Governor Praises Work of Fla. A. and M. President

Struck by Co-Operative Spirit Shown at College

$7,000,000 Budget Support Pledged After Officials Tour Campus, Enjoy Hospitality

TALLAHASSE, Fla.—For "passing a miracle" in the two hours elapsing from the time he was warned that a Gubernatorial inspection party was to visit A and M College until the time the party arrived, last Friday, Dr. William H. Gray Jr., president, won high commendations from Governor Fuller Warren.

The Governor, in recounting the episode, said he called President Gray at 3 p.m., stating he was giving him a few hours to "tidy up" the campus before the party, which included the State Cabinet and members of the State Board of Control, arrived.

At 5 p.m., the place had been "tied up" to the extent of the planning of a conducted campus tour, the preparation of a chicken dinner for the visitors, the scheduling of a complete musical program and the printing of the menu and the entertainment program in the college printing shop, he reported.

Proxy Asks 7 Millions

The Governor's visit to the campus followed an invitation extended by Dr. Gray while appearing on Wednesday before the Cabinet in defense of budgetary requests for over $7,000,000 in operating and building funds for the next biennium.

Governor Warren after his tour, stated that he had found some of the facilities above his expectations, while the school still faced many serious needs. He praised the new library and dormitories as being representative of the finest in the country.

He emphasized his appreciation for the cleanliness, orderliness and evidences of faculty-student cooperation, and said that he would do all he could to see that the college gets the money it needs to expand.

Following the inspection, which lasted two hours, the Governor and his party, which also included several prominent legislators partook of dinners prepared for them at the college.

Student leaders and faculty groups cooperated and participated in the Governor's tour of the campus.

The ROTC, the musical groups, students of the mechanical division and students of the home economics division, all assisted under the direction of Charles Coleman of Lakeland, Fla., president of the Student Council.

Self-Taught Sculptor Has Rosenwald Grant

Working in this Chicago studio, Marion Perkins, 40-year-old sculptor, shapes a semi-abstract African head from a piece of New York marble. Mr. Perkins began sculpturing ten years ago by carving bars of soap. He was one of the top Rosenwald winners last year at the Chicago Art Institute where he exhibited one of his works. He now has a Julius Rosenwald Fellowship of $2,400 which will enable him to sculpt a series of portrait heads of Chicago children.

Urban League's '49 Budget Increased $2,800 Over Allotment Granted in '48

Need for Expanded Program in Opening Opportunities for Group Recognized

After reductions necessitated by Iron and Steel Company a 3% underscription in the recent Community Chest campaign, the Baltimore Urban League's 1949 budget was approved at $25,562, which represents an increase of about $2800 over 1948.

The organization's end of year summary report points out that the need for a larger league program has been increasingly recognized in recent years by both the Council of Social Agencies and the Community Chest, which supplies the greatest amount o fits operational funds.

In the past five years, the agency's budget has increased by slightly more than $10,000. The 1944 figure was $14,884. The league began operations in 1925 wit ha budget of about $5,000.

Educational Opportunities

The summary report cited the following accomplishments as projects on which the league worked with other organizations during 1948:

(1) The admission in October of Martin Dyer, an honor graduate of Dunbar High School, to historic St. John's College in Annapolis.

(2) On Oct. 22, after a three-hour conference with 20 organizations coordinated by the league, the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland issued a statement that applicants to all graduate and professional schools of the university will be considered on the basis of qualifications "regardles sof race, color or creed."

Medical Progress

(3) On Dec. 17, after several months' effort by the league's health committee, the Baltimore City Medical Society voted unanimously to admit colored physicians.

(4) Through joint efforts of the league's industrial department and the USACIO, Theodore Elliott, graduate of Morgan State College, set a precedent when he was accepted as a chemist at the Rustless Iron and Steel Company.

(5) The Bureau of Old Age and Survivor's Insurance of the Social Security Board employed colored workers in its guard force and personnel department. It has also begun integrating segregated units and ignoring racial considerations in filling supervisory positions.

New Employment Avenues

(6) Two large bakeries have opened new avenues of employment. One will soon employ a colored driver-salesman; while another has selected a colored man to head its maintenance department.

(7) After conferences with league representatives, the Maryland State Civil Service Commission revised its procedures so that qualified colored applicants will be referred to State positions in much larger numbers than before.

Formerly they were referred only when specified by the appointing office for jobs in institutions which serve the colored population.

'49 Objectives Announced

The league's objectives for 1949 are set forth as:

(1) Employment of colored firemen.

(2) Improved job opportunities in municipal employment, public utilities, the state's industry, clothing manufacturing and can manufacturing.

(3) Improvement of services to applicants at the Maryland State Employment Service.

(4) Promotion of home building, both on ownership and rental bases.

(5) Admission of colored dentists to the Baltimore City Dental Society.

(6) Admission of colored students to the YMCA's Baltimore College of Commerce, the Polytechnic Institute and the Morgan Baltimore School of Printing.

(8) Better transportation facilities to the Henryton Sanatorium for tuberculosis patients.

(9) More beds and better treatment facilities for tuberculosis patients.

(10) Elimination of Park and Recreation Board regulations against voluntary interracial recreation.

(11) A colored representative on the State Board of Public Welfare.

The Full Time Employees

The league officeff is at 2404 Pennsylvania Ave. Staff members are Alexander J. Allen, executive secretary; Cecil H. Scott, industrial secretary; Miss Velma T. McKeen, women's industrial secretary; Mrs. Hazel T. Barrett, exec secretary, and Mrs. Margaret A. Hill, secretary to the industrial department.

Field work students at present include Miss Lucille Worford of the Atlanta University School of Social Work; Miss Dessie M. Byrd and Joseph H. Fitts Jr., both of the Howard University School of Social Work.

Officers of the league are Sidney Hollander, president; R. Clarke Davis, vice president; Mrs. Enolia McMillan, secretary, and Howard H. Murphy, treasurer.

Knoxville Unit Paced Harlem Fund Drive

NEW YORK (NNPA) The United Negro College Fund in Harlem during 1948 was the most successful ever wagged there, raising a total of $22,834.67, the Fund announced last Friday.

Daniel L. Burrows, former Assemblyman for the 11th Assembly District, was chairman of the Harlem committee, assisted by Mrs. Thelma Boozer, who was 1948 campaign director of the uptown division.

The Harlem campaign was paced by the Knoxville College Alumni headed by C. D. Williams, president of the Knoxville alumni, and Charles L. Hodges. Under the direction of these two men, the Knoxville Alumni took the Rev. C. T. Franklin trophy from the Virginia Union Alumni which had won it for the past three years in raising the largest amount of money in Harlem.

Golden Brown is president of the New York Inter-Alumni Council and 32 alumni teams took part in the drive last year.

School Standards Vary-Dr. Clawson

Says Medical Trainees Below Par of Whites

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ANP)—Dr. M. Don Clawson, president of Meharry Medical College, is of the firm and unshakeable belief that colored applicants for a medical education would "fail to make the grade" if thrown into competition with white students.

In a statement issued last week, he said "While we have not officially processed white applicants at Meharry, I have each year conducted a personal poll of those applying. By the standards shown in the poll, we would never during the period it has covered, have been able to admit more than a dozen colored applicants in a class of 65.

"Most of our white applicants are highly qualified Jewish boys from the Eastern Seaboard and most of our 800 colored applicants would have been eliminated in competition with the credentials that these Jewish boys are able to present."

This opinion was in reply to an editorial published in a local paper which held that Howard University "is not a segregated college." The editorial said that Howard "is open to all races," pointing out that though the student body of Howard "is overwhelmingly colored, there are some white students in the medical classes."

Dr. Clawson's rejoinder asked what method was used in selecting white students at Howard. "If the selection is based on competition, then the quality of white applicants at Howard is at great variance with the quality of white applicants at Meharry," he asserted.

White Lawyer Who Lost School Case Hurls Taunt

RICHMOND "Beaten to his knees" in Federal court by NAACP attorneys Charles E. Ford of Newport News, counsel for the Gloucester County School board and superintendent, asserted last Friday that lawyers for the plaintiffs had "taken a break down Virginia's segregation laws, if that was their intention."

He issued the statement, after he got his breath, the next day following the reading of a long opinion by Judge Sterling Hutcheson in U. S. District Court, that this was a stinging rebuke not only to Gloucester county officials, but to others throughout the state.

Intended as a warning to all other counties, the court held in contempt for refusing to comply with court's orders, J. Walter Kenney, division superintendent, Stanley T. Gray, school board chairman, and Wallis Fletcher and Otis Howge, members.

Commenting on Ford's statement, Oliver W. Hill, of counsel for plaintiffs in the case, asserted that the "injection of the segregation issue into the case has been a red herring that Mr. Ford has attempted to bring forth" since the litigation was instituted.

Pointing out that the question of the constitutionality of segregated schools was "not an issue in this case," but indicating that it might be in others, Mr. Hill declared that it was the purpose of plaintiffs to eliminate discrimination in educational opportunities for all the children of the nation.

In contrast to Mr. Ford's statement, Mr. Gray, board chairman, cited for contempt, pleaded that "It is a known fact that there is nothing in our power that would enable us to equalize them (the schools) actually by April, we will take every possible step toward equalization of the colored and white schools."

Mississippi Jury System Changed

JACKSON, Miss.—(ANP)—The conference of judges of Mississippi, held at the Supreme Court here this week, considered the matter of jury service. The number of cases which have been appealed because of the failure of colored people to be represented on the juries together with a greater use of colored jurors in nearby States prompted the consideration.

Some of the judges reported they had received the cooperation of county boards of supervisors in the matter of placing the names of colored people in jury boxes. No judge reported any opposition on the part of county boards to the inclusion.

Chief Justice Harvey McGehee remarked that there appeared to be an effort to have placed in the jury box the names of those colored persons who were registered in the county as compared with the number of names of white qualified electors.

"The greatest discussion," said Judge McGehee, "revolved around the gradual taking over of our local police powers and State court procedures by recent decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court. One of these held that a trial judge in a State court must provide a lawyer for one accused of a non-capital felony where such accused has no lawyer.

"Of course this requirement is contrary to the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution but no, so as interpreted by the Supreme Court that it is necessary for our State courts to comply with these federal decisions."

Buford Yerger was permitted to address the conference regarding the improvement of the juvenile reformatory for boys.

Suspect Held for 2 Deaths in Detroit

DETROIT—Floyd Hurd, 27, was held on a charge of murder last week in the deaths of Miss Lucille Avery, 37, his girl friend, and an unnamed laundry worker, who police said, apparently attempted to prevent Hurd from climbing a nearly fence to get to Miss Avery's room.

Witnesses told homicide detectives that Hurd, enraged because Miss Avery, with whom he formerly lived, moved to a room of her own, kicked in the door and shot her several times.

She was dead when admitted to Receiving Hospital with 10 gunshot wounds in her head and left arm. Hurd shot the laundry worker during an argument, and turned the gun on himself after shooting Miss Avery, inflicting a wound in his right eye.

Heart Attack Fatal to Mrs. Sarah Rigby

Mrs. Sarah C. Rigby died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Esther Roberts, 2556 McCulloh St. at 5 a.m. this (Friday) morning.

Though she had been ill for some months, death came unexpectedly, when she suffered a heart attack.

Mrs. Rigby was the widow of James E. Rigby, who died in 1923. Besides Mrs. Roberts she is survived by three sons, Henry H., James A., and Randolph; and two grandsons, James Jr., and Donald Rigby.

Funeral services are tentatively set for Sunday at the home, to be followed by a formal service at Sharp Street Methodist Church, Chestnut Hill, Monday.

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