

Race not seen factor by Yates Association in refusal of church

Rejection of the Binkley Baptist Church in Chapel Hill for membership in the Yates Baptist Association on Tuesday had no racial overtones, according to the church minister, the Rev. Robert Seymour.

The 150-member church, started two years ago with Association aid, has been under its watch care for successive one-year periods. A 12-member study commission recommended that the Binkley Church not be accepted because it did not require that all members be baptized by immersion. The recommendation, made at the Association meeting in Durham, was accepted by a vote of 133-7.

Applies to other denominations
The Rev. Mr. Seymour declared yesterday "We do ask that all persons seeking members be baptized. But we don't insist that those who transfer from other denominations be baptized by immersion."

He declared that the church

membership "was not distressed" by the Association action. "This was a witness we wanted to make. We knew we might have to suffer some consequences."

As to the Yates Association's part in starting the Church, the minister noted that the proposed building site on the bypass highway was purchased for \$7,000 with Association aid, but that the State Baptist Convention and the local church had paid a significant share of its cost.

Has Negro member

While the Binkley Church has had one Negro member and several other Negroes who worship with the congregation occasionally. The Rev. Mr. Seymour said that this fact was not mentioned at the Association meeting in Durham and that he did not believe it figured in the Church's rejection.

Kids Halloween party planned in Chapel Hill

The 10th annual children's Halloween party will be staged

by the Chapel Hill Jaycees next Monday evening beginning at 7 o'clock in the downtown parking lot at Fowler's Food Store.

Willis Knight and Jim Goldstein, co-chairmen of the project, said preparations are being made for over 600 youngsters. Prizes, favors and refreshments will be given free, and awards made for costume competition, they said.

The costume contest will be judged by Dave Johnson, Matt Thompson, Harry Carraway, and Nancy Wills—Miss Chapel Hill, with Jim Heavner as master of ceremonies. Prizes will be given in three age groups for the best costumes.

Four cases in point cited

Students say they will appeal voter registration rejections

A number of University students said this week that they would appeal their voter registration rejections to the Board of Elections.

However, each of those contacted said they would make another attempt to register before the voting books are closed this Saturday. If they're turned down, they said, they'll take their cases to the Board of Elections at a special meeting tentatively set for next Tuesday in Hillsboro.

Here only 'temporarily'

Crux of the rejections is that the Board of Elections considers that students are here for only a "temporary" purpose, and thus cannot meet the residence requirements.

The rejected registrants say they plan to appeal because their Chapel Hill home was their only home, they planned to be here several years, and could not qualify for residence anywhere else.

Prof. Clyde Carter, Secretary of the Board of Elections, said that registrars had been directed to accept any potential voters who could satisfy them that they were not here temporarily. "We like to see them in politics and we'll be happy to help them vote in their home precinct and help them get absentee ballots, too, if necessary," he declared.

Different interpretations

Some of the confusion is resulting from the varying interpretations that different precinct registrars put on their directions from the Board of Elections.

The result has been that students in similar circumstances who are accepted for registration in one precinct have been turned down in another:

Here, as related by four who were rejected and state they will appeal to the Elections Board, are some cases in point.

(1) Dental student and wife who is public school teacher, living in apartment, each of whom turned 21 this year, declare they have no other home anywhere, may stay in Chapel Hill permanently, but will be here at least three years.

(2) Unmarried student, age 21, who has been living in an apartment for four years, may go to graduate school here two more years, no longer considers parents' home his residence, rejected in registration attempts for both primary and general election this year.

(3) Married students, living in own apartment, own furniture and auto, have been here two years, plan to be here two more years, state they have no trace of home anywhere else, were rejected by registrar allegedly as temporary residents.

(4) Married first-year law stu-

dent in 30s, two children, wife employed locally, has been registered in several other places, been in state over one year and precinct 10 months, owns automobile and furniture, rents house.

Books close Saturday; 2,000 additional seen

Upwards of 2,000 new voters are expected to be signed up by registrars in Orange County's 21 voting precincts by the time voting books are closed this Saturday at 5 p.m.

Registrars are continuing to accept new registrations in their homes or places of business during daylight hours. They will be in the precinct polling places this Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. for the same purpose.

Information on registration and voting is available through the League of Women Voters information booths in downtown Chapel Hill and Glen Lennox this weekend, from The News office in Chapel Hill (8-444), or from League of Women Voters member Mrs. George Tindall, 7-2331.

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