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DURHAM SETS POLICY School Board Keeps '59 Segregation Level

Daily Press Omits Coverage Of Meeting

R. N. Harris, Durham school board member, issued a special statement to the TIMES this week calling attention to the fact that the school board has adopted its assignment policy for the year and set time limits for requests for changes in assignments.

Harris made this unusual move because, as he explained, there was no public notice of the action in the daily press except for the mandatory legal notice carried by the Durham Morning Herald at the bottom of its classified page Tuesday.

Harris' statement appears in full in the third column. The school board voted to continue its present assignment policy which would keep segregation at its present level. Harris opposed the resolution.

The Herald's failure to report the school board's action in its news column for Tuesday was considered by Harris to be "at the least irregular." Although the handling and re- See DAILY, page 6-A

Liberian Official Blames Belgium For Congo Woes

A Liberian government official said in Durham last week that African "political opinion" attributed Belgium's problems in the Congo to the Belgian Government's failure to educate the native citizens.

McKinley A. DeShield of Monrovia, Postmaster General, said in an interview with newsmen, "There is a considerable body of opinion in Africa that the Belgians brought the Congo See LIBERIAN, page 6-A

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HARRIS

Two Arrested In Beating Of Alabama Man

COLUMBIANA, Ala.—Two men have been arrested in the Saturday night whipping of a young Negro service station worker.

Shelby City Sheriff C. P. Walker reported Wednesday that Thomas Kelly, 34, and Emmett Leverette, 42, were being held for Grand Jury indictment in the kidnapping and beating of 20 year old Henry Lewis Jones.

Leverette was picked up by Shelby officers at his home Tuesday night. Kelly turned himself in to authorities shortly after midnight. It was not clear if more arrests would be made. Jones told police six men participated in the Saturday night affair in which he was taken from his home, carried into another county tied to a tree and whipped with knotted ropes and belts.

Sheriff Walker reported that his evidence definitely "fingered" two of the suspects. Apparently they were Leverette and Kelly. Warrants for both were issued shortly before they were in custody.

White residents of this area appear mystified as to the motive See ARRESTED, page 6-A

Board Member Hits Secrecy Veil Cloaking Unit's Action

MEMORANDUM TO CAROLINA TIMES August 3, 1960

Inasmuch as time is basic in the matter of requests for re-assignment within the Durham School District and inasmuch as there has been no news of the matter following the Board's meeting on Monday night, I believe you should inform your readers that an assignment policy for 1960-61 was adopted Monday night and notices of the policy, required by law, appeared in the Legal Notices of Wednesday's Morning Herald, page 7-B.

In essence, this policy is similar to the 1959-60 policy except that the current policy provides for retention of seventh grade (junior high classification) students at Walltown, Crest Street and Spaulding Schools. Other assignments are to "the same school attended in 1959-60" or to "the next succeeding grade in the school which serves the graduates of the school from which they have graduated."

Parents who desire reassignment of their children should apply for "forms prescribed by the Board of Education" and be certain that they are properly completed as to each child and returned to the Board of Education before August 20th or within 10 days of 2nd publication of assignment which will appear in the Durham Morning Herald on August 10th.

Signed: R. N. Harris

IN CME MEET Bishop William Y. Bell Applauds City For Lunch Counter Action

By GILES R. WRIGHT



BRIGHT

The 88th annual session of the North Carolina Conference, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, opened Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in the Russell Memorial Church, 615 South Alston Ave.

The Rev. C. R. White is host pastor. The Revs. J. C. Clark and J. A. Davis are the Presiding Elders of the Winston-Salem and Durham Districts, respectively.

Presiding over the sessions is the Senior Bishop of the Church, Right Reverend William Y. Bell, of South Boston, Virginia. The Rev. S. E. Harris, Charlotte, delivered a very challenging communion message during the opening session, and several hundred pastors, delegates and members representing the 67 state churches as well as scores of out-of-town visitors participated in the communion service.

Bishop Bell in addressing the Conference, noted that our fathers and forefathers fought many of our battles on their knees, and that we cannot rise and stand as a nation unless we do so as a united family of people, sharing together in a fellowship of like-minded and like spirits. "If we are to look and see the glory of the Lord then we must see it together as people of this nation. Our oneness, our integrity and our like mindedness reflect our togetherness."

"The action of the variety stores was cited as a splendid example of resolving social conflict. See BISHOP, page 6-A

New Probation Officer Starts Duties In Durham Vicinity

Durham's first Negro probation officer started work here on July 18.

He is Frank Bright, former High Point detective. Bright's appointment made him probation officer for the 12th judicial district.

"My duties will be different from that of the parole officers," Bright said. "Mostly I will be working with first offenders— young fellows who have gone wrong once."

"We concentrate on rehabilitating them, getting them off on the right track again."

Bright has quite a bit of territory to cover. He will be responsible for probationers in Durham, Orange, Person and Alamance Counties.

When he arrived at the new job, he had more than 80 cases facing him. His normal case load is 100, and at the rate things are going now, he expects See PROBATION, page 6-A

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Next Week in the TIMES!



AFTER SIX MONTHS — Alma Turner (foreground) and Nathan White receive service at Walgreen's lunch counter in Durham Monday after a six months protest of the jim crow policy.

Raleigh May Be Next Town To Integrate

Three days of integration at 3 Durham lunch counters passed peacefully this week as a six month old fight for the change was ended here Monday.

In the meantime, evidence accumulated that Raleigh would be the next city in which lunch counter integration will take place.

Observers believe the Capital City's change-over may take place on Monday.

Counters at Walgreen, and Kroger quietly began serving a handful of picked Negro youths who took part in the six month protest Monday afternoon.

At the close of business at the three stores Wednesday, no incidents had been reported.

Reaction to the change in Durham was calm. The reports of the change were played down by the daily press, reportedly at the request of the Human Relations Committee, and only a few Negroes other than the students took advantage of the food service during the week.

None of the three stores involved had more than three or four students at one time requesting service.

The community appeared to take the change in stride. There was little observable reaction by whites. One student said a white customer left his seat at the lunch counter when the student sat down to be served. Negroes appeared pleased but generally restrained.

Following the close of the first day of integrated service at the counters Monday, a victory celebration by students who spearheaded the fight took on religious overtones.

About 40 students used the occasion to gather at St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church where they sang spirituals and went out to place a wreath on the grave of Douglas Thompson, a former member of the organization who was killed in an auto accident last spring.

There was no comment from store managers or students.

Human Relations Committee chairman Nelson Strawbridge explained that change-over had been worked out in meetings with his group and added that integration of the counters had gone along very well and without fanfare.

"I hope it continues that way," he added. Both daily newspapers confined their editorials comments to see See NORTHAMPTON, page 6-A See RALEIGH, page 6-A



ROOM TO SPARE — Nathan White breaks color bar at Walgreen lunch counter in Durham last Monday, August 1. Photos by Burrell.

PROTEST "HARVEST" RECESS Northampton County Students Boycott Split Semester Session

JACKSON—Northampton Superintendent E. D. Jackson admitted this week that approximately 20 percent of the County's Negro students boycotted schools this week in protest against the county's traditional split-semester for Negro schools.

Schools are closed from the middle of September until around November 1. During the harvest season, Negro students are employed to help white farmers get See NORTHAMPTON, page 6-A



REV. JONES

AMEZ Minister Buried in Rites At Durham

Funeral services for the Rev. James Alton Jones were held Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 2 at the St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church.

The Rt. Rev. Rev. R. L. Jones, presiding Bishop of the A. M. E. Zion district, delivered the eulogy. He was assisted by Reverends L. R. Williams, R. V. Horton, G. T. Tharrington, S. P. Cook, E. H. Beebe, J. Z. Siler, J. A. Brown, T. J. Young, G. F. Madkins, J. W. Hatch and C. V. Flack.

Rev. Jones died at this home at 2207 Chatauga street on Sat. July 30. He was 62.

The deceased was a native of Chatham County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Jones. He was born on Dec. 18, 1897.

Rev. Jones had been in the min. See JONES, page 6-A

Ike Asked to Intervene In Congo Against Katanga Province

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — President Eisenhower was urged this week to "use the influence of his office" to help the troubled Congo nation survive its crisis.

The plea came from the Constitutional Council of the A. M. E. Zion Church, meeting here in its annual session at Price Memorial Church.

A wire sent by the Church leaders asked the President to intervene on behalf of the Lumumba government and prevent the ore rich Katanga province from seceding from the country.

Signed by the Rt. Rev. W. J. Walls, of Chicago, senior bishop of the denomination, the message said, in part:

"I implore you and the administration to oppose the disunion of that great country by the establishment of a separate and independent Katanga."

"Seventeen million... citizens of African ancestry will be happier in our beloved land to support your invaluable leadership to carry the influence of the United States in behalf of the United Congo intact... Christian America... can consistently set the governments of the world to stand by the anti- See CONGO, page 6-A

Final Rites For Ernest Thompson

Ernest D. Thompson was buried following funeral services Friday, July 29 at the Union Baptist Church of Durham. The Rev. A. S. Croom, pastor officiated.

He was assisted by the Reverends J. H. Peppers, F. Yelverton and L. W. Reid.

Thompson died at a Durham hospital on July 25. He was 48. The deceased was a native of Durham. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson. He made his home on route 70 east.

Thompson was married on March 18, 1938 to the former Miss Ila Scott, of Apex, who survives him.

He was a member of many civic, fraternal and religious organizations. He was active in Union Bap. See THOMPSON, page 6-A



ERNEST D. THOMPSON

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