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## Negro Teachers Will Be Protected Says Marshall

### NAACP Attorney Pledges Fight To The Bitter End

#### Rev. H. A. Smith Memorial Day Speaker May 29

NEW YORK — The NAACP will give Negro teachers who might face the possibility of retaliation in the process of segregation to desegregation every lawful protection that can possibly be worked out to fight for their rights in the courts, legislatures and the school boards, Thurgood Marshall, director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said here tonight.

The Weaver McLean Post No 175, American Legion, has selected the Reverend H. Albert Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Apex, and Managing Editor of the Carolina Times, to deliver the Annual Memorial Address in a special service which will be held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Glenn Street, Sunday, May 29, at 3:00 p.m.

The service is one of two comprising the Annual Program of the Weaver McLean Post. The second service, billed as Annual Memorial Service No 2, will be held at Beechwood Cemetery at 5:00 p.m.

The program will include a selection by the Ebenezer Male Chorus; Advancing of Colors, J. Fred Pratt, Post Bugler; Solo, Miss Ella Britton, and a poetic selection "In Flanders Field," by Miss Gloria Ann Evans.

It might be that some Negro teachers will become unemployed as a result of the "stinking" practice of penalizing Negro teachers for desegregation pursuant to law, he said. "We must guarantee to every Negro teacher that we will fight to the bitter end with every lawful weapon on hand to protect him from being the victim of this dying stab at continuing the un-American practice of racial segregation."

Marshall spoke at a dinner at the Plaza Hotel given in celebration of the first anniversary of the May 17, 1954 Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public education. It was sponsored by a group of outstanding Americans with Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, UN under-secretary and Nobel Peace Prize winner, and Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, president of the City College of New York, as co-chairman.

### U. S. Court Gets Brief Denouncing Separation Of Races On Buses

RICHMOND VA. — The South Carolina constitution was attacked today in a brief filed with the U. S. Court of Appeals by lawyers for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

The state laws providing for the separation of the races in city and state buses is denounced as a violation of the 14th Amendment to the Federal Constitution and a denial of the rights to which Negroes are entitled as American citizens.

The brief was filed in behalf of a Columbia, S. C., Negro woman who was abused and assaulted by a white bus driver and who brought a \$25,000 damage suit against the owner of the bus lines. The case was dismissed by the U. S. District Court.

South Carolina statutes provides for the segregation of the races on motor vehicles in both city and intrastate carriers and empowers bus drivers or operators with special police authority to arrest persons who violate the bus segregation laws.

These statutes also impose a fine of \$5 to \$25 on passengers who violate the law, and a fine of \$50 to \$250 on carriers which fail to enforce it.

The woman, Mrs. Sarah Mae Fleming, brought the suit against the South Carolina Electric and Gas Co. to recover damages resulting from being ejected from the bus and a blow she received in the abdomen when struck by the driver.

The incident took place June 22, 1954, when Mrs. Fleming boarded a crowded bus and was compelled to stand near the front door and behind the driver. While the majority of the passengers were Negroes, no white person was standing.

At the next block, a white person got off, leaving a seat vacant where she was standing and behind the driver. Mrs. Fleming took the seat which was placed in front of several white passengers.

### THOUSANDS MOURN PASSING OF NOTED NEGRO EDUCATOR

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — The last rites for Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune were held in the chapel of Bethune-Cookman College here, Monday at 3:00 P.M. Prior to the funeral ceremony hundreds viewed the remains of what many termed was the greatest woman of her time.

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## 600 At Dedication Program In Kinston

KINSTON — Before an audience exceeding 600 people, Dr. Ellen Winston, Commissioner, N. C. State Board of Public Welfare, delivered the dedicatory address at the State Training School for Negro Girls, near Kinston, Sunday, May 22. From over 50 counties in North Carolina, the states of Ohio, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, and New York the audience came in connection with a program to name buildings in honor and memory of Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, President Emerita, Palmer Memorial Institute, Sadalla; the late Senator and Governor J. Melville Broughton, Miss Mae D. Holmes, Superintendent of the Training School and the members of the N. C. Federation of Negro Women's Clubs.

Dr. Winston traced the historical development of the Training School from its beginning at Efland over 30 years ago to the present. She paid tribute to the contributions made by the women of the N. C. Federation of Negro Women's Clubs in establishing, operating and supporting the first institution for delinquent Negro girls in the State.

"The best job is to prevent delinquency. The next best job is to keep the children in the community. However, institutional care is necessary, children should be able to secure the type of training offered by this institution," she advised the group. She pointed out that the emphasis on training in self-care in skills for homemaking and jobs and inculcating of Christian character is a basic philosophy of the program at this School.

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### J. C. Smith Finals Set For June 1 In Queen City

CHARLOTTE — Ninety-six candidates for graduation at Johnson C. Smith University are scheduled to receive their diplomas on June 1. The outdoor commencement exercises will be held at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Donald A. Spencer, minister of the Second Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., will deliver the commencement address.

The baccalaureate services will be held in the University Church on Sunday afternoon, May 29, at four o'clock. Rev. Floyd Massey, Jr., minister of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., will deliver the sermon.

The senior class day exercises will be held in Biddle Memorial Hall on May 30 at two-thirty in the afternoon. At eight o'clock in the evening following the class day program, a banquet will be given in honor of Mrs. Fannie K. Spaulding who retires on June 30 after thirty-one years of service.

The Board of Trustees will meet at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, May 31. Rev. W. Eugene Houston of New York City, President of the General Alumni Association, announces that the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Association will also meet at ten o'clock Tuesday morning, May 31. The annual meeting of the General Alumni Association will get under way at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Reunions are scheduled for the classes of 1905, 1915, 1925, 1930, 1935 and 1945.



Pictured above is Mrs. Edythe R. Tweedy, president of the Rocky Mount Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, (On the Left) presenting a sterling silver bowl and bouquet of flowers to Miss Mae D. Holmes, Superintendent, State Training School for Girls, near Kinston. The bowl and flowers were a gift of the Chapter of which Miss Holmes is an active member. The affair was witnessed by over 600 people who had gathered at the State Training School for Girls to honor Miss Holmes and others by naming buildings of the institution in their honor. Dr. Ellen Winston, Commissioner, State Department of Welfare was the principal speaker.

### A&T College Trustees Score Rate Difference In Nurse Training

GREENSBORO — The A and T College Trustee Board, last week voted to take steps to equalize the costs of nurse training at the college with that of the University of North Carolina.

At the meeting held here at the college on last Tuesday, May 17, Chairman Charles A. Hines was directed to appoint a committee to investigate after Dr. F. D. Bluford, president of the college, reported that it costs \$500 more at A and T than at the university. Judge Hinds said the "practice is discriminatory."

The differential comes about by the fact that nursing students attending the university are paid an annual salary of \$500 while doing clinical practice and work at the state supported, North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill.

A and T College nursing students get their clinical work at two private hospitals in Greensboro, at the L. Richardson Memorial and the Moses H. Cone Memorial hospitals and no salary is paid them.

Chairman Hinds appointed a special committee on the following day headed by physician member, Dr. Murray P. Davis of High Point, to proceed with getting some relief. Other members included: Shelley B. Caviness, Dr. W. L. T. George Sockwell, A. A. Morris, Miller and Robert H. Frazier, all of Greensboro and AA Morris of Winston-Salem.

In other business, Dr. W. L. T. Miller of Greensboro suggested that the trustee subcommittee studying the effect of the U. S. Supreme Court decision against segregation should consider eliminating the word "Negro" from A and T's charter. Miller said a "moral difference" is involved, adding "I don't think we should segregate ourselves and make this an institution for Negroes only."

Hines said the subcommittee would meet to discuss the suggestion.

At the annual meeting the board of trustees re-elected the following officers: Dr. Bluford, president; E. R. Hodgins, business manager and secretary-treasurer; Charles A. Hines, board chairman, and Shelley B. Caviness of Greensboro, vice-chairman of the board.

Other committees appointed by the chairman included: (Faculty and Personnel) Robert H. Frazier, Chairman, Charles F. Carroll, Wade H. Paschal, Dr. Murray Davis and A. H. Brett. (Finances and Legislation) Shelley B. Caviness, Chairman, Henry A. Scott, E. R. Merrick, George T. Ashford and E. E. Waddell.

(Buildings and Grounds) Dr. Murray Davis, Chairman, George Sockwell, A. A. Morris, Shelley B. Caviness and all of Greensboro and AA Morris of Winston-Salem.

## A. E. Spears Feted On Retirement As N. C. M. Manager

CHARLOTTE — President W. J. Kennedy, Jr. was the principal speaker at the testimonial reception honoring A. E. Spears, Sr. upon retiring from the company after 40 years of continuous service. Spears entered the service of the company as an agent in Cheraw, South Carolina and has served as Special Ordinary Manager, State Agent of North Carolina and Manager of the Charlotte District. The latter position, he held from 1927 until April 1, 1955. In 1951 he was elected to the Board of Directors of the company and continues to hold that position.

President Kennedy said of Mr. Spears that his record of integrity, loyalty and demonstrative ability places him among the top ranking representatives of the company. He referred to his successful record as Manager of the Charlotte District, in that in 1927, the total annual premium income of the District was \$90,000 and at the close of the year 1954, the total premium income of the District was \$418,000.



Pictured here is Julius Timberlake, son of Mrs. Lizzie Timberlake, who was winner of the Grand Prize, a television set, given by Speight's Auto Service during the recent opening of their new Pure Oil station located at the corner of Fayetteville and Pettigrew Streets. Pvt. Timberlake is now serving in the U. S. Army and won the grand prize here while visiting his mother on a furlough. Mrs. Timberlake is shown with her son who is being congratulated by Theodore Speight, manager of the Pure Oil Station.

### Insurance Company District manager after forty years of faithful service.

In the center is Mrs. Spears, wife of the honoree and at the right is W. J. Kennedy, Jr., president of the company.

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Nurse Sadie Eaton, awarded Red Cross Home Nursing Certificate to Doris Austin, a junior of Stradford, Conn.; Evangeline Dixon, a junior of Wilmington; Shirley B. T. Easterling, a senior of Newark, N. J.; Helen E. Foster, a junior of Statesburg; Lizzie Mae Gore, a senior of Supply; Lucille Gill, a junior of Raleigh; Mae Ella

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