

Down East Lawyer Loses, Must Pay \$500

VIRGINIA'S TIME UP, N. C. BUYS MORE

Action Shocks Citizens

Druggist Defies Court Again, Must Serve Prison Term Immediately

Sidney T. James, Durham drug store operator, was forced to begin serving a four month jail sentence immediately rather than wait until April 1, as the court had originally agreed to, for his latest violation of court orders.

State Supreme Court Rejects Walker's Appeal

The State Supreme Court last week rejected the appeal of Attorney James R. Walker from an assault on a female judgment rendered against him last summer in Northampton county Superior court.

Thus, the crusading civil rights lawyer must pay a \$500 fine plus cost or serve a suspended prison sentence. The latter choice would leave the young lawyer open to possible disbarment.

The court ruled that Walker's attorneys, Herman S. Taylor and Samuel Mitchell of Raleigh failed to perfect the appeal in time set out by court regulations.

The court's ruling pointed out that Walker's trial ended in Jackson on August 8 and the appeal should have been docketed not later than August 28. The case was not docketed until Jan. 18.

The court said that the case on appeal was neither docketed within the prescribed time nor a motion made to allow additional time to complete the appeal; that Walker has "lost his right of appeal."

Action against Walker originally stemmed from an incident last Spring in a Seaboard precinct where Walker was active in getting Negroes to register.

The precinct registrar, Mrs. Helen Taylor, charged Walker with assaulting her and creating a disturbance after he disagreed with her on matters pertaining to registering for the May Democratic primary.

Mrs. Taylor testified in Northampton Recorder's Court that Walker's attitude frightened her and that he created a disturbance when she asked him to leave.

Walker was given a suspended sentence by Judge Ballard S. Gay in Recorder's Court and he appealed that judgement to Superior court.

The court did agree, however, that the four months term would not begin until April 1. However, James violated the terms of the court sentence Friday by going to his home, taking his three children with him to the police station and requesting that a warrant be sworn out against his wife for neglect of the children. He claimed she was away from home and drunk.

Assistant Solicitor Blackwell Brogden discovered that James had returned to his home and brought his children to the courthouse, found that James' wife had not been drinking as he had charged, and had a warrant issued for his re-arrest.

On Monday, Judge Q. K. Nimocks, presiding over Superior Court, ruled that James had forfeited his right for the stay of a four months sentence and ordered

him to begin serving it immediately. However, the 12 months suspended sentence was not vacated.

James' action in returning to his home after his conviction in court on Wednesday of assaulting and molesting his wife shocked residents of the city, who felt that he had received a lenient sentence at the hands of the court.

Prior to his first conviction in Superior Court, James was already under strict court orders to stay away from his wife, Mrs. Vivian James.

He had been haled to court several times during the past year on charges of molesting her, and as a result of these actions, the court had issued orders for him to stay away from her.

However, his wife charged in last Wednesday's trial that he had consistently defied the court order and continued to molest her.

A curious and crowded courtroom heard two and one half days of testimony in the trial which at times bordered on the lurid. At one point, James wife testified that he had forced her



One of principals in case involving Seaboard registrar is Mrs. Louise Lassiter, above. See "County May Use Tax," etc. this page.

Court Acts On School Issue

Old Fort Negroes Must Try N. C. Remedy; Va. Integration Is Upheld

WASHINGTON, D. C. Time has apparently run out for Virginia in the school desegregation issue, but North Carolina, with its newly erected machinery on the subject, has won more time for itself.

These results appeared immediately evident in decisions of the United States Supreme Court Monday.

The court, with an economy of words, rejected 8-0 Virginia's appeal from lower federal court orders enjoining enforcement of segregation in Charlottesville and Arlington County.

It ruled against an appeal by a group of Negro parents seeking admission of their children to a white school in the western North Carolina village of Old Fort in McDowell county. The appeal was from a decision by a lower federal court that the plaintiffs had not exhausted administrative remedies open to them under the new Pupil Assignment Act.

Of course, the full meaning of court decisions, especially of the nature of those rendered Monday, are largely a matter of conjecture until they are spelled out in formal opinions submitted to both sides.

Apparent again in Monday's decisions on the segregation issue was the court's policy of giving lower courts wide discretion in bringing about desegregation "with all deliberate

speed," as ordered in the May, 1955 decision.

The policy became apparent in its refusal to review appeals from lower courts in both North Carolina and Virginia cases.

Treating the Virginia appeals in its list of orders and merely said for all of them: "The petition is dismissed." (continued on page 8)

Regional Confab Of Sorority Set

Dr. Marjorie Parker, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Elma Spaulding, Durham, and Mrs. Edna Over Campbell, Baltimore, are among the distinguished women scheduled to speak and lead discussions at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority that meets at North Carolina College from April 5 to 7.

Some 200 delegates and guests from 42 chapters with an aggregate membership numbering over 1,000 in eastern West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina are expected for the meeting. Dr. Rose Browne, General Chairman, stated that programs and discussions will focus on the theme "The Role of Alpha Kappa Alpha in Times of Transition."

A highlight of the three-day conference will be the election of officers. (continued on page 8)

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In Northampton-

County May Use Tax Money To Defend Vote Official

JACKSON Northampton county officials may dig into the county treasury to defend a Seaboard registrar charged with illegally depriving Negroes of the right to vote.

Mrs. Helen Taylor, registrar at Seaboard, faces charges in three cases growing out of refusal to register Negroes during last Spring's primary elections.

Indication of the possibility that the county would fork up tax money to support Mrs. Taylor's defense came this week with reports that County Commissioners have voted to make a study of the situation with reference to financing it.

County leaders have already stated their intention to back Mrs. Taylor in the cases. The Commissioners voted last week to support her after hearing board of elections chairman Russell Johnson declare that the cases pose a threat to established voting procedures of the county and state.

Meanwhile, attorneys for both parties in one of the suits an action brought by Mrs. Louise Lassiter, were scheduled to conduct a "feeling out" maneuver Friday, March 29 at the courthouse here.

Attorneys for Mrs. Taylor summoned Mrs. Lassiter for an "adverse hearing" at the courthouse here Friday at two o'clock.

Mrs. Lassiter's attorneys declared that they would also serve notice to have Mrs. Taylor appear at 3 o'clock, following Mrs. Lassiter's hearing.

The hearings are for the purpose of pre determining the main arguments both parties intend to present to the court when trial opens.

Johnson reportedly told the County Commissioners that the case against Mrs. Taylor would be defended if funds had to be solicited from private citizens.

A Northampton newspaper quoted him as saying that "the opposition has unlimited funds. These cases have been planned for months by every indication."

He was also quoted as saying that the rest of the counties of the state left the fight to Northampton, although the issues at stake equally affects them.

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Durham Bank Has High Rank

According to the AMERICAN BANKER, daily newspaper for the banking profession, the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham and Raleigh now ranks 3,207th largest of the more than 15,000 banks located in the United States. As of December 31, 1956, the local bank reported deposits of \$7,080,142.51. Based upon this figure, it gained 231 places from the 3,438th position which it held at the end of 1955.

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This group of AME Zion church leaders, shown here in the basement of the Mother Zion church in New York, attended a bon voyage for a missionary commission of the church which left recently for the Virgin Islands and South America. To be led by Bishop Raymond L. Jones of Salisbury, N. C., the commission will survey the work of the denomination in these areas.

Members of the general church's missionary department seen here are, seated on front, Mrs. Elsie Key of Washington, D. C., vice-president of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society; Dr. J. C. Hoggard of Washington, D. C., secretary-treasurer of the Mission-

N. C. Woman Returns Home After Tour In Philippines

NEW YORK A North Carolina woman who has been serving in the Philippines with an international agency for the blind returned to her home in Franklinton for

Under her guidance, a modern rehabilitation center for visually and otherwise handicapped persons has just been opened in Manila which is destined to serve as a showplace throughout the Far East.

According to officials at the Foundation's headquarters in New York, Mrs. Sills is the first Negro woman to be appointed to a post of this kind.

"The Foundation's field director Eric T. Boulter, stated that his organization had received letters of commendation from Philippines government officials praising Mrs. Sills' work in the national and citing the instrumental role she has played in developing programs for the handicapped.

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