

# Boycott In City Of Natchez Gains Jobs, Rights, Courtesy

# DURHAM TO HOST MASONS 1965 SESSION

## Roy Wilkins to Address Grand Lodge Dec. 14

(By R. I. BOONE)  
The Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina will convene in 95th Annual Communication, in Durham, December 13-15. Headquarters for the sessions will be at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 1000 S. Roxboro St., the Reverend Dr. E. T. Browne, pastor.

Headed by Grand Master C. S. Brown, prominent businessman and civic leader of Winston-Salem, some twelve to fifteen hundred masons—representing the more than 20,000 members of the Craft in N. C.—are expected to converge on this progressive metropolis, in what promises to be a record-breaking annual meeting—both in matter of attendance and in the quality of the various features.

The meeting will get under way on Monday night, in an impressive memorial service, with the eulogy to be delivered by the pastor of the host church.

Highlight of the Tuesday's session, beginning at noon, will be the Grand Master's address. He will review the "state of the order," accent vital contemporary issues, and challenge the Craft to increased efforts in the areas of human relations, the youth program, charity, and civic endeavors.

Additional items on Tuesday will include annual reports by the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Director of Public Relations, State Grand Lecturer, State Grand Director of Pythagoras, State Grand Attorney, and the Superintendent of the Central Orphanage of N. C.

### CAMPAIGN FOR GRAND SEC'Y POST

Reports are that lively interest is materializing across the state in the campaign for the position of Grand Secretary. Vying for this post are incumbent, Fred D. Alexander, city councilman and housing authority manager of Charlotte and Clarence M. Winchester, realtor and civic-business leader of Greensboro.

See MASONRY 8A

## Trio Die in Auto From Carbon Monoxide Gas

GIBSONVILLE—Three persons, one white and two colored, died from asphyxiation caused by carbon monoxide in the white's man auto near here Sunday morning.

The deaths of the white man, Fred Laws, 40, who lived in the Gibsonville area of Guilford county, and of Miss Louise Whitsett, 49, of Greensboro, and Wayne Corbett, a construction worker of the Greensboro area, were accidental, according to Coroner Allen B. Coggeshall of Guilford county.

The deaths occurred while Laws' car was parked in a field behind a cemetery near the Laws' home. The bodies were discovered by Mrs. Laws Sunday morning when she left her home to see whether she could locate the auto.

## Virginia State Gets \$730,000 For Dormitory

PETERSBURG, Va.—A \$730,000 women's dormitory is now under construction at Virginia State College, and is the first of four women's residence halls in a building site on the west campus.



WILKINS



BROWN



ALEXANDER

## DCNA Ask Commissioners to Declare Equal Employment

The Durham Committee on Negro Affairs called on the County Commissioners here Monday to "declare the County of Durham an equal opportunity employer."

The request, in the form of a memorandum from the DCNA Economics Committee, was handed to the commissioners by M. C. Burt, Jr., local CORE and NAACP attorney, for consideration at its January meeting.

The memorandum is as follows:

"We note, with a great deal of concern, that Negroes are not employed in certain clerical, fiscal, and administrative positions in county government and, therefore, question the county's hiring policies. Negroes are conspicuously absent in the office of the Clerk of Court, the Register of Deeds and the Tax Office.

"We respectfully request that the County Commissioners declare the County of Durham an equal opportunity employer, and direct its agencies to cease their practice of recruiting and honoring applications for clerical, fiscal, and administrative positions from members of the white race only. We contend that all positions should be open to all persons, without regard to race, creed or color and that the highest governing body in this county should declare its policy in this regard."

Burt says that he expects the commissioners to act favorably on the request. He said further, that "We are receiving the cooperation of E. S. Swindell, County Manager, in determining the positions in county government for which vacancies now exist, and positions in which vacancies are expected to occur between now and June 1, 1966."



PETERS



MRS. VAUGHN

## Mrs. Latelle Vaughn In Concert At White Rock Sunday Eve.

The L. B. Farrington District of White Rock Baptist Church will render a concert at the church here Sunday, December 12, at 7:30 P.M. featuring as soloists, Mrs. Latelle Vaughn, soprano and R. Delacy Peters, baritone.

Mrs. Vaughn is a native of Huntington, West Virginia and a graduate of Bluefield State College, Bluefield, West Virginia. She is a 5th grade teacher at the East End School, and has previously taught in Georgia, Ohio, Texas and Raleigh. She has been presented to audiences in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Durham. Mrs. Vaughn is a member of the White Rock Baptist Church's Senior Choir and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Peters is a native of Boston, Mass., and attended the University of Baltimore and John Hopkins University. He has See CONCERT 8A

## "Share-A-Pair" Pajama Drive a Success



The "Share-A-Pair" pajama Fall campaign was ended here last week with approximately 165 pairs of pajamas having been collected for patients at Gravelly Sanitorium in Chapel Hill.

The project was organized in October 1964, by Mrs. A. T. Spaulding, chairman of the Patients Service Committee of the Durham County Tuberculosis Association, to meet an urgent need of Gravelly Sanitorium for new and used pajamas.

According to Mrs. N. B. Lockwood, executive director of the association, the number of pairs of pajamas donated this year increased from 140 to 165 pairs.

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## NAACP Seeks To Unseat 21 Southern Congressmen

### District Court Of Appeals To Hear Charges

WASHINGTON — The question of enforcing a long ignored constitutional provision will be raised here today in a suit that seeks to take congressional seats away from states that deny Negroes voting rights.

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund attorneys will ask the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to overturn a lower court dismissal of the suit which might unseat 21 southern congressmen.

The suit, in behalf of 15 voters from six northern states, and 10 Negroes from three southern states, seeks enforcement of Section 2 of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Section 2 provides for reduction of congressional representation of states that disenfranchise eligible voters. The provision has been ignored since Reconstruction.

Defendants in the case are Secretary of Commerce John T. Connor and A. Ross Eckler, director of the Bureau of the Census.

The Commerce Department and the Census Bureau are responsible for apportioning representatives among the states in accordance with the decennial census. The next census will be in 1970.

The Legal Defense Fund is seeking a court declaration of the defendants' duty "to take all necessary and proper steps to prepare and compile figures as to the denial and abridgment of the right to vote at the next decennial census."

The suit was dismissed by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia last March on grounds that the plaintiffs were not sufficiently affected by southern voting discrimination to be granted relief.

The court further found that the Commerce Department and Census Bureau have no legal obligation to comply with the constitutional provision.

### TRUCK PLOWS INTO 1,000; 115 DANCERS KILLED

LOME, Togo — A speeding trailer truck plowed into a snake-dancing procession of over 1,000 villagers north of here Sunday, killing 100 persons, including an American Peace Corps worker, police report.

Police put the toll from the accident at Soutoubou village, 180 miles from Lome, at 115 dead and more than 100 seriously injured.



SEASON FOR GIVING—If it is more blessed to give than to receive, Joseph Gale doubles his pleasure in presenting Christmas gifts of stuffed animals to two attractive coeds at North Carolina College, where he is also a student. In the center is Wyonella Duke of Peekskill, New York and on the right, Phyllis Dupree of Oxford. Both girls are freshmen. Gale is a junior from Raleigh.

## Victory In Mississippi Hailed Most Sweeping In South

NATCHEZ, Miss. — Long-standing economic, political and social barriers have been leveled in this city as the result of a sustained and effective boycott and demonstrations by Negro citizens under leadership of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Announcement of the settlement, regarded as the most sweeping ever achieved in a southern city as the result of a direct action program was made in Mayor John J. Nossor's office here Friday morning, Dec. 3. Joining the Mayor in making the announcement were County Attorney Ben Chase Callon and Charles Evers, NAACP field director for Mississippi.

Under terms of the agreement reached between the city administration, business leaders and the Negro community, colored citizens gained new public and private employment opportunities, access to public accommodations and facilities, assurance of school desegregation beginning with the academic year, 1966-67, and recognition of their human dignity.

23 STORES TO EMPLOY NEGROES

Highlights of the settlement included agreement by 23 downtown merchant (1) to employ Negroes as clerks and See JOBS 8A

## Baptist Missionary President To Speak at W. Durham Sun.

Mrs. M. A. Horne, president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, who traveled in 1964 to Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria and Europe with the Spiritual Safari, sponsored by the Lott Carey Mission will be guest speaker at West Durham Baptist Church, 1001 Thaxton Avenue at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, December 12, for their annual Woman's Day Program. Rev. F. D. Terry is the pastor.

The day will be climaxed by Mrs. Horne showing a film of her travel to Africa at 6:00 p.m.



MRS. HORNE

## OPERATION BREADBASKET TO MEASURE JOB SUCCESS AT MEET

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The success of efforts to stem the tide of racial discrimination in employment practices in the South will be measured at a regional conference of Operation Breadbasket in Tallahassee, Florida on December 9.

Operation Breadbasket is a program of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's (SCLC) Department of Economic Affairs. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is president of SCLC; Rev. Fred Bennette is director of Operation Breadbasket.

The conference in the Florida capitol will serve a dual purpose says Rev. Bennette in that "it will give us an opportunity to assess our victories and determine the areas of See BREADBASKET 8A

## School Workers Vote To End Strike

By a majority vote, the non-academic workers in the city schools here voted to end their strike and civil rights leaders agreed to call off a boycott at the conclusion of a three hour meeting at St. Joseph's Church last Tuesday.

With the exception of one vote, the strikers voted unanimously to end the month-long strike "relying a great deal upon the integrity of the City School Board to make a faith effort to put the employees back to work Wednesday morning. The workers agreed to halt the strike after a response

by County Commissioners Monday night

But according to a statement from Mrs. Annabelle Self, Director of Food Services, "None of the strikers have gone back to work. We were forced to replace the strikers sometime ago because the food had to be served in the lunchrooms. Now, there are no positions left for the strikers."

The County Commissioners promised to consider the strikers' request for a minimum \$1.25 per hour when they draft the 1966-67 county budget. According to the commissioners,

no funds are available in the current budget for the proposed increase in wages.

F. B. McKissick, National Director of CORE, said eight of the 10 demands by the workers have been met. Of the two objectives, one—on the wage increase could not be met because of fiscal impossibility and the other on checkoff of union dues—was questioned on basis of a statute.

McKissick revealed that one of the leading factors the strikers took into consideration before going back to work was

that the county commissioners will be chosen in a May primary and the budget will be considered in June.

M. C. Burt, law partner with McKissick and attorney for the strikers, stated, "we have gone as far as we can go at this time without reason. Not only will the school employees continue to organize but there are indications that teachers are becoming concerned about working conditions, pay scales and particularly tenure, and that they may explore possibilities of organizing."