

# Civil Rights Act

## Possession Of 2 Cans



REV. MILES MARK FISHER, pastor of White Rock Baptist Church and Chaille Taylor, a member of Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church, who were presented citations by the Durham Ushers Union at their Birthday Social held at Hillside High School November 9. Shown here from left to right are: Mrs. Fisher, Rev. Fisher, Chaille Taylor, and Clyde Moore, President of the local union.

## Masons To Hold Annual Session In W. Salem

(By R. IRVING BOONE)

WINSTON-SALEM—The Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of North Carolina, will convene in the ninety-fourth annual communication in Winston-Salem, Tuesday, December 8, at high noon. Headquarters for the sessions will be First Baptist Church, corner Highland Avenue and Seventh Street, Dr. D. H. Hedgley, pastor.

Headed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Honorable Clark S. Brown, prominent business and civic leader of the Twin City, hundreds of masons—representing the more than twenty thousand members of the Craft—will convene on this western N. C. metropolis for a busy and impressive two-day schedule of activities. Indications are that the annual meeting will top all previous records, both in attendance and in the quality of the various features on the agenda.

Highlights of the first day's session will be the annual address by Grand Master Brown, which, in characteristic manner, is sure to set the stage for a great and memorable grand communication. He will review the "state of the order," speak pointedly to the issues of the hour and challenge the craft to the "unfinished tasks" in the areas of education, human relations and civic endeavors.

HONORABLE AMOS T. HALL TO SPEAK

Featured speaker for the Fellowship Banquet, to be held on Tuesday night, will be the Honorable Amos T. Hall, Grand Master of the Jurisdiction of Oklahoma and former president of the Grand Masters' Conference. Grand Master Hall is also one of America's outstanding legal minds and a dynamic exponent of democracy. For many years he has been in the vanguard of the struggle for human rights and for the preservation of human dignity. He is certain to bring a most informative and challenging message.

The annual "Edge of Sorrow (Memorial Service)" will be held on Monday night, 7:30 prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge, on the following day. On the evening of the same date, at 6:00 there will be a meeting of the district deputies.

Other items on the agenda include: workshops for worshipful masters, secretaries and public relations officers, Tuesday afternoon at four-thirty; a model initiation, on Tuesday night at ten (Masonic Temple); a recognition period, honoring fraternal representatives from the Order of Eastern Star, Wednesday morning at eleven.

A salute to the "queen for a night" will be given during the banquet on Tuesday night, with coronation ceremonies taking place during the Recognition Hour on Wednesday morning.

Other Grand Lodge officers, in addition to Grand Master Brown, See MASONRY, page 4A.

## 'Issue of Merger' Core of 77th VTA Convention

RICHMOND, Va.—With the conclusion of the 77th annual convention of the Virginia Teachers Association (VTA), the consensus of opinion among delegates was that the issue of merger of the VTA with its white counterpart, the Virginia Education Association, is far from over.

The VTA's executive committee endorsed a nine-point proposal for the merger of the two state associations which was unanimously approved by the 5,000-member delegate assembly during the three-day gathering of educators from all over the state of Virginia. The VTA's proposal advocates merger on all levels of the VTA (with more than 8,500 members) and the companion white organization, the VEA, which has some 30,000 members.

COMPLETE UNIFICATION CALLED FOR

The VTA recommendation calls for complete unification on all levels, with one headquarters and integrated staff to serve all teachers of the Commonwealth. Meanwhile, at their convention, the VEA turned down the VTA merger proposal as expected, but amended their constitution to open the door for Negro membership in their state organization. Two years ago, the VEA approved local membership for Negroes, but with no state affiliation.

In Northern Virginia—Arlington, Fairfax and Alexandria—there are now some 300 Negro teachers who belong to the local VEA units and thus would be eligible to join the VEA state organization. VTA officials say that this is little more than a "disguised effort to absorb the VTA."

VTA leaders from all over the state are expected to meet sometime in December for extensive discussion on the VEA's recent action.

Although the VEA denied that their constitutional amendment had nothing to do with the NEA's (Continued on page 4B, 2nd Sec.)

## SHRINERS BEGIN PROGRAM TO AID DROPOUTS

Zeta Temple of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, of Shriners has initiated a program aimed at encouraging school drop-outs to return to their classes according to J. Fred Pratt, Imperial Deputy of the Oasis of Durham.

The organization is distributing free tickets to all drop-outs for the annual high school East-West All Star Game to be played Dec. 15. See SHRINERS, page 4A.



CHOSEN MISS OMEGA PSI PHI—Miss Regina Bass, a junior majoring in clothing was chosen 1964-65 Sweetheart of Mu Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi at A. and T. College recently. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Bass of Rougemont.

## Hold Annual 'Pot Luck' Dinner at Civic Center

Durham District annual recognition "Pot Luck" Dinner and meeting were held at the Durham Civic Center here recently. A large and appreciative audience was on hand to greet the scouts and their parents.

Sponsored by the Russell Memorial C. M. E. Church, Pack Troop and Explorer Post No. 144, rendered the opening and closing Scout ceremony. Invocation was by Rev. Wm. H. Fuller, institutional representative and pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Training awards were presented by L. N. Owen, Commissioner, to Mrs. Othelia McDaniel, Pack 55; Mrs. E. Merritt, Pack 56; Mrs. Meslar. See POT LUCK, page 4A.

## Elizabeth City, New Bern Firms Sued for Failure to Serve Negroes

NEW BERN—North Carolina received its first test of the 1964 Civil Rights Act today in U. S. District Court here.

NAACP Legal Defense Fund attorneys asked for injunctions to end discrimination at Moore's Barbecue in New Bern and at the Villa Vicki Hotel Court and Restaurant in Elizabeth City.

The two suits ask the Court to enforce Title II of the new law, which is currently under review in the U. S. Supreme Court. Legal Defense Fund lawyers charged in their complaints that North Carolina supports the discriminatory policy of these establishments by state action and that operators of the restaurants affect interstate commerce.

Negro plaintiffs represented by the Legal Defense Fund sought and were denied service at Moore's Barbecue on July 13, and at the Villa Vicki on August 12, October 2, and October 21.

The owners of these establishments turned them away, saying that Negroes would not be served.

The Legal Defense Fund complaints make clear that both places of public accommodation are located on interstate highways and that the food served there moved in interstate commerce.

Today's action in North Carolina brings to 14 the number of Legal Defense Fund suits under the Civil Rights Act. These cases involve over 35 places of public accommodation in five states of the Old Confederacy.

Participating in the North Carolina cases are Fund Director, Counsel Jack Greenberg and A.



KING

## KING TO SPEAK AT N. C. COLLEGE FRIDAY NIGHT

North Carolina College President Samuel P. Massie announced Tuesday that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner, will speak at the college Friday at 8 p.m. in the R. L. McDougald Gymnasium.

The public is invited to share the occasion with the college's students and faculty members, Dr. Massie said.

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## Negro Office Seekers Score Big Gains In General Election

NEW YORK—Negroes scored the most spectacular political advance since Reconstruction in the national elections, Tuesday, November 3. Negro office seekers, for the first time, won seats in four state legislatures and gained additional spots in other state houses where they had previously served, while latching on to several state judgeships, county and city posts.

The top Negro officeholder, Massachusetts Attorney General Edward W. Brooke (Republican), was reelected by a 2-1 margin.

Detroit voters sent the sixth Negro congressman to Washington and the second from that city when they elected John J. Conyers (Democrat) to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Conyers will join the other five whom voters reelected, which in See SEEKERS, page 4A.



CITY COUNCILMAN, J. S. Stewart, is shown above as he delivers the main address for the Durham District, Oconeechee Council, Boy Scouts of America, Annual "Pot Luck" Dinner at the Durham Civic Center recently. He spoke on the topic "Strengthen America's Heritage." Others shown at the headtable during the affair are: W. A. Clement, Chairman Durham District and member of the Oconeechee Council Executive Board, and Henry W. Gillis, District Scout Executive.

## GREENSBORO

## Negro, White Baptists Hold Joint Session

GREENSBORO—An inter-racial meeting of two major Baptist groups was held here Wednesday for the first time in history.

The 134th Baptist State Convention (white) opened here Tuesday at War Memorial Auditorium, and Wednesday met in a special session with the General Baptist Convention headed by Dr. R. Mack Pitts of Winston-Salem.

Main speaker at the joint session was the Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Jackson of Chicago, president of the National Negro Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. A panel discussion was also held on "Baptist

Cooperating During the Current Social Revolution."

Dr. Pitts hailed the bi-racial religious meeting as an opportunity for the two groups to know each other." He indicated the General

Baptist Convention, which has some 300,000 members, would give major concern to the condition of Shaw University, Raleigh, which in recent years was termed financially unstable.

## Brooke Wins by Largest Vote in Repub. Party

BOSTON, Massachusetts — Attorney General Edward W. Brooke of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has emerged from the recent elections as the victor by a plurality of almost 800,000 votes—a switch of nearly 2 million votes from the President's tally in the Democratic column in Massachusetts. No other Republican in the country won by as many votes. Further, Brooke's margin of victory was a major factor in the election of John A. Volpe as Governor, who won by only 20,000 votes.

On NBC's "Meet the Press," Brooke, the highest ranking Negro elective official in the country, called for a Republican National Convention next summer to chart the future of the GOP. Brooke said that no candidates would be nominated and the entire meeting could be devoted to appraising the party's position and determining what could be done to repair the damage suf-



A. AND T. FOUNDERS DAY SPEAKER—Dr. Edward W. Brice, left, chief, Adult Education Branch, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C., who delivered the address at the annual Founders Day program last week at A. and T. College, talks with Dr. L. C. Dowdy, president of the college. See HOWARD, page 4A.

## Legal Defense Fund Lawyers Seek Release

NEW ORLEANS—NAACP Legal Defense Fund lawyers today (November 9, 1964) asked the U. S. Court of Appeals here to release a Negro citizen from a Mississippi jail where he has been held for two months for "possession of intoxicating liquor."

Clyde Harvey, active in Civil Rights in his native Leake County, Mississippi, was arrested on July 10, 1964 for having two cans of beer in his refrigerator.

Mississippi is allegedly a "dry" state.

Harvey was released the same day of his arrest. However, he was rearrested September 9th and advised that he had been convicted of possession of beer subsequent to his earlier arrest.

This was the first time he had heard of the conviction and sentence. Harvey told Legal Defense Fund lawyers in explaining why he did not ask for an appeal.

By that date, Harvey's time to appeal—40 days—had run out. Legal Defense Fund attorneys noted that a summons for Harvey's arrest was issued on the precise day that his forty-day appeal period terminated.

Two thirds of Harvey's jail term has already been served.

He was returning from attempting to register his wife when originally arrested. The Harveys were also aiding workers of the Mississippi Summer Project sponsored by the Congress of Federated Organizations.

Harvey sought out the local justice of the peace three times during the eleven days after his initial arrest and asked what the charges against him were on each occasion.

He was told not to inquire again on his third visit and was advised that he would be told of the next proceeding.

Then, on September 9, he was told that he had been tried on July 23 (his first knowledge) and had been convicted and sentenced to the maximum of 90 days in jail and \$500 fine.

However, on October 7, Legal Defense Fund lawyers filed a petition in the U. S. District Court in Jackson, asking that Harvey's case be removed to the Federal Court that he be released from jail, and that reasonable bail be set. District Court Judge, Sidney R. Mize denied all three Legal Defense Fund motions on October 14.

An appeal was immediately taken to the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Pending the outcome of that appeal, Legal Defense Fund lawyers are asking Judge Tuttle to release Harvey, who has now spent two months in jail. The case is being handled See JAIL, page 4A.

## Howard Univer. Gets Nearly \$2 Million Grant

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Howard University President James M. Nabrit, Jr. this week announced the receipt of a \$1,800,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to assist in the growth and development of the University's School of Law. The grant will be used during the next five years to strengthen the law school's instructional program and to provide additional scholarships for law students, Dr. Nabrit said.

Under the terms of the grant, \$900,000 has been designated for student aid and the remainder for implementing various aspects of the institutional development plans of the School of Law. In addition to the Foundation's gift, the University will allocate funds of its own for the development of the law school, President Nabrit said.

"This grant will enable Howard to add several outstanding legal scholars to its faculty and to improve its law library," Dr. Nabrit said. "The quality of law school training will be greatly strengthened," he added.

According to present plans, the developmental phase of the program will begin January 1. The increase in scholarships is expected to begin with the start of the See HOWARD, page 4A.