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WASHINGTON, D. C. — At the call of A. T. Walden, Georgia Democratic leader, twenty five Negro Democratic Party leaders from eight Southern States met in Atlanta, Ga. Saturday, June 16th and organized the Southern Democratic Conference.

The new group voted to make registration of Negroes throughout the South their first order of business. Calling for support of the program of President John F. Kennedy, the leaders urged complete representation by Negroes on local, county, and state Democratic committees.

A. T. Walden was elected chairman of the new Southern Democratic Conference which will hold its next meeting in September in Birmingham, Alabama.

The following leaders were elected as vice-chairmen of the new organization:

A. P. Tureaud of New Orleans, John S. Stewart of Durham, North Carolina, Orzell Billingsley, Jr. of Birmingham, Alabama, Robert E. Lillard of Nashville, Tennessee, Henry H. Arrington of Miami, Florida, John

H. McCray of Charleston, South Carolina, and Robert L. Smith of Jackson, Mississippi.

The body also elected J. Irving Scott of Jacksonville, Florida as Treasurer, the Rev. Mack E. Sharpe of Beaufort, South Carolina as chaplain and Warren Cochrane of Atlanta as Secretary.

The group was addressed by two guests, the Deputy Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Louis Martin and the Associate White House Press Secretary, Andrew Hatcher. Both Martin and Hatcher congratulated the Southern leaders for their efforts in registering new voters and for supporting the programs of President John F. Kennedy.

In a prepared statement for the press Chairman Walden stated: "These delegates represent the top leadership in their various communities and states. Included in this number are members of City Councils, lawyers, educators and other holders of high public offices. They are all loyal Democrats and have been for years, and are all vitally interested in the policy, procedures and operations of the Democratic Party at national, state and local levels.

In addition to those elected to office in the new group, the following leaders were present at the meeting: A. T. Butler, Sr. of Columbia, South Carolina, Frank Hampton of Jacksonville, Florida, Ray B. Ware of Athens, Georgia, W. H. Atken of Atlanta, Edward J. Norman of Jacksonville, Florida, Maurice W. Ryles of Birmingham, Alabama, R. A. Thompson of Atlanta, Peter A. Hall of Birmingham, Alabama, Leroy R. Johnson of Atlanta, Francis A. Rodriguez of Tampa, Florida, J. Hamud Wrighten of Charleston, South Carolina, B. E. Price of Walterboro, South Carolina, George A. Holman, Jr. of Moncks Corner, South Carolina, William Hamilton of Walterboro, South Carolina, and Daniel W. Thompson of Columbia, South Carolina.

RECORD SUMMER ENROLLMENT AT BETH-COOKMAN

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida — Dr. William A. McMillan, Dean of Bethune-Cookman College announced a record attendance was expected at the Summer Session starting June 18th through August 11th.

In addition to regular course offerings the following workshops are offered: Kindergarten, Elementary Methods and Materials, Audio-Visual Education, Testing and Evaluation, Guidance and Counseling, Psychology, Secondary Methods, Principles and Problems in Teaching, The Exceptional Child, Administration and Supervision Music Education, Art, Library Service, Speech-Drama, Inter-group Relations, Techniques in Directing Student Teachers.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' STATE GOVERNORS — These outstanding students in their communities were elected to the post of governor in their respective par-

ties at Shaw University, Friday, June 15. Left: Gerald Fant of Asheville, of the Nationalist Party; and Euleada Payseur of Lowell, Federalist Party. The

meetings were sponsored by Division Six of the American Legion, under the direction of F. B. McKissick, Mrs. Mary W. Brown, and Mrs. Rosa Fox.

Decline, Government Report Shows Unemployment Shows Continued

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The job situation continued to improve more than seasonally in May, Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg reported.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose 285,000 over the month 60,000 more than usual for the season to 55.1 million. Durable goods industries, which usually show little change between April and May, added 54,000 workers despite a decline in primary metals (18,000) as steel production was curtailed. Better than seasonal changes in trade and government were recorded, but job developments in construction and soft-goods manufacturing did not meet seasonal expectations.

The factory work week lengthened slightly, by 0.1 hour, to 40.5 hours. This was somewhat less than seasonal, but the job situation continued to improve more than seasonally in May, Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg reported.

Dr. Thompson Is Visiting Professor At U. of Nebraska

Dr. Ray Thompson, professor of counseling and guidance at North Carolina College at Durham, is serving this summer as visiting professor in counseling at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

The NCC professor was on leave throughout 1961-62 as visiting professor at the University of Illinois.

At the Lincoln, Neb., university, Dr. Thompson is teaching counseling education and counseling courses. He is also directing students in a counseling pastorium.

The NCC professor and his wife, the former Clara R. Arnold of Villa Rica, Ga., will vacation in the mid and far west after summer school closes. Mrs. Thompson is with her husband during the summer school term. Mrs. Thompson is a public school teacher in Durham.

The Thompson daughter, Brenda, is now vacationing in France, visiting relatives at Fontainebleau. She will also visit in Switzerland, Austria, and Spain before returning to Durham to begin her senior year at Hillside High School.

Dr. Thompson, a native of Clem, Georgia, was educated in the public schools of Gadsden, Alabama, and at Alabama State College in Montgomery, where he received his B.S. degree in 1946. He received a master's degree at Columbia University in 1948 and the Ed.D. degree at Michigan State University in 1954.

In Summer Course First Twelve Admitted To Florida State

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Twelve Negroes are among 75 Broward County teachers who enrolled at Florida State University last Monday for a special eight-week summer institute designed to up-grade science teaching in the county's junior high schools.

They are the first of their race to be admitted to Florida State University, although Negroes have attended the University of Florida, the University of Miami, The Southern School News reported recently that 127 of the South's 284 predominantly white tax-supported colleges now admit Negroes.

The 12 who are registered at FSU range in age from 26 to 46. All hold college degrees and teach general science in junior high schools of the Fort Lauderdale area. They are rooming together in one section of a dormitory, with white students on the same floor.

The eight-week summer institute initiates a three-year study that may lead to improvements in science instruction not only in Broward County but also in Florida generally and elsewhere, FSU officials said.



BUSY FAMILY—Dr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson and their daughter Brenda, above, have reason to smile. The North Carolina College professor is serving as visiting professor in counseling at the University of Nebraska

this summer. He is accompanied in Lincoln, Nebraska, by his wife, the former Clara R. Argold, of Villa Rica, Ga., a public school teacher in Durham. Brenda is now visiting relatives in Fontainebleau, France.

Visits A&T Campus

Proctor Returns From Africa On Brief Trip

GREENSBORO — Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, president of A. and T. College, now on leave as director of the Peace Corps Program in Nigeria, Africa, described last week the tremendous need for American volunteer workers in that country.

He rushed into Greensboro early Wednesday morning, June 20, and out again in the early afternoon of the same day in preparation for his return later this month for his post in Africa. He was met at the Greensboro-High Point Airport by Dean L. C. Dowdy, acting president of the College.

He returned to the country this week to make arrangements for the selection and training of 290 additional volunteer workers who are to be sent to Nigeria in early September. "This number", he said, "will bring the total to 400-workers under our supervision."

He told reporters that the new group will begin training at the University of California Los Angeles, at Los Angeles, on July 16. A seven week training program in Nigerian culture refresher work in their fields, tropical medicine, and language of the region in which each will work will be made available to the new recruits.

Speaking on the urgent needs of Nigeria, Dr. Proctor said, "In many schools in that country, Peace Corps teachers are the only college trained persons on the staff, including principals."

He said one of the most urgent needs at the moment is for a minimum of 36-teachers of industrial arts in line with a new emphasis in Nigerian schools on vocational education. Pointing up the situation, he said, "Teacher production in Nigeria is so far below the immediate needs for this developing country that help from America must come now."

Dr. Proctor said the first good news that he received upon arrival in the country was that three-graduates of A. and T. College this past June had been selected for Peace Corps work.

While in Greensboro, Dr. Proctor was guest, along with college administrative personnel at a luncheon hosted by Dr. Dowdy.

In December, 1961, he was granted an 18-month leave by the A. and T. Trustee Board to take the assignment in Nigeria. He is scheduled to return to the College in September, 1963.



RETURNS TO A&T—Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, left, president of A. and T. College, now on an 18-month leave with the assignment as Chief of U. S. Peace Corps operations in Nigeria, Africa,

returned to A&T College last week for a brief visit. He was greeted at the Greensboro-High Point Airport by Dean L. C. Dowdy, acting president.

NCC Faculty and Staff Members Are On Policy Making Boards

Nine North Carolina College faculty and staff members, including President Elder, are serving on as many policy or programming groups in state government.

Most of them appointed by Governor Terry Sanford, the NCC administrators and professor, reflect a wide range of interests.

Several others are members of committees of national associations. President Elder is on Governor Sanford's Commission on Education Beyond the High School.

On educational commissions and groups are: Professors J.

E. Parker, Professor of Education, N. C. Committee on Educational Television; Dr. Ruth M. Horry, Professor of French, N. C. Curriculum Study Committee for Foreign Languages; Dean G.T. Kyle, undergraduate school, N. C. Advisory Council on Teacher Education; and Dean D. E. Moore, School of Library Science, N. C. Stay in School Committee.

NCC professors on other NCC education boards include: Dr. T. R. Spelgner, professor of geography, N. C. Committee on Agricultural Migrants; Dr. C. E. Boulware, professor of mathematics, Advisory Committee on See NCC, 6-B



A RECORD — Pretty Gale Sneed, Henderson native, takes time out to show off the first recording by North Carolina College's choir and band. Gale, chief majorette of NCC's marching 120 piece band, says that the record is "tops". Titled "Music from North

Carolina College", the record was recorded in high fidelity on the NCC campus, by the RCA recording company. It is available through North Carolina College's General Alumni Association. —NCC Photo by Leazer

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VA to Sell 220 Million In Mortgages

WINSTON-SALEM — Mortgage loans totaling \$220 million are being offered for sale to private investors by 29 Veterans Administration Offices. J. D. DeRamus, manager of the VA Regional Office at Winston-Salem, announced last week. The Winston-Salem Office will participate in the sale which will take place in July.

All mortgages will be sold under a special VA guaranty agreement which will obligate the Veterans Administration to repurchase the mortgage if a serious default develops after the sale to an investor. The VA considers a serious default to exist when a loan has been in a default status for three months.

Interest rates on the loans to be sold are at various levels, beginning at five percent. Approximately \$106 million of the mortgages will have a 5% interest rate, about \$20 million will have a 5 1/2% rate, \$91 million will have a rate of 5 1/2%, and \$3.5 million will have a rate of 5 3/4% or 6 percent.

Production expenses of U. S. farmers in 1960 were nearly four times as much as in 1940, 26.4 billion (b) dollars.