

THREE N. C. CITIES TO DESEGREGATE

National Meet Of Teachers Opens At NCC

Some 800 educators from 31 states are expected to attend the 54th annual meeting of the American Teachers Association at North Carolina College, July 28-30, according to ATA President T. R. Speigner of NCC.

President Eisenhower, Governor Luther Hodges of North Carolina and high representatives of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare have already sent greetings to ATA for a successful session.

"Conserving Our Human Resources Through Adequate, Equitable, and Effective Education" is the theme for the year.

The conference starts in Duke Auditorium Sunday, July 28, with a memorial service at 4:00 o'clock. The speaker will be President C. V. Troup of Ft. Valley, Ga.



DR. J. W. DAVIS

DR. FRANK GRAHAM



DR. T. E. SPEIGNER

DR. JOSEPH TAYLOR

United Nations Mediator Frank Porter Graham, former president of the University of North Carolina, is the keynote speaker at the first public session at 7:30 p. m. (July 28).

U. S. Presidential Assistant Robert B. Gray of Washington will speak at 11:00 a. m. Monday (July 29). Gray's speech is sponsored by the NCC Summer School in co-operation with the Principals and Supervisors Section of the North Carolina Teachers Association.

The state-wide (N.C.) Principals-Supervisors eighth annual conference will meet in conjunction with ATA this year.

Dr. Deborah C. Partridge, professor of education at Queen's College, Flushing, N. Y., and visiting professor of education at the University of Illinois, is the principal speaker for the Monday night public session at 7:30.

One of the highlights of the conference is the Tuesday morning professional symposium starting at 9:00 o'clock in Duke Auditorium.

"Current Movements and Issues in Education Today" is this year's symposium topic. Dr. Helen G. Edmunds, professor of history at North Carolina College, will serve as coordinator.

Discussants will include Dr. Samuel A. Madden, Director of Field Service, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va.; Dr. W. J. Kennedy, Jr., President of N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Co., and Member of the Board of Higher Education in North Carolina; and Dr. Aaron Brown, Director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund Project, New York.

Dr. John W. Davis, former President of West Virginia State College, will be the banquet speaker at 7:30 Tuesday night in the college cafeteria.

In addition to the addresses of noted speakers and panel discussions with some of the nation's leading educators, the conference will present eight special workshops.

They will be devoted to outlining ways to improve conditions in educational administration. (Please turn to page 8)

Hall To Leave Hillside Band

Philmore Hall, director of the Hillside high school band in Durham for the past 12 years, resigned his post Monday to accept a position in Fairfax County, Virginia.

News of Hall's resignation came as a mild shock to Durham residents who have watched the band develop under Hall's leadership into one of the premier musical organizations of the region.

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Meaning Of Clinton Jury Action Disputed

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The conviction of segregationist John Kasper and six other Tennesseans for contempt of a court injunction ordering desegregation of the Clinton high school added fuel to the southern argument in the Senate for a jury trial amendment to the civil rights bill.

An all white jury shocked Kasper's defense attorneys by returning a verdict of guilty against him and six others in the trial which had taken on added significance because of the Senate debate over civil rights.

A jury of ten men and two women took three hours and 50 minutes to return the verdict. (Please turn to page 8)

Pupil's Parent Is Warned

Court Dismisses Action

Tennis Court Trespass Case Fails To Alter Jim Crow Rule

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Open House To Kick-Off 'Y' Observance

The Harriett Tubman Branch of the YWCA will hold a special Open House celebration from 8:00 to 9:00 p. m. Sunday.

The Open House program is the first event in the Y's United Fund Week observance.

One of the other highlights of the week will be a special Family Dinner program from 5:00 to 8:00 p. m. Thursday.

After dinner, guests and Y friends are invited to a Block Dance from 8:00 to 11:00 p. m. on Umstead Street.

Other events in the week long program will be announced later.

Some of Durham's most prominent citizens are cooperating with the YWCA to stage this year's program.

Chairman of the Open House program is Mrs. Lennie-Marie Muse.

Associated with Open House activities are Mrs. J. W. McClinton, Mrs. Lillian Buchanan, Mrs. Iris Lawrence, Mrs. Corine Morrison, Mrs. Virgie Jones, Mrs. Leona Smith, Mrs. Charity Rivera, and Miss Alice Cobb, the general chairman.

The North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company will be on the scene of special displays during the week.



Mrs. O. P. Emerson, Winston-Salem native who is currently abroad teaching in Japan, is pictured here with a class pausing for a few moments for photographers during the course of a field trip on which she took the class to Japanese homes to observe the country's home life. The above picture was taken in the lobby of a Japanese hotel. Homes of five Japanese nationals in rear were visited by the class. At extreme left is Yasuko Imamura, librarian of the school at which Mrs. Emerson teaches. She served as interpreter for the trip.

Raleigh Cautioned Not To Integrate

RALEIGH — A Negro parent who has applied for admission of his child to a white high school here and the school board which is about to consider the request received letters this week warning against desegregation of the city school.

The letters bore no name and were signed: "The Executive Committee of the Wake County Patriots." They were addressed to Joseph Holt of Oberlin Road, and the Raleigh school board.

Holt has applied for reassignment of his son from Ligon high, an all Negro school, to Needham Broughton, a white high school located in the Oberlin Road vicinity. The school board is expected to take up the request on Aug. 6.

The letter to Holt was the milder of the two. It simply implied that he had no right to ask for admission of his student to the school.

"It has been reported that you have entered an application for the admission of one of your children to a high school maintained for white children," the letter read.

"We suggest that you withdraw that petition for admission."

"White people are glad to help pay for the education of your children. They are not happy, however, about your trying to push into their schools. These schools are an extension of their homes, provided for the training of their children. We would object equally strongly to allowing white people to intrude into your school and home."

"We should like to have conditions of peace and good will to continue between white and Negro people of this region."

"Your act helps to destroy that good will."

The letter to the school board was far stronger. It hinted at possible resistance to any attempt of the board to desegregate the school by accepting Holt's transfer request.

"We should not consider ourselves under any moral obligation to help the courts destroy our schools and undermine the morals of our children," the letter to the board said in part.

Attempts to identify the source of the letter proved unavailing. Although it was signed as coming from the Wake County Patriots, all known members of the organization disclaimed any knowledge of the letter.

Atty. James P. Bailey, Jesse Davis, and J. C. Bethune of Raleigh, admitted one time members of the Patriots of Wake County, all stated that they knew nothing of the source of the letter and indicated that the organization had ceased to function in Raleigh.

The organization was formed in North Carolina in 1955 following the Supreme Court decisions on public school segregation. Its purpose was to maintain "the purity and culture of the white race and of Anglo-Saxon institutions."

Dr. John Hunter Appointed Dean At Va. State

PETERSBURG, Va. — The appointment of Dr. John McNeile Hunter as Dean of Virginia State College was announced today by President Robert P. Daniel. He succeeds Dr. J. H. Robinson who retires as Dean but will continue his responsibilities as Vice President and Professor of History.

Dr. Hunter has served as Acting Dean of the College on two previous occasions when Dean J. H. Johnston was away for advanced study during the academic years 1931-32 and 1934-35.

He came to the faculty from a position as teacher of physics at Prairie View State College, Texas. Joining this faculty in 1925, he became Head of the Physics Department in 1927 and Chairman of the Science-Mathematics Unit, 1930-40; and in 1939 when the State Board of Education authorized courses for the master's degree to be given at Virginia State College, Dr. Hunter was appointed by the President to serve as Director of the Division of Graduate Studies, in which capacity he has served most admirably to this time.

Dr. Hunter has been entrusted with several assignments of administrative responsibility including Supervisor of Instruction for the Enlisted Services Men's School, 1942-43, and Institutional Representative of the Engineering-Science-Management War Training Program, 1942-1945.



School Official Attends Institute

J. W. Hill, registrar at Durham Business School, is currently attending an Advance Study Institute for business school executives at Chicago.

The institute will run July 25 through July 27.

The art and technique of selling business education is the major problem which the institute will take up. It is supported by the National Association and Council Business Schools and the American Association of Commercial Schools and Colleges.

She left the States last August, 1956 to teach an interracial class of students, who are children of American servicemen stationed in Japan.

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Prosecution Fails To Prove Case Against Riley

The issue of segregation on Durham's recreational areas remained unchanged here this week as an action which could have developed into a test of the legality of the policy was stopped when a Recorder's Court judge dismissed charges against a young Negro student who had played at a white tennis court.

Judge A. R. Wilson dismissed the case charging Joseph Gilbert Riley with trespassing at Forest Hills tennis courts after the prosecution failed to make its case.

The Judge stated that he was trying the case on the simple charge of trespass, and when the prosecuting witness failed to establish rounds for trespass, it was thrown out of court.

Riley was arrested on July 11 at the tennis court by Lt. Harold Bowles and Capt. C. G. Rosemond. Warrant charging him with the offense was signed by C. R. Wood, city recreation director.

Apparently the only witness whose testimony could have proven trespass was Capt. Rosemond's. According to Lt. Bowles' testimony, Rosemond made the arrest of Riley alone after the two of them had gone to the courts on a call from recreation director Wood.

It was brought out in court that the charge against Riley could only be sustained by proving that he was arrested to leave before being arrested.

Capt. Rosemond was not summoned to testify. It was reported that he was out of town.

Lt. Bowles stated that he couldn't say for sure if Capt. Rosemond warned Riley to leave the court before arresting him.

Dismissal of the case places the issue of the city's segregation policy back in the lap of the City Council, which so far has failed to take action.

Winston-Salem Woman Teaches Japanese Pupils

WINSTON-SALEM — Mrs. Otha Pannell Emerson of 817 Norfolk Street, is at home for a few weeks between school terms at Itazuke Dependary School in Winston-Salem, N. C. She is teaching Japanese pupils on Kynshu Island, Japan on the States Air Force, is one of two Negro teachers at the school which ranges from kindergarten to twelfth grade classes. There are 30 teachers on the faculty.

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School Move Seen Boost For N. C.'s Pearsall Plan

Three North Carolina cities moved to provide for limited desegregation in public schools this week in an apparent attempt to maintain substantial segregation.

Tuesday night, school boards at Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Greensboro voted to admit a total of 12 Negroes to previously all white schools this fall. The action marks the first instance of desegregation in Tar Heel public schools since the Supreme Court order to desegregate.

The concession made by the three school boards to limited desegregation was seen as a necessary sacrifice which must be made if the state plan for preserving substantial segregation is not to be overturned by a federal court.

Prior to Tuesday night's action, the three boards had held a series of secret meetings to discuss the issue. In each case, the school boards explained that their actions were following the provisions of the Pearsall Plan.

Earlier this summer, some of the leading architects of the plan stated that some desegregation would be necessary in

order to defend the constitutionality of the scheme in court.

Col. William T. Joyner of Raleigh, one of the key figures who drafted the plan, told a meeting of lawyers some time ago that the sacrifice of admitting a few Negroes to white schools would be worth the opportunity it would present the state of keeping substantial segregation.

The Pearsall plan was admittedly devised by state leaders to prevent what they termed "mass integration."

In no cases were all of the requests by Negroes for transfer to white schools accepted by the three school boards, Winston-Salem approved of the transfer of one white rejecting two; Greensboro admitted six and turned back one, while Charlotte opened the door to five and refused 35.

The action was heartily denounced in Greensboro and Charlotte by leaders of the pro-segregationist Patriots who accused the school board members of "breaking down the white race," and predicted "dire repercussions."

Statements by the school boards following their actions

pointed out that white parents had the right to appeal for transfer of their children from any school to which Negro students had been assigned.

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