

Over 150 Students Reported Fasting In Ala. Jail Since March 18



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR—Shown with Gov. Dan K. Moore, Howard C. Barnhill, left center, Charlotte; and a graduate of A. and T. College and National President of the Alumni Association, was last week invited to visit with Gov. Dan K. Moore of North Car-

olina, as former tribute to his Mrs. Martha Evans, State Senator having been named Mecklenburg from Mecklenburg County; Dr. County 1964 Employee of the Year and T. College and Mrs. Barnhill, by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. The Barnhill children were also introduced at a session of the state senate and were named hon-

Protest Refusal Of Registrars to Register Negroes

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Between 150 and 200 students are fasting in jail and prison in Montgomery, Alabama in support of the protest in Selma, Alabama.

The news media and public officials are blocking out news of this action and your help is needed to break through the paper curtain.

The students are from Alabama and many other parts of the United States. They are refusing to eat until federal authorities and state officials take steps to protect their right to picket and demonstrate in support of the march from Selma to Montgomery. They have not eaten since March 18.

The Montgomery protest started March 10, the day after marchers from Selma were turned back by state troopers at the bridge over the Alabama River. About 500 students from Tuskegee Institute were in the forefront of the demonstration in Montgomery which took place in front of the State Capitol Building.

They were protesting refusal of registrars in Selma and surrounding counties to register Negroes to vote and the refusal of state officials to allow Selma people to march to Montgomery in protest.

The March 10th demonstration was broken up and the students were forced to take refuge in a nearby church. Since then many demonstrations have been broken up by city county and state police supported by mounted possemen from the surrounding countryside. These horsemen have beaten the students with clubs, bullwhips and ropes, injuring many of them. City police used the same tactics to break up a rally on the campus of Alabama State College.

On Thursday, March 18, groups of 50 and 60 students picketed in front of the State Capitol and were arrested on various charges such as loitering. About 300 were taken to Montgomery City Jail and to nearby Kilby State Prison where they immediately began fasting. The number in custody has steadily fallen until it is now between 150 and 200.

The hunger strikers contend that the federal government has the power to free them under the Civil Rights Act on the ground that they were arrested while exercising their civil rights. Suits are being filed in federal court to get an order restraining police from making further arrests for demonstrating and picketing.

Public officials have made great efforts to confuse the issue and to say that the students in Montgomery are not supporting the march from Selma. This charge is not true. However, the propaganda by the opposition is having its effect. The news media—the press, radio and television—have had a virtual blackout of the events in Montgomery.

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Petition N. C. Governor To Name Negroes To Judicial Posts

Atty. McKissick Heads Group in Visit to Capital

RALEIGH — Durham Attorney Floyd B. McKissick headed a delegation of lawyers which Monday asked Governor Dan K. Moore to appoint qualified Negro lawyers to judicial positions and staff attorney jobs in state government.

The eight-member group represented the North Carolina Lawyers Division of the Southeastern Lawyers Association. Besides McKissick, others present for the 20-minute meeting were Samuel Mitchell of Raleigh; L. C. Berry of Wilmington; Don Pollock of Kingston; and M. C. Burt, C. J. Gates, W. G. Pearson II and C. C. Malone, Jr., all of Durham.

McKissick said Gov. Moore told the group he would "consider our requests." But the Governor, McKissick added, "made no further comment."

The group reminded Moore that Negro lawyers are not represented on the N. C. attorney general's staff, nor are there any Negro superior court judges or Supreme Court justices. It indicated that there is an opening for a lawyer on the staff of the State Board of Elections which, according to McKissick, is "a vital board in view of the imminent passage of the voting bill by Congress," which could affect 34 North Carolina counties.

Reform legislation now pending in the General Assembly was also discussed by the committee with Moore, and the delegation asked that Negroes be appointed to the State Board of Bar Examiners and other state licensing boards. McKissick pointed out that the North Carolina Bar Association, "the main legal organization of the state," does not accept Negro members.

NCC Alumnus Gets Honorary Doctors Degree

Francis A. Kornegay, a native of Mt. Olive and a graduate of the North Carolina College Class of 1935, was awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Humanities Thursday by Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio, at the institution's Founder's Day observance.

Kornegay, who is executive director of the Detroit Urban League, joined the League's staff in 1944 following a one-year appointment in the U. S. Treasurer's office, a seven-year period as a teacher in Downingtown, Pa., and a year of advanced graduate work at the New York School of Social Work where he is a candidate for the Ph. D. degree. Earlier, he had been awarded the M. A. degree in guidance and personnel work by the University of Michigan.

Active in Detroit church and civic affairs, he has made two European trips—one in 1962 as a delegate-lecturer at the youth camp of the graduate school, Kirk-en-wereld Birebergen, Holland, and one in 1955 as the National Baptist Laymen's Convention delegate to the World Baptist Alliance in London.

Wilberforce University President Rembert Stokes, informing Kornegay of the honor, said: "This degree is proffered in recognition of your outstanding contributions to human relations and economic advantages to all people.

"We feel that in honoring you, we are adding stature to ourselves."

Gov. Geo. Wallace Meets With Group On Ala.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Governor George C. Wallace met a group of educators, ministers, and businessmen Tuesday who presented grievances over the state's racial turmoil regarding voter registration and police actions.

The 15-member group had stated their grievances in the form of a petition. Among those present were several members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is president. King was in Detroit for the funeral of Mrs. Viola Gregg Liuzzo, a white civil rights worker who was murdered March 25 on a lonely road near Selma. Mrs. Liuzzo was shot while driving along a highway with a Negro youth who had accompanied her to make out report forms while she transported participants in the march on Montgomery in her car.

Meanwhile, several of the nation's leaders questioned the wisdom of a boycott of all of Alabama's products as called for by Dr. King.

Whitney Young Jr., head of the National Urban League, said he preferred a plan which would not penalize those who had been fair in the civil rights movement.

Sen. Jacob Javits, R-N.Y., said the boycott as suggested by King might do more harm than good.

Sen. Lister Hill, D-Ala., declared King's goal "seems to be to wreck the state's economy, to hurt everybody, the Negro and white—this certainly is an odd way to promote brotherly love and better understanding between the races."

Rep. Chester Mize, R-Kan., said King's proposal has damaged the civil rights movement and threatened further the South's problem of providing sufficient jobs.

Inauguration of Dr. Lewis Dowdy Set for A. & T. College Saturday

GREENSBORO—The Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina will head a group of prominent government and education officials to participate in inaugural ceremonies for Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, as sixth president of A. and T. College. The ceremonies are scheduled for the A. and T. Charles Moore Gymnasium on Saturday, April 13, beginning at 11:00 a. m.

Lieutenant Governor Robert W. Scott will appear on the program as the official representative of the State of North Carolina. He will be joined on the platform also by David Schenk, mayor of Greensboro, and Dr. William C. Archie, director, North Carolina Board of Higher Education.

More than 200 official representatives from leading colleges and universities from about the nation, learned societies and educational organizations, will also attend the event.

Main speaker for the occasion is Dr. Raymond C. Gipson, Blomington, Indiana, professor and chairman of the Division of Higher Education, Indiana University.

The formal inauguration for Dr. Dowdy comes within a week of the first anniversary of his service as president of the college. He assumed the post on April 10, 1964, following the resignation of Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, who had held the position since 1961.

The 47-year old president of A. and T. is a native of Eastover,



DOWDY

S. C. He is a graduate of Allen University, holds the M. A. degree from Indiana State Teachers College and is a candidate for the doctorate degree at Indiana University.

Prior to coming to A. and T. in 1951, Dowdy had served in the public school system of South Carolina as a high school principal for seven years and as supervising principal for four years.

At A. and T., he was first professor of education and director of student teaching and in rapid promotions became dean of the School of Education and General

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EXCHANGE STUDENTS — Four exchange students from Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., are being shown about the North Carolina College campus in Durham by Winifred Richardson. The students, from left, are Clarence Wilson, sophomore of Brooklyn, N. Y.; George Plendak, junior of New Britain, Conn.; Bob DuPlessis, junior of Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y.; and Allan Stern, sophomore of Chicago.

Negro Methodist Bishops Hold Meet On Merger March 30

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Bishop C. E. Tucker, president, Board of Bishops, A. M. E. Zion Church, on the eve of leaving for a special meeting of his colleagues at Lane C. M. E. Church, St. Louis, Mo., March 30, said that the special meeting was called so that the bishops of his denomination could go into the agenda of a meeting of the prelates of all Negro Methodist bodies which would be held Wednesday.

This is believed to be the first meeting held by the three denominations in a long time, with an eye toward a merger. Talks have

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David Stith to Seek Seat on City Council From The Third Ward

David W. Stith, President of Southeastern Business College, announced this week his intention to seek a seat in the City Council from Ward Three.

The municipal election will be held on May 15. Stith is President of the Neighborhood Council, a community improvement group, made up of some 400 persons in the North Carolina College Area.

The 35-year-old educator, speaking on radio station WDNC, had this to say:

"My intention to run for a seat on the City Council is not a snap decision. I have considered this step for a number of years. I have felt and continue to feel that the Third Ward has not been adequately represented or the City served by the incumbent City Councilman.

"Although, I live in the geographical district, the Third Ward, I feel I must, if elected, serve the interests of the entire city to the best of my ability.

"If elected, I will work for (1) a continual and orderly expansion of the city through annexation (2) a stepped up program of internal city improvements (3) a fair, yet very firm enforcement of the city housing code (4) a limitation on the number of terms one can serve on the City Council.

"I will make a step forward better representation of the people by establishing regular, weekly office hours, making myself available to all so that I may better represent them on the Council.

"Our present City Councilman has not effectively represented either the Third Ward or the City. He has not shown initiative in proposing new programs for the city or for the geographical area of the City which he represents. Frequent absences from Council Meetings have further limited his effectiveness.

"For these reasons I am announcing my candidacy for City Council from Ward Three.



STITH

LAYMEN'S GROUP TO HOLD MEET GUILFORD APR. 25

GUILFORD—The Laymen's Organization of the A.M.E. Church, Western North Carolina Conference, will hold a meeting at Persimmon Grove A.M.E. Church, Guilford College Station, April 25 beginning at 2 P.M.

Among major items on the agenda will be financial reports of Laymen's Day celebrations which are to be held in each church in the Second Episcopal District as outlined by Bishop George Wilbur Baber, presiding prelate. Each church is being asked to send at least one delegate to the conference.

Along with financial reports, other items to be taken care of at the meeting are the election of officers for the biennium, and the election of delegates to the Connectional Laymen's Convention to be hosted by the Second Episcopal District, August 2-8 in Washington, D. C. The convention site will be Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Persimmon Grove is pastored by the Rev. M. L. Johnson.

DCONA to Meet At Ebenezer Sunday Evening

The 30th annual meeting of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs will be held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, located on Glenn Street, Sunday, April 14, at 5:00 P.M. The Rev. James A. Brown is host pastor.

The meeting will be called to order by Dr. C. E. Boufvarre, executive secretary of the Committee. Invocation will be by Rev. A. D. Mostley, pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church and president of the Durham Ministerial Alliance. The church choir will provide music for the meeting.

Sub-Committees that will make reports during the meeting are: The Civic Committee, L. B. Frasier and J. Fred Pratt, co-chairmen; Legal Redress Committee, M. Hugh Thompson and Wm. A. Marsh, co-chairmen; Education Committee, Dr. Howard Fitts and Rev. James A. Brown, co-chairmen; Economic Committee, F. B. McKissick and N. B. White, co-chairmen and the Political Committee, Ellis Jones and Walter O'Day, co-chairmen.

The offering will be taken by Dr. Grady Davis and T. R. Speigner. The annual address of the See COMMITTEE, page 5A



IN FIFTH RENDITION — The White Rock Baptist Church will present the fifth annual rendition of The Seven Last Words of Christ on Sunday, April 11, at 4:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The presentation will be under the direction of Theodore BuBois on Sunday, and John H. Gattis, director of music at White Rock Church, and a teacher at Hillside High School. Above is the choir with guest soloists and the director. Insets at top, from left, are: John K. Manks, tenor; Mrs. Ruth G. Reeves, soprano; and Joseph T. Mitchell, baritone. Gattis is pictured below.

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