

"I Still Have Faith In My Country" . . . Miss Lucy

NEW YORK — There is nothing that anyone in Alabama or any place else can do which will check my faith in ultimate justice within the democratic principles," declared Miss Atherine Lucy here today.

At a crowded press conference held in the Wendell Wilkie Memorial Building under the auspices of NAACP, the young

woman who on Feb. 29 was permanently expelled from the University of Alabama said, "I still maintain my faith in my country."

The university expelled Miss Lucy, its first Negro student, the same day that her reinstatement on the campus was ordered by a federal court in Birmingham, Ala. She flew to New York with Thurgood Marshall,

NAACP special counsel, and Mrs. Constance Baker Motley, NAACP assistant special counsel, to consult physicians and, as put it, "to get a rest from the terrific strain I have been under since this case began."

In the short statement she read to the press, Miss Lucy said she was "completely disheartened" by the expulsion action of the university.

"At the time," she continued, "I intend to continue not to be angry or to bear illwill to anyone."

She said she has "authorized" her lawyers to "take whatever steps are necessary" to "test the validity or invalidity of this latest action of the Board of Trustees."

Suffering from exhaustion, Miss Lucy left immediately af-

ter reading her statement. Reporters' questions about her case were answered by Mr. Marshall, who had accompanied her to the press conference.

Asserting that "we will not allow anybody by any action to make us angry or to make us emotional about this," Mr. Marshall said that a decision will be made later on legal action on Miss Lucy's case.

Miss Lucy was admitted to the University of Alabama on Feb. 1 by a federal court order after almost four years of legal battle. She was temporarily suspended from classes on Feb. 6, following several mob demonstrations and threats on her life.

In order to get her readmitted to the university, Miss Lucy's lawyers had filed contempt charges, based on preliminary

information available at the time, against the university officials. However, upon thorough investigation it was discovered that the charges could not be supported by competent legal evidence, at the hearing on Feb. 29, the charges were withdrawn by her lawyers.

These charges—that university authorities had conspired with the mob to force her tem-

porary expulsion from the campus—were cited by the university trustees as their reason for permanently expelling her.

Marshall observed that the reason used to expel Miss Lucy was not the real one. Her lawyer's complaint was filed three weeks ago, he recalled, and the university had sufficient time to act before the judge ordered her admission.

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1,000 ATTEND CIVIL RIGHTS MEETING

Farm Agents' Supervisor Shot To Death By Agent

Negro Leaders Hold Meet At Holly Knoll

CAPAHOSIC, Va. — A group of prominent educational and civic leaders met here at Holly Knoll over the week-end, (March 3-4), at the invitation of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, for an informal discussion of the problems of race relations in the United States. Particular attention was devoted to an assessment of some of the recent developments, along with their implications, in this troubled area.

Among other topics, the (Continued on Page Eight)



Pictured above are some of the principals in the recent arrest of Clarence M. Mitchell, director of the Washington Bureau of the National Association

for the Advancement of Colored People in Florence, South Carolina. Mitchell was arrested when he refused to use the Negro entrance at the railway waiting room in Florence, but was quickly released when Judge William Smith ordered a nol pros of the charges of violating South Carolina's antiquated segregation law. Mitchell is shown in the center of the picture. At his right is Attorney L. C. Jenkins. Attorney William W. Bennett is third from the right.

Leaders Vow To Continue Fight For Equal Rights Legislation By Congress

300 Expected For Alpha Meet Here March 30-31

Durhamites are showing "excellent spirit and cooperation" in making room in their homes for the more than 300 delegates expected to attend the Alpha Phi Alpha Southern Regional Convention here March 30-31.

This was the report of H. R. Edwards, the fraternity's chairman of the committee on registration and housing made at a meeting of the group last week. The report also revealed that numerous delegates are bringing their wives to the Regional Convention.

Edwards said contacts have been made throughout the city in an effort to take care of the large numbers expected to invade the city for the Alpha meeting. Additional emphasis is being placed on the convention because of the celebration this year of Alpha Phi Alpha's Semiquincentennial.

Serving with Edwards on the registration and housing committee are Dr. C. D. Watts, W. P. Kearney, O. B. Coward, M. A. Blount, and Rev. W. T. Brown.

The local Beta Theta Lambda Chapter (graduate) and Gamma Beta (undergraduate) are serving as co-sponsors of the convention. (Continued on Page Eight)



DR. BENJ. E. MAYS

Mayes To Speak In Chapel Hill Sunday, Mar. 11

CHAPEL HILL — Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, will preach at the Sunday morning worship service of the Community Church of Chapel Hill at 11:00 a.m., March 11. The service will be held in Hill Music Hall. Dr. Charles Jones is pastor.

Dr. Mayes graduated with honors from Bates College, Lewiston, Maine. He received (Continued on Page Eight)

WASHINGTON, D. C. — More than a thousand certified delegates representing 51 co-operating organizations gathered at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 1225 R Street, N.W., this city, for the biennial Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights Sunday afternoon, and received instructions regarding calling upon their respective congressional representatives in the interest of civil rights legislation at this session of Congress.

General chairman of the assembly was Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, around which the 50 other nationally known organizations rallied. Fully one-third of the delegates were white citizens from the industrial labor unions and religious groups. Some of them were: AME Zion Church, American Civil Liberties Union, American Council on Human Rights, AFL-CIO, ADA, American Jewish Congress, IBPOEW, Brotherhood Sleeping Car Porters, Congress of Racial Equality, NAPE, CME Church, Catholic Interracial Council, National Baptist Convention, USA, United Auto Workers and NNPA, to mention a few.

Charles A. Zimmerman of the International Lady Garment Workers Union, was chairman of the opening meeting with Wilkins and Clarence Mitchell, Washington Bureau head, assisting. Citing the need for affirmative action on the part of Congress in behalf of civil rights legislation, none of which (Continued on Page Eight)



DR. JAMES T. CLELAND

Noted Minister To Speak At NCC Sunday

Dr. James T. Cleland of Duke University, one of the nation's leading clergymen, will speak to a vespers audience in Duke Auditorium at North Carolina College at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11.

At Duke University since 1945 as James B. Duke Professor of Preaching in the Divinity School, and Dean of the Chapel, Dr. Cleland has held teaching positions with Glasgow University, Edinburgh, Scotland; Union College, Mass.; the Union Theological Seminary in New York, and in the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California.

He is also an author of note. Best known of his publications are "Best Sermons," 1949-1950; "The Interpreter's Bible, Volumes II and IV," "The True and Lively World" and "Occasional Sermons."

The general public is invited. Music will be furnished by the North Carolina Choir.

Other March speakers, according to Dr. J. Neal Hughley, college minister, are the Rev. Wilson Q. Welch of Fisk University, March 18; and Dr. R. I. McKinney's speech at 4:30 Sunday afternoon, March 25, will be the day's second message inaugurating Religious Emphasis Week. The Rev. Harry E. Smith of Chapel Hill will speak to the college Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. in Religious Emphasis Week's first address.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Rosa Cleland

Last rites were held for Mrs. Rose Etta Cleland at the St. Joseph AME Church last Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. D. A. Johnston, officiated. He was assisted by the Rev. T. C. Graham, pastor of the West Durham Baptist Church, and the Rev. Fred Hunter, Rector of the St. Titus P. E. Church.

Mrs. Cleland was the widow of the late Rev. W. C. Cleland, former pastor of the St. Joseph Church here and the St. Paul AME Church, Raleigh. Rev. Cleland, also served his church as a presiding elder in the Durham District.

She was also the mother of Dr. W. C. Cleland, local pediatrician, member and secretary of the Lincoln Hospital medical staff, and former president of the Old North State Medical Society.

Although she had been an invalid for the past ten years, Mrs. Cleland did not become severely stricken until some 18 days ago. She died last Saturday morning at Lincoln Hospital just a little over a month away from her 86th birthday.

A native of Hickory, Mrs. Cleland was born on April 6, 1870. Her parents were the late Julius and Harriet Collette Alexander Cleland.

She attended the City schools of Hickory, Kittrell College, Kittrell; Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tenn.; and the National Religious Training School.

She was married to the late Rev. Cleland, December 25, 1905. Two sons were born to this union, the late Frederick C. Cleland and William Alexander Cleland of the home.

She first came here to live in 1918 and remained until 1923, during which time her husband served as pastor of the St. Joseph Church. She served throughout his pastorate here as teacher of the Maxahalla Sunday School Class. Leaving Dur-



MRS. ROSA E. CLELAND

ham in 1923, Mrs. Cleland returned in 1946 to make her home with her son.

For a number of years, Mrs. Cleland was active as school teacher. She taught in her native Hickory, Roxboro and Lenoir. She was principal of a school in Hickory at one time and also served as matron at Kittrell College.

Surviving Mrs. Cleland are her son and several cousins. Interment was in the family plot in Hickory.

Found Guilty In Homicide Case

LENOIR — A 48-year-old Negro woman was found guilty of manslaughter last week by a jury of 12 men, but sentence was not passed immediately.

The woman, Mrs. Novella Hemphill, 43, on last October 10, shot off the side of her husband's head with a shot gun. The killing occurred at the home where the woman and her 63-year-old husband Wille lived.

Former Durham Pastor Found Dead At Saw Mill Near Morganton

MORGANTON — Mystery surrounds the death of the Rev. H. A. Washington, former pastor of the old CME Church on Matthew Street, whose body fully clothed, including his hat, was found on Sunday, March 1, at an old sawmill site near here.

The 70-year-old minister, according to information given Sheriff Roy A. Sigmon, had been on a visit with his wife to Winston-Salem where he formerly pastored the St. James Methodist Episcopal Church.

Late Friday while on the way back to Tyrone, the couple had car trouble and remained stalled in the car all night.

They were able to get the car fixed Saturday morning, but five miles southwest of Morganton, their car was involved in a collision.

Mrs. Emily Washington, the minister's wife and other occupants of the car were taken to a hospital.

Apparently badly dazed, but showing no outward evidence of injury, the Rev. Mr. Washington was unable to remember where his wife was and started a search for her as he incoherently told persons in Morganton who saw him.

A taxicab driver reported driving Rev. Washington around for about two hours, but unable to get from him any specific directions, brought him back to where he had picked him up. The minister then, he said, walked down toward a lake.

He told some small boys fishing in the lake, they report, that he was looking for his wife. In the meantime, his wife released from the hospital, returned home and her concern by his failure to return resulted in the instituting of a search which lasted until the minister's body was discovered at the old sawmill site.

Harry Setzer, acting Burke County Coroner, said the Tyrone pastor had made his way from Morganton about 12 miles south



REV. WASHINGTON

on Highway 18 and then had walked about two miles off the highway to the sawmill site where he collapsed.

His watch, wallet and other personal effects found on the minister indicated no foul play, the coroner pointed out.



DR. SIDNEY T. JAMES, prominent Durham business man who died at his home here Wednesday, March 6, at 6:30 P. M., following an illness of three years. Funeral arrangements had not been completed at press time Wednesday afternoon.

Molton Zachary Killed By Farm Agent Who Later Fails In Suicide Attempt

BOY SCOUTS INVITED TO ANTARCTIC

The Occaneechee Council, Boy Scouts of America, has been invited to submit one or more of its members to serve as a junior scientific aid to the Antarctic bases of the United States National Committee for the International Geophysical Year during the years of occupation 1957-58. A number of other Scout councils are also receiving invitations at this time.

Some months ago, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, a member of the National Council, a member of the National Court of Honor, and the recipient of the Silver Buffalo Award personally expressed a keen desire, based on the record made in his previous expeditions, to have a member (Continued on Page Eight)



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The shooting and alleged attempted suicide took place in the Pitt County agent's office following action by the Pitt County commissioner which requested Mitchell's resignation. The decision had been recommended by Zachary. Hospital officials sated on Tuesday morning that Mitchell remained in a critical condition and had a 50-50 chance to survive. No charges had been placed against him, pending the outcome of his condition and further investigation.

Mrs. Amelia Capehart, home demonstration agent for Pitt County, said Zachary was shot (Continued on Page Eight)