

# Supreme Court To Review McDougald Terrace Eviction Case

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WASHINGTON — The U. S. Supreme Court has agreed to review the case of a mother with three children who received a 15-day eviction notice from a low income housing project, without a hearing, the day after she was elected president of the Parents' Club, a tenant group.

The petition for review was filed by the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) attorneys in behalf of Mrs. Joyce C. Thorpe, a resident in a low income housing project in Durham.

The case is of "substantial public importance," argued the LDF attorneys, since "its resolution has ramifications affecting the rights of recipients to all forms of welfare benefits."

This is the first time the nation's highest court has agreed to review the "rights of a tenant" in public housing to be free from arbitrary eviction. There are approximately 1400 local housing authorities with low-rent projects throughout the United States.

The LDF attorneys argued that Mrs. Thorpe, in receiving notice of eviction and being denied a hearing, was denied rights guaranteed by the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, and the First and Fifth Amendments of the U. S. Constitution.

"In addition," the LDF brief says, "the broader question is involved of the right of persons receiving any public welfare benefits to at least a bare minimum of procedural protection before the very necessities for life are taken from them."

Currently, the local public housing authorities follow a procedure of drawing up the tenant leases on a month-to-month basis. "This practice," the lawyers asserted, "does permit evictions to be accomplished after the giving of a notice to vacate which does not state the reasons therefor."

This is the first case in LDF's new program of litigation to protect and establish the rights of poor people. LDF has recently become involved in cases seeking to make precedent of poverty law questions just as it has done over the years in civil rights.



AT HEARINGS ON URBAN DEVELOPMENT—(Washington)—The Senate Govt. Operations Subcommittee continued its hearings last week on the Federal role in urban development. Two of the witnesses to appear are shown in combo here. At right Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, who charged that the Federal government's job training programs have been marred by "outright racial discrimination." Writer Harry Golden (left) proposed that the Negro be paid a \$100 billion "indemnity" for the centuries he has spent locked away from the mainstream of American life. (UPI Telephoto)

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### Wilson To Host Masonic Annual Session Dec. 12-14

Over 1,000 to Attend Grand Lodge Meeting

WILSON — The 96th Annual Grand Lodge Session of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and its jurisdiction will convene December 12, 13 and 14 in the city of Wilson.

The host lodges are Mount Hebron and Pride of Wilson. They are being assisted by Silver Star Chapter and Starlight Chapter of the order of Eastern Star Lodges.

Clark S. Brown of Winston-Salem the Most Worshipful Grand Master will preside over the meetings assisted by his deputies and the Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, Milton F. Fitch of Wilson.

Plans are being made for over one thousand brothers to be supervised by J. M. Miller and converge on the city under the George C. Alexander, Co-chairman.

Representation is expected from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia and Virginia and several other states.

Wilson is known as the city that makes the Grand Masters, the last two having been made here, 1947 and 1959, there are no changes in view for this session.

The opening will be a Memorial Service at the St. John A. M. E. Zion Church Monday night at 7:30 P.M. The public is invited to attend this affair and the fellowship Banquet on Tuesday night at 8:00 P.M.

The remaining meetings will be closed for the membership only.



HILLSIDE HONOR STUDENTS — Six honor students were finalist in the National Achievement Scholarship program which was held here recently. They are front row, left to right: Misses Ida Rosebud Page, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Page; Alice LaVerne Sharpe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Sharpe; Gurnia Carroll Michaux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Michaux. Back row, left to right: Frederick Bronly Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vergie G. Wright; Alfred Roberts, son of Mrs. Ollie M. Roberts, and Maceo Kennedy Sloan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maceo A. Sloan.



DR. MCLESTER  
Last Rites Held For Dr. C. E. McLester Thurs.

The last rites of Dr. Charles Edward McLester, son of the late Richard and Charlotte McLester, and the husband of Mrs. J. B. McLester, were held Thursday, December 8 at Morehead Ave. Baptist Church, the church he founded and organized some twenty years ago. He succumbed Friday, Dec. 2, at Lincoln Hospital following a period of extended illness.

Born in Curshaw County, near Camden, S. C., Dr. McLester was a graduate of Tuskegee Institute and Benedict College, receiving both the B.A. and B.D. degrees. He studied further at Union Theological Seminary, Duke University, and received the honorary D.D. from Friendship and Benedict Colleges; his specific interests being in the area of Biblical interpretations of the Original.

In 1941, he married Johnnie Blunt of Mobile, Ala., and to this union was born one son, Charles Edward II, who died at infancy.

Dr. McLester attributed the See MCLESTER 7A

### Henderson Lee Funeral Held Ebenezer Baptist Tue., Dec. 6

Former School Employee Dies Following Illness

Henderson Lee, 801 Grant St., died here Saturday, Dec. 2, after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Ebenezer Baptist Church, the Rev. James A. Brown, pastor, delivered the eulogy.

Henderson Lee, a long time member of Ebenezer served in many official capacities including treasurer and a member of the deacon board. He was formally employed by Durham City Schools as custodian, until his recent retirement.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. M. Ora Sneed Lee; two daughters, Mrs. Catherine Haskins of Durham and Mrs. Mary Jackson of Newark, N. J.; one son, Hubert Lee of Philadelphia, Pa.; one sister, Mrs. Macie Keith of Newark, N. J.; five brothers, Richard Lee and Glennis Lee of Philadelphia, Coy Lee of Newark and Arvey Lee and Clyde Lee of Durham; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery.

### North Carolina Branches Spur NAACP Membership Campaign



NATION'S FIRST NEGRO WARDEN—(Mansfield, Ohio)— Bennett J. Cooper, associate warden of the Ohio State Reformatory, sits at his desk here after it was announced that he would succeed superintendent M. J. Koloski to become the first Negro prison warden in the country. Cooper will assume his new post on Dec. 4th, when Koloski leaves to become head of Ohio's newly leased Chillicothe Correctional Institute.

NEW YORK—Charles A. McLean, NAACP North Carolina field director, has devised a novel and effective way to stimulate his state's 100 branches in the organization's current Crash Membership drive.

Each NAACP branch has been supplied with a card to send to Miss Lucille Black, secretary for membership at the National Office, in which the branch pledges to enroll its quota of new or renewed memberships before December 15.

The card reads, "Miss Black, tell Mr. Current and Mr. Wilkins to weep no more for us. Our membership campaign is on!" It gives the number of members the branch will enroll.

Miss Black reports that the cards are coming in every mail, and she is encouraged to believe that North Carolina will surpass last year's membership totals.

VERSE OF THE WEEK  
An educated man is one who has finally discovered there are some questions to which nobody has the answers.

## Scholars See Hope And Peril In An "Abundant Society"

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—Scholars thinking into the future see an "abundant society" in America holding both high promise and deep peril.

Their intellectual explorations of tomorrow's America are recorded in "Looking Forward: The Abundant Society," most recent publication of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, which conducted the conference.

Discussion centered around papers by Dr. Walter A. Weiskopf, chairman of the department of economics at Roosevelt University in Chicago, and Raghavan N. Iyer, political philosophy consultant to the Center who teaches at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Weiskopf projected an American society in which "abundance" truly has arrived. Iyer examined principles which might underlie the structure of such a society.

The conference assumed the United States is capable of providing reasonable subsistence for all, serious consideration will be given to some form of guaranteed annual income and there will be growing concern

### Douglas E. Stewart is Named Director Planned Parenthood

NEW YORK — Douglas E. Stewart, formerly Executive Director of the Omaha Urban League, has been appointed Director of the newly formed Department of Community Relations for Planned Parenthood-World Population.

Mr. Stewart's department will work with local, state and regional agencies concerned with health, welfare and economic problems and interested in family planning.

A graduate of San Francisco State College, Mr. Stewart served for one year as a CORO Foundation Intern in Public Affairs in various public agencies and voluntary organizations in San Francisco. He coordinated the campaign of the Mayor of San Francisco and was the Director of Youth Motivation Project of the Bay Area Urban League and Acting Executive Secretary of the San Francisco branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He was Executive Director of the Omaha Urban League from December, 1963 until his present appointment.

Mr. Stewart is married and See STEWART 7A



WINNER OF THE \$50.00 cash prize for November given by the Carolina Times each month to the church or church auxiliary saving the highest amount of purchase slips from advertisers in the Carolina Times, was the Community Baptist Church, pastored by the Rev. E. T. Thompson. Presentation of the check is shown being made at the church, Sunday, December 4, by Bernard Austin, assistant to the publisher of the Carolina Times. Those in the picture from left to right are Rev. Thompson, Mr. Austin and Mrs. Onelda McGhee, who received the check on behalf of the church. (Photo by Purefoy)

### Ga. Indigent Tenants Case Taken To U.S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON — The U. S. Supreme Court was this week asked to review the constitutionality of those statutes of the State of Georgia which prevent indigent tenants from making a defense against eviction orders because of their inability to post bond in order to obtain a hearing.

The LDF attorneys, in filing the petition for review, argued that the "Georgia Code 61-303 which barred the petitioners from a hearing because of their

poverty is in conflict with the principles declared by this court, and is unconstitutional under the equal protection and due process clauses of the fourteenth amendment."

The brief also raised an important constitutional issue in the developing field of the Law of Poverty, and in a particularly crucial area of that field, landlord-tenant law.

More specifically, the brief

### Rural Negroes In Ala. Start New Program

ANNEMANIE, Ala.—A pioneering self-help program of education for seasonal farm workers here in Wilcox County was officially opened this week.

The occasion marked the first co-operative effort of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the federal Office of Economic Opportunity to bring new hope for long-neglected rural families.

County residents who will help operate and also benefit from the project met with representatives of supporting groups: the national SCLC and its Wilcox County affiliate, the federal anti-poverty agency, and the United Presbyterian Church, USA, of Wilcox County. Junius Griffin, Administrator See RURAL 7A

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