

## Mays: Stoneham Brought Full Racial Equality to Baseball

NEW YORK — Willie Mays this week credited Horace Stoneham, owner of the San Francisco Giants, with bringing full racial equality to baseball.

In a signed article in the current issue of Look Magazine, Mays noted that although the late Branch Rickey pioneered in breaking major league baseball's color line, it was Stoneham who first gave Negro players the same opportunity to succeed or fail as was given white players.

Mays declared in his article: "Horace Stoneham and the Giants are the first, to my knowledge, to go in for bringing a Negro boy up, then sending him down, then bringing him up again. And this, to my mind, was the true completion of the idea of racial equality in baseball, because before Stoneham, a Negro boy would have only one chance to fail. White boys could have more than one."

"There is no equality in the opportunity to succeed," Willie added, "unless there's equality also in the opportunity not to succeed right away."

Mays pointed out that many white players such as Dick Ellsworth, Vern Law, Bob Friend and Nellie Fox "came

to greatness after years of trying and improving," but the Negro players "were either established long before their first chance, like Satchel Paige, or they made it on sheer talent their first shot, like Jackie Robinson."

Mays also discussed in Look a less publicized area of racial equality, the "right" of a Negro player to take the same liberties with the rules as white players.

Declared Mays: "Before I came to the majors, no Negro player had the right to take one drink too many and break training. That was for white players only."

"Since I came up, we've had a couple of Negroes in trouble too. Not me—I don't drink. And I don't mean to say, either, that my coming to the majors was a signal for the other Negro players to all shout, 'Now we can sin along with the white boys!'"

"No I mean that with the timing, and the breaks, and what talent I had, we put together a kind of new set of values my first year in the majors. The Negro stopped being equal just when he did good, but began being equal, period."

## GEORGIA GROUP STARTS NEW SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS VENTURE

ATLANTA, Ga.—A thriving business venture called "Crawfordville Enterprises" stands as an example of what an oppressed by determined people can achieve.

Three months ago, a group of Negroes in Taliaferro County, Georgia, decided they had taken all the oppression, segregation and discrimination they could take sitting down.

With the aid of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, The United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., the Georgia Council on Human Relations, and the Taliaferro County Voters League, an independent firm was launched to do silk screen work.

Crawfordville Enterprises has provided initial employment for many local citizens, and the company is engaged in producing lettered T-shirts, sweat-shirts, sports jackets and the like for schools and colleges. Contracts for all forms of silk screen work are now being sought with firms, churches and fraternal and other organized businesses.

Among some of the first contracts the Crawfordville factory has received are contracts from Morris Brown College, Operation Breadbasket, SCLC, and several area high schools. New contracts are being brought in by salesmen on the field.

Randolph T. Blackwell, Program Director of SCLC, said that he feels that the creation of industry in the rural south will make the area more attractive for residents, thereby eliminating the pressure to make an exodus to urban ghettos, where the rural person often finds he has no skills with which he can relate, making him a potential candidate for welfare and massive unemployment.

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## DR. VIVIAN HENDERSON NAMED TO COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

ATLANTA, Ga.—Dr. Vivian Wilson Henderson, president of Atlanta's Clark College, has been named to a ten-member advisory Committee which will assist the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights in a nationwide

study of problems related to race and education.

The study originated from a request by President Johnson and will investigate problems related to race and education as they arise from such race-isolating factors as housing patterns, school districting, economic stratification and population movement.

Commission chairman John A. Hannah has described the study as "an opportunity to put before Congress and the country a definitive analysis of the problem and our recommendation for action." He described the study as "perhaps the most important assignment this Commission has ever undertaken."

The primary role of the Advisory Committee of which Dr. Henderson is a member will be in aiding the Commission to plan the study and to evaluate its findings.

The committee is headed by Dr. Thomas Pettigrew of Harvard University. Other members are Dr. Kenneth B. Clark of New York City College; Dr. Elizabeth R. Cole, education specialist of Chevy Chase, Md.; Dr. James Coleman of Johns Hopkins University; Dr. Rashi Fein of Brookings Institute; Dr. John H. Fischer, president of Columbia University's Teachers College; Dr. Philip Hauser of The University of Chicago; Dr. Peter Rossi, director of the National Opinion Research Center, and Dr. Robin Williams of Cornell University.

## --Cedar Grove

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Sixth Grade: Brenda Cooper, Leonard Corbett, Vanessa Crisp, William Ellison, Geraldine Graham, Marilyn Jeffries, Patricia Jones, Janice Lea, Dallas Mitchell, Isabella Moore, Gail Parker, Clarence Thompson, Ronald Thompson, James Torain, Maggie Torain, William Torain, Vanessa Vinson and Belinda Wade.

Seventh Grade: Velma Cates, Harold Corbett, Fannie Corbett, Patricia Corbett, Debra Fuller, Eula Lean, Vanessa McDougal, Bessie Pettiford, Lee Ann Rainey, Rosa Thompson and Emma Wade.

Eighth Grade: Sylvia Currie, Thelma Taylor.

## --Y-Teens

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teaching and learning." The 33 predominantly Negro colleges and universities affiliated with the United Negro College Fund currently enroll 31,620 students, and serve all American youth without regard to race, color or creed.



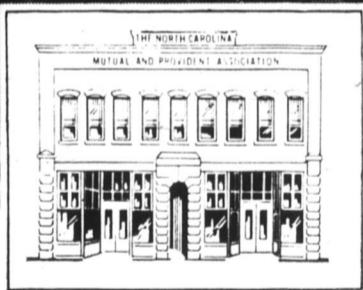
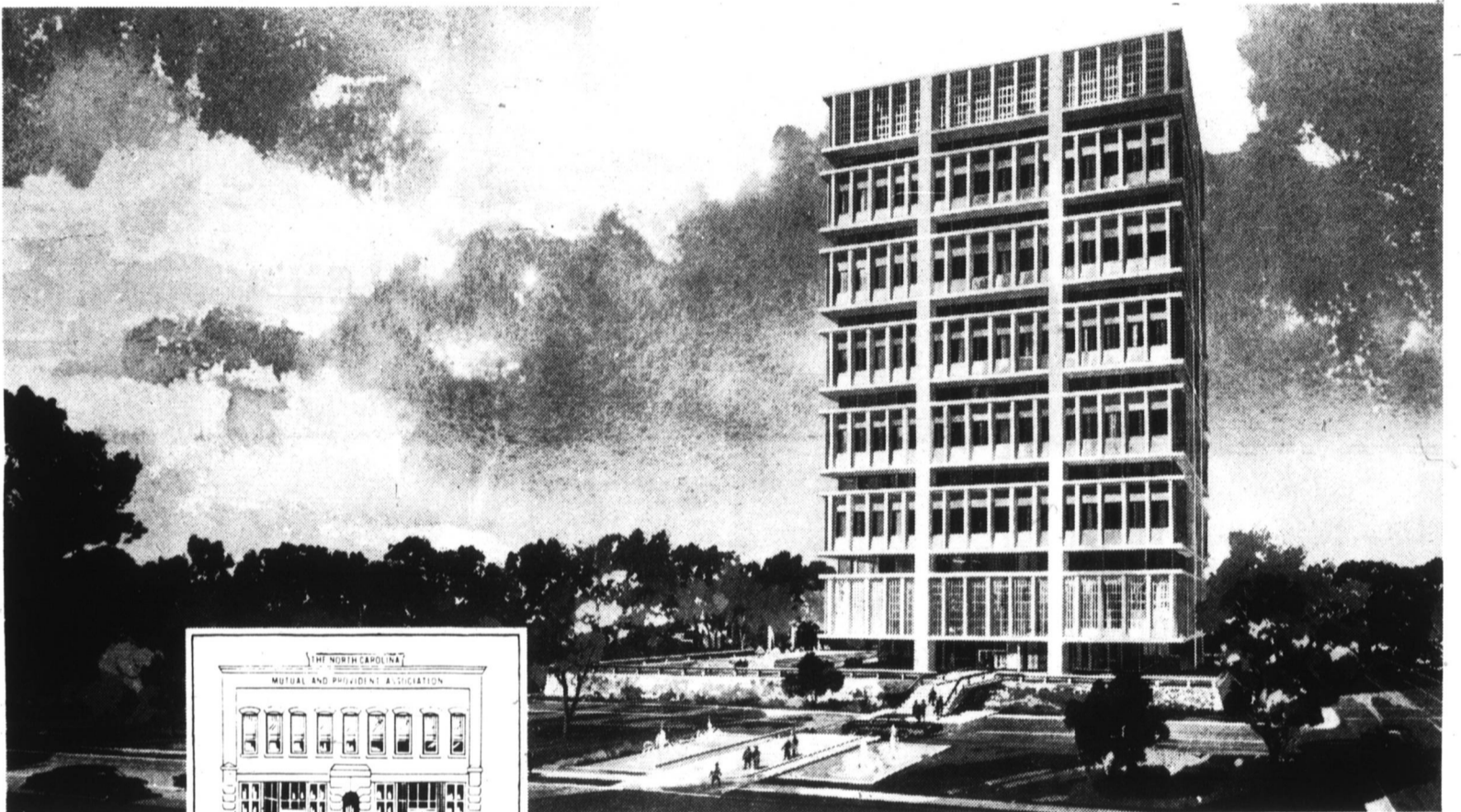
SCOUT CHARTER PRESENTATION—The newly organized Troop and Post 961 at West Durham Baptist Church had their charter presented Sunday, March 6, 1966 at the morning services. Pictured from left to

to right are: Scout Jerry Haskins, John W. Plummer, Jr., Explorer Post Advisor; E. L. Kearney, Chairman of The Cheyenne Leaf Organization and Extension Committee; William P. McBroom, Scoutmaster; Rev.

F. D. Terry, Pastor and Institutional Representative; Lee E. Jones, Chairman of the Troop Committee; Alforce Stewart, Chairman of the Explorer Post Committee and Homer Evans, Boy Scout.

Other members of the church Scout committee are: Palmer L. Perkins, Sr., Henry L. Gunn, John H. Markham and George D. Jones. They are in the process now of organizing a Cub Pack for the 8-10 year old boys.

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