

# Church Editor Fired In Wake Of Attack On Bishops



Dr. Sidney Williams, president of Elizabeth City Teachers' College and president-elect of the North Carolina Teachers' Association, looks on as Mrs. Ida H. Duncan, president of the NCTA, lights the birthday cake which symbolized the organization's 75th anniversary.

## Durham Pair Offers Home For Jailed Girl

A Durham couple this week offered to provide a home for a 13 year-old girl who has been jailed by her parents here because they couldn't keep her from running away from home. The offer of the Durham couple, made by Mrs. Dorothy Holiday was revealed here Wednesday by Wayne County jailer, L. R. Cobb. It came in the form of a letter from Mrs. Holiday.

Efforts to contact the Holiday family in Durham Wednesday proved fruitless.

According to jailer Cobb, Mrs. Holiday wrote that her husband works for a tobacco company in Durham. "I am sure we can make her a happy home," she added.

Another offer also from Mrs. Nellie Mae Rogers of Creed-

moor, who wrote: "I would like to take the little girl and raise her. I feel sorry for the little girl. I have a girl 11 years-old." Previously, a Burlington couple had written, offering to adopt the youngster, but withdrew the offer when they learned she is a Negro. They did offer to help in some other way, though.

Despite the offer of adoption, it appears that the child will not be available for adoption. Doreen Durr, Wayne County Welfare Department worker, said that adoption had been ruled out.

Durr, along with the clerk of court and juvenile judge have been holding discussions with the child's parents to find a solution to the problem. (Please turn to Page Eight)

WASHINGTON, D. C. Pressure reached a new high in AMEZ church circles here last week when the bishops of the Church, in special session, suspended Dr. Walter Raleigh Lovell, veteran editor of the Star of Zion, for the appearance of an article in the February issue of the paper, which they termed "scurrilous."

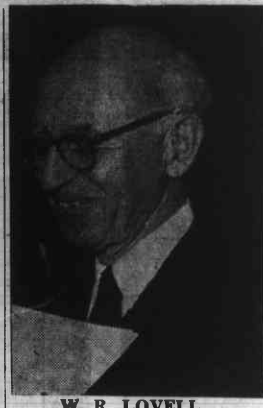
The action was taken after the bishops made what they termed an investigation of the article which accused the church bishops of fornication, selling appointments and being guilty of generally bad morality.

The article, when it appeared, bore the by-line of "A Parson". It incited the wrath of Bishop

W. J. Walls to such a degree that he had a special committee appointed to get at the bottom of the whole thing. The committee, composed of Bishops W. W. Slade, Raymond L. Jones and Rev. J. W. Finley set out to determine who was responsible.

The investigation revealed that the real writer was the Rev. F. Louis Bell, who, pastors in Farmville, N. C. The committee could not determine how editor Lovell could permit such an article to appear. His explanation was that he was not at his desk and that his clerk-secretary, Mrs. M. E. Leak, was responsible for its appearance.

The committee hinted that



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there was collusion between Lovell and the writer. It then set out to find the writer. Upon arriving in Farmville they were told by the writer that he did write the article and that he had two others, touching upon the general lack of Christian character by some of the prelates that were not printed in the Star of Zion.

The committee reported its findings to Bishop Walls, and he then called a meeting of the entire Board of Bishops, to meet here March 31. The meeting was held and Dr. Lovell, along with Mrs. Leake and James Barnes, plant foreman of the AME Zion publication house at Charlotte. Rev. Bell was also

requested to appear, but he gave as his reason for not appearing that he was not notified until late in the afternoon of March 20.

As a result of the meeting, the Board of Bishops voted to suspend Dr. Lovell because of the manner in which the affairs of his office were being conducted. The suspension will stand until a meeting of the Publishing Board in Charlotte on April 12.

The Bishops also suspended Mrs. Leake, a veteran office worker for the Star for 11 years. The Board appointed a committee to attend to publication of the Star until the full meeting of the Publishing Board in

April. Named to the committee are Bishop W. W. Slade, Rev. R. F. R. Blakey and P. L. DeBerry.

Persons close to the situation feel that the stern action against Lovell, resulting in his suspension, was instigated by Bishop Walls because of a long standing feud between the prelate and the editor. The feeling has run so high in their strained relations that Dr. Lovell reportedly slapped the bishop in one of the ante rooms of the First AME Zion Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., at the 1952 general conference of the church.

The Rev. Bell stated in Farmville Tuesday night that he not (Please turn to Page Eight)

## Quick Test For

# S. C. BAN ON NAACP

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## Durham Ready To Receive Alphas In Regional Meet

### Convention To Open Thursday

Activities of the Southern Regional Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity got underway here Thursday morning with an executive session and ended Friday night with a formal dance at the Durham City Armory.

Many delegates from the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tenn., started arriving Wednesday. They were registered at temporary Headquarters, the Algonquin Club House. The scene shifted Thursday morning to North Carolina College where the two-day meeting was centered.

The Fraternity's top executive officers were on hand for the Convention, which kicked off the celebration of Alpha Phi Alpha's semi-centennial.

Activities began Thursday morning at 9 o'clock with an executive session, followed at 12:30 by a luncheon for all general, regional, and chapter officers at the Harriet Tubman Branch of the Y.W.C.A. The Iota Phi Lambda Sorority sponsored the luncheon.

Lunch for the general body of the convention was also served at the YWCA.

The first of three panel discussions was scheduled for 1:30 in the Administration Building. (Please turn to Page Eight)



Members of the Durham graduate chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the Beta Theta Lambda chapter, are seen here in a formal portrait made prior to the regional meeting of the fraternity in Durham this weekend. The Beta chapter will serve as co-host, along with North Carolina College Gamma Beta chapter, for the meeting.

## Hinton Says Group Will Act Soon To Bring Question Before Court

COLUMBIA, S. C. A quick test of the constitutionality of South Carolina's new law banning membership in the NAACP for all state employees was predicted here this week in the wake of the signing of the measures into law.

Gov. George Bell Timmerman signed the bill last week after its easy passage through the State legislature.

Rev. James Hinton, President of the State NAACP, commented shortly after the bill had been signed that the NAACP would probably take quick steps to have it tested in the courts.

"This new discriminatory law will be tested in the federal courts, and little time will be lost in bringing such a case," Rev. Hinton declared.

He charged that the law "is a violation of rights guaranteed under the United States Constitution, and is a gross discrimination against those who join the NAACP. He predicted that it will not stand the test before the courts of the land.



Dr. Helen Edmonds, professor of History at North Carolina College, denounced what she termed attempts to smear NAACP with charges of Communist influence in a speech before a meeting of the Durham chapter of the association here last Sunday. A noted writer and lecturer, Dr. Edmonds declared that the NAACP is "inspiring our people to walk with dignity."

## Tar Heel NFA Ready For Observance Of Special Week

GREENSBORO Radio and television programs by various chapters of the NFA throughout the State are part of the planned observance of New Farmers of America Week, according to W. T. Johnson, executive secretary of the association.

Johnson announced from his headquarters here where he also serves as Assistant supervisor of Vocational Agriculture Education at A&T College that the week will be observed April 1-7.

Johnson stated that the observance will honor Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute and regarded by many as the father of Vocational Education.

Johnson said "the approximately 9,000 members of the NFA in North Carolina will join with the more than 400,000 other boys in sixteen other southern states to pay tribute to the things Washington stood, worked and died for—the conservation of national resources, crop-rotation, thrift, the living-at-home program, better health, better relationship between the races, and economic advancement of all people."

He also declared that the aim of the observance would be to acquaint local communities with what vocational training in agriculture means to it and the advancement of agriculture practices.

## Ushers Mid-Year Session To Convene At Oxford

### Eisenhower Administration Offers Three Point Civil Rights Plan

WASHINGTON, D. C. Informed sources say a three-point civil rights program has been completed by the Eisenhower administration and is ready to be recommended to the Congress.

This disclosure came late Tuesday of this week as the administration also battled to retain some of its measures in the current farm legislation.

Although the program for adding more protection to civil rights is considered to be much weaker than one introduced by Rep. James Roosevelt (D-Calif.), it is believed that the administration program has a good chance of passing if it is vigorously pushed by the President.

The three-point administration program for safeguarding civil rights, briefly consists of:

1. Creation of a civil rights commission with subpoena powers to review complaints of violations.
2. Establishment of a new civil rights division of the Justice Department under an assistant attorney general. This would give more power and prestige to the Justice official handling civil rights matters.
3. Legislation to open federal

Protestant church ushers from all over the state will gather here next week, April 15, for the 32nd meeting of the North Carolina Interdenominational Ushers Association mid-year meeting.

Advance reports from units over the state indicate that nearly 700 persons will attend the one-day meeting, to be held at the Colored Orphanage of North Carolina at Oxford.

Rev. D. S. Suber, pastor of the St. Mark AME Church of Smithfield, will deliver the sermon for the meeting at 3:30 in the afternoon.

L. E. Austin, president of the organization, said that it was peculiarly fitting that Oxford Orphanage host the meeting, for the association has been well known for its work in aiding the Orphanage and in providing scholarships for its students.

Most observers have not given Rep. Roosevelt's plan much of a chance to succeed. However, they point out that in this election year, Republicans might rally around the President's plan, which would be expected to get support from the northern liberal democratic bloc.

OXFORD

In signing the measure, Gov. Timmerman assailed the NAACP as an "insidious" organization trying to upset the laws, customs and traditions of the state and creating turmoil between the races.

Commenting in New York on the measure, the NAACP's executive secretary Roy Wilkins said that the NAACP's objective of "first class citizenship for Negro Americans according to the Constitution and the laws of the land" apparently are "incompatible with the South Carolina conception of Americanism."

Opposition to the measure also came from an unexpected source in South Carolina this week. At Greenville, Dr. George F. K. Naylor, a visiting Australian professor at Furman University, denounced the new law as embodying the "very principles of persecution which we resent as being characteristic of communism."

"A certain organization," he said, "whose social objectives appear to have been selected as a victim to be persecuted appears to have been selected as a victim to be persecuted because its views differ from those of the ruling classes."

The measure appears to be aimed directly at Negro teachers in the state since they represent the only large group of public employees from which NAACP membership is recruited in the state.

gathering of former students and "old grads" from every corner of North Carolina from adjoining states. The guest speaker this year will be the Reverend Carey S. McCall, instructor in the School of Religion at Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia. He will be introduced by Ethel Lewis of the Class of '40. She is Chairman of the Alumni Founders' Day Committee and Supervisor of the Craven County Schools for Negroes, New Bern, North Carolina.

Varied Program Music will be furnished by the College Choir directed by (Please turn to Page Eight)

## Women Hear Plans To Curb Illegitimacy

Plans now being put into operation to curtail the number of children born out of wedlock by young girls of school age was among the projects of the state welfare department outlined before the executive committee meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Negro Women, held in Durham, recently.

John R. Larkins, consultant to the State Department of Public Welfare, told the group of plans now being used by the organization to curb the increase in illegitimate births among Negroes in the State.

Larkins was the featured speaker at the meeting which concerned itself largely with planning for the Federation's annual state wide meeting, scheduled for Fayetteville State Teachers College May 18-20.

Among the other matters of concern to the Welfare department, Larkins listed the need for increased day care facilities for small children, discussed the present status of the institution for feeble-minded children, outlined the progress being made in restoring self-sufficiency through public welfare services, and stressed the need for more licensed boarding homes for the aged and children.

The committee's meeting was presided over by Mrs. Rose Aggrey of Salisbury, president of the Federation. Numerous reports were received by members of the committee on activities carried on by the organization.

Mrs. Thelma Henley reported at length on the status and plans for the state meeting set for May. A number of outstanding figures are expected to speak and lead discussions at this meeting.

All sessions of the committee meetings were conducted at (Please turn to Page Eight)

## Proposed Electoral Change Aimed At Race -- NAACP

NEW YORK Support of the proposed amendment to change the present method of electing the President and Vice President "will be interpreted by Negro voters as anti-civil rights," Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said last Thursday in a telegram to a group of sponsors of the resolution which is now being debated on the Senate floor.

The present proposal, Wilkins said, is essentially the same as the Lodge-Gossett resolution of 1950. The arguments advanced by Representative Ed Gossett of Texas at that time were "nakedly racial in character," the NAACP leader told the senators.

At that time, the Texan explained that the purpose of his resolution was to curb the pow-

er of the Negro, labor, Jewish and foreign-born vote "in the large northern cities. He charged that the present system of allocating the total electoral vote of each state to the candidate with the highest number of popular votes places a "premium on a few thousand labor votes, or Italian votes, or Irish votes, or Negro votes, or Jewish votes, or Polish votes, or Communist votes, or big-city machine votes...located in two or three large industrial pivotal states."

The NAACP, Wilkins said in his telegram to the senators, "hopes very much that you will vote against any change in the electoral college system except that to elect the President by direct popular vote. Proposal to divide electoral vote of states in proportion to popular vote or according to congressional

districts will discriminate against urban population which is already under-represented."

Moreover, the NAACP spokesman pointed out, the "proposal would partially disfranchise Negro voters outside the South while increasing influence of southern states where Negroes are not now permitted to vote freely."

The message was sent to the following: Senators Irving M. Ives, H. Alexander Smith, John W. Bricker, Charles E. Potter, Everett McKinley Dirksen, William F. Knowland, Thomas E. Martin, Edward J. Thye, Alexander Wiley, Dennis Chavez, James E. Murray, John J. Williams, Bourke B. Hickenlooper and Gordon Allott.

Branches of the NAACP in key cities of pivotal states have been asked to communicate with (Please turn to Page Eight)

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**Founder's Day Exercises At Fayetteville**

FAYETTEVILLE The Annual Founders' Day exercises at the Fayetteville State Teachers College, Fayetteville, North Carolina are set for Saturday, April 7, and indications point to a mammoth in-