

Supreme Court May Decide Sit-In Issue Within One Week

Ruling Of Tribunal Expected

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — An attorney for the NAACP told state Negro leaders a legal precedent for settlement of the sit-in issue may be decided in a case before the U. S. Supreme Court next week.

Mrs. Constance Motley, NAACP attorney from New York, said the case involved Negro students arrested and convicted of trespassing in the white restaurant of a Richmond, Va. bus station.

Mrs. Motley told a state meeting of the NAACP Saturday that the students were arrested "not for violating any segregation law, but for trespassing."

"This brings up the question of whether or not the state can enforce a private restaurant's discrimination and if so is the state in violation of the 14th amendment."

Mrs. Motley said the question of the sit-ins could be ignored by the high court, however, and the case decided on the basis of whether denial of service constitutes a burden on interstate trade.

N. C. Cleric:

Drowns While Fishing

BY H. M. JOHNSON
CLINTON — The Rev. D. M. Mitchell was drowned last Tuesday while fishing at Six Runs River. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 2, at First Baptist Church, Clinton. Officiating were the Revs. M. Newkirk and J. L. White.

Rev. Mitchell was pastoring St. Stevens Church in Goldsboro, at the time of his death. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Estell B. Mitchell of the home, one daughter, Mrs. Edward Young of Trenton, N. J.; one foster son, Mr. Ethan Douglass Mitchell of Washington, D. C.; one sister, Mrs. Emma Chess of Reading, Pa.; four brothers, Mr.



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State News

Brief

4-H ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM
FUQUAY SPRINGS — The Annual Wake County 4-H Achievement Day Program is set for Thursday, October 27 at the Consolidated School of Fuquay Springs of which W. M. McLean is principal.

The program will be made up of 4-H demonstrations, skits, summaries, singing and other activities. Medals, trophies and certificates of honor will be awarded.

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LIGHTER MOMENT — Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru (left) and Ghana Premier Kwame Nkrumah enjoy a laugh at Nehru's suite in the Hotel Carlyle Sept. 26th. After the meeting with Nkrumah, Nehru met with U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. Nehru reportedly was set to throw his support to Hammarskjold in the face of the Soviet Union's attempt to oust the Swedish diplomat in New York. (UPI PHOTO).

NAACP's J. B. Harren Challenges Ministers

Editor's Note: The following remarks were prepared for delivery to the Rocky Mount Ministerial Alliance at its opening meeting of the 1960-61 season October 5.

A CHALLENGE TO OUR LEADERSHIP
BY J. B. HARREN
ROCKY MOUNT — October 9, 1960 is the date on the present Charter of the Rocky Mount NAACP. The number of members on that charter is 75. So far as I know, the writer is the only person whose name has been on the membership list continuously since that time — 21 years. As we approach the 21st anniversary of the organization of our local NAACP unit we have less than one hundred members in a city with a colored population of over 12,000 and 10,000 more within a 15-mile radius containing some 75 churches in all.

"During recent years I have been repeatedly told that my outspoken

utterances as an ardent NAACP worker and news reporter have served to alienate some of our ministers from whatever participation they might have been inclined to give in recruiting NAACP members or promotion of the program.

"I come to you, today, to say that I regret that such has been the case. I regret that our spiritual leaders have not seen fit to forgive me even as I have forgiven some of them for strong utterances publicly spoken. Christianity teaches that we should continually seek forgiveness of our fellowman in order to be forgiven ourselves. I feel that the clergy should be willing to grant laymen the same freedom of expression which they themselves enjoy when they get in the pulpit.

"Having given 21 years of service to the promotion of the NAACP's

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Publishers Open Drive For Nationwide Voting

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ANP) — The National Newspaper Publishers Association has launched a nationwide registration and vote campaign under the leadership of Carl Murphy, publisher of the Afro-American newspapers and a Democratic member of Maryland. It was announced by NNPA President John H. Senzstake last week.

Senzstake, publisher of the Chicago Defender, in a letter to the newspapers of the Association wrote: "We are asking you

to help organize a campaign designed to give added stimulus nationwide to the many doorbell ringing efforts already underway by the various mass organizations."

Calling for editorial support, Senzstake stated: "We hope that in your newspaper efforts to stimulate maximum participation in the forthcoming election, you will find it possible to make at least one dramatic editorial appeal to your readers to register and vote."

St. Agnes Receives \$25,000

The Wake County Board of Commissioners gave St. Agnes Hospital \$25,000 Monday in order to keep it in operation until Negro patients can be admitted to the new Wake Memorial Hospital, which is now almost complete.

The Board of Trustees of St. Agnes had recently said that it could not continue operation unless help was extended by the county.

The body further stated that the hospital is so deficit-ridden that creditors have threatened to cut off credit unless debts are taken care of. The \$25,000 came from County ABC profits to care for indigent patients at St. Agnes.

On a recommendation from W. F. Andrews, Wake hospital administrator, the commissioners agreed

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17th NAACP Convention:

Hundreds To Guilford Meet

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Handed 10 To 15 Years Here:

Lye-Tossers Tried

Must Find Site For Sessions

GREENSBORO — Hundreds of delegates and other interested persons are expected to converge on this city Thursday, October 17 for the Annual N. C. State Conference of NAACP Branches state convention. The sessions will last through October 16.

Kelly M. Alexander, state president, will preside over the meeting.

At CAROLINIAN press time Wednesday no meeting place for the convention had been found. However, officials of the state group are confident of securing a suitable site. A controversy allegedly arose last week over the use of the City Auditorium here.

The opening mass meeting will

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Govs. In Unusual Places

ATLANTA — Georgia's Gov. Ernest Vandiver attended church services in Hot Springs, Ark., during the recent Southern Governors Conference and heard a sermon delivered on anti-Catholicism.

Faust Bryant, democratic nominee for Governor of Florida attended a news conference and told reporters he could not "intelligently, morally or physically" campaign actively for the national democratic ticket.

Miss Gov. Ross Barnett attended a White Citizens Council Rally and told a segregationist audience the south should get behind independent electors in the Nov. 8 presidential election in a show of

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NIXON ON BEALE STREET — Vice President Richard M. Nixon greets a group of children in Memphis, W. C. Handy Park, Sept. 27th. At the invitation of Tennessee Negro Republican Leader George Lee, Nixon stopped his car on famous Beale Street to speak to supporters in the park named after the late "Father of the Blues." (UPI TELEPHOTO).

'We Will Stand In Line' — Rev. Shuttleworth

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Integrationist Rev. F. L. Shuttleworth said Negroes "over most of the south" would stand in lines at courthouses today in an effort to become registered voters.

Rev. Shuttleworth said the Board of Registrars here was taking mostly whites and even took some from near the end of the line.

"We are determined to register and vote," he said.

He also said a smaller table for Negroes was being used here and Negroes felt it was discriminatory since it slowed the registration process. He said petitions would be filed with the Justice Department

claiming discrimination.

"We are protesting," he said in a telephone call to United Press International.

Probe Crash In Cemetery

NORFOLK, Va. — Authorities launched a full-scale investigation Tuesday to determine the cause of a private plane crash at a South Norfolk cemetery Saturday night which took the lives of two

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Separate Cases Net Jail Terms

Wake County Superior Court was the scene Monday of the sentencing of two persons convicted on charges of throwing lye into the faces of two other persons. Both received terms of 10 to 15 years.

Roy Williams, 31, who is now serving life in Central Prison for rape, was found guilty of throwing lye into the face of William T. Sawyer, another prison inmate.

Sawyer claimed that he lost 50 per cent of the vision in one eye and 20 per cent of the vision in the other. He said he was watching television in the prison recreation hall when Williams threw the lye at another prisoner and part of it went into his face.

Miss Yvonne Hill, 16, of Raleigh, was sentenced for throwing lye water into the face of Miss Peggy Harrington while Miss Harrington was asleep in her home at 301 1-2 West South Street.

Miss Harrington said she lost the sight of her left eye. Miss Hill admitted dissolving two boxes of lye in a quart of water and throwing it into her face. She claimed Miss Harrington had burned her with an iron.

On Jim Crow:

Rochester's Decision Is Awaited

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y. — The NAACP Tuesday awaited a reply from the New Rochelle Board of Education on its demand for a meeting to discuss policy differences between the groups.

The NAACP said the demand for the meeting was a follow up to the "damage" to the city's reputation caused by the widespread publicity of "de facto segregation" in New Rochelle public schools.

A group of Negro students have tried unsuccessfully to enroll in predominantly white schools during the past two weeks.

Herbert C. Clark, supt. of schools, said he felt parents of the students should see that they return to their predominantly Negro school "where they belong and then it will be time to talk things over."

The city has contended the Negroes cannot transfer from their own district to other schools.

Accidents Claim Ten In 3 Days

Two multiple-fatality accidents, claiming a total of five lives pushed North Carolina's weekend traffic death toll to at least 10 last weekend.

Two youths — 20-year-old Paul James Lowder of New London and 18-year-old James Ran Sides of Albemarle — were killed early Sunday when their car missed a bridge, dropped off the highway and overturned. Officers reported that the accident was caused by drunk driving. The wreck occurred on N. C. 49, one mile west of Mount Pleasant.

Odus Bryant, 17, General MacArthur Perkins, 14, and Viraline Sykes, all from the Columbia, N. C. area, were killed early Saturday when their speeding car crashed into a parked truck on U. S. 64 Bypass inside the Columbia City

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ANSWERS CHARGES — SP/AC Johnnie Lee Jackson, of the 86th signal battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division (above), has written a letter in reply to Cuban Premier Fidel Castro's speech about the plight of the American Negro. Jackson, shown Sept. 29th, wrote a powerful renunciation of the Cuban leader's charges about the treatment of Negroes in the United States. Jackson is stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C. (UPI TELEPHOTO).

"Torch" Trial Begins

William T. Phelps, 22, white of Portsmouth, Va., went on trial Tuesday in Wake Superior Court. He is charged with murder in the fatal burning of a Central Prison inmate, Samuel Avon, 25, Negro of Raleigh.

Selection of a jury began Tuesday after the defense failed in a move to get the defendant committed to a mental institution for a 30-day examination.

Phelps, a convict at Central, is

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ODDS-ENDS

BY ROBERT G. SHEPARD

"Thou mercy endureth forever."

THEY CAN DO IT
The recent announcement that the Baptists of this state have pledged themselves to pay off the indebtedness of Shaw University should be welcome news to everyone.

The real significant fact behind this significant announcement is the fact that the 1-4 million plus Negro Baptists in North Carolina can fulfill this pledge.

Those responsible for working out the details of this momentous move have duly concerned themselves with the outlines and plans necessary for the success of such a large undertaking.

It would be most presumptuous for us to attempt to offer any suggestion to those chosen to organize and conduct this great financial campaign. Because it would be presumptuous we shall make no attempt to do so.

We would, however, beg to be allowed to make an observation or two. It is true that Shaw University is behind in its indebtedness to the tune of almost \$300,000.00. That is a lot of money. But, that is not what is really wrong with Shaw.

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TAKING SIDES — Metropolitan police battle with an unruly demonstrator in front of the Hotel Theresa, New York, last week. Fighting and egg-throwing broke out between pro and anti-Castro forces mulling in front of the Cuban Premier's hotel in the Harlem section of New York. (UPI PHOTO).