

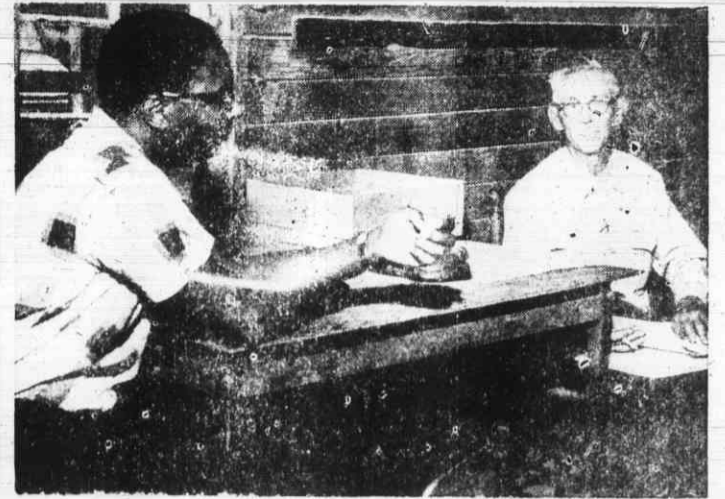
MISSISSIPPI TACTICS USED IN WARREN COUNTY TO DISCOURAGE NEGRO REGISTRATION



Outside View of Registration quarters of Smith Creek precinct



Prospective Negro Registrants stand in line from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in an attempt to register.



Attorney T. Clayton talks with registrar Mattie Hayes of Smith Creek precinct in Warren County.

ENFIELD — The Halifax Voter Movement has requested the appointment of a Negro to fill one of the vacancies created by the resignation of two voter registrars last week in Halifax County, the scene of concentrated Negro registration activity. However, no Negro has been appointed and County

Board Chairman Robert Shields has said, "I don't believe the law specifies that one (a Negro) has to be appointed." Hundreds of Negroes, who outnumber whites 32,000 to 26,000 in the county, have turned out during the past two weekends to register for the May Primary.

The Halifax Voter movement has charged that registrars used a "deliberate slowdown" in registering Negroes, and petitioned for a federal restraining order. U. S. District Judge, John D. Larkins issued the order, but Negro leaders said the tactics continued and therefore notified

the U. S. Department of Justice. The Justice Department immediately dispatched FBI agents to the Halifax scene to conduct an investigation of charges brought by Negroes against Halifax County registrars. Agents met Monday with members of the county board

of elections and attorneys and requested assistance in the investigation. The FBI probe resulted from a complaint sent to the Department of Justice recently by A. C. Cofield of Weldon, Chairman of the Halifax Voter Movement, which is pushing Negro registration.

Julius Banzel of Warrenton, Attorney for the county board of elections, said the FBI agents represented the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. Approximately two days after Cofield made his complaint, Robert Shields, chairman of the county board of elections sent

the Justice Department a wire denying the veracity of Cofield's charges and that he would welcome an investigation. The order issued by Federal Judge John D. Larkins meant, in effect, that the Halifax registrars are required to keep their registration books open at

the polling places for registrants all this week. According to Banzel, FBI agents have requested the names of persons who have registered and the names of some who have been rejected. Apparently they will be questioned during the investigation.

Oak Grove Church Hearing Set Here For Thursday May 21



The above photo shows the jammed packed W. D. Hill Recreation Center here last Sunday morning which was the scene of the eleven o'clock worship service of the Oak Grove Will Baptist

Church, located at 801 Colfax Street. Because the pastor, the Rev. Z. D. Harris, had been barred from the pulpit by a court order taken out by a group of disgruntled officers of the

church, the congregation was forced to employ the use of the Recreation Center in which to hold services. Hearing in the matter has been set for Thursday, May 21.

The hearing for the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church case has been set for Thursday, May 21 in the Durham County Recorders Court instead of May 24 as was announced in last week's issue of the Carolina Times it was revealed here this week. The case grew out of a temporary restraining order issued by Superior Court Judge Raymond B. Mallard which prevents Rev. Z. D. Harris, pastor of the church from occupying its pulpit. The church is located here at 801 Colfax Street and the restraining order was signed by several officers of the church.

Although the temporary order only restrains Rev. Harris from occupying the pulpit of the church for the time being, the officers are seeking a permanent order from the court which will restrain the pastor, Rev. Harris, from occupying both the pulpit and the parsonage. The latter was built under the leadership of Rev. Harris. Services for the congregation last Sunday were held at the W. D. Hill Recreation Center on Fayetteville Street with an overflow crowd, including the See HARRIS page 2A

Ushers To Open Home For Unwed Mothers

Sunday June 28 has been set for the formal opening of the home for unwed mothers to be operated in connection with the Ushers Home, located at Franklinton, it was announced here this week by L. E. Austin, president of the Interdenominational Usher Association of North Carolina.

The home for unwed mothers, will cater primarily to Negro girls and women and will fill a long felt need for such a facility, as there is not known to be such an institution south of Washington. The capacity in the beginning will be limited to a half dozen inmates but as fast as financial conditions will permit it is hoped that the capacity will be soon boosted to fifty persons or even a larger number.

The home will be operated under the direct supervision of Mrs. Roxie Small, former owner and operator of a home for elderly people in Chatham County. Mrs. Small will occupy a house on the premises of the Ushers Home, which is located on Highway One, just two miles out of Franklinton. The house she will occupy has recently undergone extensive renovations and she will hold the position of superintendent of the institution. See USHERS page 4A

St. Augustine's Commencement Scheduled for Monday, May 25

RALEIGH — Saint Augustine's College will observe Commencement week Friday, May 22 through 25.

The calendar of events will include such noted personalities as Edward L. Cushman, Vice-president, director and member of the Committee of American Motors Corporation, who will deliver the Commencement address May 25, at 10:30 a.m. in the Emery Health and Fine Arts Center.

Cushman became a corporation executive at 40 in a new aspect of a career in unemployment compensation, a university professor, government official, industrial arbitrator, administrator and management consultant. He was born in Boston and majored in labor economics at the University of Michigan. Upon graduation in 1937, Cushman became a research economist for the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission. In 1939, he was named director of the Civil Service Department of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation

Commission and also assistant to the state director of the Office of Production Management, the War Production Board, the United States Employment Service and the War Manpower Commission. He became Michigan Director of the WMC and the U.S. Employment Service in 1943.

The Reverend Theodore R. Gibson will keynote the Baccalaureate Service Sunday, May 24 at 5 p.m. in the College Chapel. A native of Miami, Florida, Father Gibson was graduated from Saint Augustine's College and the Bishop Payne Divinity School, now a part of the Virginia Theological Seminary.

An active participant in civic and social affairs of his community, Father Gibson led a major slum clearance program thirteen years ago, and as a result the Coconut Grove community received sewerage disposal, running water and removal of old houses. He was instrumental in the passing of a city ordinance requiring water See ST. AUG. Page 4A

Winchester to Host 41st Meet Of Virginia Elks

WINCHESTER, Va. — The Virginia State Association of Elks, IBOPE of W. will start its Annual Convention Saturday, May 16, in Winchester, Virginia to continue through Wednesday, May 20. More than one thousand (1,000) brother and daughter Elks are expected in the Apple Capital of the World for this annual affair.

Democratic v. Republican Debate One of the more interesting highlights will be the debate between David M. Grant, Attorney of St. Louis, Missouri, Democrat, v. Grant Reynolds, Attorney of New York, Republican. The program will take place at the Douglas School on North Kent Street, Monday, May 18, at 2:30 p.m., and will be centered around the 1964 presidential campaign. It is expected that the emphasis will be placed on what the respective major political parties will offer the Negro voter. Grant is a leading Missouri Democrat and presently is Director of Legislative Research for the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, which is the governing council for the city of St. Louis. Reynolds is counsel to William E. Miller, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, a former candidate for Congress from Harlem, and one of America's top speakers and debaters.

Hobson R. Reynolds, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, Joseph F. Simmons, Grand Secretary and See ELKS page 4A

Judge Higginbotham to Deliver NCC Commencement Address

DURHAM, — North Carolina College President Samuel P. Massie announced recently that the college's 39th annual commencement on Sunday, May 31, will feature an address by A. Leon Higginbotham, judge of the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The 36-year old judge Higginbotham, a graduate of Antioch College and Yale University Law School, became the youngest person to be appointed a federal district judge in 30 years when he was sworn in in 1964.

A former assistant district attorney in Philadelphia, Pa., and special deputy attorney general for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, he was nominated in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy for a seven-year term as a commissioner for

the Federal Trade Commission, thus becoming the first Negro to be a member at the commission level of any federal regulatory agency and the youngest person ever appointed to the FTC.

Among his awards is one designating him one of the ten most outstanding young men in America by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Commencement schedule, which begins Saturday with a meeting of the college's National Alumni Association at 10 a.m. will include also the commencement play Saturday evening at 8:15 in the B. N. Duke auditorium.

Sunday's activities will begin with the annual Dean of Women's breakfast for graduates and their parents, scheduled this year for 9:30 a. m. in the college cafeteria.

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Commencement exercises, which begin at 3 p. m., will be held for the first time in the college's history on the lawn facing the college's James E. Shepard Memorial Library. The spacious area, which will have as a platform backdrop the impressive columns and front of the stately building, will accommodate See NCC page 4A

NEW YORK — NAACP branches throughout the country will be participating in a variety of events marking the 10th anniversary of the 1954 Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in the public schools, Sunday, May 17.

Chief among these will be the NAACP "Freedom Spectacular" closed-circuit television show on May 14 which will be seen in 46 cities across the nation.

Commenting on the anniversary of the High Court edict, NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins noted that 10 years later "well over 90 per cent of Negro children in southern and border states still attend all-Negro schools. Meanwhile, de facto school segregation in non-southern areas has increased.

"Clearly, the decision has not been self-fulfilling of its great promise," he said.

"Nevertheless," Mr. Wilkins continued "the decision has been of pivotal importance in the developing civil rights crisis. It was the first sweeping act of Federal government of the inherent illegality of compulsory segregation.

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"Its impact has been extended far beyond the schoolhouse — to public accommodations, to recreational and health facilities, to transportation, to housing, and to voting. It stimulated the upsurge of Negro militancy of the 1960s. It awakened the conscience of white America to the injustice of segregation. And it has provided a firm constitutional basis for the continuing and accelerated struggle to rid the nation of the cancer of racism."

More than 100 branches of the Association will observe the anniversary through churches and organized religious groups on "Freedom Sunday," May 17. The day's programs will focus on the current status of public school education for Negroes in both the South and North community reaction to the civil bill currently being debated in the Senate and local promotion of Negro voter registration drives.

Commemorative services, public mass meetings and prayer marches will be held in such places as Denver, Colo.; Trenton, N. J.; Biloxi, Miss.; Austin, Tex.; Hartford, Conn.; Panama See SCHOOL page 2A

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Asa T. Spaulding Named to UNC Business Adm'n Honor Society

A. T. Spaulding, President of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, has just been elected to lifetime membership in the University of North Carolina School of Business Administration chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma scholastic honor society. In notifying Mr. Spaulding of his election as honorary initiate for 1964, Dr. Richard I. Levin, Associate Professor of Management and faculty President of Beta Gamma Sigma, of the School of Business Administration, wrote as follows:

"The members of the University of North Carolina Chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, national Scholastic honor society in Business Administration, have elected

"Each year the society chooses 'that businessman who most nearly embodies the principles upon which our society was founded' and invites him to lifetime membership. It has been custom for the initiate to make the address at the banquet following the initiation; we look in a follow-up letter Dean Maurice W. Lee of the School of Business Administration said: "This is the highest honor that forward to hearing your remarks."

can be extended to a businessman. Beta Gamma Sigma is the honorary fraternity in ed you to membership as the honorary initiate for 1964. See SPaulding page 2A

PETERSBURG, VA. — A joint committee of civil rights organizations in the Petersburg area unanimously endorsed an economic withdrawal in downtown Petersburg, effective Sunday (May 10) for an indefinite period.

The resolution was adopted at a mass meeting at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church this week.

A joint statement was issued by NAACP Chapter President Dr. L. C. Johnson, David E. Gunter, Petersburg Improvement Association president, Dr. C. M. Colson, Eitrick Community Association president, Bristol Rush, NAACP Youth Chapter president, and youth leader Roland Sherrard, which indicated that the movement was not directed at any merchant, but at the "system" which leaves practically all public accommodations in Petersburg still segregated. In addition to the economic See ENDORSE page 2A