



Some of the more than 130 persons who attended the annual Youth Assembly of the North Carolina Methodist Conference are shown in front of Pfeiffer Chapel at Bennett College. Second from right, front

row (hands folded), is the Rev. Joseph B. Bethea, of Elkin, who served as dean; sixth from right on third row is the Rev. Douglass E. Moore, of

Durham, executive secretary of the conference and director of the assembly.

Negro, White Demo Leaders Hold Parley

Washington, D. C. — More than 100 Negro and white Democratic Leaders from 24 states, the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia, gathered in Washington last week-end for a Party Relations Conference called by National Chairman Paul M. Butler.

Panel discussions of methods of strengthening Party organization and improving communications within the Party occupied a considerable portion of the two-day session in the Sheraton-Park Hotel. Pledges of support for civil rights legislation came at a luncheon meeting, addressed by Democratic Senators Pat McNamara (Mich.), Hubert Humphrey (Minn.), Stuart Symington (Mo.), John F. Kennedy (Mass.) and Rep. Byron G. Rogers (Colo.).

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Constitutional Rights Subcommittee.

"When a duly constituted agent of Congress can be summarily prevented from even investigating complaints of citizens whose franchise rights have been violated," the wire stated, "it is incumbent upon Congress to enact legislation to effectively safeguard the right to vote."

Passage of Title III of the Celler-Douglas Bill was urged as "minimum civil rights legislation for this Congress," and Federal legislation was cited "as the only hope for Negro Americans in the South today."

Over 100 Youngsters Attracted to State Methodist Conference; Names of Those Attending Listed Here

GREENSBORO — The annual youth assembly of the North Carolina Methodist Conference which closed its one-week session at Bennett College on Saturday attracted 101 young people.

The Rev. Joseph B. Bethea of Elkin, dean of this year's assembly, headed a staff of 20. Classes, workshops and interest groups followed a schedule which ran from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

Closing event of the assembly was a 8 a.m. communion service. The following persons were registered:

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| Winston-Salem
Carolyn Allen, Samuel Draper, Andrea Gwyn, Rebecca Gwyn, Jeane Havner, Mary Hollins, Betty Laughlin, Alinda McCoy, | Durham
Robert Cline, Judy Grandy, Janet Hill, Barbara Thompson and James Wilkins. | Lenoir
Janet Harper, Gail Hickerson, |
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Linda Newton, Lawrence Smith, Deborah Spears, Edward Townes.

Greensboro
Louise Mayo, Doris Mitchell, Doris Shoffner, Maxine West, William Barber, Edward Bust, Itoma Best, Ethel Brower, Jean Brown, Susie Brown, Terry Dearman, Flora Foster, Willette Freeman, Mary Herbin, Leslie Hinson and Portia Holt.

High Point
Portia Brooks, Bettye Carter, Jacqueline Eaves, Patricia Hall, Glenda Moorehead and Yvonne Patterson.

Shelby
Paul Dockery, Alvin Gidney, Herbert Gidney, Franclia Gleaves, John Hoyle and Fred Wright.

Janice Norwood, Phyllis Scott and Sarah Norwood.

Others
Marion Adams and Doris Hull, Gastonia; Ida Blair, Doris Forney and Calvin Sharpe, Hickory; Lamar Burgess, Barbara Gwyn and Elhona Harris, Jonesville; Bessie Campbell and Mildred Penderton, Laurinburg; Elaine Knott and Elizabeth Carson, Lexington; Shirley Goolsby and Betty Dalton, Walnut Cove; Jimmy Dowell, Mary N. Kyle and Emma Vaneston, Elkin; Bertie Finger and Phyllis Hall, Catawba; Patricia Gabriel and Hattie Smith, Statesville; Willie M. Waugh, Henna Robinson and Edward Galbreath, Fayetteville; Glenda Joyner and Carrie Renwick, Thomasville; Catherine Scott and Louise McCorkle, Mt. Holly; Joyce Morgan and Nellie Peebles, Raleigh; Ella Mae Watkins, Georgia Price and DeLores Roper, Asheboro.

Thurman Anderson, Rowland; Earl Bullard, Eldrod; Robert Cline, Conover; Kathy Davis, Trinity; Jean Hamilton, Spindale; Nancy Johnson, Leaksville; Alpine Little, Mill Springs; Leon Mayes, Oxford; Dewayne Maynard, Reidsville; Barbara Neill, Mooresville; Hubert Pipkin, Maxton; Gayle Powell, Forest City; Marjorie Rogers, Lumberton; Ida Settle, Brown Summit and Carrie Tucker, Granite Falls.

Staff
L. A. Brown, Louise Yorse and Loretta Free, all of Greensboro; Emma R. McLean, C. E. Hogue and Dannie Shaw, all of Laurinburg; H. W. Phillips, J. W. Gwyn and Beatrice Watts, all of Winston-Salem; Joseph B. Bethea and Shirley C. Bethea, Elkin; Fannie McCallum and Katie McCallum, Guilford; J. T. Jones and Gladys Costner, Gastonia; Frances Beatty and A. E. Robinson, Shelby.

D. E. Moore, Durham; John G. Corry, Leaksville; Miles Murphy, Red Springs; O. W. Burwick, Raleigh; Ruth Goolsby, Walnut Cove; James Ferree, Lumberton; Mae Waddell, Asheboro; Olivia Peace, Hoffman; Delilah Knight, Spindale; Ruth Greeson, Thomasville; Cleo Conner, Sherrill's Ford and G. A. Brooks, Lexington.

7 Interning At Winston-Salem

NASHVILLE, TENN. — Seven June graduates of the Meharry Medical College were appointed to internships at Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial hospital in Winston-Salem, N. C.

All graduates in medicine, they are Kermit Brown, Samuel Builtman, James Kelly, William Pleasant, Harold Pride, Robert Venable, and Pleasant Williams.

Fayetteville Opens Sept. 14

Fayetteville. — The forthcoming fall session gets under way at the Fayetteville State Teachers College on September 14, according to Dr. Rudolph Jones, President.

Freshman Orientation Week, however, opens on September 8.

Registrars Must Have Something to Hide, Two Groups Declare in Attack on Judge's Ruling Excluding Louisiana Officials from Probe

SHREVEPORT, La. — Charging that "the registrars must have something to hide," and asserting that Negro citizens purged from

registration rolls "suffer real damages, not imagined ones", the United Christian Movement of Shreveport, and the Southern

Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, quickly attacked Federal Judge Ben C. Dawkins' ruling, blocking the scheduled hearing of the Civil Rights Commission in Shreveport, La.

Negroes who have been consistently denied the right to vote and purged arbitrarily from registration rolls, suffer real damages, not imagined ones.

This situation calls for immediate action by the President, the Department of Justice, and the Congress. We urge all friends of equal justice to write, wire, or visit their senators, congressmen, Attorney General, and the President, at once.

Any unbiased observer knows that voting discrimination exists in Louisiana. As a matter of record, more than 10,000 Negro registrars have been purged from voter rolls, and thousands of others have been denied the right to register. Elected state officials and those who are doing the purging, openly and repeatedly boast that they are out to remove 100,000 more.

If it is illegal for the Civil Rights Commission to hold hearings on the denial of voting rights to hundreds of thousands of Negroes, then surely the McClellan hearings on the question of labor abuses are illegal and should be discontinued at once.

Direct Challenge To Congress
Judge Dawkins' ruling was also called "a direct challenge to Congress" in a telegram sent by Miss Baker to Senator Thomas C. Hennings, Jr., chairman of the Senate

The statement was signed by Dr. C. O. Simpkins, president of the United Christian Movement, and Miss Ella J. Baker, executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and reads as follows:

"We are not surprised that Judge Ben C. Dawkins, Jr., ruled as he did to prevent the Civil Rights Commission from holding its scheduled hearing on voter-registration infractions in the state of Louisiana. Judge Dawkins' previous rulings in cases involving the civil rights of Negroes certainly tend to confirm that he will use every possible evasion and technicality in stretching the law to maintain the status quo in racial matters.

"The argument that registrars 'might suffer irreparable injury' by appearing before the Civil Rights Commission to discuss the conduct of their offices, raises two very serious considerations:

1. The state and the registrars must have something to hide.
2. It ignores the fact that

Blues Singer is Described as "Great but Tortured Talent"

By DELORES CALVIN

NEW YORK — As the news spread around, each little group began reminiscing about Billie Holiday — the girl they called "Lady Day" — and how untimely her death came at 44. . . . And yet, as the old pros related, such is life in showbusiness—you live fast and die young and at least you get the headlines when you go. . . . And that much was true for Billie Holiday's death was headline news and even though everyone knew her worst faults and habits, all who saw those headlines stopped a second to feel sad and unhappy that such a great yet tortured soul was gone. . . .

At first there was a rush for her records—her newest albums had showed a difference in her voice but her fans stuck to their guns that Billie was the greatest anyway. . . . Her single releases and albums made during her heyday will be collectors items now—and just about everybody, whether they liked her as a person or not, wanted a song to remember Billie by. . . .

For she was one of those rare people who always had a rough time—never had a completely sunny day — and just when things looked darkest and a promise of a new start was in view—she died. . . . That's the way Billie's life always was—one bad break after another.

That's why she could sing the blues with so much command—she lived them. Her whole life was one blues after another. But she had courage—even the nurses at Metropolitan Hospital couldn't believe the courage she had—in side of being arrested for possessing narcotics in the hospital—she still figured to "beat the rap." Up until her death, she was busying herself arranging for musicians—planning to appear in a movie—writing her appealing life story—and keeping up with show business. It was this energeticness which probably brought on her relapse. . . .

So now Billie Holiday is gone—no more sad songs—no more gardenias—and we remember always loving her but hating her too for being so great and yet not allowing herself to enjoy fame—not letting herself be admired and hailed and emulated as a great person. People who loved her had to look over her tremendous faults. . . . She had many big friends—and many phonics—for she never changed, right to the end.



BILLIE HOLIDAY

Billy Holiday, "Blues Queen," Succumbs in N.Y.

NEW YORK — Little Holiday, blues singer, died early Friday in Metropolitan hospital after a long illness. She was 44.

Miss Holiday, who reached the pinnacle of success as a blues singer in the forties, died almost penniless. Her bank account showed a balance of 70 cents.

Her death was attributed to a "congestion of the lungs, complicated by heart failure." But she had suffered from the effects of a long habit of narcotics use.

She entered the hospital on May 31 in serious condition suffering from several ailments. Death came at 3:20 a.m. last Friday, July 17.

A Broadway star for years, she was the first Negro to sing with a white band. She sang with Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman and Louis Armstrong during her career.

Miss Holiday rose through the smoky night clubs of Harlem to the very top as a blues singer. At her peak, she was perhaps the greatest blues singer of this generation.

Known to the entertainment world as "Lady Day" because of her proud bearing, she always stood one cut above her environment.

However, she fell victim to dope habits at the very height of her success. Narcotics wreaked a steady toll of her body and her art. Her last major concert appearance was September 13, 1958 in Town Hall. Her last public appearance was in an off-Broadway theater shortly before she collapsed in her apartment and was taken unconscious to the hospital in May.

Her last record was a long-playing disc, "Lady Sings the Blues," issued this spring.

She was under technical arrest on a narcotics charge at the time of her death. Evidence that she was still "on the habit" were produced by hospital officials who say they found tell-tell traces of heroin on her face.

Highly regarded for her artistic talent, her room was flooded with best wishes from some of the top stars in the entertainment world, including Harry Belafonte, Frank Sinatra, Count Basie and Tallulah Bankhead.

Her estranged husband, Louis McKay, flew in from California to share her last few days. Joe Glazer, her manager, had a \$50,000 contract for her life story awaiting her signature.

AMEZ District Conference Held

The Durham District of the Central North Carolina Conference, A. M. E. Zion Church, held its Annual Christian Education Convention at Mitchell's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, Pittsboro, July 1-3, Rev. R. V. Horton, Host-pastor. The Rev. J. A. Brown, Presiding Elder in charge.

The theme of the Convention was "The Challenge of Christian Leadership in the Church and Society."

Hundreds of youth representing the local Church Schools, the Christian Endeavor Societies, the Youth Councils, and the Junior Churches were active delegates to this Convention.

Formal worship services were planned and conducted by the Christian Education Directors and youth respectively.

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