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# 300 Expected Here For Alpha Regional Meeting

# BUS PROTEST LEADERS ON TRIAL



Durham's Beta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is busy making plans for the Southern Regional Conference which will take place here next weekend. Members of the Steering Committee planning the affair are shown above, they are, left to right, W. J. Walker, B. F. Hudson, H. R. Edwards, L. B. Frasier, President, N. H. Bennett, Steering Committee Chairman, J. M. Murfree, W. A. Clement, and H. G. Dawson.

## Durham To Roll Out Mat Of Welcome To Visiting Fraternity Next Week

Durham is busily making ready for the influx of Alpha men and their wives expected to attend the Alpha Phi Alpha Southern Regional Convention here next weekend. Delegates will come from the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, and Tennessee.

Widely known as the "Capitol of Negro Business in America," Durham has hosted many regional and national meetings but the Alphas have never before come to the North Carolina city. They are making up for the "slight" however, by kicking off celebration of their mid-century birthday in the Durham meeting. Some 300 delegates and their wives are expected.

In honor of the occasion, Alpha General President Frank Stanley Sr., publisher of the Louisville Defender, will be on hand to deliver the keynote address. And all general officers, including General Secretary James E. Huger of Chicago, will participate on the two-day program.

Also scheduled for a prominent role is Tennessee newspaper publisher Lewis O. Swingler, Southern Regional President and a likely candidate to succeed himself in that office.

The election of officers at an open session Saturday afternoon (March 31) will be one of the convention highlights. Also slated for a spot on the program is Clarence Branch Jr., an undergraduate at Tennessee State A&T University, who is also an assistant vice-president.

"New Challenges in Education for Citizenship," reflecting Alpha's concern for the current crisis in education, particularly in the South, has been chosen as the Convention theme. This will serve as the basis for President Stanley's address and for discussion by several panels of experts in the field of education.

North Carolina College Sociology Professor Dr. Joseph S. Himes is coordinating the panels in cooperation with L. B. Frasier, Program chairman and (Continued on Page Eight)



JAMES WILLIE BARNES

## Final Rites Held Last Thursday For J. W. Barnes

Funeral services for James Willis Barnes, 44-year old mortician who died last Sunday night at Lincoln Hospital following a brief illness, were held Thursday, March 22, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Glenn Street.

The officiating minister was the pastor, the Rev. James A. Brown.

Barnes, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vassie Barnes, was born on June 14, 1912 in Johnson County. He came to Durham in 1930 and joined the White Rock Baptist Church. Later he joined the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

He was president of the usher board and a member of the male chorus and Floral Club of the church. Survivors are his parents, his wife, Mrs. Juanita Barnes; a son, Roy L. Bute; two brothers, Joseph of Durham and Clifton of Wilmington, Delaware. Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery.

## Picture Week Mag.

## Rumor Can Be Most Damaging Says Famous Picture Week Mag

Rumor can be one of the most damaging of all human failings. It can ruin reputations, cause panic, and even start riots. I've just finished reading a very disturbing article in the current issue of PICTURE WEEK Magazine, which showed how a terrible race riot was touched off by rumor.

It began as a traffic jam on a Detroit bridge, when two cars locked bumpers. One contained a white couple, the other a Negro couple and their baby. All four passengers got out to argue and the people in other cars craned their necks to see what was going on. But because it was a bright glaring day, the drivers of autos facing one direction saw a different scene than those facing the other way. From one line of cars, according to PICTURE WEEK, it looked like a Negro facing a white man and woman. From the second line, it appeared as if a white man was arguing with a Negro attacking the white man's wife.

Some said the man was armed with a knife and, a little later, people were saying that there was a wave of knife-wielding Negroes attacking whites. From the other direction, the rumors involved the white man and the Negro baby. Some passed the word that he had thrown the child off the bridge and that police had arrived and were siding with the white man. By the time the rumor had reached the Negro section of town, it included an alleged reign of terror on the Negro population. A riot was under way, and when it was over, 34 were dead and hundreds more injured.

This is a most striking example of the evil power of rumor. And I'm sure that when you read this unusual article in PICTURE WEEK, you'll agree with me to think twice before believing any word-of-mouth stories.

## Dr. Luther King First Of 90 To Face Conspiracy Charges In Montgomery Case

MONTGOMERY, Ala. The testimony of the Rev. Martin Luther King highlighted the second day of the trial of 90 Montgomery Negroes held on boycotting charges. King was the first of the group to go on trial.

The state attempted to show that organized Negroes spent \$30,000 for private transportation, which has just about wrecked the segregated bus system of the city.

Should such a charge be proved to be a deliberate scheme, the state hopes to convict the first of 90 Negro leaders on trial charged with conspiracy, under an old Alabama law, to interfere with a business operation.

The 27-year-old Rev. King is president of the Improvement Association. The state is seeking to link him to a "conspiracy" to hinder the operation of the racially segregated Montgomery City Lines, Inc., a privately operated bus line.

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DR. M. L. SHEPARD

## Noted Minister To Speak At Shaw Univ.

Dr. Marshall L. Shepard, pastor of Mt. Olivet Tabernacle Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., will be principal speaker for the sixteenth annual observance of Shaw University Theological Alumni Days, April 3-4. The Rev. Mr. Shepard will preach during a public meeting at 11 a. m., April 4th, in the University Church, and will give a lecture to a special session of ministers at 2:30 p. m.

A native of Oxford, Dr. Shepard serves in addition to pastoring, as councilman-at-large of Philadelphia, and is chairman of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A.

Before assuming the pastorate in Philadelphia in 1926, he served as assistant pastor of the Abyssinia Baptist Church, New York City.

In 1947, Dr. Shepard was among the speakers addressing the World Baptist Alliance at Copenhagen, Denmark.



Dr. Raleigh Morgan, former NCC French Department Chairman who left for a speaking tour of Nicaragua and Haiti, Thursday, March 15. Dr. Morgan resigned his post at the local college recently to accept a position with the United States State Department.

## Clothing And Food Sent To S. C. Victims

NEW YORK

A six-car "mercy caravan" carrying thousands of garments and shoes for men, women and children and a heavy load of canned foods gathered by the National Committee for Rural Schools left New York City, Friday, March 16, for Columbia, S. C. Volunteer drivers expect to push the express run through in 18 hours of steady driving.

The entire shipment will be immediately distributed to needy families in Ellery, Orangeberg and Clarendon Counties, S. C., where much of the Negro farming population is destitute in the face of underground reprisals that took place when they practically unanimously signed petitions for the integration of their schools. The NCRS sent cash contributions last week for the purchase of seeds and farming implements.

Revenous point for the caravan, consisting of 5 sedans and a station wagon, will be Public School No. 2, 1365 Fulton Avenue at 169th Street, the Bronx at 2 P. M. Co-leaders are Richard Parris, New York City School teacher and NCRS board member, and Richard Gangel, (Continued on Page Eight)



Attorney C. O. Pearson who was cited by the Durham Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity on March 13 for his leadership in civil rights movements and other community activities. Pearson received from the local chapter the E. E. Toney Award for outstanding achievement in the area of public service. Dr. P. Leigh Morgan made the presentation.

## Lumberton Man Charged With Highway Death

LUMBERTON

A Negro school teacher was ordered held by a coroner's jury last Monday night on a charge of involuntary manslaughter. The teacher, James S. Singleton, Jr., was involved in the death of William Festress Walters of this city last Oct. 19, in a highway accident.

Testimony given at the inquest indicated Singleton was approaching a private drive intending a left turn off Highway 74, about six miles west of Lumberton, when his car was in (Continued on Page Eight)

## NAACP Meeting Set For Sunday March 26th

The Rev. W. H. Fuller announces the expectation of a large crowd next Sunday, Mar. 25, at 4:00 p. m., when the local Branch of the NAACP holds its regularly scheduled monthly meeting at the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Glenn Street.

The pastor of the Ebenezer Church, the Rev. J. A. Brown, will conduct the devotions.

Delivering the main address will be Dr. Helen Edmunds, NCC professor of history. The Rev. W. H. Fuller, president, will present the program and introduce the speaker.

Other persons who will appear on the program are Atty. F. B. McKissick, reporting on membership; Mrs. A. Spears, awarding trophy; Atty. C. O. Pearson, giving report of committee on special program; Thomas Bailey, Jr., making the treasurer's report and the Rev. P. A. Thorpe who will give the benediction.

Music will be furnished by the Ebenezer Church choir and the Oak Grove Male Chorus.

Calling attention to the mutual need of Negroes and the NAACP as the agency fighting most effectively for Negro rights in this country, Rev. Fuller stated that the local branch is continuing its membership drive without let-up.

The Mount Vernon Baptist Church will be the site of the next meeting, to be held Sunday, April 22.

A cordial invitation to attend these meetings is extended to the public.

# Over \$3,000 Raised For Montgomery Protest When One Jailed Ministers Speaks

CLEVELAND, OHIO

"Perhaps you've heard that Negroes will not stick together. Well, if you hear it again remember Montgomery, Alabama."

This was the admonition given here last week by one of the 24 ministers indicted in Montgomery in February for their participation in a mass Negro protest against discrimination in Montgomery city buses.

Addressing a crowd of 2,100 persons at a prayer-protest rally, sponsored by the Cleveland NAACP, the Rev. L. Roy Bennett recounted that "we decided to go to jail together instead of one by one."

A total of \$3,301.64 was donated by the audience to aid the Montgomery group.

Mr. Bennett, a Methodist minister in Montgomery, related: "Our story started in April, '55, when a young girl who refused to give up her seat on a bus, thereby violating city and state law, was jailed and fined. (Continued on Page Eight)

## 'Family Night' Set For Covenant Presbyterian Church Friday

Covenant Presbyterians will observe "Family Night," Friday, March 23, at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, when notables will discuss the topic "The Role of the Family in the Life of the Church."

Participating in a Round Table discussion on the adult section of the Family Night meeting will be Dr. Alvin Rose, Professor of Sociology at NCC, who will be moderator, and associated professor with him will be Rev. Ray Short, minister and advanced doctoral student at Duke University, Mrs. Joseph H. Taylor, holder of the Master's degree in Religious Education and a home-maker, Dr. Ray Thompson, Professor of guidance at NCC, and Dr. Joseph S. Himes, Professor of Sociology at NCC.

This program will be under the sponsorship of the Women's Association of the Church of which Mrs. Annie W. Mayer is President. The evening's program will begin with a devotional period led by Mrs. Ariana B. Boulware and Mrs. Edith S. Parham, members of the program committee of the Women's Association.

The youth section of the family night program will begin with a devotional period led by Miss Velda White and Miss Bennie Booker, following which a movie will be presented dealing with Christian growth in the lives of children and youth.

At the end of the discussion periods, all members with their families will be presented and refreshments will be served.