

## Supreme Court Ruling In School Cases Focused at NAACP Convention

750 DELEGATES MAP CIVIL RIGHTS ACTION PROGRAM AT ATLANTIC CITY, GOV. MEYNER ADDRESSES GROUP

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(ANP)—The 56th annual NAACP Convention opened here Tuesday with some 750 delegates from 30 states and the District of Columbia in attendance. The six-day meet will close Saturday afternoon with a mass address by Gov. Robert B. Meyner.

Methods of implementing the Supreme court's ruling of May 31 which ordered a "prompt" start toward school integration will be given major attention at the convention. In addition to the school segregation issue, delegates will consider civil rights programs in such fields as legislation, employment, housing, transportation and recreation.

Tuesday's opening was spotlighted at the Atlantic City High school auditorium convention headquarters with a memorial service for Walter White, the organization's late executive secretary. Joining in paying tribute to White's memory were Arthur B. Spingarn, NAACP's national president; Dr. Channing U. Tobias, national board chairman; Miss L. Pearl Mitchell of Cleveland, speaking for the membership, and Wilkins, who spoke for the national office staff.

### GOVERNOR ADDRESSES CONVENTION

New Jersey's Gov. Robert B. Meyner addressed the opening session of the convention welcoming the delegates on behalf of his state. William F. Schnitzer, secretary-treasurer of the A. E. of L. and Thurgood Marshall, NAACP's special counsel, also addressed the opening session.

Proceeding the convention opening, the NAACP legal staff held an all-day session Monday with members of the association's national legal committee and lawyers working with NAACP units on legal and state levels. The pre-convention session was devoted to a discussion of the legal techniques necessary to put into immediate effect the High

Court's latest anti-segregation ruling in public education. The Wednesday afternoon session was addressed by Dr. Tobias. The distinguished national board chairman reviewed developments since he first proposed the "Fight For Freedom" campaign at the '53 St. Louis convention and indicated the tasks which lie ahead.

### DELEGATES DISCUSS LEGAL ACTION

Thursday morning, convention delegates are scheduled to discuss legal action to implement the Supreme court's decision. The role of the Negro teacher in the shift from segregated to integrated school systems is also upon the agenda.

Leading this discussion will be Dr. Tobias, national board chairman, NAACP's assistant counsel, and Dr. John W. Davis, head of the NAACP department of teacher information and security.

Thursday's afternoon session will be devoted to a discussion of "The Role of the Negro Union in Effecting School Integration." Some 19 major trade union, fraternal delegates will join with the convention delegates in a general discussion of this problem. At a special dinner Thursday evening awards will be presented to Association members which brought about significant civil rights advances in their local communities during 1954. Also at the dinner, a report will be given to delegates on the progress of the NAACP Fight for Freedom campaign, which seeks to underwrite the association's civil rights work. Special Assistant Edward R. Dudley will present the report.

### PRESENTATION OF SPINGARN AWARD

Carl Murphy, editor-in-chief and publisher of The Afro-American newspaper of Baltimore, Md., will be presented the Spingarn Medal at special ceremonies during the Friday evening session. He will be the 40th winner of the citation which is presented each year to the person making an outstanding contribution to race progress during the year.

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## AME Missionary Society To Meet July 9-14th

WASHINGTON (ANP)—The third quadrennial convention of the Women's Missionary Society, AME church, will be held here July 9-14.

General sessions will be held in Metropolitan and Turner AME churches, with special programs at Uline arena on Sunday and Griffith stadium, Wednesday, the 14th.

About 1,500 delegates are expected from all sections of the U. S., Canada, Mexico and several South American and African countries, said Mrs. Anne E. Heath, society president. African countries expected to send delegates include Belgian Congo, Gold Coast, Liberia, Natal, Nigeria, Orange, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Transvaal and Zaibez.

The society, believed to be the oldest organization of Negro women in the U. S., was founded in 1827 by Mrs. Richard Allen, wife of the church's first bishop. Its first members were wives of seven ministers who met regularly to perform such tasks as mending their husbands' clothes, helping them to prepare for trips, and the like. It wasn't long before the society began to take on other church responsibilities.

In 1874, the women raised \$600 to send the church's first missionary to Africa, and by 1881, they had raised more than \$502,000 to sponsor missionaries and other charitable projects. During the past 40 years, the society has expended some \$1,400,000 for these purposes.

Hostesses at the convention will be Mrs. D. Ward Nichols, New York; and Mrs. Frank M. Reid, Columbia, S. C., wife of the bishop now presiding over the AME Second Episcopal district. The district, comprising Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and the District of Columbia, has been visited by a presiding officer since the death of Bishop L. H. Hegginway of Washington. Hostess will be assisted by Mrs. I. A. Miller and Mrs. Dewey Robinson, wives of ministers whose churches will house the convention.

Other society officers are Mrs. Artisha Jordan, Los Angeles; and Mrs. Mary L. Parks, Champaign, Ill., program committee; Mrs. Geneva Vanhouse, Texas, secretary; Mrs. Ruth Ricks, Charleston, W. Va.; Mrs. Raymond Taylor, Louisville, Ky.; and Mrs. Ida R. Polk, Alabama, assistant secretary; and Mrs. Romayne Portlock, New York, badge committee.

Mrs. Edith Bryan, Baltimore, is in charge of public relations, assisted by Mrs. Cleo B. Love, San Francisco; Mrs. M. E. Thornton, Jackson, Miss.; Mrs. Janie B. Epneson, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Ortha T. Hatfield, Monrovia, Liberia; and Mrs. Charlotte C. Wright, Philadelphia. In charge of officers and committee reports in Mrs. Janie Wilkinson, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. E. A. Adams, Columbia, S. C.; conference chairman "omposit reports," Mrs. Birdie L. Farmer, Oklahoma; chaplain-chairman of worship committee, Dr. Martha J. Keys, Louisville, Ky.; and associated members, Mrs. Catherine C. Henningway, Washington, D. C.

Lt. Col. Greene H. White, USAR Chaplain at the V. A. Hospital, Columbia, S. C., will do his Summer Active Military Duty at Fort Benning, Ga. in July.

## Bishop F. M. Reid, A Voice Crying In The Wilderness



We have served as Pastor, Presiding Elder, under the following advanced Bishops: Bishop Lee Turner, Conlin, Chappelle, Beckett, Hurs, Ramsey, Williams, Johnson, Flipper, and Reid, and believe it is not too much to say that we have witnessed such phenomenal modern miracles as are a result of the voice crying in the wilderness or by any administration that would compare with the expansion program of Bishop F. M. Reid. Some one would say that his great preaching, sweet singing, men learning, civic leader, champion of desegregation and integration made him mad, but he says "It was my experience on my Damascus road." Despite the fact that the 7th Episcopal District is an unincorporated district, and the finances were handicapped by the greatest drought in the history of this District, with the greatest setback known to the churches, this voice continued to travel throughout the District selling Allen University, and his expansion program to the people and inspiring the pastors to build, remodel and renovate their churches as well as Allen University.

At this point the Presiding Elders, Pastors, and laymen started a wisecracking campaign.

Time to wake up the Bishop and turn his dreaming into night-mare instead of like Bangs's Ghost he would not dawn.

At a compromise he started a fellowship fund in all his conferences and began sending monthly checks to all the disabled pastors who could not carry on because of age and failing health, and that brightened his corner.

He is a progressive, affable, a financial wizard, and a spiritual dynamo, with a heart to serve the present and fulfilling his calling, he refused to allow churches to give him gifts or banquets for his and his own wife.

Rather help deserving students and build up Allen University, and make it one among the best of church-related colleges.

Our great Bishop refused to accept all the honors for the accomplishments of Allen University.

He rather share the honors with President Samuel R. Higgins, who has spent fifteen glorious years as President of Allen University. Higgins was made Bishop by the Bishop. He is among the most outstanding and upstanding presidents to be found anywhere among church-related colleges.

He is a great, great preacher, progressive, honest, dependable and a man of God, he would grace the bench of Bishops.

It is the voice of a prophet is the voice of God, they think. Bishop's dream will lead to a block of progress backward.

The Bishop will continue to be a servant of the church and subject to his church.

Believe it or not, South Carolina, the old Seventh Episcopal District believes that there is ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTIST WARD AND ONE BISHOP FRANK MADISON REID.

"Lord God of Hosts, be not so great, lest we forget, lest we forget."

J. E. THOMAS, Secretary of Trustee, Board Allen University.



AGNES HILDERBRAND WILSON

Teacher of French Language at Lincoln High School, Sumter, S. C. where she also serves as director of school publications. Received grant under Fulbright Act, which will provide for study and travel in France during the summer. Is one of twenty five teachers of French to be so honored from a group of more than thirteen hundred who applied. Summer Seminar will include five weeks of study at Sorbonne in Paris with short stays at Nice, Pau, and other points of historic interest. Group will sail on ship United States Friday, June 24 and will return early in September.

Mrs. Wilson was informed last Fall by the Teacher Exchange Service of the U. S. government that she qualified for a Teaching Fellowship under the Fulbright Act, which would have taken her into a French classroom in France for an entire school term as teacher of English Language and Literature. During this time, she would have been replaced by a teacher from France who would have taught French Language and Literature over here. Due to administrative difficulties, this opportunity could not be accepted.

Grantee is the wife of Rev. T. E. Wilson, minister of Second Presbyterian Church, Sumter, S. C. Her mother is Mrs. Agnes Crodon Hilderbrand of Orangeburg. Her father was the late Rev. Dr. B. F. Hilderbrand.

She was educated at Allen University, where she received the Bachelor of Arts degree, and Temple University from which she received the Master's degree. She is a member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority.

### WHITE DALLAS PASTORS GROUP ELECTS NEGRO TO COMMITTEE POST

DALLAS (ANP)—The Dallas Pastors' association (white) announced last week that Rev. Merrell D. Booker has been elected to the five-man executive board of the body. The association opened its membership to Negroes last year for the first time, by any organization, group or individual, from its own side. He is pastor of New Hope Baptist Church.

## Dr. Lincoln C. Jenkins Celebrates Twentieth Anniversary As Pastor of Union Baptist Church

Honored for 19 Years of Service as Secretary of Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention and 20 Years as Secretary of the Gethsemane Association

Honored for nineteen years of service as Secretary of the Baptist Educational Missionary and Sunday School Convention and 28 years of service as Secretary of the Gethsemane Association of S. C.

On Monday night June 20, 1955, a program was held at Union Baptist Church honoring Dr. L. C. Jenkins for his 20 years of service as pastor of Union Baptist Church, nineteen years as Secretary of the Baptist Educational, Missionary, and Sunday School Convention of S. C. and twenty-eight years of service as Secretary of the Gethsemane Association.

The Church was beautifully decorated and Dr. Jenkins sat upon a chair adorned with white representing the life he has exhibited during his many years of service.

Among his pulpit guests were: Dr. J. A. Bacoats, President of Benedict College; Rev. J. P. Reeder and Rev. Maxie S. Gordon. Friends and associates came from various parts of the State and brought greetings to Dr. Jenkins.

Dr. Jenkins is rated as one of the top ten ministers of South Carolina. Wherever there is a call for mission and education, his name head the list. He is also a member of the faculty of Benedict College.

It has been said that "Dr. Jenkins is the symbol of real Christian leadership." Many have been inspired by his dynamic spirit. His achievements have been amazing.

With the many positions he holds, he is never too busy for his church and members. All of his members are individuals to him. Whenever they need help, spiritually or otherwise, Dr. Jenkins is given in the interest of this trip.

## Ministers Pledging To Pay \$500.00 on Morris College Endowment Funds

In a determined effort to end the \$300,000 endowment drive of Morris College by Thanksgiving of this year, ministers all over the State are sending pledges to the Offices of President G. Daniels.

A partial list as of press time was via \$500.00 each.

Rev. R. W. Stallings	Sumter, S. C.
Rev. H. P. Sharper	Sumter, S. C.
Rev. H. H. Harvin	Sumter, S. C.
Rev. L. W. Williams	Sumter, S. C.
Rev. O. R. Reuben	Sumter, S. C.
Rev. N. L. Bush	Aiken, S. C.
Rev. G. A. Sellers	Marion, S. C.
Rev. H. E. Hardin	Mullins, S. C.
Dr. L. C. Jenkins	Columbia, S. C.
Rev. W. J. Burgess	Sumter, S. C.
Rev. W. A. Johnson	Florence, S. C.
Rev. J. S. Hall	
Rev. G. G. Daniels	Georgetown, S. C.
\$200.00 Rev. Wm. McKinley Bowman	Columbia, S. C.

The Plan to raise the money adopted by the state Convention is as follows:

\$175,000 THANKSGIVING GOAL TO COMPLETE THE ENDOWMENT THIS PLAN WAS ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION IN MAY

CHURCH ASSESSMENTS:

50 CHURCHES AT \$500 each	\$ 25,000
100 CHURCHES AT 250 each	25,000
150 CHURCHES AT 150 each	22,500
500 CHURCHES AT 50 each	25,000
100 UNIONS AT 50 each	5,000
90,000	

ALUMNI ASSESSMENTS:

200 ALUMNI AT 100 each	20,000
100 ALUMNI AT 75 each	7,500
500 ALUMNI AT 25 each	12,500
40,000	

BAPTIST LAYMEN ASSESSMENTS:

200 LAYMEN AT \$100 each	\$ 20,000
10000 LAYMEN AT 25 each	25,000
45,000	

TOTAL \$175,000

This is the last year to complete the Endowment.

## Jamaica Agog Over Knighting of Bustamante

KINGSTON, Jamaica—(ANP) When Britain's Queen Elizabeth II recently conferred a Knighthood upon William Alexander Bustamante, the whole country talked for a day about the ex-chief minister of the island, and leader of the Jamaican Labor party. In the political field, the award has been considered one of the greatest stimulants to have been given any man whose chances of becoming the first prime minister of the seething Federated British West Indies still hold good. Observes that it is not impossible, too, for Bustamante to be named the first native governor of Jamaica. He says that he wanted to be the first native governor and proposed he would be. With Jamaica's strides toward self-government and the Conservative party in England, the prophecy will be made. Continued on page 8



WEST POINT GRAD PREFERS AIR FORCE Although he was graduated in the 1955 class at West Point military academy, Lewis C. Olive of Louisville preferred a commission in the Air Force. Olive was appointed to the institute by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell. (ANP)



L. A. CADET GETS COMMISSION AT WEST POINT Gilbert R. Batchman of Los Angeles was commissioned a lieutenant in the U. S. Army infantry during ceremonies at West Point military academy through the National Guard. (ANP)



JOHN HAMILTON GRADUATES FROM WEST POINT One of hundreds of cadets receiving commissions by ceremonies at West Point was John Hamilton of Washington, D. C. Appointed to the famed military academy by veteran Cong. William L. Dawson, Hamilton selected the infantry as his choice of services in which to serve. (ANP)



WEST POINT COMMISSIONS CYRUS C. CASSELL OF DETROIT A newly commissioned lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force is Cyrus C. Cassells of Detroit, Mich. Cassells was one of many cadets to be graduated from West Point military academy recently. He was appointed to the famed institute by George D. O'Brien, former representative of Michigan. (ANP)



MISSION TO VICKSBURG, MISS. MAN native of Vicksburg, Miss., was one of hundreds of cadets at West Point Military academy who received commissions in ceremonies at the 153-year-old institute recently. A former senator from Missouri, James P. Ken, named John N. Brown to West Point. (ANP)



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