

Nationwide Appeal For Bombed Alabama Churches Forms

DR. ACCUSED OF ABORTION ON WHITE WOMAN



OPENS \$284,000 CHURCH

The Rt. Rev. R. L. Jones of Salisbury, presiding prelate of the fourth Episcopal A.M.E. Zion district, is shown dedicating the new Greater Metropolitan Wesley A.M.E. Zion church at 1700 N. W. Capitol Street in Washington, D. C. Formal services opening the new building were held Sunday.

The building was purchased from an unidentified D. C. congregation by the A.M.E. Zion church at a cost of \$284,000.

TO SET UP RETREAT

Ushers Buy College Site

FRANKLINTON
The property once housing Christian College—located on five permanent buildings—has been purchased by the Interdenominational Ushers Association of North Carolina. It was announced this week by L. E. Austin of Durham, president of the association.



For Mayor . . .
REVEREND HICKS

EVANGELIST ENTERS LISTS FOR MAYOR

Located on U.S. highway No. One, with a frontage of one mile, the property was bought from the American Missionary Association, supporters of the Christian College which has been abandoned.

The purchase included some 24 acres, two dormitories, and three residences, one of which formerly served as the home of the school's president.

Although the exact amount of the purchase was not made public, it is thought that the figure ran into five digits.

According to President Austin, the property will be used by the North Carolina Ushers as a home for retired ministers and their wives or widows. It will be open to all denominations.

A spokesman for the association said after announcement of the purchase, "many preachers serve small churches in urban and rural centers for years without ever earning enough money with which to purchase a home of their own. The Ushers Association hopes to see to it that all such ministers are able to spend their later years in the dignity becoming to their profession."

It was also stated that the organization intends to provide picnic grounds and accommodations for Sunday Schools, churches, fraternal clubs and other organizations at the retreat.

The association is the largest such organization cutting across denominational ties in the state.

Rev. Julius Hicks, 504 Roxboro Street, was the first person to file for office of Mayor of Durham in the election to be held here on May 12. It was disclosed here this week. The incumbent is Mayor E. J. Evans who has not yet made any announcement as to his intentions but it is believed by those close to the political situation in Durham that he will be a candidate to succeed himself.

Rev. Hicks is a World War II combat veteran, a radio evangelist and experienced in the textile field. At present he is president of the Carolina Evangelist Association and director of the State Singing Convention. He is also active in the AMVETS and other veteran organizations.

According to Rev. Hicks, he

COUNTY OF THE YEAR

Scott To Make Person Award

ROXBORO
Presentation of the "County of the Year" Award to Person County will climax a day-long celebration to be held here at the County Courthouse on Monday, March 18.

Person County was declared winner in the North Carolina Rural Progress Campaign for 1956, with special reference to Negroes in February of this year. The county had won out in competition with 80-others in the State on the basis of its Negro population having contributed most to the overall development of the country.

The final decision was announced in February by Dr. W. E. Reed, chairman of the State Committee and dean of the School of Agriculture at A&T College, Greensboro. The committee had made "on the spot" evaluation with visits here and to the five other finalists counties: Iredell, Union, Duplin, Edgemcombe and Nash.

W. Kerr Scott, Haw River, U. S. Senator from North Carolina, will deliver the principal address at the formal presentation program to begin at 3:30 P.M. The cash award of \$500, given jointly by Dr. Clarence Poe, publisher of the Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, and the Agricultural Association of A and T College, will be presented by William Poe, associate editor of the publication. It will be received by Dr. Warmoth T. Gibbs, president of the A&T College, sponsor of the project, who, in turn, will present it to the winning county. The award will be accepted for the county by C. J. Ford, county agent.

Other prominent persons scheduled to appear on the afternoon program include: T. B. Woody, mayor of Roxboro; John Merritt, Person County Board of Commissioners; Gordon B. Hunter, representing county business; R. E. Jones, State agent, in charge of the A&T College Extension Service; and R. W. Shoffner, Raleigh, assistant director.



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79-Year-Old Gastonia Medic Faces Charges

GASTONIA
One of the city's most respected and well known citizens, 79 year-old Dr. W. Percy Carter, has been charged with performing an abortion of what has been described as a "beautiful" white woman.

The physician has been placed under \$5,000 bond, and preliminary hearing was scheduled for Wednesday.

The identity of the woman remained a police secret early this week, but Detective Ed Groves, who broke the case, described her as a "beautiful, highly intelligent woman."

He said the woman is married to a foreign national but is separated from her husband who is out of the country. She is a beautician.

According to reports, Groves, who received "tips" on the alleged abortion, went to the woman's home early this week where she was, according to Groves, "very cooperative." He said she gave him a statement.

According to police, the woman said she underwent an operation in Doctor Carter's office about five p.m. on Feb. 26. Police report that she said the doctor was assisted by a Negro nurse in the operation.

Reportedly two months preg-

Eastern N. C. Registrar To Face \$5,000 Damage Hearing In May

RALEIGH
A case against an eastern county registrar who is being sued for \$5,000 punitive damages for refusing to register a Negro will probably be heard in May.

The action, brought against Littleton registrar T. W. Cole by Ernest Ivey, was originally scheduled for the Raleigh division of the federal court, now in session.

However, lawyers for the plaintiff were notified last week by a federal court clerk that the case has been transferred to the Wilson division of the eastern district of the federal court.

The Wilson term of the court opens in May.

Attorney James R. Walker of Weldon, one of the lawyers for the plaintiff, explained to the TIMES this week that he feels the change was made because of the crowded calendar of the Raleigh term.

Judge Don Gilliam of the Eastern district of the Federal court will hear the case.

Ivey, a 62 year old farmer-preacher and native of Littleton, charges in the action that he was administered an examination containing obscure and difficult questions which he subsequently did not pass to registrar Cole's satisfaction.

He is seeking \$5,000 damages on the grounds that denial of registration by Cole was willful and unlawful, constituted an intentional abuse of discretionary powers and was a willful denial of his civil rights.

The outcome of the case may well have bearing on the question of literacy tests for prospective voters, now an issue in another case being brought in federal court by a resident of nearby Northampton county.

High Ranking NAACP Officer At NCC Sunday

Greek letter organizations in 10 nearby colleges have been invited to join the North Carolina College Pan Hellenic observance of Greek Week, March 17-23.

An address by Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, at 3 p.m. Sunday in Duke Auditorium starts the week's program.

Mitchell will be guest at a tea sponsored by the Durham Business School at the Algonquin Club House on Fayetteville Street after his NCC talk.

A movie in Duke Auditorium Sunday night will climax the day's program.

Other events scheduled during the week are an all-Greek sing at 1 p.m. on the campus Tuesday, another sing and a forum at 7:30 Wednesday night in the auditorium of the Commerce Building on the meaning of fraternities and sororities on today's campus.

Mitchell, a former newspaper reporter, is a graduate of Lincoln University (Pa.) and the Atlanta School of Social Work.

He joined the NAACP's Washington staff in 1948 after serving in administrative capacities in branches in Atlanta, Ga., and St. Paul, Minnesota.

Alabama Group Seeks \$100,000 For Rebuilding

MONTGOMERY, Ala.
Negro Ministers of Montgomery, anxious to rebuild the churches and homes that were damaged from the bombings of last January 10, are organizing a National Campaign to raise money.

Under the sponsorship of civic minded clergymen, the group known as the Committee to Study and Plan Aid to the Bombed Churches and Homes has set its goal at \$100,000.

Two of the churches that were completely wrecked were without benefit of insurance



At the regular meeting of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs last Thursday, J. S. Stewart, chairman of the organization and secretary of Mutual Savings and Loan Association, was overwhelmingly endorsed by the Committee as its candidate for City Council from the Third Ward. Stewart allowed his name to be offered by the Committee in response to an unprecedented demand by Durham citizens from all walks of life.

Stewart is well-known in business, civic and religious circles of Durham and the state where he has served unselfishly for a long number of years. He promises, if elected, to do everything in his power to help make Durham a bigger and better city.

Florida A. and M. News Chief Is Publications Meet Consultant

Charles J. Smith, III, a publications expert and director of public relations at Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Florida, has been named chief consultant for the Campus Echo Publications Conference which will be held at North Carolina College on April 5.

This will be the Second Annual Publications Conference for the prize winning NCC newspaper, which was rated "All American" by the Assoc-

Durham Church To Note 15th Anniversary

Community Baptist Church of Durham will celebrate its 15th Anniversary on Sunday, March 17th with Special Services. The Anniversary theme is "Tributes Toward Church Growth."

Guest speaker for the morning services will be Dr. J. Neal Hughley, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Franklinton. He is also Minister at North Carolina College and Professor of Economics. Other guests will be Principals and Faculty members of county schools, L. S. Gilliard, Merrick-Moore School; W. H. Cole, Jr., Pearsontown No. 1; and J. W. Davidson, Pearsontown No. 11.

At 3 P.M. the Lincoln Memorial Baptist church with Rev. R. H. Johnson, acting pastor, will render special afternoon services.

Rev. E. T. Thompson, Community Baptist pastor, said that the public is invited to attend the services.



SMITH

He was director of public relations at Tennessee State before taking over his present position at Florida A&M six years ago.

The youthful publications specialist founded the annual FAMU Interscholastic Press Workshop which is now in its seventh year. He is also adviser to the Florida A&M student paper, the FAMUAN.

At the NCC meeting, Smith will stress the value of audiovisual techniques in improving the quality of high school news-



Officers of the Winston-Salem Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance elected at a recent meeting at the Patterson Avenue YWCA, are pictured here. Left to right are Reverends L. L. Patterson, secretary; LeRoy Davis, reporter; W. M. Adams, treasurer; S. W. Hylton, Jr., financial secretary; Bishop H. D. Wilson, vice-president; James A. Blaine, president; Edward Gholston, J. E. Bridges, assistant secretary; and Junius Dudley, secretary.

They were installed in formal services at the YWCA last Monday, during which the presidential address was given by Rev. Blaine.

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