

Officials Of Southern States Meet In Segregation Strategy Conference

Top officials of 18 states met in Richmond, Va., Thursday for the South's first segregation strategy conference - the thorniest problem to face Dixie since Reconstruction days.

The meeting had been suggested by Governor Thomas B. Stanley of Virginia shortly after the United States Supreme Court ruled May 17 that segregation in the Nation's public schools is unconstitutional.

Reaction to the high court's ruling has ranged from declarations of defiance in Georgia, South Carolina and Mississippi to preparations for compliance in West Virginia, Maryland and Kentucky.

Nine governors attended the meeting. Herman E. Talmadge of Georgia, Hugh White of Mississippi, James F. Byrnes of South Carolina, Gordon Persons of Alabama, Francis Cherry of Arkansas, Allen Shivers of Texas, William C. Marland of West Virginia, William B. Umstead of North Carolina, and Thomas B. Stanley of Virginia.

Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Oklahoma, Kentucky and Tennessee sent representatives. Governor J. Cabel Boggs of Delaware declined the invitation and did not send a stand-in.

The session was held behind closed doors to insure a thorough exchange of information between the executives. At the conclusion of the meeting Governor Stanley released to the press this statement:

"It is recognized that the problems are one requiring the decision of individual states and that a meeting of this kind can only be helpful in the exchange of information. The gravity of the situation in many of the states was emphasized but no conclusions were reached and no group course of action was proposed.

"The governor of West Virginia, along with personal representatives of Maryland and Kentucky, stated they were not confronted with as serious a problem as some of the Southern states, and that it was their intention to conform with the decision of the court.

"The other states represented, by their governors, found more of a problem. The conference was most helpful and it has been suggested that the attorneys-general consider holding a later meeting to discuss the situation in more detail from the legal viewpoint."

The states to which Governor Stanley referred are North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Virginia.

Governor Umstead said with Atty. Gen. Harry McMullan and Dr. Charles F. Carroll, state superintendent of public instruction, attended the conference.

Governor Umstead said many of the problems raised by the court's decision "were considered and discussed. He added, "No over-all problem or plan was agreed upon and it was apparent that the authorities in the various states, mostly affected by the decision, are studying all phases of the matter in an effort to determine what program or policy should be followed in each respective state."

McMullan also said the conference was helpful. However, he said, the problems faced by the 15 states represented "are so different that no concerted plan of action was even contemplated."

He said there has been no decision as yet on whether North Carolina will file a brief this fall when the court considers ways of ending public school segregation. Most of the states at the conference - except for those directly involved in actions before the court - indicated they will not file briefs, he added. There are "many delicate questions" to be answered in making a decision, he said.

The meeting in Richmond precedes by only a month the National Governor's Conference at which Dixie leaders will hold their own caucus to again take up the segregation issue. The Supreme Court meets again in October to set a date for hearing further argument as to how and when its decision shall be enforced.



SOUTHPORT SWITCHES TO CP&L—Mayor James A. Gilbert (left) of Southport switches on Carolina Power & Light Company's new 33,000-volt substation, giving Southport a new source of abundant power. The line was completed to Southport ahead of schedule to relieve Southport's plant, where one generator recently failed. Directing the switching is J. F. Rockett of Wilmington, CP&L sub-station maintenance foreman, whose men installed the transformers in background. (Photo by Art Newton.)

Southport Using Power From CP&L

Southport—Resident of Southport enjoyed an unlimited supply of electricity at a reliable voltage today as a result of switching to Carolina Power & Light Company service.

The town hereafter will buy CP&L power at wholesale for retail through its municipal system. The switch relieved the town's out-moded and overloaded generating plant and afforded Southport unlimited electricity for the first time in its history.

Serving the town is a high-voltage transmission line which CP&L extended from Leland to Southport.

The power company built new substations here and at the government terminal at Sunny Point. One of Southport's generators failed a week prior to the scheduled switch-over, and CP&L rushed the 33,000-volt line to completion ahead of schedule to relieve the situation.

When first approached by Southport for power, CP&L offered to buy the municipal system outright and to sell electricity here at its own retail rate. The town preferred a wholesale contract.

The board which entered into the contract, in addition to Mayor James A. Gilbert, includes: Harold Aldridge, W. F. Jorgensen, William McDowell, D. C. Herring, Fred W. Spencer and G. E. Hubbard.

Mayor Gilbert actually operated the switch which completed Southport's tie to a new and abundant source of electricity. Among those representing CP&L on the occasion were A. E. Jones of Wilmington, vice president; W. Paul Lyman of Raleigh, industrial sales manager; and Crom Lenson, W. B. McGowan, A. J. Woody and Bill Hayes of Wilmington.

Crops Damaged By Storm

Wind and hail caused damage to crops in two sections of Duplin County this week. In the Cypress Creek section, crops belonging to M. L. Lanier and Herman Southernland suffered mostly by strong winds and light hail. It is reported that tops were blown from barns and trees uprooted.

In a section near Pink Hill hail caused most of the damage, which is reported, as much as 75 percent.

Register of Deeds Attends Conference

Mrs. Christine W. Williams, Register of Deeds, and deputies, Janet Bell, Janice Smith and Mrs. Ida S. Miller attended the second annual conference of Registers of Deeds in Chapel Hill June 13th, 14th and 15th. The conference was held in cooperation with The Institute of Delayed Birth Certificates, Handling of Vital Statistics Records, and Restoration of County Records, Marriage Records, Officials' Bonds, Relationships with Other County Officials and Proposed Legislation Affecting The Register of Deeds Office. Mrs. Williams served as chairman of The Resolutions Committee for the conference.

Contentment may be a virtue in some ways, but it is certain death to enterprise.

Don't seek experience just let nature take her course and you'll get plenty of it.

Will Rodgers To Discuss Farm Support Program Tuesday

The Farm Price Support Program will be explained, as well as how each type program could work with Tobacco, cotton, peanuts, wheat, corn and livestock.

Every farmer and business man in Duplin County is invited to this meeting next Tuesday night. In addition to the support program, Farm Bureau's Service program for its members will be explained.

Please remind your neighbors of this meeting and let all of us better understand how our Farm Program and Farm Organization works and why it is so important to the entire farm family that we have a Program that will work in 1954.

\$3,287 Robbed From Calypso Bank



CAPTAIN BOSTIC OF BEULAVILLE TALKS WITH DRIVERS
Captain Richard F. Bostic (light uniform) explains the route and schedule Battery "B" of Beulaville will be taking to Camp Stewart. Scene is in front of Wallace National Guard armory. Drivers of convoy vehicles in photo are: (left to right) Durwood Whaley, Hoyt Miller, Morris Grady, Tommie Turner, Richard McDowell, Captain Bostic, A. F. Shaw, and Hilton Williams. (Wallace Enterprise Staff Photo)

Prominent Duplin Attorney Passes: Funeral Thursday

Luther Addison Beasley died on June 15 at his home in Kenansville at 5:45 p.m. He was born on October 11, 1870 at Beasley's Mill, Duplin County, son of M. A. and Nancy Barden Beasley.

He was a graduate of Wake Forest College, Bachelor of Art and Master of Arts, degrees. He was a member of the second law class of Wake Forest and admitted to practice in February 1896. In June of 1896 he located in Kenansville and entered law partnership with Henry E. Stevens, Sr., under the firm name of Stevens and Beasley.

He married Miss Bertha Johnson in November 1896 and to this union, two children were born, Mildred Anderson Beasley, who married Judge Henry L. Stevens, Jr. of Warsaw, Virginia, a grandson, Henry L. Stevens III, a practicing attorney of Kenansville and one sister, Mrs. L. F. Byrd, Sr. of Rose Hill.

In addition to a brilliant legal career, Mr. Beasley was chairman of the Duplin County Highway Commission, Attorney for the County Board of Education for 25 years, county attorney for 10 years, county historian for 50 years and taught Sunday School in the Kenansville Baptist Church of which he was a member for 50 years.

Mr. Beasley was recognized as one of the most outstanding lawyers in the state and preeminent as a land lawyer.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bertha Johnson Beasley, two daughters, Mrs. Henry L. Stevens, Jr. of Warsaw and Mrs. Carl C. Lott of Waynesboro, Virginia, a grandson, Henry L. Stevens III, a practicing attorney of Kenansville and one sister, Mrs. L. F. Byrd, Sr. of Rose Hill.

Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist Church in Kenansville on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. by Rev. Lauren A. Sharpe, assisted by Rev. J. T. Hayter. Interment was in the Golden Grove Cemetery which Mr. Beasley donated to the town of Kenansville.



spent time and money making a survey, maps, placing stakes, planting, etc., and have a plan that compares favorably with well regulated cemeteries in larger towns. Mr. and Mrs. Beasley, both historically minded, have very appropriately named the new cemetery Golden Grove, thus perpetuating the original name given to this neighborhood by McCulloch.

"Mr. and Mrs. Beasley have lived in Kenansville for the past forty odd years and during that time they often used their means, energy and talents for the welfare of the town, the community and the county."

Excerpt from June 6, 1940:

"Mr. Beasley prepared to be a teacher, but by accident and Dr. Guiley he became a lawyer. He had never been in a courthouse at a term of court, until he went to Wilson to teach school (1896) . . . His hobby is reading and history, and he reads the New Testament in both the Greek and Latin Versions.

"The best tribute to him is paid by his cook, Cora, whose father and grandfather once lived on his farm, and who herself has been with the family for more than fifty years, and rates herself as belonging to the "Clan of Carlton." She, in describing him to a Virginia visitor said, "Mr. Beasley is just like you see him all the time; he lends himself no airs."

MRS. FANNIE C. GUY
Mrs. Fannie Crumpler Guy, 75, of Calypso, died in Wayne Memorial Hospital, Goldsboro Tuesday at 8:40 a.m. Surviving are four sons, James, Leonard and Roy, all of Calypso, and Faison of Kingston; one daughter, Mrs. E. H. Jones of Goldsboro; one sister, Mrs. Besse Pierce, Goldsboro; one brother, Lawton Crumpler, Goldsboro; 14 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 4 p.m., in the Calypso Baptist Church, of which she was a member with the pastor, the Rev. M. M. Turner, officiating. The body was carried to the church one hour before time for the funeral. Burial was in the Calypso Cemetery. Mrs. Guy was active in religious and community affairs.

Congressman Barden Will Accept Applications To U.S.A.F. Academy

Congressman Graham A. Barden announced today that he would welcome applications to the United States Air Force Academy from interested candidates of the Third Congressional District. Each of the twelve Representatives and the two Senators from North Carolina will be allowed to nominate, not to exceed ten candidates, for the Academy. Those nominated will compete in a general examination for the seven vacancies which are allotted the State of North Carolina for the first class. If all twelve Representatives and both Senators nominate ten each, then of course all 140 nominees will compete in the examination and seven will be selected from that number.

Candidates must be citizens of the United States, of good moral character, between the ages of 17 and 21, unmarried, residents of the Third Congressional District, and qualified physically and mentally. The physical and mental standards are very high and in general compare with the standards of West Point and Annapolis. Those that feel they can qualify and are interested may apply in writing to the Congressman anytime prior to February 1, 1955 at 1536 New House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

The counties of the Third Congressional District, which Mr. Barden represents are: Pender, Duplin, Sampson, Jones, Chowan, Carteret, Pamlico and Curran.

Local "Rat War" Begins July 7th.

The Kenansville Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the sale of Rat Poison at cost to all citizens of Kenansville who wish to participate in the local "Rat War" on July 7th, according to Wiley Booth, chairman of the "Rat War" Committee. The poison will sell for \$2.00 for a five pound box, and the Wafarin Brand will be used because of its recommendation from N. C. State College.

A circular distributed by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service reveals that one rat eats 40 pounds of food yearly, costing \$3.00, one rat contaminates in a year's time one food costing \$6.00; one rat damages property yearly costing \$1.00; and the loss from rat-borne diseases in one year's time is unknown. Therefore one rat costs over \$10.00 yearly. The rat population is distributed as follows: 50 million on farms, 30 million in towns and 20 million in cities.

Rats are infested with fleas, lice and ticks, carry diseases like plague and typhus fever. Salmonella food poisoning and tapeworm infections are spread by rats. The germs are transmitted to man by polluted food and water. Rat bites may cause rabbit fever. Cities annually report hundreds of babies bitten by rats.

Since rats move from one place to another, control is the responsibility of everyone. Everyone interested in this "Rat War" should put in their order immediately with Wiley Booth, Vernon Reynolds, Cy Tietelbaum, John Hall, or Allen Dunn.

Young Couple Used Stolen Car

CALYPSO—A young couple dressed in sport clothes and wearing dark glasses robbed the Calypso branch of the Bank of Mount Olive of \$3,287 Monday morning.

The couple, described as "nice looking people," apparently used a car stolen from a teller at the Mount Olive bank to make their getaway.

The car, a 1950 black Plymouth sedan reported stolen from teller Louis Parker, was found abandoned two hours after the hold-up in the southern part of Mount Olive, just off Highway 117. Officers surmised the couple parked their own car in Mount Olive, used Parker's for the robbery and ditched it after returning to their own vehicle.

Officers said a pillow case found in the Plymouth was believed to have been used in the robbery. Mrs. Alice Sanderson, manager of the branch, had told officers that a man wielding a gun and accompanied by a "nervous" young woman had ordered her to put money in a pillow case.

Mrs. Sanderson, who works alone at the bank, said she was in the back of the building washing her hands for lunch when the pair entered. The man held a gun on her, she said, and ordered her to "give me the money."

Mrs. Sanderson said she told him to "come around and get it. The door's open." Mrs. Sanderson said the young woman kept urging the man to "hurry up."

The man then told her to put the money in a pillow slip and she complied. When he asked for more, Mrs. Sanderson related, she told him "it's locked up in the safe."

As they started out of the bank, Mrs. Sanderson said, "they told me to 'get down and stay down' and I did." She said when she had given them enough time to leave she reached up and pulled the telephone down and called officials at the Bank of Mount Olive and informed them what had happened.

Dan Brown, a Negro farmer who was sitting in a car across the street from the bank, said he saw the couple enter the bank and their return. He said they got in a black Plymouth and drove off toward Mount Olive. Brown said he suspected nothing until someone said the bank had been robbed.

Mrs. Sanderson said the robbery took only a few minutes.

Another Calypso man, James Lambert, said he had seen a couple fitting the description of the robbers on the ditched Plymouth, the FBI Olive about 10 minutes prior to the bank robbery at approximately 11:40 a.m.

Marion Brogden, a Mount Olive salesman, said he saw a black Plymouth car speeding on a rural road near Calypso shortly after the robbery occurred.

William A. Murphy, agent in charge of the Charlotte office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said the loss came to \$3,287. The State Highway Patrol, which found the ditched Plymouth, the FBI and local authorities all joined the search for the couple soon after the word of the robbery got around.

It was the second bank robbery here since the late 1920's and the second one for Mrs. Sanderson during her career as a bank employee. Mrs. Sanderson was manager of the Calypso branch of the Citizens Bank of Mount Olive when it was robbed at night during the late 20's, it was recalled.

Four persons have been questioned and released in the search for a "sporty looking" couple who robbed the Calypso Branch of the Bank of Mount Olive of \$3,287.

Mrs. Alice Sanderson, manager of the branch, said yesterday the FBI and the State Highway Patrol brought in three young men and a woman Monday night, but they were released when she was unable to link them with the robbery.

Health Officer Urges Safety

The power lawn mower, the latest time-saver available to aid the home handy man, can be the source of many serious accidents if not properly used and maintained. Dr. John F. Powers Health Officer of the Duplin County Health Department warned today.

The health officer pointed out that the power lawn mower is the fastest selling home appliance on the market today and thousands have been brought into North Carolina's homes in the past few months.

He called attention to the two major types of power mowers and pointed out the specific hazards relating to the operation of each.

The reel type mower depends on a sharp cutting edge whereas the rotary type depends on a mulching action of the cutter bar to trim the grass. The rotary type mower is usually provided with a guard, but due to its construction a space must be provided between the blade and the ground. This necessary space makes it possible for stones, sticks, and other debris to be picked up and thrown out with great force.

This clearance space also provided an opportunity for the foot or shoe to enter into the whirling blades and a score of serious cuts have been reported to the Accident Prevention Section of the State Board of Health.

The reel type mower operates at a slower rate of speed and may be equipped with a guard or catcher to prevent the throwing out of stones and sticks. The user should be particularly careful to avoid adjusting the blade while the motor is running.

Other general rules, listed by the health officer include:

1. When powered by an electric motor always have a third, or ground wire firmly attached to the framework. In case a defect develops this ground wire will reduce the electric shock hazard. This machine should not be stored or used under wet conditions.
2. When powered by a gasoline motor, never make adjustments or do other repair work unless the ignition wire has been disconnected. If one should spin a reel or cutter bar while the engine is hot there is a possibility of it starting unless it has been properly deactivated.
3. Regardless of the type of machine other precautions are:
 - (1) Proper guards and covers on all moving parts and
 - (2) Do not allow children or other inexperienced persons to tamper with or use the machine.

H.D.C. County News Notes

Mrs. Walter Rhodes, County Music Chairman and Mrs. Adrian Davis, Club Music Leader have been appointed to represent the Duplin County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs at the Catawba Music Workshop to be held July 6 - 9. The purpose of this State sponsored workshop is to assist leaders in planning more meaningful music for rural people.

Mrs. A. B. Lanier, of Rose Hill has been appointed to serve on the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs' Citizenship Committee for 1955-56 and Mrs. David Williams of Rockfish Club on the State Publicity Committee for next year. They will attend State Committee meetings to be held at Rick's Hall State College on June 22.

Notice

A Street Dance will be held in Pink Hill on June 24 from 8 'til 12:30 p.m. Music will be played by Bob Garvin and his Spring Billed. The dance is sponsored by the Civitan Club. The public is invited to attend.