

# AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY FINALS

# LBJ Announces CR Conference For Next Fall



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## 14,000 Hear President's Speech At Howard U.

### LARGEST CLASS IN SCHOOL'S HISTORY IS GRADUATED

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Lyndon B. Johnson said last week that he will call together next fall Negro leaders and officials at all levels of government for a conference that would help bring about the full realization of civil rights by all Americans.

The announcement was made at Howard University, where the President received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree during the school's 97th Commencement. Other honorary degrees went to NAACP executive secretary Roy Wilkins, Doctor of Laws; Tuskegee, Ala. educator and civic leader Charles G. Gomillion, Doctor of Laws; and Michael M. Davis, a pioneer in medical economics in the United States, Doctor of Humane Letters.

Speaking to a crowd of some 14,000, including 928 seniors, the largest graduating class in Howard's history, Mr. Johnson said the theme and title of the projected parley will be "To Fulfill These Rights." Scholars and other experts also will be invited to the meeting, according to the President.

The object of the conference will be "to help the American Negro fulfill the rights which — after the long time of injustice — he is finally about to secure," the President declared.

The President said recent court decisions and civil rights legislation have opened the gates of opportunity for the Negro, but added: "It is not enough just to open the gates of opportunity. All our citizens must have the ability to walk through those gates."

"This is the next and the more profound stage of the battle for civil rights," Mr. Johnson said. "We seek not just freedom but opportunity, not just legal equality but human ability, not just equality as a right and a theory, but equality as a fact and equality as a result."

The President said that the nation's 20 million Negroes must be given the same chance as every other American to learn and grow, to work and share in society, and to develop their abilities.

Of the fall conference, he said it will have three purposes, namely:

- to move beyond opportunity to achievement.
  - to shatter forever not only the barriers of law and public practice, but the walls which bound the condition of man by the color of his skin.
  - to dissolve, as best we can, the antique enmities of the heart which diminish the holder, divide the great democracy, and do wrong to the children of God.
- "I pledge this will be a chief goal of my administration, and of my program next year and in years to come," Mr. Johnson declared.

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## Bishop Bunton to Speak at Russell CME Dedication of New Building

The official opening of Russell Memorial C. M. E. Church's new Educational Building will be held Sunday, June 13, at 11:00 a. m. This building was begun September 1964. Rev. C. R. White is the minister.

The Right Reverend H. C. Bunton, of Washington, D. C. Presiding Bishop of the Seventh Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will be the guest speaker.

The afternoon service will highlight N. H. Bennett, Vice President of Actuary of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company, as guest speaker at three o'clock. Asa T. Spaulding, president of the N. C. Mutual Insurance Co., and J. J. Henderson, Treasurer of the N. C. Mutual Insurance Co., will also bring greetings. Music will be



BISHOP BUNTON furnished by the Temp. Choir of the church.

## ROY WILKINS RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE AT HOWARD UNIV. FINALS

WASH., D. C.—Howard University conferred an honorary Doctor of Laws degree upon NAACP Executive Director Roy Wilkins at the commencement exercises here, June 4, where President Johnson delivered his great address calling for Federal action "to fulfill the fair expectations of man."

The Howard degree was the fourth of eight Wilkins receives this season. Previously degrees were conferred upon him by Oakland University of Rochester, Mich.; Atlanta Univer-

sity, Atlanta, Ga.; and Iona College, New Rochelle, N. Y.

On Sunday, June 6, Notre Dame University, the famous Catholic institution at South Bend, Ind., conferred the honorary LL. D. upon the NAACP leader. Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., conferred a similar degree upon him the following day. And on June 8 he was to receive the Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Manhattan College in New York City.

## W. J. Walls Center Dedicated Livingstone Col.; Broyhill Speaks

SALISBURY — The W. J. Walls Center of Hood Theological Seminary was dedicated here on the Livingstone College campus last week amidst glowing tributes to Bishop W. J. Walls, chairman of the board of trustees of the college. The North Carolina native who makes his home in Yonkers, New York, was praised for his many activities on behalf of Livingstone College, the cause of higher education and Negro people.

North Carolina's republican congressman from the 10th district, the honorable James T. Broyhill of Lenoir, flew in from Washington to lead the tributes and eulogized the honoree as one "whose giving of his substance, time, energy, inspiration and spirit for the development of his people made him a philanthropist indeed."

He gave a brief running account of his life from birth in Rutherford County to his school days at Livingstone and his present summit of acclaim and renown. "We have gathered here," he

said, "to honor an unusual and great man. A man born in adversity but who did not allow adversity to defeat him." He spoke in glowing terms of his "personal creed" by which he lived and described the many dimensions of his life and work, adding "his life has transcended what most men could not match in five lives."

Others paying tributes to the bishop for whom the building was officially named included Dr. Jas. W. Eichelberger, secretary of Christian Education of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. James W. Watson, president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the denomination, Fayetteville; Dr. Hood H. Miller, president of the Hood Theological Seminary Alumni Association, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. Lonnie Carpenter, President of the Salisbury-Roman Ministerial Fellowship and minister of the First United Church of Christ, Salisbury; and George W. Maize, III, representing the students of the Hood Theological Seminary.

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## AT SILVER ANNIVERSARY Negro Publishers Association To Meet In Louisville June 16-20

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Over 250 Negro editors, publishers and their Anniversary Convention of the National Newspaper Publishers staffs will journey to Louisville, Kentucky June 16-20 for the Silver Association.

They will hear some of America's leading public figures including: Carl T. Rowan, Director, U. S. Information Agency; Lisle Carter, Jr., Assistant Director, Anti-Poverty Program; James Farmer, National Director of CORE; J. Montgomery Curtis, Director American Press Institute; Barry Bingham, Chairman, International Press Institute; Kentucky Governor Edward T. Breathitt; Louisville Mayor William D. Cowger; Jefferson County Judge Marlow Cook and Maurice Henry, Kentucky Press Association President.

Other convention speakers are: Norman Isaacs, Executive Editor of the Louisville Courier Journal and Times and Warren Abrams, Promotion Manager of the two newspapers; Tom Hamilton, General Manager, Franklin (Ind.) Daily Journal; J. E. Hankins, President, Mammoth Life Insurance; Dr. Kenneth Clark, New York City College; Dr. Hyland Lewis, Howard University; Dr. C. H. Parrish, University of Louisville; Dr. Carleton Goodlett, Publisher, San Francisco Sun Reporter; John H. Sengstacke, Publisher Chicago Daily Defender; William O. Walker, Publisher Cleveland Call-Post and Thomas W. Young, Publisher Norfolk Journal Guide. Social highlights include a reception. See PUBLISHERS 2A



Barry Foster, center, who recently retired from Pearson School after a teaching career which spanned 20 years, is being presented a citation by Frank Burnett, principal of the school. On the right is Dr. J. E. Hankins, president of the Pearson School Parent-Teacher Association.

## Local Baptist Churches to Host National Meet

The Baptist Churches of Durham will be host to the 1965 annual session of the Progressive National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Congress, it was announced here this week.

Headquarters for the meeting will be the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 1000 S. Roxboro Street. The Rev. E. T. Browne, pastor, will be the host minister for the seat of the session.

President of the Congress is Dr. G. K. Offutt. Dr. G. Upshaw is dean.

According to Rev. Browne, many of the outstanding personalities of the Baptist Church throughout the nation are expected to put in their presence during the meeting which opens on June 21 and ends the 25.

The opening program will be held at Mt. Vernon, Monday. See BAPTISTS 2A

## NCC Summer Enrollment May Exceed 1964's

North Carolina College's 1965 summer enrollment is expected to equal or slightly exceed the 1964 enrollment, Dr. Cecil L. Patterson, acting director of the Summer School, said this week. Enrollment for the 1964 session totaled 1434, the second largest in the college's history.

The 1965 session, which began Monday with registration from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., will have two sessions, one for six weeks ending July 14 and one for nine weeks ending August 2. Classes began at 8 a.m., Tuesday.

Patterson indicated that some 75 teachers, thirteen of them visitors from institutions throughout the country, will offer 155 courses, many of them on the graduate level, along with ten workshops and institutes and other special programs.

The special institutes and workshops, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the Southern Education Foundation, and the college, will attract more than 300 teachers, specialists, and secondary students who qualify for participation in them.

National Science Foundation programs are a workshop for psychiatric nursing, two weeks; an institute for high school teachers of science and mathematics, six weeks; an alcoholic studies workshop, two weeks; an institute for college teachers of microbiology, five weeks; and a program in secondary science and mathematics for high ability secondary students, six weeks.

Southern Education Foundation programs are an institute for the study of the deprived learner, three weeks; an institute in newer instructional media, six weeks; a leadership in reading institute, six weeks; and a speech institute, six weeks. The college will continue its complete sponsorship of its reading clinic, scheduled for six weeks.

## SCLC Deplores Gov. Wallace's 3-Day Press Tour

SELMA — The Dallas County Voter League, the Selma affiliate of SCLC today deplored an Alabama sponsored press tour for "Editor's Of A Free and Responsible Press."

Objections to the three-day press tour were expressed by Rev. Frederick D. Reese, and Rev. Harold Middlebrooks to the head of the allied Civil Rights groups here.

Rev. Middlebrooks charges that Governor Wallace had conceived and is now directing the editors on a "propaganda tour which will not show the true Alabama to the nation through men responsible for processing accurate and fair news to the American public."

Rev. Middlebrooks said: Since Negroes in this state pay taxes which partially support such public shams, then at least they should reap the benefit of having their plight brought before the public.

"We don't mind the editors viewing the many good features of our state but they should be fair and insist on seeing how black folks live who cannot share the state's ostensibly 'progressive image.'"

Rev. Reese asked that the editors arriving here today from Montgomery examine their collective consciousness while attending a planned Barbecue and picnic here in their honor.

"I asked these editors," he said, "to think of the hundreds of Negroes hungry because they were taken off welfare rolls simply because they sought the right to vote."

"Enroute here, you have traveled over one of the most infamous highways in America, U. S. Highway 80. It was on this 84-mile stretch of road that Mrs. See PRESS 2A

## Sigma Gamma Sorority Hits Negro Teacher Firing At Meet

WINSTON-SALEM — Nearly 200 members of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority passed resolutions last week to send telegrams to state school and government officials denouncing the reported firing of Negro teachers in North Carolina because of school integration.

The action was taken at the 23rd annual Northeastern Regional Conference of the sorority, held over the Memorial Day weekend downtown in the Hotel Robert E. Lee.

Signed by Mrs. Naomi W. Satchell of Philadelphia, regional syntaktes, and Mrs. Annie W. Neville of Rocky Mount, grand basileus, the resolution said:

"Resolved that the Northeastern Regional Conference expresses hereby its grave concern regarding the reported imminent dismissal of a large number of Negro teachers in the state of North Carolina allegedly based upon the integration in schools therein according to the law."

In other resolutions the sorority praised President Lyndon B. Johnson for his support of anti-poverty and voting rights legislation and the appointment of Mrs. Patricia Harris Reed as the first Negro woman ambassador for the United States.

Delegates elected the following officers:

Miss Laura J. Hawkins of Philadelphia, regional syntaktes; Mrs. Inette Edwards of Newport News, Va., grammateus; Mrs. Mabel Roulhac of Portsmouth, Va., anti-grammateus; Mrs. Emily Bryant of Baltimore, Md., epistoleus; Mrs. Alma Hawkins, national nominating committee, and Mrs. Satchell and Mrs. Mary Backus of Rocky Mount, regional board of directors.

The sorority voted to meet in Washington, D. C. in 1966.

Mrs. Ardelle M. Gray regional hostess for the convention, was honored as "Sigma Woman of the Year." She is a member of the hostess chapter, Alpha Mu Sigma of Winston-Salem. She is a native of Danville, Va. Miss Frances Coplin, a student See TEACHERS 2A

## Negro Minister Named Mayor Protem In Lumberton Election

LUMBERTON — Veteran member of the Lumberton City Council Dr. E. B. Turner was elected Mayor Pro-Tem by the City Council last week after he received the highest vote in a contest by eighteen candidates for eight seats on the Council.

Dr. Turner, a graduate of Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School holds a Master of Theology Degree from Midwestern Graduate Bible School and an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Friendship College.

He is moderator of the Lumber River Missionary Baptist Association, a member of the executive committee of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Chairman of the Board of the United Baptist Christian Education Fellowship and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lumberton.

He is married to the former



DR. TURNER

Miss Georgianna McNeil of Clarkton, North Carolina and they are the parents of two daughters; Andrea Lisa and Rosalyn Arlene.

## CATHOLIC COLLEGE GRADUATES HEAR WILKINS LAUD YOUTH RIGHTS ROLE

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y. — The concern of today's college students "for justice and equality and against racism" was praised by Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in an address delivered to the graduating class of Yona College here, Saturday, June 5.

The Roman Catholic college conferred upon the NAACP leader the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Presentation of the degree was made by Francis Cardinal Spellman, who presided at the exercises.

"The student aid to the civil rights movement" Wilkins said in his commencement address, "is a proud page in our nation's history and one that already has the heartful

anks of the Negro community. The nation to which these young people have restored its priceless heritage owes them . . . its deep thanks."

Wilkins reminded the graduates of "the heroism of the Negro Americans who have been the testing point of our nation's soul. They have suffered long and worked hard, and their ordeal is not yet ended. In the face of persecution and humiliation and burdens almost too heavy to bear they have persisted to this day when victory over the crude barriers is so near and so sure."

The crusade for freedom "by black and white, by pulpit and pew, by town and gown, by youth and age, by government and people that already has the heartful See WILKINS 2A

## Jack & Jill Meet To Be Held In Norfolk, Virginia

NORFOLK, Va.—The Jack and Jill Mid-Atlantic Mothers' Regional Conference will be held here June 18-19 with Mrs. Elizabeth Coffield, regional director, of Baltimore, presiding.

Conference headquarters will be the Admiralty Motor Hotel with the mothers of the Norfolk Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., as hostesses. Mrs. Jacqueline Robinson, national vice president, of Washington, D. C., will be the banquet speaker on Saturday.

Theme of the conference will be "World Demands—Jack and Jill Plans." Registration for the two-day meeting will be held from 12 noon to 9 p.m. Friday. "Hello Time" will be observed from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday. See JACK AND JILL 2A