

# Charlotte Leaders Deny Boycott Story

# FLORIDA MAN LYNCHED?

## Fare Protest Starts Rumor

**CHARLOTTE**  
Reports that Negroes are organizing a boycott of the city buses were unanimously repudiated by several leaders questioned by the TIMES this week.

The report of a threatened boycott stemmed from protests submitted to State Utilities Commission over a proposed rate increase for the Charlotte bus firm.

One of the protests, a telegram signed by T. W. Anderson, threatened a boycott by Negroes if the increase were granted.

According to an Associated Press release from Raleigh, Anderson's telegram stated: "On behalf of Charlotte Negroes—thousands—whose economy will not bear increased bus fares here and have had no opportunity to present their protest, request you delay any decision on raising fares in Charlotte."

Several Negro leaders questioned by the TIMES this week

denied that any plans for a boycott were being formed.

Kelly M. Alexander, president of the State NAACP and whose offices are in Charlotte, said that the NAACP was not sanctioning any such statements.

The Charlotte bus company is seeking to increase the price of its bus tickets from four for fifty cents to seven for one dollar.

## Fisk President Is Eulogized On Campus

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.**  
Funeral services for Dr. Charles Spurgeon Johnson, president of Fisk University, were scheduled here Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Dr. Johnson was stricken suddenly last Saturday in a Louisville, Ky. train terminal as he waited for train connections to a board meeting in New York.

Rev. William J. Faulkner of Chicago, formerly dean of the Fisk Chapel, conducted the services in the University Chapel. He was assisted by Dr. Thomas E. Jones, a former Fisk president and now president of Earlham College, Dr. William Lloyd Ives, dean of the Fisk chapel, and Dr. Fred L. Brownlee, former provost of Fisk.

Dr. Johnson was enroute to a meeting of the University Board of Trustees in New York when he was fatally stricken last Saturday. He had disembarked from a train at Louisville and was awaiting connections to New York when he was seized.

Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Fisk authorities say that Dr. Johnson had no previous medical history of a heart condition.

The 63 year-old college president was elected to the presidency at Fisk in 1946. He was formally inaugurated a year later.

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## Inauguration Of A&T President Set For Nov. 9

**GREENSBORO**  
Warmoth T. Gibbs will be inaugurated as the fourth president of A&T College, in a day-long celebration to be held here on Friday, November 9.

J. M. Martena, dean of faculties at the college and chairman of the committee on arrangements for the inauguration, said more than 150 persons, delegates from leading colleges, universities, learned societies, and national educational and professional organizations are among the out-of-town guests expected to be present.

Registration for the event is scheduled for Thursday morning beginning at 6:00 P.M., and on Friday morning beginning at 8:00 o'clock, at the F. D. Bluford Library.

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The Saint John Baptist Church burned a mortgage on the church property at its Homecoming celebration last Sunday. Shown here is the mortgage burning rite. In picture, left to right, are Deacons William Bell, Hoyt Mangum, Admire

Jones, James Ray, Chester Thorpe, Reverend L. M. Gooch, pastor, Trustees, Reverend Paul Thorpe holding mortgage, Henry Cameron, Jeff Poole, Dudley Brown and Orlando Hooker.

# Quick Response Noted To Gov't Stand On Vote Denials

Is Assistant United States Attorney General Warren Olney, III, bluffing?

This was the question most asked this week in the wake of the dramatic announcement by the Justice department official last week that the agency would prosecute in any instance in which it finds denial of the right to vote.

Olney prefaced his promise of prosecution with the statement that there had been "wholesale purges" of Negroes from voting lists in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and North Carolina.

His statement brought immediate response from elections officials in North Carolina, some of whom are already embroiled in court actions brought by Negroes claiming that they have been illegally prevented from registering.

State elections officials have generally claimed that no one who is qualified has been kept from registering.

Already in court, however, are two suits growing out of the refusal of registrars to permit two Northampton County residents to register.

The suits were filed by Alex. (Please turn to page 10)

Arguments On NAACP Appeal End In N. C.

**RALEIGH**  
The State Supreme Court finished hearing arguments this week on a technicality which might be the first round of an all out assault on the NAACP by the State of North Carolina.

The NAACP has before the high court an appeal from a case dismissed by a Superior Court on the grounds that the NAACP-instituted action was improper.

The organization filed suit in answer to contentions of former State Attorney General William B. Rodman and Secretary of State Thad Eure that it was not complying with North Carolina laws requiring foreign corporations to register with the secretary of State and another requiring organizations engaged principally in influencing public opinion or legislation to register with the Secretary of State.

The NAACP suit included both these issues.

Before trial at a Wake County Superior Court last March, Judge Hobgood upheld a demurrer by the State which contended that the action was improperly instituted, in that the two laws in question should not be included in the same action.

## Group Calls For Congressional Probe Of Dixie Vote Denial

**NEW YORK**  
The American Jewish Congress has urged the United States Senate to hold public hearings as early as possible on the unconstitutional disfranchisement of United States citizens. The AJCongress request, addressed to Senator Albert Gore, chairman of the Senate Sub-Committee on Privileges and Elections, followed the disclosure recently by Warren Olney, III, Assistant Attorney General, that Negroes in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, and elsewhere in the South, are being illegally deprived of their right to vote in the Federal elections.

In a letter to Senator Gore, Shad Poller, chairman of the AJCongress' Commission on Law and Social Action, commended Mr. Olney for submitting evidence of wide-scale interference in the South with the Negro's voting franchise. "We believe that Mr. Olney's statement merely samples a much larger body of evidence of illegal disfranchisement that would be revealed by intensive Committee investigation," Mr. Poller declared.

The importance of this issue, Poller said, cannot be minimized. "The election process is the foundation of our political system. Wholesale, illegal exclusion of a large part of the population from the ballot vitiates the results of any election that may follow."

## NCTA District Meeting Opens In Twin City

**WINSTON-SALEM**  
Approximately 1,500 teachers will meet Friday, November 2, as the Western District of the North Carolina Teachers Association holds its annual meeting at Winston-Salem Teachers College. President of the district is A. B. Reynolds, principal of Columbia Heights Elementary School. Mrs. Rosalie F. Wyatt of Charlotte is vice president; Miss R. E. Holmes, secretary, Salisbury; and Miss E. Faye Cash, National Education Association coordinator. The theme for the convention will be "An Educated People Moves Freedom Forward."

President of Virginia State College, and former president of Shaw University, Dr. R. P. Daniels, will be the guest speaker at the general session at 2 p.m. Dr. Daniels will speak on the theme of the convention.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m., will be registration. The morning sessions will be held at Carolina Hall. Nineteen sectional meetings and special interest groups will be held at 9:30 a.m. At noon, lunch will be served in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Elizabeth D. Koontz is director of The Classroom Teachers Association which will convene at 3:30 p.m. in a general session to be held at Fries Auditorium.

# Lead Changes Again

The close of the second period of the Carolina Times Scholarship subscription contest in Roxboro found Alexander Brandon back in lead this week with Miss Glovenia Bass close behind and in the second place.

It is being strongly rumored that either Frank Bradsher or Miss Lessie Pulliam will be the dark horse so strongly rumored throughout the contest. One source who would not permit his name to be used stated that neither of the four top contestants will be the dark horse but one of the less thought of at present. He stated that he is satisfied the dark horse contestant is certain to be among the three scholarship prize winners when the contest closes midnight Nov. 14.

Although Jesse Gray, manager of the contest, believes strongly that the winners are among the four contestants now in the lead he would make no guess as to who the winners would be. "My experience has been that often a contestant who has shown little or no sign of activity will suddenly come to life and during the last period put on a burst of steam and walk off with one of the prizes," he stated.

In Chapel Hill the contest has settled down to a battle between Willie Pendergraft and Miss Marjorie Stone.

As the final period of the contest opens all contestants who have sent in no report have been dropped from the list and the battle is now confined only to those who have been active.

## Blood Soaked Clothes Found

**WILDWOOD, Fla.**  
It appeared a certainty here at midweek that a Negro who had been spirited from his jail cell by unknown persons Saturday night has been lynched.

The discovery of bloodstained hat and shirt in a patch of sand spurs near the jail from which 39 year-old Jesse Woods was abducted led to the belief that he had met death at the hands of his abductors.

Woods was arrested Saturday afternoon on charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct after being accused of saying, "Hello there, baby" to a white school teacher.

At about midnight, he was released on bond but was returned a few minutes later by his father for safekeeping.

Sheriff H. M. Bowman said the clothing discovered was positively identified by Woods' family. The shirt, with a green and white purple design, was covered with blood stains on the sleeves and the front. The buttons were missing, and the sheriff said it had apparently been ripped from Woods' back.

The clothing was found shortly after his disappearance from the jail cell, but information was withheld from reporters until Tuesday.

Reporters were taken to the spot where Leonard Smith, who lives a half mile from the jail, made the discovery. The scene is just off heavily travelled U.S. Highway 301.

Florida Governor Leroy Collins announced that the case "cannot and will not be unsolved." He reportedly sent a special investigator to the scene.

Tuesday.

In the meantime, the FBI, after some delay and discussion of the jurisdiction, entered the case also Tuesday to see if any federal violations are involved.

FBI chief in Miami, C. E. Weeks said that the agents would investigate to find out if there had been a kidnaping, lynching or loss of civil rights.

## NCC Founder's Day To Show Much Splendor

When Dr. John Hope Franklin, internationally known chairman of Brooklyn College's history department, speaks at ninth Founder's Day rites at North Carolina College on November 5, he will also participate in an academic procession of unprecedented splendor.

Dr. Franklin, author of the recently published scholarly book, "The Militant South", will talk in Duke Auditorium rites starting at 11 a.m.

A former professor of history at NCC during the last years of Founder President James E. Sheppard, Dr. Franklin lists his Founder's Day message as "The Social Responsibility of the Liberal Arts College."

Noted NCC historian Helen G. Edmonds, the woman who seconded President Eisenhower's nomination at San Francisco during the GOP convention, is chairman of the Founder's observance.



Top Republican candidates for state offices are pictured here. Left is Kyle Hayes, GOP candidate for Governor, and right is Joel Johnston, running for the U.S. Senate. Hayes is a nephew of Judge Johnson J. Hayes. They have waged an active campaign in recent weeks, covering the state from Manassas to Murphy. Hayes opposes incumbent Gov. Luther Hodges, Democratic candidate, while Johnston is seeking the seat of Senator Sam Ervin.



Some twelve Hillside high school students will be tapped by the school's chapter of the National Honor Society in a special ceremony at the school next Wednesday. Pictured above are candidates to be installed by the Honor Society. Seated, left to right, are Elizabeth Jones, Johnnie Bell, Annie Byrd, and Walter Smith. Standing in same order are Willie Clegg, Jr., Anna Satterwhite, Dollie Graham, Shirley Farrar and Betty Weaver. Not present when picture was taken are Evelyn Marshall and Elaine Fairley.

**POCKET THE LOOT!**  
NO ONE SHOWED UP TO CLAIM HIS LICENSE NUMBER and the free "moola" last week, so this week, the automobile tag numbers are worth \$3.00. Bring your registration card to the TIMES office by noon Saturday if you are below and pocket the "loot."

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