

Ex-Teacher Leads S. C. Anti-Segregation Drive



SMILES TO LIGHT UP THE NIGHT—Hillside high school homecoming queens flash pretty smiles to add color to the Durham school's festivities as they were displayed at halftime of the homecoming game here recently. Left to right are Cynthia Smith, attendant, Janie Marie Allen, "Miss Homecoming" and Jacqueline Brown, attendant. —Stanback Photo.

Pretty Young School Marm Fired From School Job for Race Action

ORANGEBURG, S. C. — Under leadership of Mrs. Gloria B. Rackley, newly elected coordinator of the NAACP-sponsored Orangeburg Movement, Negroes in this university town this week girded for a showdown in the anti-bias struggle in which some 1,500 persons have already been arrested.

Among these is Mrs. Rackley who was fired from her position as an elementary grade school teacher because of her participation in the anti-discrimination demonstrations. She was notified of her dismissal on Oct. 7 by H. A. Marshall, Superintendent of District 5 schools.

Shortly after her dismissal from her teaching position she was arrested and jailed as she awaited a hearing in Juvenile Court for her 13-year old daughter and five other children arrested in the demonstrations.

Mrs. Rackley's most recent offense was using a restroom in the courthouse marked "White Women." The NAACP has posted bond for her.

The attractive teacher's dismissal and subsequent arrest has raised a storm of furor in the Negro community. As a result of her arrest over 80 per cent of more than 5,000 Negro school children walked out of their classes to demonstrate their protest. Joining the children were most of their teachers, cafeteria and maintenance workers and some administrators.

The 1,500 persons arrested and waiting trial pledged to go to jail again unless action was taken on integration and the charges against Mrs. Rackley were dropped.

In addition, those arrested agreed to demand individual jury trials which would quickly exhaust the city's list of potential jurors and would put a severe strain on the city's funds.

At a meeting the evening of Oct. 9, Mrs. Rackley was named coordinator of the NAACP-sponsored Orangeburg Movement. The teachers and parents further have voted to submit a petition to School Superintendent Marshall protesting her firing and demanding the restoration of her teaching position.

For a month prior to the demonstrations and full-scale arrests the NAACP attempted fruitlessly to discuss its grievances with city officials.

NAACP Field Secretary Rev. I. DeQuincey Newman has described the situation as "really explosive. Neither I nor anyone else can say what may happen here now."

Mayor S. Clyde Fair announced when demonstrations began that all demonstrators would be jailed. Highway patrolmen shellacked deputies and local police poured into the city.

"Sometimes they outnumbered our demonstrators," Rev. Newman said.

At the meeting on Oct. 9 the teachers voted to respect picket lines before the schools. On Oct. 10 police surrounded the schools.

Mrs. Rackley reported, "The areas around the schools looked as if martial law had been declared. Officers were everywhere on hand turning back and arresting pickets and ushering the children into school.

"Those who hesitated were ordered to go into their classes or depart immediately for home," she added.

With the removal of the picket lines by police most of the children and teachers entered the buildings.



TOP MASONS—Top ranking officers of the United Supreme Council, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince-Hall Affiliation, Southern Jurisdiction, met in New Orleans October 20-22 at the Longshore Auditorium. Shown left to right bottom row, are Atty. Amos T. Hall, Tulsa, Okla., lieutenant grand commander; Dr. Charles H. Wesley, Wilberforce, Ohio, grand secretary-general; Federal Appeals Judge Thurgood Marshall, New York City, grand minister of state. Top row, center, George A. Farrar, Washington, D. C., grand treasurer-general. The southern jurisdiction covers all states south of the Mason-Dixon line including California, Arizona, New Mexico and Hawaii. (ANP)

Lucille Black, Durham Girl, to be Formally Crowned Miss North Carolina College on Friday

A code's fondest dream will come true for Constance Lucille Black, a senior psychology major at North Carolina College when she is crowned "Miss North Carolina College" Friday, October 25, on the Durham campus.

Coronation ceremonies, scheduled to begin at 8:15 p. m. will be held in the college's B. N. Duke Auditorium and will be highlighted by the crowning of the queen by NCC President Samuel P. Massie.

Fraternity queens and class attendants will comprise the court. The North Carolina College band will furnish music for the occasion.

The coronation ceremony will precede by three days a week of Homecoming activities which will feature pep rallies, a band concert, a bonfire, dances and "jam sessions" by local orchestras.

Homecoming is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, when the North Carolina College Eagles meet the Shaw University team at 1:30 on NCC's O'Kelly Field.

The only child of the late Wellington Black and Mrs. Lucille C. Black, of Durham, Miss Black became the first Durhamite in recent years to win the coveted title when she was chosen in campus wide elections last spring.

She is an honor graduate of Durham's Hillside High School, where she was active in the concert and marching bands, the student council, and the National Honor Society. Also active at NCC, Miss Black is a member of the Psychology Club, Alpha Kappa Sorority, and the Alpha Kappa Sorority. During her junior year she reigned as "Miss Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity."

Called "Polly" by her friends, she enjoys sports, music, cooking pastries, working with children and camp life. Her plans for the immediate future include pursuing graduate work in psychology.

Career Guidance for Boys Offered at Raleigh "Y"

RALEIGH —Beginning with the opening session on Tuesday at 4:00 P.M. the Bloodworth Street YMCA in cooperation with the N. C. State YMCA Volunteers Services Commission will sponsor an "Opportunity Club" for boys 12-16.

John Graham, a graduate at the college, will serve as committee chairman and with the assistance of other graduate specialists will seek to acquaint boys with new career opportunities and the skills necessary for success in new technical vocations along with the essential attitudes and aptitudes.

Activities will be organized to help boys acquire the basic skills as an answer to the vocation problem in a society in which its technology has undergone fast change. These activities will include elements of electronics, photography, public speaking, journalism, drama and other arts and sciences along with opportunities to speak frankly and freely with people of different racial ethnic, vocational and other backgrounds.

Boys interested in joining the "Opportunity Club" are invited to call the Bloodworth Street "Y" TE 3-1256.

District PTA Questions Use of PTA Funds for School Equipment

MOCKSVILLE — The 10-county Eighth District PTA Congress held its annual meeting here Saturday at Mocksville's Central Davis High School. The one-day meeting was "A Balanced Program, A Challenge."

Several hundred representatives from most of the 74 schools represented in the district heard two proposals receive the endorsement of the group.

The first was that the word "colored" be dropped from the organization's designation as the "North Carolina Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers" and the second was to ask the State Board of Education to include Negro History as a part of the curriculum.

Mrs. Beatrice C. Powe, president of the district, appointed a committee to study both proposals for further action.

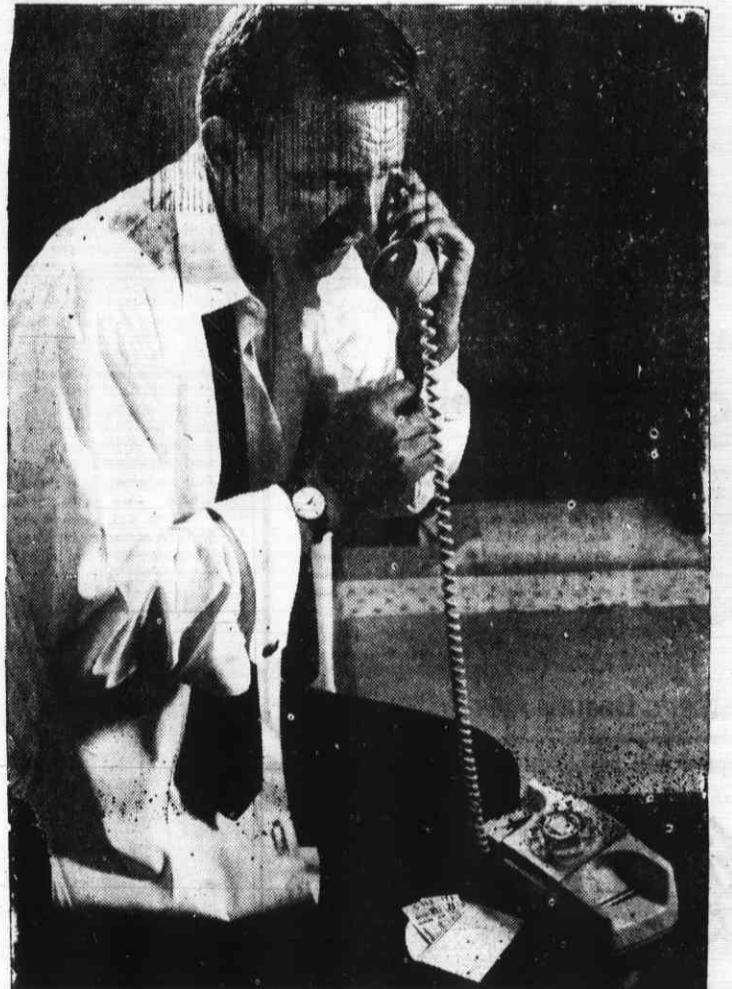
The district president referred to a third proposal as a local problem and asked individual PTA's or PTA Council to confer with their local superintendents or boards of education for clarity. This had to do with boards of education's responsibility for the provision of certain equipment for schools.

The latter proposal was a outgrowth of reports from most of the 40 schools, representing over 4,000 PTA members, of some of their financial and professional activities during the year. These reports revealed that PTA's spent money for such things as cafeteria equipment, football equipment, library books, paving of playcourts, stage curtains, educational filmstrips, reading machines, deep freezers, choir robes, band uniforms and duplicating machines, among others. Just what the boards of education's responsibilities are in this connection were not made clear; the practice seems to vary with each local situation. There was general agreement, however, that this is an area that needs further clarification.

The first general session of the district congress opened this morning at 10 o'clock with Harold Wilson, vice president of the Central Davis PTA, presiding. This session included a musical prelude by Mrs. A. H. Johnson, scripture and prayer by Rev. E. D. Johnson, minister of Mocksville's Second Presbyterian Church; and greetings by Mayor Mando, Davis County Board member G. E. Madison, Superintendent W. T. Bird, and Central Davis High School Principal C. K. Hargraves. Response to local greetings was made by Principal B. O. Jones of Salisbury's Price Junior Senior High School. Music was furnished by the Central Davis Elementary School Choir, under direction of W. J. Buie. Miss P. L. Allison was the accompanist.

Three business sessions were held. The final one included a forum on the topic: "PTA Responsibility in Providing Solutions in the Following Areas—Tuition, Job Opportunities, Citizenship Responsibility, Teenage Problems and Home and Family Life."

Mrs. P. L. Johnson was panel moderator. Participants included E. T. Wooten, Winston-Salem Attendance Officer; Joseph C. Mills, Veteran Employment Representative of the Employment Security Commission, Winston-Salem; B. T. McCallum, principal of Yadin County High School, Booneville; Miss Elizabeth Boyd, Teenage Program Director, Winston-Salem YWCA; and Mrs. C. I. Martin, former Family and Home Service Specialist, Winston-Salem. Music for the final session was furnished by the Central Davis High School Chorus.



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