

# Dissension Brewing In Ranks Of A & T Faculty

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### WAVE OF TRANSFER REQUESTS SEEN

## Durham School Board 'Afraid' Of Neighbors

R. N. Harris, lone member of the Durham board of education, said this week that other members of the board are "unduly afraid of their fellow white citizens."

He made this statement Wednesday following the board's refusal Tuesday night to go on record against racial prejudice in reassignment of pupils.

Harris asked that an amendment that reassignment "be considered without regard for race" be added to the resolution the board adopted on pupils assignment for the coming year.

His motion was followed by silence, then lost for a second.

"Members of the school board are unduly afraid of censure from their fellow citizens," Harris said in reply to the TIMES Wednesday.

He had been asked for his reactions to the board's rejection of his motion.

Harris said he regarded his proposal as "extremely conservative," and one that represented the "minimum."

He described it as very "moderate measure," and said he had no apologies "to either race for his moderation in this instance."

The sum of the board's rejection of Harris' amendment was to leave the policy toward racial assignments unchanged for the city schools.

Although Greensboro, Charlotte and Winston-Salem have accepted token integration of schools, there has been no integration in Durham since the Court decision of 1954.

Durham school officials are currently faced with a suit from parents of two girls who were refused assignment to white schools in 1957. The actions were brought in federal court in behalf of Elaine Richardson and Joycelyn McKissick.

Nostriling in the case had been

made. In the meanwhile, it is expected that a wave of applications for reassignment of Negro pupils to white schools will be made this year.

According to state law, enacted following Court decision of 1954 and 1955, applications for transfer of pupils must be made to local school authorities with-

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MRS. WHITTED



HARRIS

"MISS BESS" BORN AWAY—Pallbearers for the funeral of Mrs. B. A. J. Whitted are pictured here leaving St. Joseph's

A. M. E. Church following Monday's service there at which the prominent Durham women were eulogized.

## Mrs. Whitted Laid To Rest Amid Tributes from Business World

Leaders of the business world gathered in Durham this week to pay final respects to Mrs. Bessie Alberta Johnson Whitted, who was buried on Monday.

Mrs. Whitted, who rose from the ranks to become one of the country's most important women in business, died at Lincoln hospital early Saturday after a lingering illness. She was 70.

She started in the insurance field in 1906 and held the position of Assistant Treasurer for North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company at her retirement in 1957.

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Born April 15, 1889 in Charlotte, daughter of the late Allen and Adelaide Johnson, Mrs. Whitted attended Myers Street School and graduated from Barber-Scotia College in 1905, then Barber-Scotia Seminary for Women.

She was married to the late Orin Whitted in February 24, 1917.

Mrs. Whitted began her career with the People's Benevolent and Relief Association of Charlotte. In 1906, she joined the North Carolina Mutual staff and worked for the company until her retirement.

In November, 1916, Mrs. Whitted was promoted to the position of cashier and bookkeeper, and in March, 1949, became Assistant Treasurer and Cashier.

Mrs. Whitted devoted much of her time to work with youngsters. "Miss Bess" as she was called by generations of Durham children was the mainstay in the Algonquin Club's youth program.

It was ironic that her death

came in the midst of play in the American Tennis Association's national junior championships in Durham, an event with which she was associated for many years.

She had intended to help the Junior Mothers' Club with affairs connected with the tournament. She had sponsored several tennis tournaments for children at the Algonquin club in previous years.

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## Commission Report Shows Vote Denials

WASHINGTON—The Commission on Civil Rights Thursday released the transcript of its hearings into voting rights held last December and January in Montgomery, Ala.

The transcript includes testimony taken in executive session as provided by the law creating the Commission, and released now for the first time.

Gordon M. Tiffany, staff director of the Commission, stated that the testimony shows "a consistent pattern of denial of equal protection of the laws as regards voting in six Alabama counties."

The counties to which he referred were Macon, Barbour, Bullock, Dallas, Lowndes and Wilcox.

In the executive session, held on January 9, the Commission heard testimony from four members of its staff who had examined voting records in the counties involved. The staff members testified that a double standard was used by some Alabama registrars when considering white and Negro applicants for voter registration.

He was released immediately when a writ of habeas corpus was produced by his attorney, Samuel Dash. The document was signed by Judge Joseph Sloane who set

### SLAYER GIVES UP

## Last Rites Are Held For Murder Victim

Funeral services for J. D. Carrington 22 year-old father, were held at the Silong Baptist Church in Person County Tuesday afternoon. Carrington died at Lincoln hospital early Saturday from a "small calibre" bullet wound.

Carrington was fatally shot at a 1406 Fay Street address by 42 year-old Harold Peaks.

Peaks, who fled the scene shortly after the shooting, turned himself in to police about one o'clock Saturday.

He was booked on a formal charge of murder.

According to police, Carrington was shot by Peaks after an argument at the Fay street address.

Patrolmen William M. Barnes and Henry Cameron, who investigated, said they were told by Doshia McNeill, resident of 1401 Fay street, that the two men became involved in an argument near her house.

Reports from the incident say that when Peaks discovered Carrington at the Fay street address he left returned with a pistol, an argument ensued and the fatal shot was fired.

These reports have not, however, been confirmed.

The bullet wound was located by hospital authorities near Carrington's heart. He died about 2:30 a.m. Saturday.

The Rev. J. A. Thorpe conducted the funeral services Tuesday for the slain man.



CARRINGTON

## Worshippers Beat Man Into Unconsciousness

Winston-Salem. — Following the stabbing to death of his estranged wife while she was attending service at the Baptist Mission located on Dixie Broadway here Sunday, a 28-year-old man was lodged in jail where he is being held without bond on a charge of murder.

According to eye-witnesses, Amos Crouch suddenly entered the church and demanded that his wife, Mrs. Nannie Crouch go home with him. When she attempted to run away, Crouch followed and stabbed her with a butcher knife.

She was dead upon arrival at Kate Bittings Hospital. A second butcher knife was discovered on the man after the fatal stabbing.

Crouch who was later hospitalized with a brain concussion which he sustained when he was attacked by members of the church, including the pastor Rev. Manning Singleton, said that he had been drinking at the time of the fatal attack on his wife. He is reported to have said "I am sorry I killed her. I wanted her to come back home."

Rev. Mr. Singleton sustained minor wounds in the melee and was also treated at Kate Bittings Hospital and later released.

Sgt. Odell Childress, of the detective force, stated, that Crouch and his wife had been separated off and on for the past several years and that he has a lengthy court record which includes several assaults. Crouch previously served 18 months for stabbing his wife in the stomach about eight years ago.

Mrs. Crouch is reported to have been living at the home of the pastor and his wife at the time of the fatal stabbing. Apparently there had been no objection on the part of her husband of her attending the mission.

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## Teachers Reported Incensed At Administration Faculty Policy

GREENSBORO—A groundswell of resentment toward A and T College's administration because of what has been described as an "inconsistent" faculty policy was reported here this week.

The unrest appeared to center among members of the faculty, according to the TIMES informant who chose to remain anonymous.

Members of the faculty accuse the administration, according to the TIMES source of information, of following an arbitrary promotion and salary schedule.

Chief target of their ire is A and T College president Dr. Warmoth T. Gibbs.

Dr. Gibbs was renamed president of the institution at a July 6 meeting of an A and T trustees committee.

It is reported that he has passed the age of retirement.

The specific charge made by disgruntled faculty members against the A and T president, according to the TIMES informant, is that he refused to allow salary increases in keeping with those provided by previous and recent sessions of the State legislature.

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## Ike, GOP "Ran Out" On C-R, Wilkins Charges

NEW YORK. — President Eisenhower and the Republican party were this week charged with running out on the civil rights issue," by NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins.

Wilkins referred to the 18-13 vote of the House Judiciary Committee on July 28 to kill language of the civil bill authorizing, "the Attorney General to act in all types of denial of civil rights."

At present, the Attorney General's office is empowered only to act in situations where citizens are deprived of their voting rights.

Elaborating on the stricken portion of the bill, Wilkins said that, "the Republicans supported this language in the 1956 and 1957 bills and the party leadership made it a part of the 1956 campaign platform."

"Under pressure of their ultra-conservative wing," Wilkins continued, "the Republican have thus repudiated their stand of 1956 and have gone backwards on civil rights to 1955."

"Southern Democrats have only nine members on the committee. By themselves they could never have struck out the language, which means they received help from the Republicans," Wilkins asserted.

"We knew that only two Republicans voted for the language, leaving nine to join the Dixiecrats and to make up the 18-13 vote."

## Bishop Nichols Surrenders To Face Embezzlement of \$200,000

Philadelphia — Bishop D. Ward Nichols, suspended prelate of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, surrendered here Wednesday, July 20 to answer embezzlement charges totaling \$207,950 in church funds.

Nichols, who had apparently evaded crossing the state line into Pennsylvania for the past several months to escape arrest, appeared at the county detectives office in City Hall during the morning.

He was released immediately when a writ of habeas corpus was produced by his attorney, Samuel Dash. The document was signed by Judge Joseph Sloane who set



SINGLETON

## AME Author One Of Dignitaries At Kittrell Event

KITTRELL — Dr. George A. Singleton Editor of the A. M. E. Review, author of "Romance of African Methodism," of Philadelphia, and Dr. Robert Weston Mance of Washington, D. C., Financial Secretary of the A.M.E. Church, will be the special guest speakers when the Second Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church, comprising churches of Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, and North Carolina, assemble young people, pastors, laymen and Missionary Workers in their Annual Retreat on the campus of Kittrell College, Tuesday, August 18 through Friday, August 21.

Bishop Frank Madison Reid, the presiding prelate of the Assembly, has announced that the keynote message will be delivered by Dr. Singleton Wednesday, high noon, August 19, while Dr. Mance is to deliver the special address from and for laymen, Thursday, August 20 at noon at a session presided over by the District leader of laymen, Professor Vernon Cowan of Asheville, North Carolina.

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## Little Rock Board Advances Date Of Opening To Thwart Gov. Faubus

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—In an apparent effort to evade the interference of Gov. Orval E. Faubus, the Little Rock School Board announced here Tuesday night that it would reopen the four high schools of the city on an integrated basis on Aug. 12.

Closed since last September by

Faubus to ward off integration, the schools were scheduled to open on Sept. 12.

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## Negro's Refusal Shakes Board

CHAPEL HILL—The rejection of a Negro student's request to attend a white school here has thrown this town's school board into a state of confusion. Chairman of the board Dr. J. Kempton Jones said this week the school board appeared to be split over the resignation of board member Harry Brandis, dean of the University of North Carolina Law School.