted the Shrine Service with the assistance of Rameses Temple No. 51, Charles Quander, Imperial Recorder of New York City, also participated in the Shrine Service. Some of the other Shrine National Officials attending the funeral were James T. Diggs, Winston-Salem, Imperial Chief of the Exalted Past, and Thomas F. Poag, Winston-Salem, Imperial Director of Youth. The Wor-

## Patients, Staffs, Cities Cooperate To Abolish Bias In Federal Institution

## Sears, Roebuck Boycott Backed By S. C. Negroes

SPARTANBURG, S. C.

The Negroes of South Carolina through the State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People have endorsed and will support the Local Chapter of NAACP of Spartanbury in boycotting Sears-Roebuck and Company.

A committee of Negroes appealed to the State conference for help and support in their movement after seeking employment for other than jobs as maids and janitors in the newly opened store in this city. The Negroes who were qualified for better jobs were flatly refused interviews or employment strictly because they were Negroes.

The 14th Annual Convention, South Carolina Conferences of Branches of the NAACP held its meeting and heard Dr. Thurgood Marshall, Chief Counsel speak to an audience of 4000. At the same gathering, State President James M. Hinton asked ev-



Miss Elizabeth Bell, director of Founders' Day pageant at Talladega College. Miss Bell of Durham, an A.B. and M.A. from North Carolina College, has completed much work toward a Ph.D. degree in speech science at Ohio State University. Now in her second year as speech instructor at Talladega, she formerly taught Speech and Dramatics at Barber-Scotia College, Concord, North Carolina. A number of pageants, and major plays such as Craig's Wife and The Barretts of Wimpole Street were among the dramatic productions she directed at Barber-Scotia.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Segregation has been ended in all Veterans Administration hospitals, VA announced today. VA credited the achievement to the understanding and cooperation of veteran-patients, hospital staffs, local communities, and interested organizations.

The end of segregation resulted from a concerted program started in September, 1953, shortly after Harvey V. Higley became Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

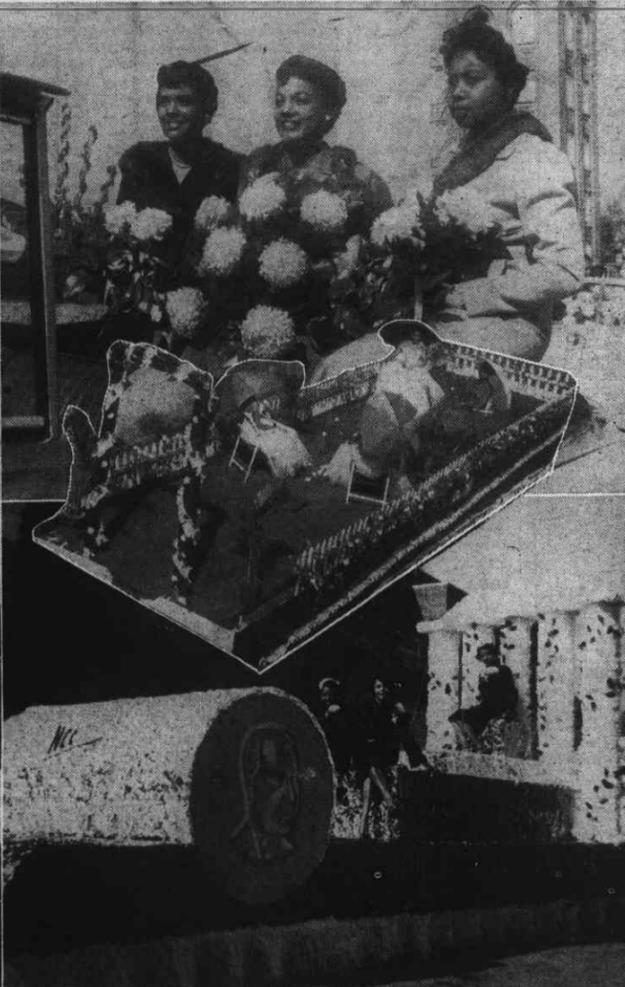
Mr. Higley's first step was to order a survey of VA's 166 hospitals and domiciliaries in operation at that time to determine the scope of segregation.

The survey revealed some degree of segregation in 47 installations, located in 23 States. In these 47 installations, segregation ranged from complete exclusion at some installations to a varied pattern of partial segregation in others.

Mr. Higley instructed the 47 managers to end segregation as quickly as possible with the cooperation of local communities and organizations and with the well-being of patients uppermost in mind.

One of the first actions taken by virtually all station man-

## SCENES OF DURHAM BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL CHAIN TRADE WEEK AND NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE HOMECOMING PARADE



An estimated 30,000 Durhamites witnessed the mammoth parade featuring N. C. College's 1954 Homecoming and inaugurating the Durham Business and Professional Chain's 11th annual "Trade Week" here on October 23. Shown upper left is the Chain's own official float with "Miss Maryland State," Miss Colantha Burton, and her attendant lower left. In upper center panel are pictured "Miss NCC Homecoming of 1954," attractive Miss Janie Sykes (center),

Columbia Sophomore, with attendants Miss Janice Jones, left, Ahoskie Junior, and right, Miss Elaine Gregory, Henderson senior. First prize in Collegiate Division went to float of N. C. College's Choir, upper right. In right center Co-Captains Jerome Evans and Amos Thornton of Eagles' team are shown crowning "Miss NCC Homecoming" at halftime ceremonies of football game. Floats of unprecedented beauty were entered in parade on

larger scale than at any previous time in "Trade Week—Homecoming" history. Attractive coeds lower left are shown riding float of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company with its symbol and motto, "As Enduring as the Sphinx." Center float in lower panel was sponsored jointly by the Mutual Savings and Loan Association and the Mechanics and Farmers Bank. Coeds adorn float which has picture of Booker T. Washington half dollar. Ingenuity of Washington was advocated efficiency as prerequisite for business success charac-

terizes the aspirations of Chain members today. Durham's newest, predominantly Negro Radio Station "WSBC" sponsored last float in right panel. NCC's Delta Sigma Theta Sorority entered idyllic flower garden scene in the middle of the center panel. "Trade Week" came to grand finale at Hillside High School Auditorium Tuesday night with dynamic address of Dr. C. Elwood Boniware, NCC professor and noted civic leader as keynote speaker.