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Election Black Circuit Clerk Looms In Macon County Miss.



TEACHING THE DANGER OF DRUGS — Officer E. A. Allen of the Durham Police Department is shown presenting a drug awareness program to a group of young people at the Edgemont Community Center here last week. Director of the center is Mrs. Josephine Lewis shown standing in the center at the extreme rear of the picture. The program is designed to make young people aware of the danger existing in the use of drugs.

Hopkins May Be First Black in Such Office

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. — Macon County, Ala., has in recent years been establishing a history of electing black county officials. Macon County Sheriff Lucius Amerison was the South's first black sheriff since reconstruction.

Three members of the county board of education are black, the board of revenue has black representation and the tax collector is black.

And now only the election of George Wallace over Gov. Albert Brewer is overshadowing the election of a black man to another position in the Macon County government. James Hopkins, II, a 28 year old native of Jackson, Mississippi, will be the county's first black circuit clerk unless he is defeated by a written candidate in November.

That Hopkins is black does not make his election so significant because black voters outnumber white voters in Macon County 2-1. Nor is it so significant that Hopkins had to out poll his white opponent in a runoff to win the democratic nomination.

But Hopkins will among other things be signing warrants and scheduling trials that could change the heretofore questionable system of justice in Macon County. One of the more important functions of the Macon County Circuit Clerk is that of scheduling trials.

Citizens who have spent most of their lives here remember cases, particularly where whites are accused, that never came to trial. A case in point is that of the former Macon County Superintendent of Schools. The superintendent was arrested and charged with assault and battery in an alleged attack of a black woman. Although the case was once scheduled and later



MORTICIANS MEET — At the recent meeting of the 43rd annual convention of the Funeral and Mortician's Association of North Carolina held last month, Louis G. Randolph of Washington, N. C., was elected President; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Ernestine Bynum, Durham; 2nd Vice President, Jerry C. Gilmore, III, Winston-Salem and Chairman of the Board, J. C. Gilmore, Jr. also of Winston-Salem.

Leading Blacks Across Nation Form Group

WASHINGTON — A group of leading blacks across the nation have banded together to create the National Black Silent Majority Committee.

The group has embarked on a membership drive aimed at proving that the vast majority of America's twenty-two million blacks are not represented by the violent black minority who advocate militant action against American institutions.

"We believe that black revolutionaries and militants, upon whom some segments of the news media seem to dote, are not dedicated to progress for our people," said Clay J. Claiborne, one of the organizers and spokesman for the black national committee. Claiborne is serving as national director of the new group.

"Blacks don't want to burn America down," he said. "We want to build America — and, like all patriotic Americans, earn enough money to own part of this great nation."

The National Black Silent Majority Committee's executive committee consist of prominent blacks from twenty-two states.

In its statement of beliefs, the Black Silent Majority Committee pointed out:

"There are millions of black Americans who work every day, keep their kids in schools, have never been to jail, pay their taxes, shop for bargains, have never participated in a

NAACP's Annual Report Cites Gains Made During '69 At Meet

NEW YORK — The many and varied aspects of the programs and activities of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People during 1969 are detailed in the Association's 60th Annual Report released here and in Cincinnati by NAACP Executive Director Roy Wilkins on the eve of the organization's 61st annual convention in Cincinnati, June 29-July 4. The 165-page document is the largest annual report published by the organization in its six-decade history.

The year, 1969, was a year "of widespread activity and creative advances by the Association and its local units all along the civil rights front," the report points out. "Despite or, perhaps, because of the slow-down policy and philosophy of the Nixon Administration the NAACP pushed forward with renewed vigor. At no time and in no way was

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United States Military Academy Has Highest Enrollment in History

WASHINGTON — For the first time in its 168 year history the United States Military Academy will have a cadet strength of more than 4,000 with the arrival of the Class of 1974. The incoming Plebes (freshmen) are 1378 strong while the resident three classes total 2802. The Academy will reach a cadet strength of 4400 by 1972, an objective set by Congress for each of the three academies.

Academy officials reported that approximately 6000 candidates were examined for acceptance by the USMA from a total of more than 30,000 who submitted inquiries. Of those examined, 2200 were

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Report Of Council's Newspaper Blasts Four Top Southern States

N.C. Commonwealth One of 4 Weighed Found Wanting

ATLANTA — The welfare departments of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Florida are the biggest slum owners in those states, the Southern Regional Council says in a news report.

The report in the Council's monthly newspaper, South Today, says these states have become slum owners in an attempt to recoup some of their welfare expenditures by enforcing liens or claims against the property-owning poor. The lien/claim laws provide that welfare recipients must put a "voluntary" lien on their property so that the state can be assured of repayment upon the death of the client.

The laws have the effect, says the report, of discouraging many needy people from applying for welfare payments. The report suggests this was the principal motivation behind the states' passage of the laws.

"Once the recipient dies," says the article, "and the state gains title to the land, the property is not sold for at least six months and sometimes two to three years pass before they are disposed of at forced auction. Since they cannot be rented or leased during this period, they deteriorate like festering sores enhancing the squalor of the city or country slum—a fitting monument to the welfare system's concern for the poor."

Among the points made by the study:

—Welfare departments not only own substandard housing, they contribute to its deterioration.

—The lien law operating in neighborhoods where property values are most threatened robs the poor person of his motivation to maintain his property.

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Maynard Jackson to Address Urban League's Annual Meet

NEW YORK, N. Y. — June 29— Maynard H. Jackson first black man ever elected Vice-Mayor of Atlanta Georgia, will be the guest speaker at the National Urban League's Annual Dinner, Wednesday July 19-23. Jackson, who was elected Vice-Mayor last October, ran unsuccessfully for the seat held by Senator Herman Talmadge two years ago. He received 207,171 votes in a concentrated, statewide campaign against the incumbent.

Other speakers at the National Urban League Conference will include Whitney M. Young, Jr., the League's Executive Director who will deliver the Keynote address



JACKSON Sunday, July 19 at 1 P.M.; Elizabeth Duncan Koonz, Director of the Women's (See JACKSON page 10A)

Frontiers 1970 Meeting Set for Baltimore, Md.

BALTIMORE — The Rev. Phale D. Hale, president of Frontiers International, announced that the annual convention of this nation's oldest service club organized and "founded by Negroes, will be held July 21-25, in Baltimore, Maryland.

According to Rev. Hale, who is also a member of the Ohio legislature, this year's convention is going to be "something new and different," in that the organization will focus its attention on the major problems that are now facing blacks in this country, particularly as they try to move into the main stream of an integrated society.

"From Protests to Production" is the theme of the four-

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Victor Over Powell Looks To November

Standing next to a large photo of himself, former New York State Assemblyman Charles B. Rangel confidently speaks to a group of supporters on the prospects of becoming the next congressman from Harlem, replacing Rep. Adam Clayton Powell. Rangel, who defeated Rep. Powell in the recent Democratic Primary, also has the support of Republicans in his district. Rep. Powell, however, has announced plans to become an "independent" candidate in the November general election, in which he and Rangel would meet head-on.

Mattiwilda Dobbs to Make Two Appearances at N. C. Central U.

Mattiwilda Dobbs is a nice lady in a pretty flower-print dress, who graciously forgives, and gently chides, you for being late when she has a plane to catch in less than an hour. She is also a world-famous coloratura soprano, who has starred at the Metropolitan Opera, Milan's La Scala, and London's Covent Garden. The plane was to fly her to Kenosha, New York, where she would sing in the Caramoor Festival's presentation of baroque music.

And she is a teacher. That's new, and the reason you are able to interview her.

Miss Dobbs is conducting, through July 17, an "artists' seminar" in voice at Durham's North Carolina Central University. She has also accepted ("more work than I bargained for") six private students of voice. The 12 students in the seminar and the six private students are a first step to



MATTIWILDA DOBBS

ward a new career for Miss Dobbs, sometime in the future.

"Even though I'm still singing, I can't wait until the voice gives out to learn to teach," Miss Dobbs says.

"Still singing" is an under-

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LDF Files Brief in U. S. Court On Behalf of Convicted Panther

NEW YORK — Attorneys for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), have filed a brief in the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit on behalf of Black Panther Chairman Bobby Seale, who is fighting a four-year prison sentence imposed by Federal Judge Julius Hoffman in Chicago for contempt of court during the trial of the Chicago Eight.

The brief contends that Seale's conviction must be reversed and the charges dismissed for the following reasons:

First — he was wrongfully denied the fundamental right to present a defense to the criminal conspiracy charges either by counsel of his choice

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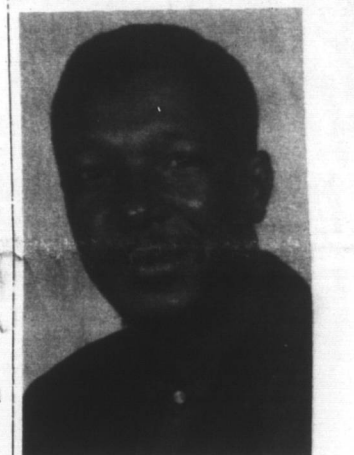
President Cites Need in Black Ed. Institutions

North Carolina Central University has taken steps to expand its Million-Dollar Endowment Fund Drive, which will create a fund to provide salary supplements for outstanding faculty members.

The drive, which began in 1968, is directed by William P. Malone, director of development and public relations at the university, and the fund has reached the quarter-million-dollar mark under his guidance.

In order to expand the drive to reach major contributors outside the state and to attract additional funds from sources within North Carolina, the university has employed

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TRACK COACH OF YEAR — Frank Sowell, Jr., who was recently chosen Track Coach of the year by the Southern Maryland Athletic Conference. Sowell is a native of Durham and a graduate of North Carolina Central University.

During his years as track coach at Chopticon High School his teams have established a conference record in the shot-put discus throw, 440 yard dash, triple jump and long jump.

Dr. H. Ponder Named Fourth St. Paul's Head

LAWRENCEVILLE, Va. — Charles A. Carr of Danville, Va., newly elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Saint Paul's College here, has today announced the election of Dr. Henry Ponder as the next and fourth president of Saint Paul's College.

Saint Paul's established in 1888, is a private church-related college sponsored by the Episcopal Church. It is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and by the Virginia State Department of Education.

Dr. Ponder, 42 years of age and a native of Seminole, Oklahoma, is presently dean of Alabama Agriculture and Mechanical College at Normal, Ala., and has held that post since 1965.

In 1963-64, he was chairman of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Virginia State College, Petersburg, from which institution he moved to Fort Valley State College, Fort Valley, Ga., as chairman of its Department of

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