

# NAACP Asks Prompt Action On Desegregation



In a meeting Sunday, November 7, the AMVETS elected G. T. Mayo, of Mayo's T. V. Clinic, Commander of Robinson-Brown Post 500. Other officers elected were as follows: Robert E. Clements, 1st Vice Commander; William Bland, 2nd Vice Commander; Miss Berline Monk, Adjutant; Raymond Hayes, Surgeon General; Joseph B. Freeman, Public Relations Officer; Louis B. Vereen, Chaplain; Ellis Greene, Finance Officer; Robert W. Laney, Assistant Adjutant; Raphael W. Clarke, Judge Advocate; Lee C. Gamble, Provost Marshall. These officers will carry on the operations of the AMVETS until Nov., 1955.

## Urge Supreme Court To Prevent Delay Of School Integration

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Decrees ordering immediate desegregation in public schools are asked by the attorneys for NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund in their brief filed with the United States Supreme Court today in answer to the Court's questions on the implementation of the May 17th decision.

However, if the Supreme Court issues its decree at a time when desegregation would present an administrative problem, September 1955, it is the date the Court is asked to order the defendants in the five school segregation cases to put an end to their Jim Crow schools.

On the other hand, should the Court decide to grant the schools time to develop and institute a gradual desegregation plan, then September, 1956, is asked as "the outside date by which desegregation must be accomplished."

The lawyers do not ask the Court to direct or supervise the decrees. They claim no elaborate decree structure is necessary.

Normally, a Supreme Court decision would put an immediate turn to Page Eight.

## New Officers Newspaper Syndicate

Mrs. Robert L. Vann, Board Chairman



Mrs. Robert L. Vann, President of The Courier Publishing Company, has just been elected Chairman of the Board of Interstate United Newspapers, Inc.

Mr. William G. Black, President



Mr. William G. Black, new President, is majority stockholder of Interstate United Newspapers, Inc., an organization representing 85 Negro newspapers, 3 magazines, and several Radio Stations. Mr. Black has had a wide range of selling experience, having sold all types of print media, including black and white, four color comics, rotogravure and rotogravure magazines, magazine supplements, and radio, and has featured 35 cooking schools and home-maker's fairs. He introduced color advertising into all major Negro newspaper magazines and instituted many of the newer merchandising techniques. Mr. Black says: "I am convinced that one of the strongest assets of the Negro press is effective merchandising at point of sale, which can keep the Negro press growing for many years to come."

Other Interstate officers are: Mr. John J. Messman, Treasurer, and Miss Clara Ligon, Business Manager and Secretary.



Marine Sgt. Clarence B. Rodgers, is congratulated by his Commanding Officer, Marine Lt. Col. James W. Love, upon being promoted to his present rank while serving with the 1st Engineer Battalion here. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Rodgers of 205 Sycamore Street, and husband of the former Miss Corene Games of 109 Perry Street, all of Williamston, N. C. Before enlisting in September, 1950, Rodgers attended the Williamston High School and was employed by the Board of Education.

## OMEGAS HOLD ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM AT FAYETTEVILLE

FAYETTEVILLE

Sponsored jointly by the Delta Chapter of Omega on the campus at the Fayetteville State Teachers College of which Charles Allen of Fayetteville is the basileus and the Beta Chi Chapter, a graduate unit, the Annual Achievement Week Program was held on Sunday, November 14 in the school's new auditorium. Introduced by J. Ervin Farmer, vice basileus of Delta Gamma, Professor Lloyd T. Blatch of the Department of Social Sciences talked from the topic: "Implementing Integration by Understanding and Treating Prejudice".

A special feature of the program was the presentation of plaques to Brother Henry Black, basileus of the Beta Chi Chapter, as Omega man of the year, and to Mr. B. F. Ferguson, local religious and fraternal leader, as Citizen of the Year. The music for the exercises was furnished by the college choir under the direction

of Miss Mary E. Terry.

Officers and members of the Delta Gamma chapter are: Charles Allen, Basileus; Ervin Farmer, Vice Basileus; Earl Garrett, Keeper of Records and Seals; Richard L. Thompson, Chaplain and Chapter Editor; Jesse Gillis, Keeper of Peace; and Andrew Frazier, Treasurer. Other members of the group are Leo Dancy, Richard Woods, and Lawrence Thompson.

The list of officers and members of Beta Chi include: Henry A. Black, Basileus; H. C. Lee, Vice Basileus; Edward W. Hargrave, Keeper of Records and Seals; R. L. Jennings, Treasurer; A. L. Scott, Chaplain and Editor; and Brother H. W. Vick, Keeper of Peace. To complete the chapter roster are: William Hinson; Arthenius Dew; J. E. Anthony; Dr. J. Ward Seabrook; Harold L. Scott; Lloyd T. Blatch; R. H. Lewis; Dr. G. W. Allen, Ralph Jordan; J. S. Spivey; Dr. W. C. Melchor; Dr. W. E. Merritt; John W. Parker; L. H. Newberry; Dr. E. J. Gregg; Dr. J. D. Douglass; and Edward MacRae.

Instead, said the "Citizens First" veterans organization in a brief amicus curiae filed today, the Court should lay down certain principles which will guide local school officials in complying with the Constitution, effective (save in exceptional cases) at the beginning of the next school term.

The alternative methods are advanced in the brief as applicable to students now in school: 1) assignment of all children solely on the basis of geographical proximity to a school, or alternatively, allowing children to select any school if geographically proximate to it. Please Turn To Page Eight

Please Turn To Page Eight

There was no evidence that either driver was speeding or that either driver had been drinking. Indications were that each car was travelling about 50 miles per hour.

An investigating officer said it was the worst accident he had ever witnessed. He was the first officer on the scene and found a mass of crushed, bleeding bodies.

Those besides Holder who died in the wreck were Willie Charlie Johnson, 33 of Lillington; his wife Mrs. Rena Johnson, 27; two passengers in their car, Talmadge Edward Jones, 35 of Dunn; Mrs. Norma Phillips, 50 of Dunn; and two Johnson children, Sheila, 8, and George 3, who died later in a hospital at Fayetteville.

In a telegram the Commanding General at Fort Bragg expressed sympathy with Holder's parents, advising them that the youthful soldier's body was at the Fort available for burial.

Funeral arrangements for young Holder have not been announced.

President William V. S. Tubman wound up his stay in the United States with the traditional tour of Harlem. In a special service held at Abyssinian Baptist Church, Tubman hailed all the progress of the American Negro.

"We heartily congratulate and commend you and your brethren who have contributed in untold measure to your phenomenal growth and development."

President Tubman was presented with a scroll describing him as a "Beacon of hope to the free and those who strive toward freedom; a willing servant of the people; a dreamer and worker for peace and brotherhood."

President Tubman and his party sailed for Haiti following the Harlem reception. Then he heads for Liberia from Haiti.

# Seeks New Trial For Youth Forced To Confess Rape

## The Carolina Times

VOLUME 31 — NUMBER 48

DURHAM, N. C., SATURDAY, NOV. 20, 1954

PRICE 10 CENTS

# SEVEN DIE IN WRECK; DRIVER NAPS AT WHEEL

## INVESTIGATING OFFICER FINDS MASS OF BLEEDING BODIES

LILLINGTON

Sgt. Eugene Faison Holder, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Holder of Durham, was killed in a head-on collision Tuesday morning on Highway 210 near here. Six other persons died in the tragic wreck, five adults instantly and two children who later succumbed.

Holder, a Fort Bragg soldier, is credited with blame for the accident as he drove his 1951 Pontiac over the crest of a hill into the path of the other car, while on his way back to the Fort. The accident occurred about 12:40.

Police officers said that Holder apparently went to sleep at the wheel and lost control of his car as it topped the hill. His machine was on the left side of the road at the time of the crash.

There was no evidence that either driver was speeding or that either driver had been drinking. Indications were that each car was travelling about 50 miles per hour.

An investigating officer said it was the worst accident he had ever witnessed. He was the first officer on the scene and found a mass of crushed, bleeding bodies.

Those besides Holder who died in the wreck were Willie Charlie Johnson, 33 of Lillington; his wife Mrs. Rena Johnson, 27; two passengers in their car, Talmadge Edward Jones, 35 of Dunn; Mrs. Norma Phillips, 50 of Dunn; and two Johnson children, Sheila, 8, and George 3, who died later in a hospital at Fayetteville.

In a telegram the Commanding General at Fort Bragg expressed sympathy with Holder's parents, advising them that the youthful soldier's body was at the Fort available for burial.

Funeral arrangements for young Holder have not been announced.

Funeral arrangements for young Holder have not been announced.

President William V. S. Tubman wound up his stay in the United States with the traditional tour of Harlem. In a special service held at Abyssinian Baptist Church, Tubman hailed all the progress of the American Negro.

"We heartily congratulate and commend you and your brethren who have contributed in untold measure to your phenomenal growth and development."

President Tubman was presented with a scroll describing him as a "Beacon of hope to the free and those who strive toward freedom; a willing servant of the people; a dreamer and worker for peace and brotherhood."

President Tubman and his party sailed for Haiti following the Harlem reception. Then he heads for Liberia from Haiti.

## Over 100 At N. C. College Conference

The 29th annual meeting of the North Carolina Negro College Conference will be held at North Carolina College here on November 17.

Some 100 representatives from colleges in this state are expected to attend the all day session.

Registration for the general session will begin at 10:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the Music and Fine Arts Building.

Mayes Behrman, consultant for the American Friends Service, will deliver the keynote talk on the conference's theme at the opening session. "Problems of Securing Jobs for Negroes in the Various Areas of Employment, Especially in this Region" is the 1954 conference theme.

Dr. Alvin W. Rose, N.C.C. sociology professor, will lead a discussion of Behrman's address.

After the opening general session, the conference will break up into "Buzz Sessions" in rooms 100, 101, and 104 of the Science Building.

Luncheon for the delegates is scheduled at one o'clock in Room 106, Science Building.

The officers of the N. C. Negro College Conference of 1954 are: Dr. James A. Boyer of St. Augustine's College, president; Dr. J. H. Douglass, formerly of Fayetteville State Teachers College, Fayetteville, vice president; Dr. G. S. Davis, Elizabeth City State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, secretary; Dr. Foster P. Payne, Shaw University, president.

The dinner, held on November 6 under auspices of the South Carolina Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of which the Rev. James M. Hinton is president, paid tribute to Judge Waring for his historic dissenting opinion in the Clarendon County school segregation case. Judge Waring's dissent holding such segregation unconstitutional was unanimously affirmed by the United States Supreme Court in its memorable decision of May 17.

Robert L. Carter, assistant special counsel, represented the NAACP national office at the dinner.

A bronze plaque presented to the jurist declared: "He set the stage for tearing asunder the fetters of racial inferiority inhumanely imposed upon certain children and the removal of the curse of racial superiority cruelly blighting the lives of other children, thus making possible for the first time—an unhampered sense of belonging and brotherhood, and the full opportunity for every American child to experience true democracy in everyday living."

In a thoughtful presentation in financial terms the Baptist Churches are a \$30,000,000 dollar a year business in North Carolina. They own 3,107 churches.

Please Turn To Page Eight

## Last Rites Held For Isaac Oscar Alston At Saint Joseph's Church

Funeral services for Isaac Oscar Alston, well-known citizen who died quietly in his sleep last Sunday morning at his residence on Fayetteville Street, were held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph AME Church.

The officiating minister was the Rev. J. D. Davis, Presiding Elder. Prayer was offered by the Rev. H. Albert Smith; and the Scripture, the Twenty-third Psalm, was read by the Rev. W. A. McEwan. The Senior Choir rendered the music. Acknowledgements were read by Mr. C. C. Aney.

The active pallbearers consisted of members of the Berean Bible Class, while Class Leaders and officers of the St. Joseph Church served as Honorary Pallbearers. Members of the Pastor's Aid Club and Golden Age Group served as Floral Bearers. Interment was at the Beechwood Cemetery.

Mr. Alston, who had been confined with a heart ailment since last September, was born in Chatham County on August 26, 1879. He was the son of Oscar and Fannie Alston.

At an early age, he came to Durham and found employment with the Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company where he worked for over 35 years until his retirement in 1947.

For over 30 years, he served as librarian of the Berean Bible Class of his church.

On April 24, 1901, he was married to Miss Annie L. Rogers. To them was born one son, Lathrop Alston.

In addition to his wife, the deceased is survived by a number of nephews and nieces.

Address Marion A. Wright, president of the Southern Regional Council, hailed Judge Waring as "the one South Carolina jurist whose decisions have so affected for good the lives of so many."

"His decisions have helped to break the shackles which bound the twentieth century to the nineteenth or even the eighteenth."

"I am sure," the speaker asserted, "I would be less than truthful if I did not express my and your conviction that his attachment for not one race but all mankind was quickened and motivated by the counsel and companionship of his noble and lovely wife."

The Convention theme is "New Responsibilities in a Changing Society," and will feature speakers, consultants and PTA leaders stressing top-



retirement in 1947.

More than 50 years ago, Mr. Alston became a member of the St. Joseph AME Church and was a faithful worker in the Church throughout that long stretch of time.

For over 30 years, he served as librarian of the Berean Bible Class of his church.

On April 24, 1901, he was married to Miss Annie L. Rogers. To them was born one son, Lathrop Alston.

In addition to his wife, the deceased is survived by a number of nephews and nieces.

Address Marion A. Wright, president of the Southern Regional Council, hailed Judge Waring as "the one South Carolina jurist whose decisions have so affected for good the lives of so many."

"His decisions have helped to break the shackles which bound the twentieth century to the nineteenth or even the eighteenth."

"I am sure," the speaker asserted, "I would be less than truthful if I did not express my and your conviction that his attachment for not one race but all mankind was quickened and motivated by the counsel and companionship of his noble and lovely wife."

The Convention theme is "New Responsibilities in a Changing Society," and will feature speakers, consultants and PTA leaders stressing top-

The Convention theme is "New Responsibilities in a Changing Society," and will feature speakers, consultants and PTA leaders stressing top-

The Convention theme is "New Responsibilities in a Changing Society," and will feature speakers, consultants and PTA leaders stressing top-

The Convention theme is "New Responsibilities in a Changing Society," and will feature speakers, consultants and PTA leaders stressing top-

The Convention theme is "New Responsibilities in a Changing Society," and will feature speakers, consultants and PTA leaders stressing top-

The Convention theme is "New Responsibilities in a Changing Society," and will feature speakers, consultants and PTA leaders stressing top-

Please Turn To Page Eight

## CLOSED TRIAL MAY SAVE BOY'S LIFE

WASHINGTON

The U. S. Supreme Court was asked today to set aside the conviction and death sentence of Jeremiah Reeves, Jr., 19-year old Negro youth convicted by an all-white Alabama jury for the alleged rape of a white woman, and send the case back to the Alabama court for a new trial.

The request was made in a reply brief filed by lawyers for NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., in behalf of Reeves.

Reeves was arrested on Nov. 10, 1952, four months after a white woman claimed she had been attacked by an unknown assailant. He was held in the state penitentiary at Kilby, Ala., for three days without being permitted to see or consult with family, friends or counsel. During that time, he was subjected to constant questioning in a room with an electric chair and told that if he did not confess to the crime he would die. A confession would save him, police officials insisted.

At the trial, held in Montgomery, the judge cleared the courtroom of all persons except witnesses and court officials. A motion by Reeves' attorney to have the trial open to the public, in accordance with the Federal Constitution, was denied. Another motion by him to have his private stenographer and members of the press remain in the courtroom was also denied.

A number of witnesses testified in Reeves' behalf as to his whereabouts on the date and time of the alleged crime. Further, several testified that Reeves was emotionally unbalanced. He was 17 at that time.

Nearing the close of the trial, it was discovered for the first time that one of the jurors was the chief of the Montgomery Reserve Police Force, organized to crack down "alleged Negro rapists", and had been active in the case. Reeves' attorney then asked for a mistrial. The motion was denied.

A petition for rehearing was denied by the Alabama Supreme Court on November 27, 1953. NAACP Legal Defense attorneys then petitioned the U. S. Supreme court for a hearing on March 12, 1954. It was granted June 7.

NAACP Legal Defense lawyers asked the high court to set aside the conviction and send the case back to the trial court on the grounds that Reeves was denied a fair and impartial trial; that the confession used to convict Reeves was obtained by force, and that Negroes were systematically excluded from the jury which convicted him.

The attorneys representing Reeves are Thurgood Marshall, director-counsel of NAACP Legal Defense, Robert L. Carter, assistant, Jack Greenberg and Elwood H. Chisolm of Legal Defense staff, Louis H. Pollak of New York, and Peter A. Hall of Birmingham, Alabama.

## N. C. Congress Of Colored Parents And Teachers To Meet In Charlotte

The North Carolina Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers will hold its 27th annual session of the Congress in Charlotte, November 19 - 20. Delegates from eleven districts and 100 counties are expected at the Convention, whose session headquarters will be the North West Junior High School with C. E. Moreland, Principal, and Mrs. A. Z. Zanders, President of the Charlotte P. T. A. City Council, as local hosts.

The Convention theme is "New Responsibilities in a Changing Society," and will feature speakers, consultants and PTA leaders stressing top-

Please Turn To Page Eight

ics and discussions centered around this theme in the 2 day session—November 19-20—that will set goals and chart the course for children and youth in North Carolina for another Symposium—"The Challenge of our Times" will include such outstanding leaders as Dr. Inabel Burns Lindsay, Dean of School of Social Work, Howard University; Dr. George Douglas, President N. C. Family Life Council and Mr. John R. Larkins, Consultant, N. C. Department Public Welfare.

One of the highlights of the convention will feature a forum. Please Turn To Page Eight