

# Oxford Meeting To Attract 600 Ushers Sun.

# NAACP May Adopt Bus Boycott Example

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### Pray Against Prejudice

## Ten Million Join In Prayer Day Movement

NEW YORK

An estimated ten million persons throughout the world offered prayers last Wednesday for "deliverance from the evils of race prejudice," it was reported here Thursday by the Rev. O. D. Dempsey, executive secretary of the National Deliverance Day of Prayer Movement.

The Movement, initiated by the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., clergyman-congressman of this city, was supported by the NAACP.

The March 28 prayer-protest observance was formulated by Powell immediately after nearly 100 Negroes were arrested in Montgomery, Ala., for their leadership of a mass protest against racial discrimination on city buses. The arrests occurred last month.

The world-wide prayer observance on March 28 emphasized the Montgomery bus protest. Thousands of dollars collected in the meetings are being sent to Montgomery to help finance a car-pool which makes it possible for the Negroes of that city to

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Principals in the annual North Carolina NAACP Political Action meeting are shown discussing Registration and Vote Campaign at a recent Raleigh meeting when 200 workers gathered from over the state to be briefed on political action. Carl DeVane, Shaw University sociologist, is shown being queried on procedure by State Vice President Mrs. Ruth H. Morgan as Henry L. Moon, national public relations director for the NAACP, looks on. State NAACP chief Kelly M. Alexander and legal chairman C. O. Pearson are interested observers. (J. B. Harren Photo).

### Group Said Considering Use Of Technique

Passive resistance, as typified in the now famous Montgomery bus boycott, would afford the NAACP a good weapon for counter-attack, declared Frank L. Stanley, editor and publisher of the Louisville Defender last week.

Following his address in Durham last Friday night to the Alpha Phi Alpha regional convention, Stanley made this observation to newsmen on Congressman Powell's recent implication that the NAACP was seriously considering adopting the technique as one of its weapons in the struggle for complete enfranchisement of the American Negro. Powell said in New York last week that the NAACP had been deeply impressed by the boycott.

"The Montgomery boycott is a number one example of protesting, perhaps the best known example of racial solidarity," Stanley stated. A first hand observer at the recent trial of boycott leaders in Montgomery, Stanley noted that "surprisingly there is a total absence of racial tension in the city. Negroes don't seem to be mad at anybody."

"Negroes have the bus company licked. If the boycott were settled next week in a manner acceptable to the boycotters, the bus company would still fail to regain a large portion of its former Negro patrons," he declared.

The veteran newsman also predicted a victory for Eisenhower in the coming presidential elections and stated that integration in public schools in his home state of Kentucky had been a success. About 40 percent of the schools are now desegregated, he estimated and asserted that by the Fall, integration would be complete. All of this has been accomplished without incident, he added.

Commenting on the status of present day race relations in the South, Stanley remarked that it is a sad thing that the southern white man refuses to believe that the drive for full citizenship by Negroes is home grown. "Most southerners fallaciously believe that the notions of political equality were placed in the minds of Negroes by outsiders," he opined.

General president of Alpha fraternity, Stanley revealed that his newspaper, the Louisville Defender, supported Stevenson in the last presidential election, but averred that it is uncertain at this point as to which candidate it will support.

Noting that Stevenson polled nearly 90 percent of the Negro vote in 1952, he offered the view

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Durham was the scene last week-end of the Southeastern Regional meeting of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Frank L. Stanley, president of the fraternity, is shown here (center) chatting with North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company President W. J. Kennedy as the Alphas toured the Mutual's Home Office during their stay here. At extreme left is L. O. Swingler of Memphis, Tennessee, regional vice president of the organization. Stanley delivered the main address at public meeting of the fraternity held at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. The week-end convention was spiced with a round of social activities, capped with a formal dance held at the Durham Armory on Friday night.

## Demos Asked To Act Now On Civil Rights

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Democrats have been urged anew by party members in Congress this week to push their own civil rights program since the widely heralded civil rights program of the Eisenhower administration was not sent to Congress.

Pressures for Democratic sponsored civil rights legislation came this week from Rep. James Roosevelt (D-Cal.) and Senator Thomas C. Hennings, Jr., (D-Mo.)

Last week, the Eisenhower administration announced a three point civil rights proposal which it intended to submit to Congress. Days later, however, the proposal was not submitted, and it was stated that it was being held out for revision.

Roosevelt wants Democrats to act immediately—April 10th to be exact—when the House returns from its Easter vacation. Roosevelt accuses the Administration of breaking its promises on civil rights program through the Justice Dept. had said one would be ready early in Feb.

"What political game is being played at the expense of the rights of so many American citizens," asks the eldest son of the late President. "If the effort to enact civil rights legislation fails this year, the blame must rest wholly on the lack of leadership and program by the Eisenhower Administration," said Roosevelt.

Senator Thomas C. Hennings, urged the Eisenhower Administration to place its full support behind four civil rights bills reported favorably on February 9, 1956 by the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights of which he is Chairman. These

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WALTER HORNSBY

### Georgia Pioneer Dies Suddenly

AUGUSTA, Ga.

Walter Spurgeon Hornsby Sr., prominent Augusta leader, died suddenly last Tuesday, March 27, of a heart attack.

Hornsby was president and last surviving co-founder of the Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Company here, a pioneer organization in the southeast.

He and four others established the company 58 years ago. It presently claims nearly nine million dollars in assets and maintains more than 55 million dollars of insurance in force.

Hornsby was a former president of the National Insurance Association and of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, member of the advisory committee of the Gwinnett St. Branch of the Georgia Railroad Bank and Trust company and a partner in

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### Sorority Cancels Dance To Aid 'Rights' Walk

NEW YORK

Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, Friday expressed the hope that an action taken by two sorority chapters in this city would be widely adopted by other groups.

Two Brooklyn chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority voted recently to cancel plans for their spring formal in order to divert approximately \$1,000 in dance taxes to civil rights work in the South.

Wilkins was informed of the move by Mrs. Marjorie E. Morsell of Brooklyn, co-chairman of the group's formal dance committee. In a letter thanking Mrs. Morsell, the NAACP official told her that "funds are needed now to carry on urgent NAACP work in the South."

A communication Mrs. Morsell had said her group "felt that, while Negroes were walking to work in Montgomery, Alabama, while Negroes were being shot and killed while trying to vote in Mississippi, and were being bombed and thrown out of work in South Carolina, this was hardly the time to be dancing in New York."

The formal resolution of the sorority chapters stated: "We, the sorors of the Brooklyn Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha, do here and now forego all interest in, or concern with a formal dance in this crucial year of another kind of emancipation for Negroes."

### Shaw Day To Be Held April 8th

The Durham City Junior Missionary Union is emphasizing Shaw University, Baptist School, this month at White Rock, 3:00 p.m.

The regular Second Sunday Meeting will be given over to a Shaw Inspirational Program as a guiding light to the young people of Durham.

Miss Eva Merritt, a Shaw graduate, will give the inspirational message. Miss Merritt is from First Calvary Church. Other highlights of the program will be solos by Misses Martha Thompson, Union Baptist Church and Minnie Davis, White Rock Baptist Church.

The public is urged to be present, particularly the Juniors.

## THAT CAPITALISTIC OLD NAACP

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was printed as an editorial in the Cheraw (South Carolina) CHRONICLE for March 22:

Many white people, in their anger, confusion, and fear following the Supreme Court's segregation ruling, have lashed out against the NAACP as a "communist organization." It is important that people understand more fully the nature of the NAACP in order that some sort of solution to this problem can be reached. Failure to understand will hurt the South's position and bring about difficult complications.

The vast majority of white people in the South disagree with the Supreme Court ruling and disagree with the aims of the NAACP. Certainly Southern white people have just as much right to work for a lawful reversal of Court's ruling as Negroes had to work for the separate-but-equal doctrine, which was the law for about 50 years.

Hinton, state president of the NAACP. Mr. Hinton was reminding his people of their personal responsibilities. Here is some of his advice to Negroes:

1. Save your money and buy yourself some land, so you can provide for yourself and your family.
2. Then invest your money and amass more capital, so you can build yourself a decent house to live in.
3. Send your children to school, so they can get the best possible education.
4. Study the issues of the day so you can understand them, and then exercise your right, privilege and responsibilities as citizens of America by voting.
5. Always put your trust in the Lord and never lose faith in the Church and Christianity.

6. Never resort to violence, disorder and lawlessness. As a member of the NAACP, you will always rely upon due process of law, through the courts of the land.

Now whoever heard of a communist ever asking his followers to buy land, save and invest money, build a privately-owned home, or set up a private business? Whoever heard of a communist urging his listeners to put their faith and trust in God, or to avoid violence and make their fight through the duly-constituted courts?

Now in all fairness, no matter how much you may disagree with the NAACP, does Mr. Hinton's talk have the ring of Carl Marx' Communist Manifesto?



MRS. C. B. NOEL

### Last Rites For Mrs. C. B. Noel Are Conducted

Sudden death claimed Mrs. Beatrice L. Noel last Saturday morning, March 31. She died at her home at 414 Cecil St. in Durham shortly after complaining of a chest pain.

Funeral services were held at the White Rock Baptist Church Wednesday at four o'clock Rev. M. M. Fisher, pastor of the church, officiated.

Mrs. Noel was born in Durham, daughter of the late Oscar and Minerva Womack. She received her education in the city's public schools and at the North Carolina Chataqua Training school.

Very active in White Rock Baptist church where she served as a member since her early youth, Mrs. Noel belonged to the Pals Sunday school class, the Minerva Womack Mission Circle and was leader of District 12 of the church.

Married in 1923 to Charlie B. Noel, the couple bore two children, a son and daughter, both of whom survive.

In addition to her husband and children, Miss Margaret A. Noel and Charlie B. Noel, Jr., Mrs. Noel is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Essie Trice, Mrs. Minerva Evans, Mrs. Rosetta Southerland and Mrs. Arnetta Barnes, all of Durham, and two brothers, Manohor and Clarence Womack.

Interment was at Beechwood cemetery.

### Smithfield Cleric To Deliver Annual Sermon At Mid-Year Session

OXFORD

When the 32 annual Mid-Year session of Interdenominational Ushers Association of North Carolina convenes at the Oxford Colored Orphanage here Sunday, April 8, the largest delegation and number of visitors ever to attend is expected, according to L. E. Austin, president of the organization.

Plans for the meeting have been going on for the past several months and according to reports from the Orphanage every thing possible has been done to make the one-day session a grand success. Dinner will be served in the institution's dining room at 1:30 p.m. Preparations have been made to serve 800 guests. Approximately 400 more persons are expected to

eat in the city of Oxford or bring lunches with them.

For the past 15 or more years the Ushers Association has been making an annual donation to the Orphanage of from \$1,200 to \$5,000. This year's annual Mid-Year session at the institution will mark the second time the Orphanage has acted as its host.

The session will be presided over by the president, assisted by Vice President C. A. Langston of Raleigh. Reports from all usher unions throughout the state will be made for the Orphanage and Educational fund as well as for the proposed Ministers and Ushers Home.

Highlighting the session will be the annual Mid-Year sermon which will be preached by the

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### To Speak

Miss Anne Queen, College Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, will speak at North Carolina College's vesper services Sunday evening at 4:30.

Described as a vigorous crusader for human rights and militant foe of segregation and religious bigotry, Miss Queen is a native of Canton, N. C.

### Special Services For New Pastor Are Underway

Installation exercises for the Reverend H. Albert Smith, Pastor of the Shady Hill Baptist Church here, will end Sunday afternoon, April 8th, with a service which will feature the Rev. E. T. Browne, pastor of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, as speaker. Music will be furnished by a Choral Group of the church, the name of which as not been announced. The services will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Nine churches and five ministers have participated in the exercises during the past week, which began Wednesday night, April 2.

The participating churches have been the Lawson Chapel Baptist Church, Jones Chapel Baptist Church, Gospel Tabernacle Holiness Church, Old Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Prospect Baptist Church, Mill Hill Baptist Church, Queens Chapel A.M.E. Church, New Mt. Zion Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church.

Preaching during the week were the Rev. V. R. Booker, Rev. L. L. Wilson, Rev. Ell Thompson, Rev. A. J. Holman, Rev. S. L. Sutt.