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BAPTISTS BAN REHIRING OF STRASSNER

CORE Preparing For Move On Area Restaurants

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N.C. Ushers Select Chapel Hill

Group Bypasses Charlotte For Annual Meeting

CHAPEL HILL — The 1962 annual session of the Interdenominational Ushers Association will convene in Chapel Hill August 23-26. It was announced here last week by officials of the Association. Selection of Chapel Hill as the seat of this year's annual meeting was made after definite word from Charlotte failed to reach the program committee before the deadline.

Host church for the annual meeting will be St. Joseph C.M.E. Church of which Rev. W. R. Foushee is pastor. Already several meetings with members of the local arrangements committee and the state officials have been held and plans are going forward for one of the best annual sessions in the history of the Association.

According to advanced information some of the very best choirs of Chapel Hill churches have been selected to furnish music for the public program and local enthusiasm is running high in anticipation of the large delegation expected.

N. C. C. Searching For New President

North Carolina College trustees have unofficially begun a search for replacement for NCC President Alfonso Elder, who is scheduled to retire next year.

Informed sources said this week that the trustees were slated to gather at the school this week to prepare a plan for selecting a new president. It is expected that the group will name a special committee to screen prospective appointees. Already several "feelers" have been extended to prospects, it was reported.

Dr. Elder, successor to the school's founder, Dr. Shepard, is slated to retire in 1963. State law makes retirement of its employees mandatory at 65. He was elected president in 1948.

King and Abernathy Released From Albany Jail Without Explanation

ATLANTA, Georgia — Martin Luther King, Jr. and Ralph Abernathy, perennial jail partners, were released from Albany city jail Thursday over their strong protest.

Abernathy now an Atlanta pastor, declared, "I feel our constitutional privileges has been violated. . . . We have been advised by counsel that the payment of our fines by this mysterious person raises a grave legal question that hinges on denying us "due process of law."

Dr. King in a press conference immediately following the sudden release said, "We are most unhappy about being out of jail. What disturbs us most is the subtle and conniving methods used to

ed out of jail against our will." Several local leaders felt the city had a change of heart since release us. We were literally forced out. See KING, 5-A



PLEAD DURHAM SCHOOL CASE—Here is the group of NAACP attorneys who presented a second set of arguments in the Durham and Charlottesville, Va., school integration cases before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond, Va., recently. Left to right, front row, are Attorneys M. Hugh Thompson, J. M. Wheeler, of Durham; James Nabrit, III, of New York; C. O. Pearson, Durham; and S. W. Tucker, Emporia, Va. Standing in the rear are Jack Greenberg, New York; F.

Three State Conventions Set For Durham Area

Holy Church Meeting At Mount Calvary
Mt. Calvary Church, located annual state convention of the United Holy Church of America. The convention will open on Sunday, July 22 and continue through July 29. The first two days of the meeting will be devoted to the Mis-

Mt. Vernon To Be Host to Baptists
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church will be host to the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union convention, it was announced here this week. The convention will open at the church, located in Durham on South Roxboro street, on

Royal Arch Masons Convene Wednesday
The annual state convention of the Royal Arch Masons will be held in Durham on next Wednesday. Announcement of the convention was made this week by E. C. Turner, high priest of the local chapter of the organization.



McKissick; Durham; W. A. Marsh, Jr., Durham; and Henry L. Marsh, III, Richmond, Va. Tucker and Henry Marsh handled arguments in Charlottesville case.



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NCC Reading Clinic Has Large Program
Of the six special programs, clinics, institutes, and workshops at North Carolina College this summer, the largest was the Reading Clinic under the direction of Mrs. Cecelia Edwards, visiting professor from the Atlanta, Ga., public schools.

There were 115 participants, who hold degrees from 16 colleges in four states, including the Carolinas, Virginia, and Tennessee. Fayetteville State Teachers College had the largest number of graduates represented, 33, followed in order by Shaw, 17, Winston-Salem, 16, Elizabeth City, 12, NCC, 11, Benedict, 2, Barber Scotia 2, and South Carolina State, Knoxville, Virginia Union, and St. Paul's, 1 each.

Jim Crow at Eating Places To Be Target

GREENSBORO — Thirty of the nation's most experienced demonstrators have assembled here in the birthplace of the sit-ins to undergo intensive training for CORE's Freedom Highways campaign. The CORE project is designed to open major restaurant chains along federal highways in the southeast to Negroes.

Currently, it is practically impossible for a Negro travelling by car to eat in any restaurant. Test teams from CORE, attending a workshop here Tuesday, failed in an attempt to integrate a dozen eating places.

Four and five man teams from CORE were sent out Tuesday to 12 eating establishments to seek service. All were refused.

Participants in the project include Freedom Riders and others who have been jailed in the south because of their civil rights activities. Gordon R. Carey, CORE project director, says "They are the cream of the civil rights movement. Already more than 80 Howard Johnson Restaurants have been desegregated in Florida, Virginia and North Carolina through CORE's efforts. This new campaign in the South is being planned to complete the task successfully begun. The purpose is to bring the South along the way without submitting to gross humiliation, a spokesman for CORE said.

June Graduate Of Hillside Heart Victim

Clinton Weston, 18 year old June graduate of Hillside High school, died suddenly last week at Duke hospital. He was buried. See VICTIM, 5-A



WESTON



CONVENTION SCENE—Here is a scene from the special session of State Baptist Convention held in Raleigh at the Shaw University church on Tuesday. Standing at left foreground (back to camera) is the Rev. James Wertz, of Charlotte, chairman of the executive committee. Leaning over

next to him (in white shirt) is Rev. J. R. Manley, of Chapel Hill, secretary of the convention.

Strassner Gets Confidence Vote Convention Rebuffs Executive Officers

RALEIGH — The General State Baptist Convention Tuesday repudiated the stand that its executive committee had taken in the controversy over the dismissal of Dr. Strassner as president of Shaw University.

The Convention voted down a series of resolutions which its executive committee had drafted calling on the trustees to rescind their firing of Strassner. But it gave Dr. Strassner a vote of confidence, pledged to work for his retention at Shaw in a post of "dignity," and asked the trustees to explain their action in a conference with convention officers.

These developments came at a special session of the convention held Tuesday at the University church on Shaw's campus. The special session called by executive committee to act on the resolutions it drafted on the firing of Strassner.

The strongest of the resolutions passed by the executive committee on June 29 were either voted down by the convention or were deleted before coming to a vote.

The key resolution, which called for the rehiring of Dr. Strassner, was failed by a vote of 132 to 97.

The text of this resolution asked "That the trustees rescind their action in discharging Dr. Strassner."

It was taken up first, and after it had been killed, the outcome of the issue was never in doubt.

Perhaps the most harshly worded of the five resolutions was deleted by the chairman before it came to a vote.

Dr. R. Mack Pitts, of Winston-Salem, president of the convention, asked for and received "common consent" from delegates to delete it.

The resolution warranted that the convention would consider withdrawing its financial support from Shaw if its request that Dr. Strassner be rehired were not complied with.

Several years ago the convention voted to assume the capital indebtedness of Shaw. It contributes \$340,000 annually to the school.

"There has been much discussion about this resolution being a threat," Dr. Pitts commented in asking for the delegates' permission to delete it.

The final resolution, which sharply criticized the trustees also failed to reach the floor for a vote. It was killed on substitute motion offered by Rev. Kelly Godwin, of Winston-Salem.

This resolution said: "We feel that the action of the trustees is unparalleled with any action of trustees of any other institution under the circumstances we have at hand."

Although the resolutions which finally survived the convention represented a considerably softer tone than the originals drafted by the executive committee, Dr. Strassner was warmly praised by several delegates who pointed out that he had "served Shaw as a Christian gentleman for more than 15 years."



CENTER OF CONTROVERSY — Dr. William R. Strassner, whose ouster as president of Shaw University, touched off the controversy which led to Tuesday's special session of the Baptist convention, is shown addressing the convention.

Strassner Speaks In Durham on July 29

Dr. William R. Strassner, president of Shaw University, will be the main speaker at White Rock Baptist Church Sunday, July 29.

Dr. Strassner's appearance in Durham at the Baptist church is in connection with White Rock's observance of Charles Clinton Spaulding Scholarship Day.

The observance honors the late trustee of the church and provides funds for the support of Shaw University.

Dr. Strassner, center of the controversy, attended the proceedings and sat on the rostrum with the convention president Dr. Pitts and the executive committee chairman, Rev. James F. Wertz, of Charlotte.



TRUSTEE CHAIRMAN — Dr. John White, of Asheville (left) chairman of the Shaw University trustee board, confers with the Rev. Coleman Kerry, of Charlotte, editor of the Baptist Informer during full convention. —all photos by Purzefay