

Local Bank Resources Increase Nearly One & Half Million

59th Annual Stockholders' Meeting Held

The 59th annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank was held at its main office, 116 Parrish Street here Wednesday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was presided over by J. H. Wheeler, president. Assisting him was J. E. Strickland, senior vice president, employed in the Raleigh office of the bank.

Special attention was called to resolutions submitted by the bank's Board of Directors expressing appreciation for nearly 50 years of service rendered the bank by its former trust officer, T. D. Parham, Sr., who retired in 1965 because of illness and who succumbed December 12, 1966.

In his report to the stockholders Pres. Wheeler called attention to the situation now facing banking institutions because of "keen competition for saving funds and the sharp rise in interest rates. In spite of this, the president reported, the American Banking System "has functioned very well in its effort to help the nation to maintain degrees of Economic Balance."

Wheeler's report showed that the bank as of December 31, 1966 had an increase of \$1,465,529.39 over footings a year ago. He also called attention to the recent action of Congress in increasing the amount of insurance on each account from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Of special interest to those present was the sharp increase in the bank's "deposits of all kinds compared with figures at the end of the year." Wheeler's report revealed that, as of December 30, 1966, deposits of all kinds had increased, since the close of business, December 31, 1965 from \$14,223,070.66 to \$15,399,009.38. It also revealed that of the above amount the bank experienced an 8.37 per cent increase in saving accounts. Wheeler stated that, "the large increase in saving deposits appears to be the result of a combination of positive efforts on our part to secure new accounts and the trend on the part of many depositors to keep demand balances at a minimum."

Wheeler also reported that the Mechanics and Farmers Bank is now the largest owned and operated by Negroes in America.

In addition to the large number of stockholders present, in spite of the inclement weather, were several officers and employees from the Charlotte and

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Last Rites for Mrs. Iva Parrish At Rougemont

ROUGEMONT — Last rites for Mrs. Iva Curtis Parrish, former resident of Durham and widow of the late Harvey Parrish, were held Saturday, December 31, at Red Mountain Baptist Church in Rougemont.

Mrs. Parrish, daughter of the late William and Sudie Jones Curtis, was born in Durham and passed Wednesday, December 28 in High Point. Formerly, a Durham County school teacher, she was educated in the city schools of Durham and was a graduate of the Franklin Christian College of Franklinton.

Her Christian endeavors began at an early age when she joined and actively served at White Rock Baptist Church. Upon moving to Rougemont, Mrs. Parrish connected with the Red Mountain Baptist Church and made a spiritual contribution as long as circumstances permitted. Her diligence was further exhibited when she moved to Amityville, New York and there joined the Holy Trinity Bapt. Church.

Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Hazel Garcia, Amityville, New York, and Mrs. Dorothy Bostic, High Point; two sisters, Mrs. Loris Coleman and Miss Belda Curtis of Durham; three brothers, Lloyd Curtis, Cleveland, Ohio, Leonidas Curtis, Detroit, Michigan, James H. Curtis, New York City; one grandson, Louis Garcia, Jr., Amityville, New York, several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

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NAACP, Urban League Get Grants From Ford Fund



M. AND F. BANK OFFICERS — The above photo, consisting of the officers of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, was taken at the close of the annual stockholders meeting held here, Wednesday, Jan. 5. Reading from left to right they are: **John B. Anglin, Comptroller; Walter S. Tucker, Vice President and manager, Charlotte office; J. J. Sansom, Jr., Vice President and manager, Raleigh office; Mrs. Vivian R. Patterson, Assistant Vice President and Secretary; J. E. Strickland, Senior Vice President; Chas. A. Heywood, Vice President; J. H. Wheeler, President; Dr. Clyde Donnell, Chairman of the Board; Mrs. Julia W. Taylor, Assistant Cashier; W. E. Ricks, Trust Officer and David L. Harrison, Cashier.**

NAACP Asks Federal Courts Ban Ind. Jim Crow Schools

Yanceyville, N. C. Man Named Outstanding Airmen of Unit

OMAHA, Neb.—Airmen First Class John T. Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williamson of Rt. 1, Yanceyville, has been named Outstanding Airmen in his unit at Offutt AFB, Neb.

Airman Williamson, a data programming specialist, was selected for his exemplary conduct and duty performance. He is a member of the Strategic Air Command which maintains America's constantly alert force of intercontinental missiles and jet bombers.

The airman is a graduate of Caswell County High School. His wife, Joann, is the daughter of James Hughs Sr. of Rt. 1, Milton.



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Lomaxes Three Year Marriage Is on the Rocks, Says Author



TO VISIT HANOI — (Hollywood)—Negro author and television personality Louis Lomax discusses his announcement that he has been given permission by the U. S. State Dept. and the North Vietnamese government to visit Hanoi and interview North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh. Lomax is scheduled to travel to Washington, D. C., for a briefing by State Department officials prior to beginning his trip.

LOS ANGELES — Louis E. Lomax, the former Afro newspaper man, now a \$60,000-a-year television personality and his schoolteacher wife, Wanda, have come to a parting of their ways.

Lomax, who left last week for a three-week tour of North Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand, confirmed to newsmen that the three year-old marriage is on the rocks.

"I feel it is no more than fair to give you the straight facts," he said. "Wanda and I long out of our home on Grand and are separated, and she's moving in Hollywood and is now living in Baldwin Hills."

He said there has been no "talk or discussion" or contemplation of a divorce.

A rift in the marriage came out several weeks ago when Mrs. Lomax called police to complain that her husband had struck her upon her return home at a late hour.

She did not prefer charges and friends had believed they had reached a reconciliation.

Lomax, the author of a number of books, reportedly earns approximately \$60,000 annually with his television shows and speaking tours.

His current tour was arranged by the North American Newspaper Alliance for which he is a syndicated writer.

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Attorneys representing both the national and local offices of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People have filed suit asking the U. S. Court here to restrain the South Bend, Ind., school board from reassigning pupils to the city's 99.47% Negro Linden Elementary School.

Pupils were dismissed from the school on December 9 when a ceiling collapsed, imperiling the lives of 25 third grade students. Since then the school has been closed.

Last spring the South Bend school system sought to float a bond issue to build a new school to replace the present structure which was built in the 19th century. At that time, the local NAACP instituted a suit alleging that plans to construct another school on the same site would continue de facto segregation. The raising of the bond was temporarily postponed. Because of the

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Lauds Services Organizations Doing for CR

NEW YORK — McGeorge Bundy, president of the Ford Foundation, this week made the following statement:

I am pleased to announce that the Trustees of the Ford Foundation have approved a one-year grant of \$300,000 to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a one-year grant of \$430,000 to the National Urban League.

The Trustees have also indicated the possibility that additional grants to these organizations may be made over the next several years. Such a decision will be based in part on whether these organizations can achieve a substantially greater level of support from their members, from other private sources of funds, and from American society generally.

For the plain fact is that the Ford Foundation's one-year grants cannot possibly sustain the services and programs that the times demand of the Urban League and the NAACP. A whole new scale of financial support for them is essential.

The era of legislative and judicial action for equal opportunity is leading on to a new, and in many ways still more complex and difficult stage—the stage of active exercise of rights in the work of citizenship; the stage of full development of human capacity in education, at work, and in social life.

Nationally and in a growing number of cities, the services of the NAACP and the Urban League are in growing demand in these matters and in strengthening community organization and self-help efforts. They are already spreading their resources and staff thinly to meet these demands. Their struggle for full opportunity for all Negroes is in a larger sense the struggle of all of us for the viability of the American city and the society at large.

This country has no more urgent domestic cause than that of fair and open opportunity for all. The Ford Foundation has worked in this field for

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YOUTH REPORT — (Johnson City, Tex.)—President and Mrs. Johnson are all smiles as Mrs. Johnson receives a book containing the report of the National Youth Conference on Natural Beauty and Conservation at their LBJ Ranch where they are spending the holidays. Members of the youth group making the presentation are Jacqueline Sharp, 18, of Jackson, Miss. and George Fox, 19, of Michigantown, Indiana.

U. S. Court Rules South Must Follow Integration Guideline

MISS CATHERINE REED TO PREACH AT COVENANT CHURCH SUNDAY

Miss Catherine Reed, ordained minister in the United Presbyterian Church, USA, will deliver the morning message at the Covenant United Presbyterian Church here Sunday, January 8.

Miss Reed, currently employed by the Board of Christian Education of the United Presbyterian Church in Catawba Synod is a native of Erie, Pa. She received the B.S. degree from Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, the Master's degree from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, and the B.D. degree from Yale University.

The worship services Sunday will be under the sponsorship of the Women's Association of the Church with Mrs. A. E. Spears, Jr., presiding.

Morehouse Col. Gets \$300,000 Science Grant

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation announced this week that Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, is the recipient of a \$300,000 grant designed to add new strength to its science education program.

The grant, payable over a five-year period, is one of twenty grants of \$250,000 made to as many colleges in all parts of the United States. Morehouse, the only predominantly Negro college in the group and Davidson College in North Carolina are the only Southern colleges to receive the grant.

The \$750,000 College Science Program represents the Foundation's largest appropriation for a single program in its 32-year history. Each of the participating colleges will pursue its own individual program of upgrading science education as outlined in a proposal which each college submitted at the Foundation's invitation. The final twenty colleges were selected by the Foundation, with the aid of nine educational consultants, on a basis of their ability to conceive original and innovative solutions which might apply to their own fundamental problems and those of other colleges in similar situations. Further considerations in the final selection were the colleges' degree of commitment to improve science education, their capacity to carry through their plans, and their ability to sustain the added effort after Sloan Foundation support expires in five years.



TO BAHAMAS—Guy Massey, an outstanding member of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church, has been selected to attend the first winter conference of the Bishops Meeting and the Ministers' and Laymen's Association January 10-13 in Nassau, The Bahamas. (See Story, page 5A)

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NEW ORLEANS—The U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, in a far reaching opinion, ruled this week that guidelines of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare should be followed by federal courts in school desegregation orders.

By a 2-1 decision, the court said that all grades including kindergarten should be desegregated by the fall of 1967.

The court's opinion was handed down in connection with seven school segregation cases filed last May by the attorneys of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF).

The case involves school boards of Caddo, Bossier, Jackson, and the Jefferson County, Alabama, board of Education and boards in Fairfield and Bessemer, Alabama.

Jack Greenberg, Director-Counsel of the LDF, said that, based on this new court ruling, the LDF will now reopen most of its "175 school cases to bring them up to HEW standards."

He further asserted that the LDF would urge HEW to enter into the enforcement of desegregation in those communities that have been hitherto insulated from the HEW guidelines because of court orders.

THE LDF, which acts as the legal arm of the entire civil rights movement, has waged a

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Publishers' Confab Set For Jan. 11

MIAMI, Fla. — Publishers of NNPA newspapers throughout the U.S. will converge on Miami January 11-16 to attend a Mid-winter Workshop hosted by The Miami Times.

The National Newspaper Publishers Association will hold two days of meetings followed by a cruise to Bahamas on board the luxurious SS Miami. The three-day cruise is courtesy of the Bahamas government.

A program, both informative and entertaining, has been arranged for the delegation and visitors by President Frank Stanley, publisher of The Louisville Defender and Grath C. Reeves, managing editor of the host paper.

The convention will get underway with an evening get-acquainted party. Workshop sessions begin the following morning preceding a luncheon meeting where Miami Mayor Robert King High will welcome the group on January 12.



HONORED — Mrs. Alma H. Wade, former director of advertising and public relations at North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company was honored at a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Spaulding. Pictured are the Reverend and Mrs. L. H. Wade and the hosts, Mrs. Wade is joining the Rev.