



A children's choir, organized and directed by a sixteen year old, made its debut at the Middle Fork Christian Church of the Brushy Fork community last Sunday. The group, consisting of youngsters between six and thirteen, was organized by

Miss Eddie Mae Elder, extreme right, daughter of Mrs. Cora Elder of 2600 Greensboro Road. She also directs the young singers. Members of the choir are Bertha Hyman, Shirley McCall, Helen Hyman, Alfreta Thomas,

Nelsa McCall, Bob Hyman, Phyllis Caldwell, Ralph Lowery, Jr., Shirley Williams, Mary Lee Elder, Brenda Wilson, Nathan Hill, Ronald Haith, Jerod Hill, Roger Haith, Garry Hairston, Melvin Hill and Larry Hairston.

Pictured at extreme left is Miss Jacqueline Lowery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lowery, also of Greensboro Road, who assists the young director.

## First Test Of Southern Laws Curbing NAACP Reaches United States Supreme Court In Alabama Case

WASHINGTON, D. C. The NAACP has filed with the Supreme Court its brief in a case challenging the right of the State of Alabama to fine the organization \$100,000 and hold it in contempt of court because the Association refused to turn over a list of Alabama members. Such actions were taken by a circuit court judge in Montgom-

ery, Ala., in July of last year. The appeal of the Alabama case to the Supreme Court marks the first time the Association has sought a High court review of any one of the numerous anti-NAACP actions taken by southern states during the past two years.

The Supreme Court agreed on May 27 to review the case,

which is entitled NAACP v. State of Alabama. The NAACP brief was filed on Sept. 21, for the Court's October term. The Association has halted its operations in Alabama since an injunction was issued against it in that state in June of last year. The reason given for issuance of the injunction was failure to register with the state. When the NAACP offered to register, the Montgomery circuit court judge ruled it could not.

A list of Alabama NAACP members was demanded by the Alabama attorney general in connection with the state's suit to ban the NAACP for failure to register with the state. NAACP attorneys refused to file such a list because of probable threats and violence to members.

"While many persons may find petitioner's aims objectionable and deplore the erosion of the parochial concept of the ultimate superiority of the white race, the aims and purposes which petitioner is seeking to accomplish constitute the great promise and the basic aspiration of American society," the NAACP brief states. "Certainly mere dislike of petitioner's purpose cannot justify use of state machinery to restrict its lawful activities. Moreover, whatever the bases for the proceedings to restrict petitioner's operations, it is entitled to a fair and impartial hearing in accordance with the requirements of due process...."

"The decree restraining all of petitioner's activities, the order to disclose the names and addresses of petitioner's members and the lack of fundamental fairness throughout the proceedings violated petitioner's right and the rights of its members to due process of law as secured by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States."

In another section the brief states: "By enjoining its continued activity, Alabama has deprived petitioner of freedom of speech and freedom of association and of property in the continued receipt of the dues and contributions of its members."

Representing the NAACP in the case are Robert L. Carter, general counsel, Thurgood Marshall, special counsel, both of New York, and Arthur D. Shores of Birmingham.

### Shaw Grad At Boston Univ. On Study Leave

RALEIGH — The Reverend Lorenza A. Lynch has been granted a temporary leave from his pastoral duties, and is now studying for the Ph.D. Degree in New Testament at Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts. He began his work there September 23, 1957.

The Reverend Lynch is the son of the Reverend and Mrs. Augustus Lynch of Oak City, North Carolina. His preaching heritage goes back through four generations of preachers.

He is the former pastor of Davis Chapel Baptist Church, Washington, N. C.; Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Arapahoe; and St. Delight Baptist Church, Nashville. At present he is pastoring Bassel Creek Baptist Church, Holly Springs; End-street Baptist Church, Palmyra; Reid's Chapel Baptist Church, Fountain, North Carolina and Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Ayden. His churches have granted him a temporary leave to continue his studies. He has secured Ministers to carry on at each church until his return.

## Cole Donates \$1,000 To NAACP Fund Project

NEW YORK — A telegram from Nat "King" Cole, popular entertainer, ordering one thousand dollar's worth of tickets for the NAACP Freedom Fund dinner to be held here on Nov. 22 was received as Association headquarters this week, Jackie Robinson, chairman of the NAACP's 1957 Freedom Fund campaign and of the dinner committee, announced here Friday.

The Freedom Fund dinner is expected to attract 1,000 persons from all sections of the nation, who will pay a minimum of \$100 per couple, Robinson said.

Purpose of the benefit event is to raise \$100,000 for the NAACP, to stimulate participation in the Association's life membership campaign, and to honor Branch Rickey, Sr., former general manager of the Brooklyn Baseball Club, and Duke Ellington, composer and orchestra leader. Credit for an initial payment on a \$500 NAACP life membership will be given each ticket purchaser, Robinson explained.

In addition to Cole, well-known persons who will attend the dinner include Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Oscar Hammerstein II, and Miss Jinx Falkenberg. Steve Allen, who has a television program, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Robinson announced also that a national sponsoring committee for the dinner has been formed. Among those serving on the committee are Mrs. Ruth Ellington James, Rabbi Edward B.

to develop maturity and a broad outlook upon life and its problems.

## Bennett Head In Final Talk

GREENSBORO — The final address in a series of three to the Bennett College student body was delivered by President Willa B. Player in Pfeiffer Chapel, Monday morning.

Speaking on "Responsibility," Dr. Player explained to the students that their responsibilities at the college lay in three broad areas, namely, responsibility in carrying out routines, responsibility to recognize their assets and limitations and responsibility to make creative contribution to the life of the campus.

"We are living in a time of dangerous irresponsibility," Dr. Player declared. "The tie that binds us to our college is responsibility and, as you become deeply involved in an enterprise, you want to see it through."

At two previous chapel meetings, Dr. Player spoke on "The Challenges which Face Us" and "Values." In each of the addresses, she urged the students

## Survey Shows Dozen States Move Toward Passage Of Anti-Jim Crow Laws Despite Dixie Reaction

NEW YORK

Despite the resistance demonstrated in Arkansas and in other Southern areas to granting full equality to all citizens, a dozen states around the nation have made major civil rights advances in the past several months, it was revealed in a new survey just published by the American Jewish Congress. The study, entitled "Summary of 1957 State Anti-Discrimination Laws," discloses that during their recently-concluded legislative terms, a number of state legislatures—from Vermont to Washington—enacted significant new laws to outlaw discrimination in such fields as employment, education, housing and public accommodation.

The survey which was compiled by the AJCongress' Commission on Law and Social Action, shows that two states—Colorado and Wisconsin—amended their existing "voluntary" fair employment laws by creating effective enforcement procedures. A new fair employment law was adopted by the City of San Francisco.

Four states—Missouri, Washington, California and Illinois enacted laws relating to discrimination in education. Missouri repealed its school segregation laws. The new Washington law makes it the fourth state to be covered by a broad fair educational practices law. (New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts already have such laws.)

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