



**COMPARE SCHEDULES**—These freshmen students who entered A&T College last week compare schedules during the freshmen orientation activities. They are from left to right: Hortense Hart, Bryant, Fla.; Evelyn Chavis, Greensboro and Ollie Underwood, Fayetteville.



**THE RAINS CAME**—A sudden downpour of rain did not dampen the spirits of these A&T freshmen who sought protection under umbrellas while waiting to join in the reception for freshmen students. They are from left to right: Virginia Scott, Portsmouth, Va.; Joan Pope, Hampton, Va.; Juanita Lewis, M. Gilead, N. C., and James Bowers, Williamston, N. C.

## Important Progress Reported In Desegregation as Schools Open

NEW YORK. — Following the opening of the 1960-61 school term last week in most of the southern and border states, significant legal progress in public school desegregation is reported in several quarters.

With an estimated 787 school districts in twelve states opening with some degree of integration, it is the first time since the 1954 Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public education that the southern schools opened without a single reported incident of violence.

It is reported that fourteen new districts in seven southern states enrolled Negro children in white elementary schools for the first time. This does not include Houston, Texas which has the largest segregated school system in the country, and where several Negro children were enrolled for the first time.

All districts remained segregated in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina.

Thurgood Marshall, Director-Counsel of the N. A. A. C. P.-Legal Defense and Educational Fund, pointed out that the highlight of this year's legal victories in the organization's continued efforts to speed up school desegregation was reflected in the refusal of the Supreme Court two weeks ago to grant delays requested in three separate cases to authorities in New Orleans, Houston and Delaware.

### COURT REFUSAL VITAL

Marshall stated: "The refusal of the Supreme Court to grant the request is significant because it indicates that a point arrived at which litigating must stop and bona fide desegregation must commence. The law is clear that the courts will not outenance litigation merely for the sake of delay."

### HOUSTON RULING

The ruling in the Houston case is of particular significance, Mr. Marshall explained. Until the time of the decision Houston was the largest segregated district in the country. The Court rejected a plan presented by the Houston Board

as a "sham" and palpable fraud", ruling that where school boards do not present plans courts will institute desegregation plans of their own and demand compliance with the Constitution.

The New Orleans case came before the Supreme Court as a result of an order by a United States District Court to put into effect a year-by-year stair-step integration plan in September, starting with the first grade. The school authorities appealed the order, but a United States Appeals Court refused to interfere. Upon request, the District Court gave the school board until November 14 to effectuate the plan.

### LA. ASKS POSTPONEMENT

The state Attorney General then asked the United States Supreme Court permission to put off integration. Legal Defense attorneys for the Negro children also petitioned the Supreme Court. They asked that the November stay order be vacated and that integration begin immediately. The Court refused to postpone desegregation beyond the November 14 date set by the District Court.

In Delaware the Court of Appeals reversed a District Court ruling which gave all school districts south of Wilmington twelve years to desegregate and demanded that complete desegregation be in effect by 1961. The Court also ordered that the named plaintiffs in the case be admitted immediately. The State Board asked the United States Supreme Court for a postponement of these orders, which was denied.

### BUSIEST SUMMER

Marshall revealed that this past summer was the busiest Legal Defense Fund attorneys ever experienced. Forty school cases alone were filed in thirteen states and the Supreme Court. Many briefs were written and filed in defense of students arrested in the sit-in demonstrations and other segregation cases. He said a separate report will soon be made on the sit-in protest cases.

Education cases filed were in Alabama 1; Arkansas 1; Delaware 1; Tennessee 3; Texas 5 and Virginia 9.

"However impressive the legal victories may appear," Mr. Marshall said, "the fact remains that — six years later — we still have only token compliance with the



**SAY "AH!"**—Dr. David Hammond, Brooklyn, N. Y., a senior at Howard University School of Medicine, examines Dorothy Ramsey, Roxboro, during freshman orientation at A&T College last week. Waiting turns are other freshman students: Doris Waddell, Greensboro and Hazel Silver, Warrenton.

## Joseph Parker, Durhamite, Is Appointed To N. C. College Staff

Joseph S. Parker, Jr., former teacher at Merrick-Moore high school of Durham, has been appointed to the North Carolina College faculty.

Parker will become an instructor in the college's Biology department.

A native of Durham County, the new North Carolina College teacher was trained in the public schools of the county, and received both the undergraduate degree and a Master's degree in Biology from N. C. College.

He has done additional study at Duke University and Simmons College, of Boston, Mass.

Before joining the N. C. College faculty, Parker was for four years a science teacher at Merrick-Moore. He came to Merrick-Moore from a similar post at Central High of Hillsboro, where he had

been for seven years.

Parker is active in civic, religious and professional organizations. He holds membership in, among others, the North Carolina Teachers Association, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and White Rock Baptist Church.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Parker, Sr., of Bahama, and lives with his wife, and two sons at 123 Nelson Street.

Mrs. Joseph Parker, Jr., is also a teacher, a member of the Spaulding elementary school faculty.

### ATLANTA'S COULBORN GETS FELLOWSHIP

ATLANTA, Ga. — Dr. Rushton Coulborn, chairman of the department of history at Atlanta University, has been awarded a fellowship for the academic year 1960-61 at the Center of Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, California.

The names of 52 fellows from 32 different universities and research institutions was announced this week by Ralph W. Tyler, Director of the Center.

## Williams Invites Castro To N. C.

NEW YORK. — Robert F. Williams Tuesday invited Cuban Premier Fidel Castro to visit the South after he attends the 15th session of the U. N. General Assembly in New York.

The invitation to the Cuban Premier was made in a letter by Williams, President of the Union County, North Carolina, branch of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People.

Williams, who has twice visited Cuba since the Revolution, personally delivered his invitation in New York to Cuban Ambassador Manuel Bisse, head of Cuba's Mission to the United Nations.

Dr. Bisse accepted the invitation and said that he hopes that Premier Castro would be able to visit North Carolina and other parts of the South.

In his letter to Castro, Williams wrote: "Recently I have been the guests of the Cuban people and government. I experienced my first freedom as a human being in revolutionary Cuba and I feel very much indebted to the people who gave me the human dignity of being accepted 'in the human race.'"

## Justice Department Action in Haywood, Tennessee Should Ease Situation in Other Areas of the South

NEW YORK — Justice Department action to assure the rights of Negroes to vote in Haywood County, Tenn., "should aid greatly in wiping out the scandalous disfranchisement of Negro citizens in certain areas of the South," NAACP leaders Roy Wilkins declared this week.

In a statement issued here Wilkins said: "The NAACP is gratified to learn of action by Attorney General William P. Rogers to assure the rights of Negroes to vote in Haywood County, Tenn. . . . The attorney general's action is evidence of the federal government's commitment to this fundamental citizenship right."

In filing a civil complaint with the Federal District Court at Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 13 the Justice Department accused 27 merchants and two banks of coercion and conspiracy to bar Negroes from voting in Tennessee and is seeking injunctive relief against further coercive and discriminatory acts.

The move was the first of its kind under the 1957 Civil Rights Act.

As far back as 1938 the NAACP sought to encourage registration and voting by Negroes in Haywood County. They had not been allowed the ballot since the Reconstruction era.

The founder and first president of the NAACP branch in Brownsville Tenn. (Haywood County), Ollie Bond and six other Negro leaders were run out of town by a mob of whites in 1938 for urging Negroes to register and vote.

Another, Elbert Williams, was lynched.

It was not until May, 1960 that under federal intervention Negroes were permitted to register in Haywood County, Tenn., for the first time since the 1870's.

### WASHINGTON LEADS IN ROBBERIES

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Washington is heading to an all-time high for a miserable achievement—number of robberies for the year. Moreover, police have pointed out, a rash of robberies and beatings have been done by Negroes.

In '59 there were 1,135 robberies. The record was in '52 with 1,511 and this figure is being closed in on now. In one night last week, Negro men were reported involved in at least 10



SCARBOROUGH

## Scarborough To Enroll in Phila. Mortuary School

John Clarence (Skeepy) Scarborough, 1960 graduate of North Carolina College, will enroll in the Eckel's School of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia, Sept. 19.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Scarborough, Jr., of 1406 Fayetteville Street, Durham.

Upon completing his studies, young Scarborough will enter his family's business which was founded by his grandfather, John C. Scarborough, Sr., in 1888. The firm operates today as Scarborough and Hargett at 522 East Pettigrew St., Durham.

Scarborough will thus become the first third generation Scarborough in the business.

His aunt, Mrs. Ernestine Scarborough Bynum, is associated with the firm as a licensed lady embalmer. She is a graduate of the Atlanta School of Mortuary Science.

The elder Scarborough received his embalming training at Renouard School of Mortuary Science in New York.

J. C. Scarborough, Jr., is active manager of the business today although the senior Scarborough maintains daily contact with its operation.

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