

Bishop Spottswood Calls for Union Of Methodist Churches at Confab

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Speaking to the 53rd session of the Indiana Annual Conference, A. M. E. Zion Church, which was held recently, Bishop S. G. Spottswood made a striking appeal for the unification of all Methodists. He took a poke at the mother Methodist Church for its segregated district.

The prelate began with the following: "Negro Methodist bodies should unite for a number of reasons. First of all, we should unite to present a solid front in the fight for full freedom of all Americans. Secondly, we should unite to strengthen missionary front, standardize our educational institutions. Then, we should unite for spiritual reasons. Today, in the ecclesiastical world, there is a steady procession of church mergers."

He continued — "The one hundred-odd splinters of evangelical protestantism are uniting in significant organic unions. Similar politics and comparable theologies, along with the already accomplished fact of well-nigh uniform worship, and liturgical practices have blazed the trail for organic unions which have given us great hope for the eventual Christian unity prayed for by Jesus."

Bishop Spottswood pointed out that the basic steps toward the "Coming one great Church" lies, first, in the union of ecclesiastical bodies of parallel and identical polity and doctrine.



GETS AWARD—Mrs. Ruth A. Britt, second from right, a graduate senior in Business Education at A. and T. College, was last week presented the United Business Education Association Award for outstanding achievement in business education. She holds membership in the Phi Omega Pi National Honor Business Fraternity and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Others on the photo are faculty members of the organization: Mrs. Veda Stroud, Mrs. Kelle Dorsett and Mrs. Florentine Sowell.



AT HEART MEETING—Among the Tar Heel physicians and laymen attending the North Carolina Heart Association's annual meeting in Raleigh at the Sir Walter Hotel a few days ago were Mrs. Grace Scott and Mrs. Inez Jones of the Caldwell County Heart Council. Above, left to right, are William Ivey, vice-chairman of the state heart group's board of directors; Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Jones. (Photo by Sparrow, C-Hill)

26th Annual Session of Ministers' Institute In Session at Shaw Univ.

RALEIGH — The Twenty-sixth Annual Session of the Ministers' Institute will be held at Shaw University June 4-8. Concurrently with the Institute will be the Twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Women's Leadership Training Conference and the Twelfth Annual Youth Bible Camp. The 1962 theme is "The Church Rendering A World Ministry." Again this year the institute will take on an interracial aspect with the ministers of the Baptist State Convention (white) participating.

Dr. W. C. Strickland, associate professor of New Testament Interpretation, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Wake Forest, will give a set of four lectures on New Testament Interpretation; and the Reverend John L. Fleming, Director of Christian Education, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, four lectures on Practical Applications and Methods in Church Organization. Each lecture period will be one hour in length and will allow opportunity for questions and discussions.

A course in the Philosophy and Current Trends in Church Music Ministry will be conducted by Harry Gil-Smythe, director of department of Fine Arts, Shaw University.

Preachers for the evening worship services will be the Reverend Lorenzo Lynch, minister, Providence Baptist Church, Greensboro; Dr. Robert Sevenson, minister, Olin T. Binkley Baptist Church, Chapel Hill; and Dr. J. J. Johnson, minister, First Baptist Church, Fairmont.

Mrs. Rebekah C. Calloway, president, National Trade and

Appeal to Widen Desegregation In Miss. to be Filed

NEW YORK — A desegregation order handed down by a Federal District Court judge in Jackson, Miss., will be appealed because of its limited application, NAACP General Counsel Robert L. Carter announced here.

The order, handed down on May 15 by Judge Sidney C. Mize, requires desegregation of libraries, parks, zoos, golf courses, playgrounds, including swimming pools, auditoriums and other public facilities in Jackson. This is believed to be the first desegregation opinion coming out of Mississippi at the trial court level.

The decision was the result of a suit filed in January by the NAACP in behalf of three Negro citizens challenging the constitutionality of three state statutes which prohibit the use of public facilities on an equal and integrated basis.

Because Judge Mize's order was limited only to the three persons suing, an appeal is planned on the basis that this is a class action.

Carter, who argued the case in March, requested a three-judge court because the constitutionality of court statutes was involved. In April the three-judge court issued a per curiam order dissolving the court, the issue to be decided by a single district judge.

However, despite the limitation of the judgment and the judge's refusal to issue an injunction, it is expected that other Negroes will seek the use of Mississippi facilities which the court has stated, by law, cannot be segregated.

The local NAACP has been engaged in a running argument with the Board since 1955. NAACP members ringed the Board of Education headquarters with a picket line this week after the meeting failed to produce immediate results.

Integration Of Teachers Sought In Ill. Schools

PEORIA, Ill. — The NAACP has asked the Illinois State Commissioner of Education to investigate the local school board's employment and assignment policies as regards Negro teachers.

Miss June Shagaloff, the Association's special assistant for education, here on request of the organization's state conference, conferred with the Board of Education for two hours this week.

She was accompanied by John Gwynn, local NAACP president, and a special committee. There were no immediate results.

Peoria hires a mere 17 Negro teachers in a school system employing more than 750. No Negroes teach in any of the city's senior or junior high schools.

The 17 who do work are assigned to four elementary schools with the largest number of Negro pupils. Eight of these teachers are at the Douglass elementary school which has a 90 per cent Negro enrollment.

The Board of Education maintains that it does not discrimi-

W. G. Pearson School Has Unique PTA Cultural Program Underway

The W. G. Pearson Elementary School of Durham, North Carolina, is doing something about the "cultural poverty" of its students through an aggressive PTA program.

The PTA, headed by Dr. North Carolina College professor Dr. H. G. Dawson, Jr., has been busy all year on what it calls "Operation Increase."

"We started," says the program's chief architect, Edward N. Wilson, PTA vice president, "with the premise that all children can afford to read more and to learn more about art and music."

In addition, the PTA Executive Committee learned, through a spot community check, that many of the children had no access to books in their own homes. Paintings and reproductions were out of the question. The musical diet tended toward rock 'n' roll.

On the other hand, the group also found that parents were vaguely aware of these shortcomings and were eager to do something about them. To answer the question, "What can we do?" the PTA executive suggested "Operation Increase."

In the first phase of the program, beginning in November, a list of books, reproductions, and recordings of classical music drawn up. Consisting of nearly three hundred titles, the books scaled according to grade levels, the list was put into the hands of all Pearson School parents, who were urged to purchase some of the items for the home. What Professor Wilson calls "gentle pressure" was applied when teachers started asking both children and parents about items on the "Increase" list.

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Funds to Defend Augusta Youth Being Sought

NEW YORK — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People this week called upon its members and friends throughout the country to contribute to the Augusta Defense Fund being raised to defend 14 young Negroes indicted for murder and other crimes in the slaying of a 16 year old white youth.

In a letter to all units of the Association, Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins set forth the background of the Augusta story and urged the branches to hold fund raising rallies and to engage in other activities to secure "contributions to help defray the cost of the legal defense of others arrested and being defended by the Association."

The Augusta story, he pointed out, "really began last March 15th when our Paine College chapter, utilizing tickets purchased by an NAACP official, sat in at the Harlem Globe Trotters basketball game. The next day, the youth council conducted a play in at May Park, a city owned facility reserved for whites. They were refused permission to use the park, assaulted by adults and escorted by a city recreation official and the police."

There followed a selective buying campaign to secure jobs, service and courtesy in white owned retail establishments in response to this action by the NAACP youth, lunch counters in downtown Augusta were desegregated. During the campaign, the pickets and demonstrators were assaulted by angry whites while nation stood idly by.

For several days prior to the fatal shooting of Leslie Lee Luttes on April 29, marauding bands of white youths drove through Negro neighborhoods hurling rocks and attempting to intimidate colored residents. In the car in which Luttes was riding through a Negro district on the night of the shooting, police found a gun and a bag of rocks.

Model of Astronaut's Mercury Capsule To Be Shown In Durham

A duplicate Freedom 7 Mercury will include a public address system over which will be played tape recordings of documentary material related to America's first manned space flights, patriotic music and information about the Freedom Bond Drive.

"It is appropriate that this spacecraft be exhibited in connection with the Freedom Savings Bond Drive," Poole stated. "Our explorations in space over the years will require substantial sums of money. The success and extent of this program ultimately rests upon a strong and growing economy. The continued sale of Savings Bonds and extra sales during this drive is an essential ingredient of a healthy economy." Details of the exhibit's visit here will be announced later by the Savings Bonds Committee.

The capsule will form part of a Savings Bonds exhibit that is touring the nation during the Freedom Bond Drive in May and June. Every citizen is being asked to purchase an extra Savings Bond during this period.

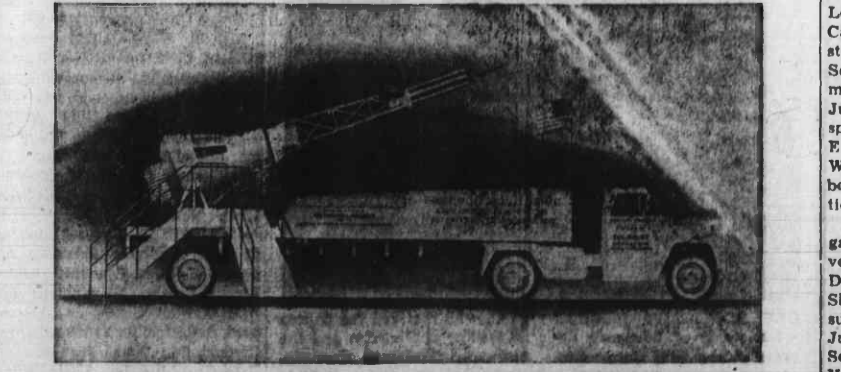
The Freedom 7 Capsule is identical to the one that carried America's first astronauts into space. It is mounted on a red white and blue trailer, flanked by two American flags. The public will be able to examine the spacecraft at close hand.

Poole said that the exhibit

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FREEDOM 7 MERCURY SPACECRAFT TO VISIT CITY FOR SAVINGS BONDS



A Mercury 7 Spacecraft, duplicate of Freedom 7, Liberty Bell 7, and Friendship 7 that carried our astronauts in their sub-orbital and orbital flights, will soon be displayed here. Its arrival will call attention to the Treasury's Freedom Bond Drive during May and June and help stimulate the sale of Savings Bonds. The Capsule is mounted in the manner shown above. Retractable steps will permit individuals to examine the Capsule, its cockpit and instrument panel, and the escape tower. The Spacecraft, truck, and trailer as well as the expenses of the tour, were donated as a public service to the Treasury Department by McDonnell Aircraft Corporation and the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors.

Nat'l Congress To Honor Lucie E. Campbell

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Dr. Roy Love, Chairman of "Lucie E. Campbell's Appreciation Day" states that the National Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress meeting in Denver, Colorado, June 18-24, will feature a special program honoring Lucie E. Campbell, Music Directress, Wednesday, June 20. There will be a march of States in connection with this celebration.

Miss Campbell was in the organization of the Congress 57 years ago and has been Music Directress a number of years. She is a song composer of note—such popular gospel songs as "Just To Behold His Face, Something Within, How About You, In The Upper Room, He'll Understand and Say Well Done, and Praise Ye The Lord, are some of her beloved compositions. Miss Campbell is active in the Fine Arts Department of the Congress which majors in Church music.

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