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## Final Rites Held For Greensboro Minister

Reverend Joseph C. Melton, age 86, retired minister, formerly the pastor of United Institutional Baptist Church of this city, passed away at L. Richardson Memorial Hospital on Monday morning after a brief illness, following more than a year of declining health.

He was a native of Gates County, N. C., and a graduate of Shaw University. For many years he was active in the civic and religious life of this community. He established the first branch of the Girls' Scout Troop for Negro girls, and active participated in the establishment of the first Y.M.C.A. branch for Negro youth.

He is survived by a son, Judson C. Melton of Laurinburg, N. C.; two daughters, Mrs. Etta M. Mitchell of Zanesville, Ohio and Mrs. Elreta Melton Alexander of this city; two grandsons, Joel C. Melton, U. S. Army, and Girardeau Alexander III, and one great-granddaughter, Jennifer Claire Melton.

His late wife, Mrs. A. A. Mel-



REV. JOSEPH C. MELTON

ton, retired public school teacher, passed away in 1964.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, January 17, 1:00 p. m., Providence Baptist Church. Rev. Howard A. Chubbs, pastor, officiated. Burial followed in Piedmont Memorial Park.

Brown's Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.

## Ground Breaking Next Sunday For New St. Matthews Church

### The Bishop Will Preach

St. Matthews Methodist Church on the corner of Ashe and Lee streets will conduct its "ground-breaking" services on Sunday, January 21. The services will be twofold with the regular Morning Worship Service starting at the usual time, 11:00 a. m., and immediately following there will be a motorcade to the new site on the corner of Asheboro and E. Florida streets where the ground-breaking ceremony will be held. The time for the latter service is 1:30 p. m.

The present building was erected in 1903 and since that time has served the city of

Greensboro well. One significant contribution has been that out of the basement of its former building, Bennett College was founded. Long before desegregation of public facilities in Greensboro, St. Matthews was something of a city auditorium for Negroes. The institution has had and is having a great influence upon the social, economical and religious welfare of our community.

The guest speaker for this special twofold service will be Bishop L. Scott Allen of Nashville, Tennessee. Bishop Allen has recently been assigned as resident Bishop for the North Carolina-Virginia Conference.

To these services, the pastor, Rev. J. C. Peters, extends a cordial invitation to all.

## Economic Power, Not Long Hair, Key To Ills, Says Rev. Jackson

"Wearing long hair won't frighten anybody. It's only putting Negro barbers out of work."

That's the kind of biting logic 26-year-old Rev. Jesse L. Jackson advances in his crusade to gain civil rights for Negroes.

In a series of weekend appearances at A&T State University, Jackson, national director of Operation Breadbasket said:

"At its worst, black power is a reaction by Negroes to the cruelty of white America. Black power raises the questions of who the Negro is and how he

can have power in a society of power plays."

Comparing the plight of his people to that of the ancient Jews, Jackson added that "the ancient Jews were in slavery because although they formed the base of the Egyptian economy, they did not control any of the modes of production. They furnished the labor only. The Negro might be said to be in the same position today."

"One must take a look at the hard realities of life," Jackson continued. "The most essential

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## \$230,000 Grant For Negro Ministerial Training Program

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 — The Ford Foundation today announced a \$230,000 grant for a Negro ministerial training program in urban leadership to be conducted in fifteen cities of the North and South by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (S.C.L.C.).

At the same time, the Foundation announced a \$522,200 grant to the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice for a national program to influence equal employment policies among commercial firms that do business with churches. (Details listed later in this article.)

In making the announcement, McGeorge Bundy, president of the Foundation, said:

"The grant to the Southern Christian Leadership Foundation is for educational work among Negro ministers. Religious leaders of all faiths are recognizing the need for a new and broader role for the ministry in the crisis of the cities, and this Foundation has made earlier grants to other groups for work in the same field. There is an obvious and special opportunity and responsibility here for Negro clergymen, and it seems to us clear beyond argument that Dr. Martin Luther King and his associates are qualified to give unusual leadership in educational work with members of this group."

"This grant therefore is for a specific set of educational activities, and not for general support of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference as a whole. Dr. King and his associates have other commitments that fall outside the areas in which a tax-exempt foundation should give support. But Dr. King and the S.C.L.C. have a standing among American Negroes, a passionate commitment to non-violence, and a proven concern for the social commitment of the clergy which make their Southern Christian Leadership Foundation, in our judgment, an outstanding instrument for this particular educational effort."

The grant to the Southern Christian Leadership Foundation, a fiscal arm of S.C.L.C., is the fourth within the last year to major Negro organizations. The others were for programs of the National Urban League, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and for a program in Cleveland of the Congress of Racial Equality. (Earlier Foundation grants for training clergymen in dealing with urban problems have included assistance to the Urban Training Center of Christian Missions in Chicago and the National Council of Churches, to help acquaint clergy and laymen with significant urban work of church groups.)

With its grant, S.C.L.C. will conduct seminars, for about 150

Negro ministers, that are designed to provide leadership training for urban programs in such fields as education, housing, employment, and business opportunities. The seminars will be offered for five days semi-annually in cooperation with the Metropolitan Applied Research Center in New York which is directed by Dr. Kenneth B. Clark.

The seminars will cover more than forty subjects such as the history of the civil rights movement, urban sociology, economics, urban renewal, housing, employment, small business development, and government anti-poverty programs. Participants will receive study and reference materials for use in continuing education activities in their communities.

S.C.L.C. hopes to offer the seminars to additional ministers who will receive funds for participation from other sources. The ministers who complete the seminars will be assisted when they return to their communities in organizing continuing economic, education and social-change programs. They will help organize courses in employment and economic development, housing, political processes and voter registration, welfare, education, and legal services. The educational effort begun with the seminars will continue through local retreats, local seminars, and discussion meetings.

The seminars will be conducted in fifteen cities which will be selected from among the twenty-five in the United States with Negro populations of more than 100,000.

S.C.L.C., whose founder and president is Martin Luther King, Jr., was formed in 1957 as a permanent consulting body of Negro ministers after the Mont-

gomery, Alabama bus boycott. It has advocated non-violent protests by ministers and their followers to achieve civil rights goals.

The grant to the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice (N.C.C.I.J.) will be used to expand Project Equality, a program to overcome racial discrimination in employment.

The project, which now operates in twelve metropolitan areas—Detroit, St. Louis, San Antonio, Hartford, Seattle, Lansing, Columbus, Los Angeles, Nashville, Minneapolis, Omaha, and Kansas City—has the participation of lay and religious bodies of the Jewish, Protestant, Eastern Orthodox, Unitarian-Universalist, and Roman Catholic faiths.

More than 15,000 business firms—from two-man shops to corporations—have pledged cooperation with Project Equality. Each of the firms does business with churches. They include suppliers of goods, construction contractors, insurance companies, banks, and real estate firms.

The National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice was established in 1961 as a lay organization to mobilize the Catholic community for positive action on equal opportunity programs, and to lend technical assistance to and join forces with other denominational groups similarly motivated. Project Equality was begun in 1965, on the premise that religious institutions have a responsibility to spend their money in a moral manner and, job discrimination being both morally and legally wrong, should use their purchasing power to encourage their suppliers to avoid it.

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## Funeral Services Held For Booker T. Washington McClain

Mr. Booker T. Washington McClain, age 58, of 545 Cross Street, Asheboro, N. C., died January 14. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 17, from the Church of God of Prophecy, Asheboro, N. C., Rev. Floyd McIver officiating. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Asheboro, N. C.

He is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Katie Walker, Mrs. Mandy Aurman, Mrs. Eldora Larkins, all of Asheboro, and Mrs. Nora Gross of Washington, D. C.; two brothers, Rugus McClain of Asheboro and William of Fayetteville, N. C.

Hargett's Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.



MR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON MCCLAIN