



Officials of Division Six of the North Carolina American Legion are shown conferring after deciding to withdraw from the State Convention parade in Durham Saturday. Left to right are: I. R. Holmes, adjutant for the Durham Post 175; H. W. Gillis, Post 175 Finance Officer and Chairman of the

Division's Parade Committee; Zack W. Alexander, outgoing Vice-Commander of the Division; Attorney M. Hugh Thompson, Past Vice-Commander; and W. H. Cole, Post 175 Commander.

# Literacy Test Held Violation Of Rights

**RALEIGH**—The basis of North Carolina's literacy requirement to voting was stricken down here last week in an opinion handed down by a three-judge federal court.

The court declared that the section of the State Constitution which contains the requirement of the ability to read and write and the provision generally known as the "grandfather clause" was in violation of the U. S. Constitution.

The case reached the federal court on behalf of Mrs. Louise Lassiter, one of a group of Negroes who were denied registration in Northampton County in the spring of 1956 because they failed to pass the literacy test to the satisfaction of the registrar.

The action attacked the State laws which implemented the section of the constitution requiring literacy tests.

"There can be no question but that article 6, section 4 of the State Constitution was, when enacted, void as violative of the provisions of the 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution of the United States," said the court in the opinion.

Since the institution of the action by attorneys for Mrs. Lassiter, the General Assembly enacted a subsequent law seeking to ameliorate the first law which was based on article 4 of the State constitution. This legislation, passed in April, kept the literacy test requirement but provided for an appeal from the judgment of the registrar to the election board, and state courts.

The federal courts last week held that the state courts must first determine whether the new legislation is or is not in conflict with the N. C. Constitution as a result of the invalidation by the court of article six.

The court stayed action in the case but maintained jurisdiction until the question of the application of the new state laws governing registration can be determined by state courts.

"Before we take any action with respect to the Act of March 27, 1957 (the new legislative providing for appeal from registrars' decisions) we think it should be interpreted by the Supreme Court of North Carolina in light of the provisions of the State Constitution. We think also that administrative remedies should be exhausted before action by federal court is invoked. We shall accordingly enter an order staying action herein by retaining jurisdiction for a reasonable time to enable plaintiffs to take action in courts of North Carolina to obtain an interpretation of the statute and to exhaust administrative remedies therein," the court asserted.

As matters now stand, Mrs. Lassiter will have to re-apply for registration in Northampton. If she is denied, she must follow the state remedies, appeal to the elections board, and the state courts before the case would return to the federal court.

## Negroes Boycott Convention Parade

Division Six of the North Carolina American Legion—the Negro component—boycotted the organization's state convention parade in Durham Saturday because of objections to the position of the Division in the parade.

According to parade plans, the division was scheduled to be placed at the end of the parade, followed by a steam

calliope.

In a letter notifying the Legion of its plans to withdraw from the parade, the division termed the parade arrangements "not satisfactory." The parade was held as scheduled Saturday morning, minus division Six, and there was no comment forthcoming from the state convention or the parade committee on the division's action.

"We didn't intend bringing up the rear," said Zack W. Alexander, outgoing commander of the division, commenting on his group's decision not to participate.

Action of the division withdrawing from the parade constituted the first time that the Negro division has not taken a part in the state convention parade.

Alexander told the TIMES that the letter notifying the Legion of the division's intention of staying out of the parade that they fully expected to be placed at sixth legion un-

it in the parade since they represented the sixth division.

"We expected to be number six as the sixth division, but we didn't expect to be placed behind various units not a part of the legion," he said.

It was also brought out that agreements had been reached early last Spring between representatives of Post 175 and the local white post on the state convention parade arrangements which was satisfactory to both parties.

W. H. Coles, commander of post 175 and H. W. Gillis, coordinator from division six for the parade, said that they had been worked out satisfactory parade arrangements with Jake Nurkin, member of the convention parade committee from the white post, last March. When the parade schedule was released, however, Gillis said that it was altogether different from the arrangement agreed upon then.

Alexander's letter informing Monday night, City Attorney

### Principal Quits

**RALEIGH**—William Jimmerson Holloway, Principal of J. W. Ligon Junior-Senior High School of this city, resigned to accept a part time appointment at the University of Illinois and continue work leading to the doctorate degree in School Administration. Prior to coming to Ligon he was Dean of Students at Savannah State College in Savannah, Georgia for eight years.

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### On Segregation

## Action Of Council Awaited In Durham

The Durham City Council has apparently gotten itself into a position where it must take some notice of the discrepancy between national law on segregation and city policies.

A steady pressure of petitions to end segregation in city-owned facilities has mounted this Spring, forcing the city to seek an opinion from its attorney on the legality of continued segregation.

Monday night, City Attorney

Claude V. Jones told the Council that it could no longer legally operate recreational facilities on a segregated basis.

The Council seemingly took little notice of the attorney's opinions in its Monday night actions. It did grant permission for a Negro tennis tournament to be played at the heretofore used by whites only. But it made no reference to Jones' opinion in granting use of the courts.

In a statement, the Council failed to issue a statement of policy on segregation as had been previously requested by Recreation Director C. R. Wood. Wood's request had prompted the Council to seek an opinion from Attorney Jones.

Wood's request was made after a number of petitions by Negroes seeking to use city-operated facilities on an unsegregated basis. Early this spring a group of Negroes asked for unsegregated seating at Durham Athletic Park. Since that time, requests have been made for use of the library and one of the recreation parks used by whites only.

Failure of the Council to reaffirm or reject its established segregation policies have left Durhamites confused as to just what the situation is in regard (Please turn to page Eight)



Two Durhamites re-enacted this week in the Bull City a reunion which was first enacted in India last fall. Above are Dr. Allie C. Felder and Asa T. Spaulding, the two renewed the India meeting. Dr. Felder has been in India since April, 1956 where he is serving as consultant to the Joint Fund for India. Spaulding, spent a month in the

country last fall as a United States delegate to the UNESCO world conference. The two met in New Delhi. Dr. Felder's base of operations for Dr. Felder and scene of the UNESCO conference. Dr. Felder came home to visit his parents this week and visited Spaulding at his office at the North Carolina Mutual, where this picture was taken.



Principals in the ninth Durham Business School Commencement exercises are shown in the above picture. Left to right are W. A. Clement, associate agency director, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company; the Rt. Rev. George Fisher of Raleigh; Mrs. Lucinda Harris, director of

the school; L. E. Austin, publisher of the CAROLINA TIMES; Rev. C. E. McLester, pastor of Morehead Avenue Baptist Church; and the Rt. Rev. Fred Hunter, Rector of St. Titus Episcopal Church of Durham. For details, see story, page eight, this issue.

## Ministers Set Massive Registration Campaign

**RALEIGH**—The very first act of the board of directors of the newly organized North Carolina Ministers' Committee For Full Citizenship when the directors met here Thursday in their initial meeting, was to draft plans to register 100,000 citizens in North Carolina by close of registrations in May 1958.

Instructions to do this were left for the directors last April when about seventy-five minis-

ters of different denominations and sections of the state met here and organized the NCMC-FFC

The basis for this plan is that in 1958 there will be over 485,000 Negroes in North Carolina eligible for voting, probably three-fourths of whom have never registered, and that Negroes must now "vote-up" or "shut-up."

This "North Carolina Plan" (Please turn to page Eight)

## Durhamite Sees Challenge In Indian Problems

**By CLATHAN ROSS**  
"The human problems of the far east, and particularly of India, are quite challenging. There is so much to be done. There is always more than one can do, but still there is always the desire to try to do the more than possible."  
Thus did Dr. Allie C. Felder, young social scientist just (Please turn to page Eight)

## Kinston Man Named To Head State Dentists

**WINSTON-SALEM**—Several new officers were elected and installed at the closing session of the Old North State Dental Society's 38th annual convention, held in Winston-Salem, June 11th and 12th.

**NEW OFFICERS**  
Dr. J. F. Cameron of Kinston, president; Dr. L. H. Caples of Lexington, president-elect; Dr. M. L. Watts, Raleigh, secretary-treasurer; Dr. J. H. Horton, Edenton, assistant secretary; Dr. D. K. Hall, Asheville, publicity and Dr. W. F. Meroney, this city, chairman of the program committee.

Three more dentists was named to the executive committee: Dr. J. J. Wilson of High Point, one-year; Dr. G. K. Butterfield of Wilson and Dr. W. L. T. Miller of Greensboro, two-year terms each.

Three recommendations, made by the retiring president, Dr. C. L. Shoffner of Weldon, were approved by the society. (Please turn to page Eight)

## Doctors Censure Two For Accepting '2d Class' Status

**GREENSBORO**—The Old North State Medical Society, last week, took a firm stand against the offer of "scientific" membership made to its members by the previously, all-white North Carolina Medical Society.

The group adopted, in full, a report by Dr. Murray B. Davis, High Point, chairman of the Liaison Committee, which condemned the offered restricted membership as "second class" and not in keeping with the ideals of his colleagues.

The action was taken at the opening session of the organization's 76th annual convention held at A. & T. College on Thursday night, June 11.

Earlier in the session, following an open discussion, two of its members were censured by the group. Dr. J. M. Walker, Jr., and Dr. Joseph G. Gordon, were censured for having applied and accepted the scientific memberships in both, the Forsyth County Medical Society and the North Carolina Medical Society.

It was the first time that the organization had taken such action against its own members in its long history.

The question of censure was raised by Dr. W. T. Armstrong of Rocky Mount, secretary-treasurer of the association.

"All members should abide by the recommendation of the executive committee," he told the group. Earlier this year, the committee had requested by letter that all members of the Old North State Medical Society refuse any invitation to become members of the Medical Society of North Carolina . . . "the so-called Scientific Membership is purely a second-class type of membership and acceptance of same is a mark of a second class physician," members had been told.

"It should be made public that they did not follow our recommendation," Dr. Armstrong said. Dr. Hubert Eaton of Wilmington introduced a resolution (Please turn to page Eight)

## Expect Over 600 At State Four-H Celebration

**GREENSBORO**—Nearly 600 farm youths, members of 4-H Clubs from throughout North Carolina are expected here for the annual 4-H Club Celebration to be held at A. & T. College, June 24-29.

It is the 27th annual meet and according to W. C. Cooper, 4-H Club specialist with the A. & T. College Extension Service, the total number might exceed all previous records.

The celebration is to be conducted along the theme, "Improving Family and Community Living." (Please turn to page Eight)

## Convention To Face Attacks Upon NAACP

**DETROIT, MICH.**—For the first time since 1943, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People returns to this city for its annual convention which opens on June 25 and continues through June 30.

When the Association last met in Detroit the nation was in the midst of a global war. Previously, in 1937, the NAACP held its convention in the Motor City during the heyday of the New Deal. The problems confronting the organization at the earlier conventions were different from those which the delegates must ponder this year.

Never before has the Association faced the kind of official state action against it has developed in the South last year. Laws have been passed by southern legislatures designed to cripple the NAACP. Injunctions banning or limiting the Association's activities have been issued by state courts in Alabama, Louisiana and Texas. Fines have been imposed in Alabama and Georgia.

**TO STUDY DIXIE ATTACKS**  
Ways and means of resolving the problems created by this attack will be foremost in the minds of the speakers who address this 48th annual convention, the officers of the Association. (Please turn to page Eight)



Indonesian parliament member Sutomo and his wife, who are touring this country at the invitation of the United States State Department, were guests of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company at the firm's home office Monday. Shown in this picture, left to right, are Mrs. Sullistina Sutomo, J. S. Stewart, City Council mem-

ber; Sutomo, and W. J. Kennedy, Jr., president of the Mutual.  
The Indonesian couple are natives of Djakarta, Java and will be in this country for three months studying operations in government, economy, social relations, community developments and public opinion.