

'Stop Begging And Take Rights'

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CR School Challenged By Riddick

BY J. B. HARRIS

Indian Woods, Bertie County, N. C.—Speaking to an audience of 300 citizens, including fifty youths, at a massive Civil Rights School here, sponsored by Southern Conference Educational Fund, John Slater, Jr., Field Secretary, Moses A. Riddick, County Supervisor, Nansmond County, (Suffolk) Virginia, told the "Black Belt" citizens: "We've Got To Stop Begging" for our civil rights. "Stand up and be men and women and take your civil rights—something that belongs to you—has been given to you by the constitution!"

Riddick spoke at length, out of his personal experience of having led Negroes in the Suffolk area (where Negroes outnumber the Whites two-to-one in population, but only equal them in voting strength) who have elected Riddick — after several defeats — as Nansmond County Supervisor and chairman of their Voters League and political group. Riddick advised that Negroes would find practically all their answers to their economic and educational ills wrapped up in the power of the ballot, and no one else can solve this problem for them, no matter how many friendly Whites came (as in Bertie and Halifax counties and other areas) and helped them. Riddick ended Negroes from sitting around "waiting on the Lord" to fight all their battles when they have been endowed with health, education, the opportunity to acquire the ballot to vote out and in the public office.

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2 "Close" Brothers Die In Hour

CHICAGO (UPI) — Two elderly Chicago brothers, who had lived together since birth and were described as "inseparable" by a sister, died last week within an hour of each other, both suffering heart attacks.

Thomas Edward Bell, 77, was stricken last Friday evening. Firemen were called to rush Thomas to a nearby hospital. As they administered oxygen to him, Phil Edward Bell, 74, slumped to the floor.

Both were pronounced dead at Provident hospital. Natives of Louisville, Ky., the Bell brothers came to Chicago 40 years ago. They had been living with their sister, Mrs. Almada Dukes since that time. Both were widowers, but had no children.

Thomas, a chauffeur, retired some 15 years ago. Phil, a presser in a cleaning plant, retired about

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DR KING KNEELS IN PRAYER — The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., left, kneels in prayer at the Selma, Alabama city limits Tuesday of this week as his brother, the Rev. A. D. King, standing, waves to the rear to an estimated, 1,200 marchers after they were halted by State troopers. (UPI PHOTO).

"Man Must Break Himself From Social Surroundings": Thurman

"Man must break himself from the social surroundings," Dr. Howard Thurman, said in his message to Shaw University's faculty, staff and student body in the opening of the University's annual Religious Emphasis Week services here in the University Chapel last week. "We are all victims of the social and economic orders, but the world in which we live is a practical world, and we must ask ourselves, 'What Shall I Do With My Life?'" he went on to say.

The world-renown theologian, author and lecturer, now minister-at-large at Boston University, told the audience that it does not matter who you are, how much you know, who your parents are or the goodness of your heart, life will not make an exception. "You will have to abide by the same moral orders that others do," he said.

"You should live your life with the full recognition that this is a practical world, but that the prejudices of your life will be on the values of your mind and mind," he cautioned.

The former Ingersoll lecturer at Harvard University, who was dean of the chapel at Boston University for a number of years, said, "You should live

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Say Cooke's Widow Has Remarried

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Unconfirmed reports have it that Mrs. Barbara Cooke, widow of the late Sam Cooke, and the singer's former protegee, Robert Womack, were married in a hush hush ceremony here last Thursday. The information is said to have emanated from Curtis Womack, brother of the new groom.

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From Raleigh's Official Police Files:

THE CRIME BEAT

BY CHARLES R. JONES

Says "Geisha" Cut Man With Big Knife

James Marvin Burt, 36, of Rt. 4, Box 251, Raleigh, reported to Officer Otis Hinton, Jr., at 2:17 a. m. Tuesday, that he didn't see who cut him with a hawk bill knife, while he was at 211 W. South St. However, Purcell Bullock, who lives at 413 W. South St., said he heard Burt and a man called "Geisha," arguing with and cursing each other. "I saw Geisha holding a hawk bill knife and Burt was bleeding about his face," stated Mr. Bullock.

The facial (jaw and ear) lacerations required about 50 stitches to close. Officer Hinton's report concluded, "Geisha" was released from jail here only last week on another rap.

Holds Gun On Man, Then Slaps His Face

George Allan Gillispie, 32, of 550 E. Edenton Street, told a cop at 1:18 a. m. Sunday, he was inside Station's Cafe, 319 S. East Street, when "a small person," called "Lollipop," struck him in the face, while he held a gun, at Gillispie's face.

The complainant also declared, "He threatened to kill me." He stated this was the first time he'd ever seen "Lollipop," who was accompanied by Sam McNeill. There was no indication as to whether Gillispie would file an assault with a deadly weapon warrant on "Lollipop."

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Method Post Office Dedication Mar. 21

The new Method Post Office will be dedicated at 2:30 p. m. on Sunday, March 21. Fourth District Congress Harold D. Cooley and Regional Postal Director C. B.

Gladness will be honored platform guests.

The appointed committees for planning of the dedication have held workshops on each phase of the program, and it is hoped that the dedication will be a memorable one in that the history of the old Method Post Office holds a place in community history.

Mrs. Harveleigh R. White is the Postmaster, and is the only Negro woman in North Carolina to hold such a post. The dedication will be held at the post office site in Method, and

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MEETING OF COMMITTEES for the planning of the Method Post Office dedication. The Reverend Charles W. Ward and The Reverend Ralph Fleming are co-chairmen. Post Office picture is shown in upper left. (See story).



Blames Welfare Department:

Local Mother Writes To LBJ; Protests Check Cut

SELMA: TERROR

King, Others Held Back By State Troops

Editor's Note: The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., ignored a federal court ruling and an appeal by President Johnson Tuesday and attempted to stage a massive vote march in Selma, Alabama. He also told a mass meeting that there would be another try Wednesday at the Dallas County Courthouse in Selma. At 2 p. m. Wednesday, over 400 Negroes were waiting for specific instructions on whether to march in Selma. Dr. King also promised a march on Montgomery, 50 miles away, for next week.

SELMA, Ala. (UPI) — Alabama state troopers used night sticks, tear gas, bull whips and ropes Sunday to break up a planned civil rights march from Selma to the State capital at Montgomery.

Several persons were injured. The 50-mile march was planned by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to dramatize the Negro voter registration problem in Alabama.

Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace had announced plans to halt the march with state troopers. The marchers had gathered at Selma church to begin their long trek to Montgomery.

They were halted at the outskirts of Selma by state troopers and told to return to the church. When the rights marchers refused to obey this order, troopers

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John Lewis Beaten By Ala. Troops

SELMA, Ala. — SNCC Chairman John Lewis was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital here early Sunday evening.

He was taken to the hospital's emergency ward where he was to be X-rayed for a possible fractured skull.

The Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee leader was reportedly struck by a policeman on horseback as he returned to the church where the march started.

He was confined to the hospital overnight.

Lewis, an Alabama native, has been arrested four times in Selma during the past three years that his group has been maintaining a voter registration drive here.



COUNCILMAN WINTERS



JAMES FARMER

RCA Supports J. W. Winters; He's Mum

The Raleigh Citizens Association, having supported Councilman John W. Winters in two previous elections, went on record last week as endorsing him for a third term as a member of the City Council.

"We preface this endorsement with a statement of appreciation and gratitude for the fine service which he has rendered to the community. His record shows that on every issue he has voted with the concern of the community at heart.

"We believe that with him the past is but the prologue. He did a great job while gaining experience. Now with four years of service behind him, we believe that he is ready to render even greater service to the city of Raleigh. Therefore, the Raleigh Citizens Association heartily endorses Councilman Winters for a third term. We hope that he will consider this endorsement a mandate from the people, and that he will soon throw his hat into the ring.

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Farmer Sees Competition Among Race

NEW YORK — James E. Farmer, executive director of the Congress of Racial Equality, Monday predicted a "competition among Negro leadership, based on the fastest footwork" to decide who will become the top leader of America's 25 million Negroes.

Farmer made the prediction in an article appearing in the current issue of Look Magazine. Farmer cited Congressman Adam Clayton Powell of Harlem as "a man who has fast footwork." Farmer said that Powell "has no real relation to the masses — two homes and four cars. He keeps officially a little apartment somewhere in Harlem — but has this mansion in Puerto Rico and everything else."

Yet, Farmer added, "Powell knows the masses, and he can speak to them, and he becomes a lower-class leader." Also quoted in Look was Whitney Young, Jr., director of the Urban League, who declared:

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National Newspaper Publishers In N. Y.

PRESENTATION TO TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK, MARCH 13TH

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — President Lyndon B. Johnson and the three slain civil rights workers headed a list of distinguished Americans who will receive the annual John B. Russwurm Awards of the National Newspaper Publisher's Association Saturday.

The Awards, the highest honor of the NNPA, are given annually for persons or organizations who have contributed substantially to the preservation of the democratic ideal. The Awards were announced here by Frank L. Stanley, president of NNPA and Howard B. Woods, chairman of the association's public affairs committee.

Stanley is publisher of the Louisville Defender and Woods is executive editor of the St. Louis Argus.

Public ceremony for the awards will be Saturday, March 13, at a luncheon in the New Terrace Club on the grounds of the New York World's Fair. Members of NNPA will be in New York participating in a mammoth pilgrimage to the site of the printing press of America's first Negro newspaper, Freedom's Journal, published by John Russwurm in 1827.

The three slain rights workers were cited posthumously for their devotion to the cause of freedom in making the supreme sacrifice in the Mississippi voter registration drive. They are Andrew Goodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodman of New York; James Chaney, son of Mrs. Fannie Lee Chaney of Meridian, Miss.; and Michael Schwerner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Schwerner of Pelham, N. Y. The parents of the three youths have been invited to the luncheon.

President Is Asked To Aid Mom, Kids

BY CHARLES R. JONES

"I wrote to President Lyndon B. Johnson because I can't stand for my children to suffer anymore." These were the words of Miss Rosa Mae Quick, of 124 N. Fisher Street, mother of seven children, ranging in age from 3 to 14 years. Miss Quick received a letter last Thursday, along with her regular monthly welfare check of \$196, stating that, beginning in April, her check would be reduced to \$87, less than half of the original amount, granted her last August, after she had written to former North Carolina Governor Terry Sanford from whom she received a very cordial reply.

The reason given in the letter, dated March 4, 1965, for the decrease in allotment to Miss Quick, was, "increased resources." However, Miss Quick told this writer Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning that she only received \$25 every two weeks from the father of four of her children. The letter had Mrs. Josephine Kirk's signature stamped on it. Mrs. Kirk is County Director of Public Welfare.

On contacting the Welfare Department and Mrs. Kirk, we were immediately referred to Mrs. Mary Hamilton, case worker, and acting supervisor of the department of case workers.

She stated that an investigation is made every six months to ascertain whether a person receiving welfare aid has received increased aid.

Mrs. Hamilton stated that, "In Miss Quick's case, our check on February 16, 1965, revealed that the father of the four children (mentioned earlier in the story) was paying \$25 each week for the support of the kids."

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WEATHER

Temperatures for the next five days, Thurs. through Mon., will average several degrees below normal and rainfall will average less than half an inch Thursday through Monday. Quite cool weather will prevail during the period with only small day-to-day temperature changes. Some rain may occur about Sunday or Monday. The normal high and low temperatures for the Raleigh area will be, 60-37.

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