

Partial School Desegregation Ordered

NEW BERN — A court order assigned here Tuesday by District Judge John Larkins will require Northampton County school officials to put into effect this fall the first steps in a program to completely eliminate dual schools in the county.

Major points to be required this fall by the court order will be the closing of Willis Hare High School and transfer of its students to Northampton High, transfer of about 100 students from Gumberry to Gaston High and 25 per cent faculty integration in all high schools in the county.

The order does not require the transfer of any white students for

the coming school year to any of the county schools with an all-Negro student body.

The order affects primarily the county's high schools for the coming year but sets a deadline of March 1, 1969, for the county to submit a plan for further desegregation the following year.

Judge Larkins heard oral arguments and received briefs from the county as defendant and from the U.S. Attorney General's office as plaintiff on Tuesday of last week. At that time he outlined general terms of what the order would be.

Tuesday morning a draft of the order was presented to Larkins.

After further objection from government attorneys concerning several provisions of the order, Judge Larkins signed it as written.

Handling the case for the Northampton Board of Education were Perry Martin of Rich Square and county attorney Angus McKellar of Jackson.

Martin and McKellar, commenting after Tuesday's order was signed, said, "We are satisfied with the order when it is considered on a comparative basis. When considering the orders already issued in many other Eastern North Carolina counties, we feel Northampton County is in a

good position as could be expected. There is no such thing as winning these cases. It is a question of how little you lose."

Under terms of the order enrollment at Northampton and Gumberry High Schools this fall will be approximately equal. Northampton will have about four white students to every three Negro students. Gumberry will have a completely Negro student body. Both schools are about equal in size of facilities.

The present enrollment at Willis Hare High of 200 Negro students will raise Northampton High's present 570 enrollment to about 770. Prior to the court or-

der, approximately 20 per cent of the NCHS student body was Negro.

Willis Hare Elementary School will be unaffected by the order issued Tuesday.

Judge Larkins' ruling concerning transfer of students from Gumberry to Gaston gives school officials a choice of either trans-

fering 100 students or all students living west of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad who now attend Gumberry High.

Martin and McKellar said either way the net result of the Gumberry transfers will amount to approximately the same.

Prior to the order, 850 students were expected to attend Gum-

berry this fall under freedom of choice. The 100 students transferred out will give the school an approximate enrollment of 750.

At Gaston the 100 transfers will increase enrollment to 370. There are 37 Negro students currently enrolled at Gaston. The transfers will give Gaston High an approximate racial mix of 137 Negro and 233 white students.

A portion of the order indicates there may be some transfers required this year of elementary students between schools serving the same community where one school is using mobile units while another has unused or underused classrooms.

NCHS vs. Creecy

The judge's order also will have its effect on athletic contests among county high schools. A portion of the order says "prompt action be taken to schedule athletic events between all High Schools of Northampton County with similar athletic classification."

It is expected that the athletic rule will primarily affect contests between W. S. Creecy High and Northampton County High. No changes are required in the football schedules already planned for this fall. The two schools are expected to begin scheduling games with each other in basketball, baseball and track beginning with the coming basketball season.

Approximately 23 students in the Garysburg area who have been attending school in Weldon under a special agreement with Halifax County will have to be assigned to Northampton County schools this fall, Judge Larkins' order cancels the special agreement.

The order does allow school authorities latitude to move mobile classrooms from school to school to relieve overcrowding that may be caused in complying with terms of the order.

In an order handed down by Judge Larkins this week for Bertie County complete desegregation by the start of the 1969-70 school year is required. The Northampton order appears to be more flexible on this point.

The order requires a plan to be submitted by next March 1 but does not state that the plan must bring about total elimination of the dual system by the start of the 1969 school year. It does require, if segregated attendance zones are a part of the plan, that data be submitted which will indicate what the racial composition of schools will be after the plan is put into operation.

Federal attorneys in oral arguments pressed for the establishment of either attendance zones or the pairing of schools this year. Northampton's order is one of the few which has allowed operation of schools this coming year without one of these two devices for furthering desegregation being required.

Northampton County schools have an enrollment of 74.5 per cent Negro and 25.5 per cent white students. Only Northampton and Warren have such a high proportion of Negro students in North Carolina.

It is thought the combination of the high Negro enrollment and the limitations of the county's school (See SCHOOL, Page 8)

Court Order Text Spelled Out In Detail

JACKSON — Complete text of the federal court order under which Northampton County schools will operate this fall contains 11 numbered paragraphs which spell out in detail what school officials will or will not be allowed to do.

The court order covers assignment of students, closing of Willis Hare High School, requirement of 25 per cent integration of faculties in all high schools and other points.

In the interest of complete understanding of what is contained in the order "The Times-News" is publishing the entire contents of the order signed in New Bern by Judge John D. Larkins Tuesday.

The order states: IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WILSON DIVISION CIVIL ACTION NO. 1025 ORDER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BY RAMSEY CLARKE, ATTORNEY GENERAL (Plaintiff) -vs- NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, ET ALS, (Defendants)

It is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed that the defendants, their agents, officers, employees or successors commencing with

the 1968-69 school year do and perform the following affirmative acts to dis-establish school segregation in Northampton County, North Carolina and to eliminate the effects of past racial discrimination in the operation of said school system.

1. That Willis Hare High School, located near Pendleton, North Carolina, be closed immediately, and that the high school student body be assigned and transferred to Northampton County High School.

2. That there shall be a total faculty desegregation of approximately twenty-five per cent (25%) in all High Schools of Northampton County for the 1968-69

school year — except at W. S. Creecy Union School, located at Rich Square, North Carolina, this twenty-five per cent (25%) shall apply to the faculty of all of the grades.

3. That all high school students (grades 9 through 12) residing West of the Seaboard-Coast Line Railroad (Old Atlantic Coast Line Railroad) shall be assigned to Gaston High School, commencing with the 1968-69 school year; or one hundred (100) students from Gumberry High School shall be assigned to the Gaston High School for this year 1968-69. That students East of the aforementioned Railroad Line may not be assigned to Gaston High School.

4. That conditions of overcrowding in the Elementary Schools of Northampton County, as determined by Pupil-Teacher ratios and Pupil-Class Room ratios shall, to the extent feasible, be distributed evenly between schools formerly maintained for Negro students and those formerly maintained for white students.

5. That the Advisory School Councils heretofore utilized in the Northampton County School System be totally integrated if they are continued at all.

6. That prompt action be taken to schedule athletic events between all high schools of Northampton County (See COURT, Page 8)

82 Criminal Cases On Superior Court Docket

JACKSON — Eighty-two cases are on the criminal docket for Northampton County Superior Court when it opens Monday, plus 10 divorces and a number of petitions and motions.

There are 26 cases of drunken driving. They involve Ernest M. Deborozza, George Scott, Mattie Sherrod Peebles, Waverly D. Whitaker, Arthur Boona (second offense), Rufus E. Britton, James

R. Taylor, Junior Wrenn Turner, also charged with carrying a concealed weapon; James H. Wade, Benjamin Sweatt, Durwood L. Coker and he is also charged with possession as is Joseph B. White, Louis Scott; Francis W. Amtower, also charged with driving while license suspended; Frank Smith, Clinton R. Jacobs, George Brown, Cleveland Barnes, Joseph S. Porch, Edward

L. Williams, Joe Robinson, who is also charged with carrying a concealed weapon; Moses Anderson, Lloyd E. Drake, Robert H. Hatcher, Nicholas Wilkins, Lloyd L. Smith, who is also indicted on a speeding charge; and Robert N. Jordan.

James Jones Jr. and Raymond Edward Greene are both charged with forgery with Jones listed on five indictments and Greene on four.

Daniel C. Murphy is charged with three counts of intent to commit an unnatural act and is also charged with a crime against nature.

Four false pretense charges have been filed against A. W. Wooten and two persons, Allen W. Rouse and Dolan Aykinson, have been indicted for firelighting deer.

Assault charges have been filed against Lawrence Butcher, John Henry Peilham, Margie Vaughan, Virginia Turner, Overton Fleetwood, Jerry Carswell, Michael T. Conners, James E. Russ, all charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Fleetwood is also charged with assault on an officer. Edmond Smith is charged with assault, public drunkenness, trespass and engaging in an affray with a deadly weapon.

In traffic violations, McDonald Tippetts is indicted for parking on the highway with lights affecting traffic. Jasper P. Jenkins is charged with speeding and reckless driving. Woodrow Webb is indicted for driving while license suspended. Donald Ray Grant is charged with failure to sound audible warning. Wiley Boone is indicted for driving while privilege suspended. Grady Mc. Deloatch is charged with speeding. Robert

Need For Volunteers Cited

CADA Activating \$110,960 Hungry Poor Program Thurs.

MURFREESBORO — Activation of CADA's \$110,960 program for the "hungry poor" was to get underway Thursday, with volunteer workers the big need, John Taylor, assistant director, said Tuesday.

Taylor's statement followed a Tuesday conference of the four-county CADA personnel who will spearhead the program, county Multi-Service Center directors, assistants, family group workers, and the part-time secretaries and outreach workers appointed for the program.

Funds will go for food stamps in Bertie, Northampton and Halifax Counties, with funds used for matching purposes in some instances and others, when necessary, the full amount. (In Hertford County the food program is handled by the federal surplus food distribution with food given without cost to the recipients.)

Too, funds will go for direct food grants and emergency medical services, but the condition necessitating such need must be related to malnutrition, it was

said.

The volunteer workers are needed in most instances to provide transportation for the needy poor, according to Taylor.

However, as of Tuesday, the response has been slim to what has been hundreds of letters reporting the need which have gone out to church groups, clubs, civic organizations and individuals.

"So often," Taylor added, "we hear people say they would like to help if they knew what they could do."

"This is something they can do," he pointed out.

He recited the need as predicated on extreme problem of getting needy poor to where they can obtain benefits of many kinds. For example, in Hertford County, he said that not everyone eligible for federal surplus food gets it, some because they don't know and others because of the expense involved in having to pay for transportation to and from the distribution center. He said this also is true in relation to many other benefits.

"The cost of transportation outweighs the benefits," he described the picture.

Seventy-five volunteers are needed in the four-county area with five cents a mile budgeted to pay for the use of their cars in getting needy poor back and forth under the program.

Twenty volunteers each are sought in Bertie, Northampton and Halifax Counties, with \$3,000 for mileage budgeted for their travel, and 10 are sought in Hertford, with \$1,200 budgeted for their travel.

The \$110,960 covers a four-month program, which originally was expected to begin in June, but delay in getting it set up and approved threw it late.

CADA's new fiscal year will get underway in October and what part of the money has not been spent will be rechanneled for use, with the new program for the hungry poor hopefully to be approved for the entire 12-month period, it was said.

This then would run to September 30, 1969.

Expect 1,200 For Annual PPOP Meeting Saturday

AHOSKIE — The third annual "Poor People's Conference" will be held Saturday under auspices of the People's Program on Poverty beginning at 10 a.m. at the New Ahoskie Baptist Church on Catherine Creek Road.

Speakers will include Hosea Williams, strategic planner for the late Dr. Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference who helped activate "Resurrection City" in Washington, D. C.; Dr. Reginald Hawkins, defeated candidate for nominee for governor of North Carolina; Eva Clayton, president of the Second Congressional District of the Voter Education Project; Howard Fuller, community organizer; and Dr. Carroll Felton of Elizabeth City.

The program is one for which invitations have gone out over a widespread area, according to the Rev. John Scott, pastor of the host church and chairman of the board of directors of PPOP.

They have invited the public to come and bring the entire family including the children, promising refreshments and dinner and plenty of parking space.

Woodland-Olney Affected; Other Elementaries Not

JACKSON — During a school board gathering Wednesday night here it was learned it will be necessary to transfer approximately 62 additional Negro students from Woodland Graded School to Woodland-Olney Elementary for the term beginning this fall.

School board member Clifton Parker Jr. of Woodland asked for the special discussion, held following a countywide teachers meeting, to clarify the portion of the court order signed earlier in the week pertaining to transferring students to best use existing facilities.

Attorneys Perry Martin and Angus McKellar were present to explain the intent Judge John Larkins had in mind on the section about facilities.

The attorneys said transfers from Woodland Graded, where mobile units are in use, to Woodland-Olney, which has available classroom space, would be required under the court order.

It is expected that Woodland-Olney will be the only Northampton elementary school required to take transfers this fall of students who did not choose to attend a particular elementary school during the freedom of choice sign up period earlier this year.

The approximately 62 new transfers to Woodland-Olney will bring its total enrollment to approximately 258 for the coming school term. Racially Woodland-Olney is expected this fall to have about 166 white and 92 Negro students. About 30 Negro students were already signed to attend Woodland-Olney under the freedom of choice plan.

where no zoning of the county has been ordered," said Martin.

The ruling on the transfer of students from Gumberry to Gaston allows school officials a choice of transferring 100 students or all students living west of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad tracks who now attend Gumberry High School.

Bound over under a \$1,000 appearance bond each are Newman Milteer of Branchville, Gary Milteer and Thomas Milteer, both of Holland, All have posted the required bond.

Newman and his brother, Thomas, are charged with the actual kidnapping while Gary is charged with aiding and abetting the crime.

A fourth man who has been figured into the incident, Neal Bolton of Branchville, has been released under a \$5,000 bond in connection with the case. However, his exact connection has not been revealed.

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school with this year," pointed out Martin.

Martin said the order will affect the county high schools for the 1968-69 school year and will require Northampton school officials to submit a plan for further desegregation for the 1969-70 school term by March 1, 1969.

Martin said the last sentence in the order states: "On or before March 1, 1969, the county must present a plan of unitary, non-racial school system and a plan to eliminate a dual system." He pointed out, however, that the order does not say the plan has to be completely effective in the 1969-70 school term.

Martin said Judge Larkins realizes Northampton has some peculiar problems and that was the reason he gave the Board of Education until March 1, 1969, to present its further desegregation plans.

The Northampton attorney stated that the enrollment at Northampton and Gumberry High Schools this fall is expected to be about equal. The ratio at Northampton County High will be approximately four white students to three Negro students. Gumberry's student body will be entirely Negro, he said.

Martin predicted the transfer of students from Willis Hare will raise Northampton County High's enrollment to approximately 775 students. About 20 per cent of the students at the school last year were Negro.

"This is the first case of 19 handled in Eastern District Court

service station in Severn July 11.

At the preliminary hearing before Magistrate Otis Ricks, Jones testified the four defendants drove up to his station in two cars and forced him to accompany them to Newman Milteer's home in Branchville.

Jones added Newman Milteer wanted him (Jones) to confess to an affair with Mrs. Milteer, which he denies ever took place. Newman Milteer and his wife are separated.

Jones also told that while he was being held in the Milteer home that Milteer's attorney came in and talked with him. He said that after about an hour he was taken back to his service station and released.

Jones, who is married and lives in Boykins, was formerly employed by Newman Milteer.

The case is expected to be among those heard in the summer session of Superior Court here next week.

Perry Martin Explains Court Order To N'ampton Teachers

JACKSON — "The United States of America is speaking to you and you have to do what it says."

These were the words of Perry Martin, Northampton Board of Education attorney, Wednesday night at a gathering of Northampton teachers the federal court order requiring Northampton County school officials to take initial steps this fall to eliminate a dual school system in the county.

The order was issued at 10 a.m. Tuesday and a meeting of all county teachers was held Wednesday night in the Jackson School auditorium to, in Martin's words, "help stop some of the false rumors that have been circulating since the order was issued."

County Attorney Angus McKellar told the teachers, "We will have to have fall to operate as fine a school system as possible. I believe the people of Northampton County are not sunshine patriots and will give their support to the school board and to Mr. Lowry." Lowry is school superintendent.

Martin outlined to the teachers on a blackboard the major points of the order, pointing out the order will require the closing of Willis Hare High School and the transfer of its students to Northampton County High School, the transfer of some 100 students from Gumberry to Gaston High School and 25 per cent faculty integration in all the county's high schools.

In the order, issued by Federal Court Judge John D. Larkins, "does not require the transfer of any white students to any

Before Judge Larkins' order, over 850 students were expected to attend Gumberry this fall under the freedom of choice plan. The transfer, if completed, will reduce that number by 100.

The transfer is expected to increase enrollment at Gaston to around 370 students, Gaston High (See MARTIN, Page 8)

Three Virginia Men Facing County Kidnapping Charge

CONWAY — Three Virginia men were bound over for trial in Northampton Superior Court following a preliminary hearing before a Conway magistrate Tuesday on charges of kidnapping a Severn service station operator.

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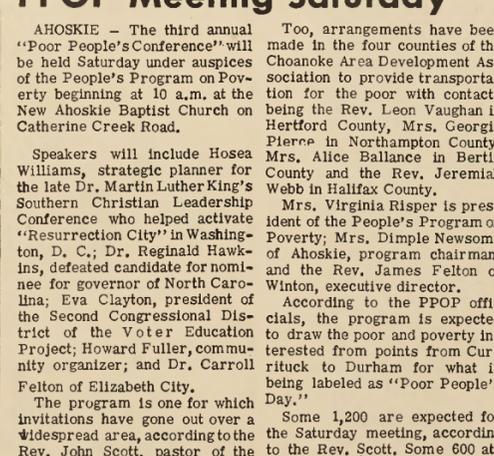
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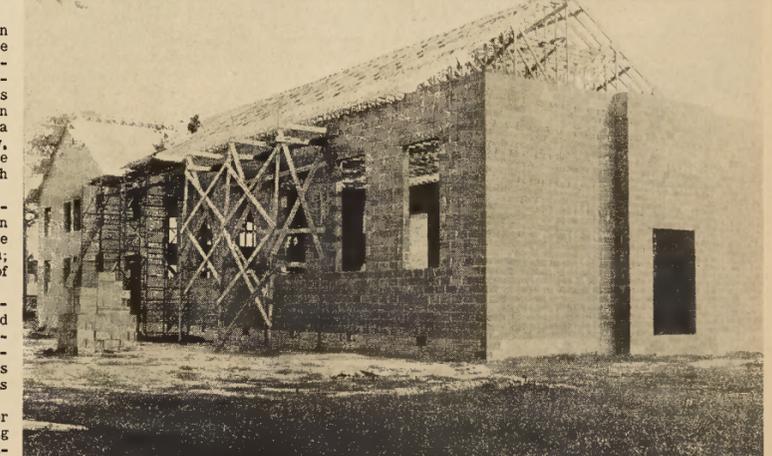
are putting the roof on the building with the back portion of the roof complete with the front portion left.



NEBO CHURCH nears completion with plans for the first sermon in the new building to be delivered the first Sunday in September, according to the Rev. Melvin Creecy, who again extended thanks to all persons and firms for their gifts which have totaled \$16,000. The brick edifice, seating 700 persons, replaces the two-year-old building destroyed by arsonist fire in November 1967.



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