

**P r o g r a m**  
OF THE  
Third Annual Meeting  
OF THE  
Mississippi Regional Council  
of Negro Leadership

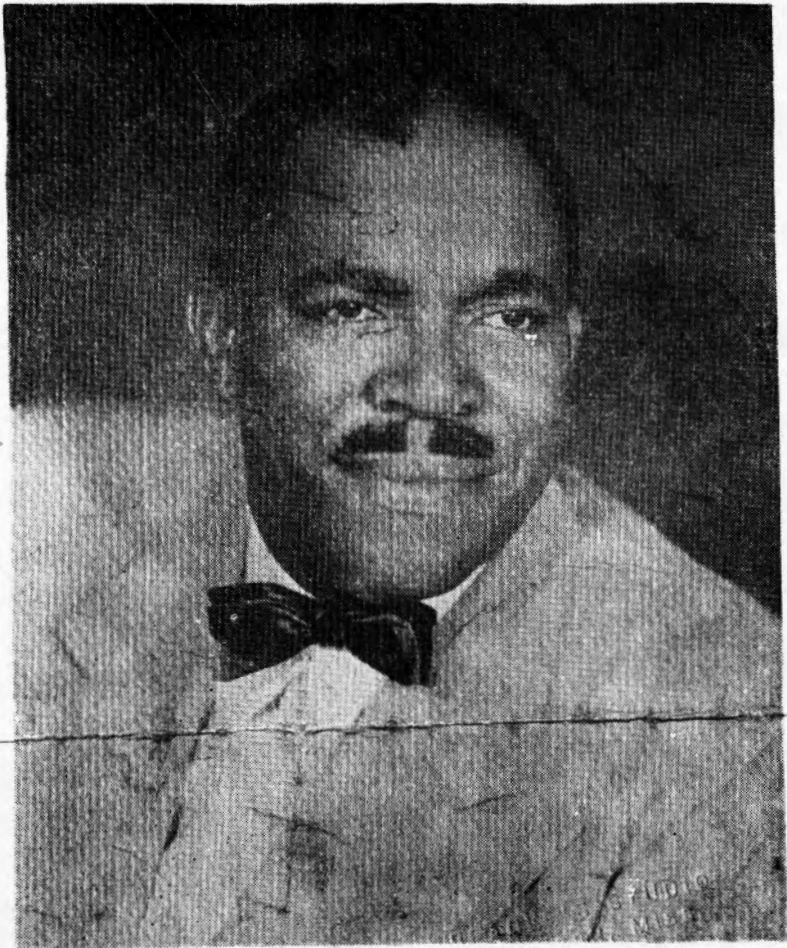


FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1954

Mound Bayou, Mississippi

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“Let us make Mississippi a better place for all people to live in our generation. Our dollars, our votes and the courts of our nation can accomplish this goal.”



Dr. T. R. M. Howard, Founder and President  
"Man of the Year in 1954"

Dr. Theodore R. Mason Howard was born in Murray, Kentucky, March 4, 1908, son of Arthur and Mary (Chandler) Howard, married Helen Nela Boyd of Riverside, California, 1935. He was educated at Oakwood College Academy (Alabama), 1927; Received B.S. Degree from Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska; Received M.D. from College of Medical Evangelists, Los Angeles, California, 1935 and became a Diplomat of the National Board of Medical Examiners, 1937. He has served as Medical Director of the Riverside Sanitarium and hospital, Nashville, Tennessee, 1937-39; Surgeon-in-Chief, Taborian Hospital, Mound Bayou, Mississippi, 1942-47. He is Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Order of Friendship of America; Surgeon-in-Chief and Medical Director, Friendship Clinic and Hospital, Mound Bayou, Mississippi, 1947 to the present time. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Tri-State Bank, Memphis, Tennessee and is a member of the Board of Directors of Universal Life Insurance Company, Memphis, Tennessee. He is President of the Magnolia Mutual Life Insurance Company, Mound Bayou, Mississippi; member of the National Medical Association; Past President of the Mississippi Medical Association; President and Founder of the Mississippi Regional Council of Negro Leadership; member of Sigma Pi Phi; recipient of the 1951 Student Award as Mississippi's "Man of the Year", and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the National Negro Business League.



**HON. THURGOOD MARSHALL**

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Thurgood Marshall was born in Baltimore, Maryland, July 2, 1908. Attended local public elementary and high schools. Graduated from Lincoln University, in Pennsylvania, February, 1930, with B.A. Degree. Attended Howard University Law School, Washington, D. C., 1930-1933. Appointed student Assistant Librarian during second and third years. Graduated June, 1933 as ranking student with degree of LL.B.

Received honorary degrees of Doctor of Law from the following: Lincoln University, June 3, 1947; Virginia State College, May 31, 1948, and Morgan State College on June 2, 1952.

Admitted to the Bar in the State of Maryland, October, 1933, and immediately thereafter to the U. S. District Court for the State of Maryland. Admitted to the U. S. Supreme Court December, 1939. Admitted to U. S. Circuit Courts of Appeal for the Fourth Circuit, Fifth Circuit and Eighth Circuit and the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Engaged in private practice, Baltimore, Maryland 1933-1937.  
Counsel for Baltimore City Branch of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 1934-1936.

In 1936 was appointed Assistant Special Counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and in 1938 was appointed Special Counsel in active charge of legal cases to secure and protect full citizenship rights for Negroes. He is the chief legal officer of the N.A.A.C.P. He is also Director-Counsel for the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

Since that time has appeared before the Supreme Court of United States and the Federal and State Courts for most of the states in the South.

In the U. S. Supreme Court has either argued or prepared briefs with the cooperation of other N.A.A.C.P. lawyers in all N.A.A.C.P. cases from 1938 to the present time. Among the cases argued by him are the Texas Primary Case, the Irene Morgan case declaring the Jim-Crow statute of Virginia unconstitutional as applied to interstate passengers, the recent restrictive covenant cases, the cases opening graduate and professional schools of the South to qualified Negro students, and several criminal cases.

In 1951 went to Japan and Korea to make a first-hand investigation of court-martial cases involving Negro soldiers.

Is a thirty-third Degree Mason (Prince Hall Affiliation).  
Is a member of the National Bar Association.  
His Greek letter fraternity is Alpha Phi Alpha.  
Is a member of the New York Lawyers Association.

Among the awards he has received are the following:

Was placed on the 1944 Honor Roll of Race Relations for the Schomburg Collection.

In 1944 was given the Alumni Award by the trustees of Howard University "for distinguished achievement in law."

In 1946 was awarded the famous Spingarn Medal awarded each year by the Special Spingarn Committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to the Negro making the greatest contribution to the advancement of the Negro in American life.

Has been awarded Negro Newspaper Publishers Association's Russworm Award "in recognition of outstanding achievement in making possible a richer conception of democratic principles and in tribute for upholding those highest traditions considered as the ideals of the American Way of Life."

Received National Bar Association Award, September 17, 1948.

Received Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN'S National Honor Roll Award.

Received Achievement Award from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for 1951.

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Morning session — 10:00 a.m.

Dr. S. N. Sisson, First Vice-President of the Mississippi Regional Council of Negro Leadership, and President of the Mississippi Medical Association — Presiding.

Song Congregation  
Prayer Rev. Van J. Malone, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, President of the Memphis Branch of the NAACP

Songs

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Child Welfare	Mrs. Ann G. Britton, Jeanes Supervisor, Washington County, Greenville, Mississippi
Committee on Religion	Dr. M. M. Morris, President of the Mississippi State Baptist Educational Convention, Greenville, Mississippi
Committee on Labor and Economics	Mr. James Edwards, Greenville, Mississippi
Committee on State and National Legislation	Attorney Jack Young, Jackson, Mississippi
<del>Committee on Health</del>	<del>Dr. H. J. St. Hille, Greenville, Mississippi</del>
Committee on Race Relations	Dr. E. P. Burton, Chairman, Mound Bayou
Committee on Equal Rights	Dr. Aaron Henry, Clarksdale, Mississippi
Committee on Agriculture	Prof. I. D. Thompson, Cleveland, Mississippi
Committee on Press and Radio	Mr. Charles Watson, Cleveland, Mississippi
Committee on Court Procedure	Rev. W. A. Bender, Jackson, Mississippi
Committee on Education	Prof. Wallace Higgins, Clarksdale, Mississippi
Committee on Registration and Voting	Mr. Levy Chapple, Greenville, Mississippi
Committee on Nominations	Mr. John C. Melchor, Clarksdale, Mississippi
Membership Rally	Dr. E. P. Burton, Chairman

Lunch 12:00 — 1:00 p.m.

All food stands on the grounds and all business places in Mound Bayou will appreciate your patronage.

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THE GREAT FREEDOM PARADE — 1:00 p.m.

The Great Freedom Parade, led by Tennessee A&I State University band, Nashville, Tennessee, and other Junior College and High School bands. Parade conducted by the Montgomery-Green American Legion Post, Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

NOTE: Parade will start one-mile South of Mound Bayou on Highway 61. Every person attending meeting is asked to march in the great FREEDOM PARADE.

ASSEMBLE AT THE "BIG TENT" — 2:00 P.M.

T. R. M. Howard, M.D., President of the Mississippi Regional Council  
Presiding

Songs	Star Spangled Banner "Lift Every Voice and Sing"
Invocation	Rev. Paul Hayes, Pastor, Roanoke Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas
Song Selections	Rust College Singers, Holly Springs, Miss.
Welcome	Mayor B. R. Green, Mound Mayou, Miss.
Presentation of "Man of the Year"	Grand Master James C. Gilliam, Clarksdale, Mississippi
Selection	Rust College Singers
Presentation of Guest Speaker	Honorable John H. Sengstacke, Editor and Publisher of the Chicago Defender, Chicago, Ill.
Address	<b>HONORABLE THURGOOD MARSHALL,</b> Chief Counsel for the NAACP, New York, New York
Selection	Tennessee A&I State University band. Prof. Frank Greer, Director

Presentation of Life membership checks to Honorable Thurgood Marshall for the NAACP by Dr. E. J. Stringer, Chairman of Board of Directors of the Mississippi Regional Council of Negro Leadership, President of the Mississippi NAACP Conference, Columbus, Mississippi.

Announcements

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**EVENING SESSION — 7:00 P.M.**

Band Concert

Tennessee A&I State University Band,  
Nashville, Tennessee,  
Directed by Prof. Frank Greer

Panel Discussion — 8:00 p.m.

Subject: "The Negro in an Integrated Society"

Honorable Thurgood Marshall Moderator

(Each speaker will be given ten minutes)

The Negro Lawyer in an Integrated Society

Atty. A. E. Walden  
Atlanta, Georgia

The Negro Bank in an Integrated Society

Dr. J. E. Walker  
President of Tri-State Bank  
Memphis, Tennessee

The Negro Private College in an  
Integrated Society

President M. Lafayette Harris  
Philander Smith College,  
Little Rock, Arkansas

The Negro Church in an Integrated  
Society

~~The Negro Fraternity in an Integrated  
Society~~

Hon. James Gilliam, Grand  
Master of Stringer Grand  
Lodge of Masons of the  
State of Mississippi

The Negro State College in an Integrated  
Society

Dr. Walter S. Davis, President  
Tennessee A&I State Univer-  
sity, Nashville, Tennessee

The Negro Press in an Integrated Society

Mr. Lewis O. Swingler, Editor  
Tri-State Defender, Memphis,  
Tenn.

The Negro School Teacher in an Integrated  
Society

Prof. J. K. Haynes, President  
of the Louisiana Educational  
Association

The Negro Student in an Integrated  
Society

Atty. Wiley Brandon,  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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