

County Without Negro School Seeks To Avert Integration

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SENATOR SAM ERVIN



Ervin Leads Fight Against "Rights"

Indications Point To Senate Yielding To South On Jury Issue

Hayes To Receive Explorer Award

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Despite vastly superior numerical odds, the Southern bloc of Senators pledged to fight the civil rights bill to its death appeared to be making some headway as the battle over the legislation opened this week in the Senate.

Explorer Scout James J. Hayes of Post 187 will receive the God and Country Award Sunday at Zion Christian Church in the Hayestown section of Durham. Rev. Joseph Burwell will make the presentation during the morning service.

Deacon Charged With Larceny

ROBERT CRUSE, deacon of a Holiness church and husband of the church's woman pastor, has been charged with larceny following the removal of pews, pulpit and other equipment from St. John's Church at Gold Hill.

Cruse was charged specifically with larceny of 32 church benches, two iron stoves, a pulpit and three chairs. The equipment was apparently to be used to furnish his wife's church. The theft of the church equipment was solved after Sheriff Arthur Shuping questioned Charlie Robinson, who admitted hauling the equipment. Robinson stated he was under instructions from Cruse and his wife, Mother Pastor Cruse.

CROSS BURNED AT CHURCH

White Minister, Guest Speaker, Is Arrested

LOUISBURG — A crude Ku Klux Klan type cross was burned early this week in front of a church which a white minister was prevented from helping to dedicate by his arrest.

The remains of a cross made of sawmill slabs nailed together and wrapped in oil rags stood before the new Mt. Zion Holiness Church near Center-terville Tuesday.

Evidence at the scene indicated that the cross had been wrapped with rags soaked in oil before being set afire. The cross burning, which apparently took place Tuesday night, followed a dedication ceremony Sunday in which a white minister was supposed to have taken part.

Rev. Harry E. King, 46-year-old white minister from White Plains, Va., was arrested Sunday shortly after dedication services got underway by a Franklin County Constable on charges of obstructing traffic.

He was one of the leaders of a parade of 100 or more Negroes which blocked traffic for three miles to the church. Constable Lloyd Gupton arrested Rev. King in the yard of the new church building.

King was supposed to have been one of the participants on the dedication program, but his arrest prevented him from taking part. None of the others who took part in the parade were arrested.

King pleaded guilty before a magistrate and was fined \$21.75. Franklin County Sheriff C. Willis Perry said his office would investigate the cross burning.

Negro Excluded From Kaspar Jury

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Segregationist John Kaspar and 15 others charged with criminal contempt of federal court, will be tried by an all white jury.

This fact was established Tuesday after selection of a 12-man jury, including two women, was completed. During the selection of the jury, four Negroes were dismissed from service by a 19-man battery of defense attorneys. First Negro to be excluded was Albert Cloud, 29-year-old bank porter.

"Could you put Kaspar in the same sack with the 15 clients I represent, shake them up (Please turn to page Eight)



MISS MARY MILLS, (center) International Cooperative Administration Medical Officer in Lebanon, is shown standing in front of Mills Hall, a student nurses dormitory at Makasid Hospital named for her in recognition of her contributions to the progress of medical service in that Middle Eastern country. Shown flanking Miss Mills are two student nurses of the hospital. Miss Mills, a native of North Carolina and one time member of the nursing staff at Lincoln Hospital in Durham, organized and set up the nurse training school at Makasid Hospital.

Six Sending Kids 45 Miles Ask Entry Into White High School

BRYSON CITY — School officials of Swain County, which provides no high school for Negroes, are negotiating with Negro parents in hopes of preserving segregation in the school system.

Six Negro parents have requested the County board to enroll their children in the all white Swain county high school rather than send them 45 miles outside the county to an unaccredited school.

County school superintendent T. L. Woodward and J. A. Sutton, school board chairman, revealed this week that an effort is being made to work out the situation so that integration of the white high school this fall will be averted.

Four of the six Negroes who are applying for reassignment of their children were turned down last year when they made a similar request of the board. Whatever action the County school board takes on the issue is thought to have far reaching implications for the future of the Pearsall plan.

Devised by the state to meet the court ruling on segregation in public schools, the Pearsall Plan is under attack in federal court.

New Pastor Of White Church Overflow Crowd Greeted Rev. Higgins

LOS ANGELES, Cal. — Reverend Nelson B. Higgins' debut as the first Negro pastor of a formerly all white Methodist church was greeted by an overflow congregation Sunday which filled every available space within the sanctuary and then sat outside the church where services were piped by loud-speaker.

"I am overwhelmed with joy. I can say only thanks," the 40 year old pastor told the crowd at Normandie Avenue Methodist church. First indications were that the appointment of the former teacher and athletic coach as pastor of the church had set off a crisis as two thirds of the church mem-

bers resigned rather than accept the appointment. The church had 43 members.

However, shortly after this turn of events, evidence of support appeared to be mounting for the church and its new pastor. Nearly 75 persons appeared at services last Sunday, a week before Rev. Higgins was scheduled to make his first appearance in the pulpit. Dr. Ray Ragsdale said he felt the church membership would increase with the appointment of Rev. Higgins.

Sunday's huge turnout seemed to vindicate Dr. Ragsdale and his new minister. Half an hour before the service, the sanctuary was full. Then the crowd packed the

chair room and fellowship hall. Scores sat in the shade of a sycamore outdoors and heard services over a loud-speaker. Others stood at entrances, or came, saw and went and left.

The crowd was about half white and half Negro. Television cameras aired the services. Twelve persons were accepted into the membership at the close of the service. Rev. Higgins told the congregation: "I am more than convinced that the church must serve all people wherever they live. We are all just people. Our destiny is to follow this philosophy."

In the audience were white members of many other Los Angeles area Methodist churches.

The 50-year-old church is located in the heart of an interracial district. Last month, Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of the Southern California-Arizona Methodist conference announced the appointment of Rev. Higgins to the pastorate. It marked the first time a Negro has been named pastor of an all-white church in the conference.

Dr. Ragsdale said Rev. Higgins' appointment was expected to rebuild the church which was suffering a slow death because of its refusal to accept Negroes. The church boasted a membership of 250 twenty years ago but declined steadily to its strength of 43 before Rev. Higgins took over.

The church had maintained an aloof attitude toward Negroes. Few attended and none were encouraged to return. Rev. Higgins, whose career has wavered between teaching and the ministry, was a former teacher and athletic coach at Hillside High School in Durham, N. C. While teaching in Durham, he took time to pursue his ministerial interests and at one time became a favorite as "The Friendly Philosopher" on a radio program.

Strike Violence Case Dismissed

WINSTON-SALEM — The first reported incident of violence to reach the court in the month old strike against Holly Farms Poultry plant near here was dismissed this week.

The incident grew out of an encounter Monday, July 3, between strikers and non-striking workers during which rocks were hurled. Seven persons, on strike against the firm, were hauled into court last Monday to face a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

After hearing testimony of five witnesses, Judge DeRoy W. Sams dismissed the case. The judge accepted defense attorney Robert S. Cahoon's motion for dismissal because he didn't think the prosecution had made a case against the accused seven.

Charged were Annie Jordan, 127 S. Jackson Ave.; Almada Coleman, 3728 Carver Road; Barbara Saunders, 378 Dixie Broadway; Lillie Mae Johnson, 905 Maple St.; Lillian Richard, 1445 E. 17th St.; Dorothy Jordan (alias Steele), 127 S. Jackson Ave.; and Viola Bailey, 120 E. 17th St.

Forced to shut down since the mass walk-out on June 6 of its employees over working conditions, the Holly Farms plant reopened Monday with 72 of its full complement of 107 workers. The management hired several new workers and 32 who had been on strike returned.

Approximately 35 strikers began picketing the plant shortly after it reopened Monday. According to reports, when workers left the plant Monday at the end of the work day, several of the strikers followed them.

About two blocks from the plant, rocks were hurled by the picketing group, according to

testimony in court here Monday. One woman worker reported that she was forced to be treated by a doctor after she had been struck on the shoulder and in the stomach by rocks.

Police Sgt. W. C. Burton told the court that he saw 35 or 40 picketing strikers follow the non-striking workers as they left the plant. At first, the strikers and non-striking workers walked on opposite sides of the street but then began to cross over. He said he followed them as soon as he was relieved at his post at the plant gate.

When the group reached Vargrave Street and Dixie Broadway, some two blocks from the plant, the Sgt. said several persons were throwing rocks.

None of the witnesses, however, could identify any individual as a rock-thrower. Deloris Finney, who testified she had been hit in the stomach and on the shoulder by rocks

forcing her to receive medical treatment, said she did not know who hit her but that "all of them were throwing rocks." Wilhelmina Coleman said the strikers took some of the rocks from bags and others picked them off the ground.

The strike began at the plant near here when workers had a list of several grievances against the firm rejected by the management. Among the grievances were complaints against working conditions and pay for overtime.

Plant officials proceeded to hire new workers when the strikers refused to return to work.

In two other incidents surrounding the strike, a worker reported that two persons threatened to slash his automobile tires and a plant foreman reported that his car had been splattered with red paint and eggs.

Falling Out Among Gamblers Leads To Murder Of Peddler

WINSTON-SALEM — The city's "chow, chow man", so-called because he peddled mixed vegetables, was fatally shot last Thursday, July 4 at the conclusion of a dice game.

Arthur Rousseau, alias Arthur Russell, 37, of 1488 N. Main St., was shot through the left temple by Thomas W. Fletcher, 35, of 928 Taft St. after the two became embroiled in an argument over a dice toss.

Rousseau was rushed to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

According to reports, the murdered man and several other persons were engaged in a gambling game at a service station on N. Cherry Street. Fletcher told police that he bet Rousseau \$20 he could make a "four" in the dice game. Rousseau lost, according to Fletcher, but picked up the money anyway.

Durham Girl To Enter UNC

GREENSBORO — Miss Carolyn Ingram, of Durham, 1957 graduate of Bennett College, will begin the study of psychiatric social work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall, leading to the master's degree.

The daughter of Mrs. B. Ingram Williamson, Miss Ingram is a graduate of Durham's Hillside High School, where she was president of the Student Council. At Bennett, where she consistently made the honor roll, she was secretary of the Student Senate, a member of the Senior Marshal Board and of the Senior Theatre Guild. She was also winner of the David D. Jones Leadership Award for having exhibited the most outstanding qualities of leadership in the activities of the David D. Jones Student Union during the past school year.

It is believed that Miss Ingram will be the first woman of her race to be accepted for graduate work at Chapel Hill in the history of the university.

Skeleton Found Of Missing Man

STATESVILLE — The skeleton of a 32-year-old man was uncovered near here early Tuesday by police acting on a tip from the wife of the alleged murderer.

Sheriff Charlie Rumble's men uncovered the remains of Albert Columbus Mills of Mooresville from a sawdust pile on a farm five miles east of Mooresville.

Discovery of the body, buried in four feet of sawdust, may be the key to the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Mills some 17 months ago.

Rumble said he received a tip some two weeks ago from an unidentified source and reopened the case. Following the tip, he was led to the sawdust pile.

The Sheriff said the wife of the alleged slayer of Mills told him she "just couldn't stand it any longer" and recounted how she saw her husband kill Mills. The sheriff said the woman, whom he declined to name, then helped her husband drag the body to nearby woods. Two days later, New Year's Day, 1956, she said her husband left the house and was gone an hour. On his return, she was attributed as saying, he told her he had buried the body in a sawdust pile.

Tar Heel Real Estate Body In Twin City Meet

WINSTON-SALEM — The fifth annual convention of the Carolina Real Estate and Builders Association will be held at Winston-Salem Teachers College this Saturday, July 13th.

Business sessions will begin at 1:00 p. m. in the Administration Building on the campus. The general session will begin at 2:30 p. m.

John J. Vax, executive secretary of Voluntary Home Mortgage Credit Program of Charlotte, will speak on "Ways of Securing Mortgage Loans for Minority Groups." A. L. Thompson, Racial Relations Officer, Federal Housing Administration of Atlanta, Ga., will discuss "Race Relations in Projects Financed with Federal Funds." A discussion on Urban Renewal and Redevelopment will be led by Paul B. Guthery, of the V. J. Guthery's Sons Realtors, Charlotte.

T. D. Wright, Jr., vice-president of Wright Homes, Inc. in Durham, will discuss "Pre-fabricated Houses in Today's Market."

The Planning Committee is composed of the following Real Estate men of Winston-Salem: E. B. Johnson, H. H. Smith, Leander Hill, and C. E. Graves. Other officials of the association to take a part in the proceedings are H. M. Michaux, Durham, president; and Clarence M. Winchester, Greensboro, secretary.