

125 Men And Women Here Voice Unanimous Sentiments

In no uncertain terms, an estimated 125 citizens of the Mansfield School District and other communities Tuesday night voted unanimously at the Memorial Hall here to oppose integration of Negro pupils with white children in Mansfield schools and present their feelings to the Mansfield school board.

Curious at first, the crowd of people, which included a surprising number of women, heard Howard H. Beard, a Fort Worth office supply salesman and president of the Citizens Council, explain the purpose of his organization, and then in rapid sequence elected Bud West temporary chairman, Lon T. Hubbard, vice chairman, and began taking memberships at \$2 apiece for regulars and \$5 a year for "sustaining" members. One man declined to serve because of various reasons when his name

was submitted for one of the two temporary offices, but West and Hubbard asserted no misgivings.

"We ought to get the monkey off those seven men's (the school board) back," West said, after accepting and thanking the folks for their confidence. "I appreciate it, but don't care about the work."

His election and willingness to serve brought two spontaneous rounds of applause.

"This organization is the only legal way," he added, referring to the fight against the pending suit in Federal District Court to force the admission of about 14 Negro pupils to attend Mansfield High.

"This is some kind of start as to what we intend to do."

West continued that "the Supreme Court can't do anything if the whites refuse to integrate."

Webb B. Joiner of Webb community presided and opened the tense meeting by declaring that "we want everything open and above board and in a legal manner. Let the president (Beard) explain and then you can say what you want to do as a group."

Mr. Joiner urged that the group not just come out to the meeting and then go away to forget about the crisis.

"It is up to your best judgment which is the best manner for both the whites and Negroes in this school district," he went on. "Here is the man who will guide us, Mr. Beard."

Beard, a young, modest brunette, with wavy black hair, calmly began the citation of John Marshall, sometimes referred to as the father of the U.S. Supreme Court and its chief justice for many years, who said that it is treason to usurp power.

"Two years ago, May 17, 1954," Beard said, "nine political appointees to the Supreme Court reversed 50 years of litigation to turn the situation upside down. Whites and Negroes in the same schools, the same social affairs, and the same neighborhoods. That's what it's coming to in Fort Worth."

Beard, speaking in a broad Southern accent, declared that "10 scholars and experts with notorious Communist backgrounds" produced the formula for integration, in the book, "American Dilemma."

The youthful Citizens Council president charged that the United States Supreme Court used "American Dilemma" as its source book for its now famous or infamous, as proponents of segregation sometimes call it, decision, barring segregation as unlawful and unconstitutional.

"If this decision is allowed to stand, our children will be guinea pigs and our days as a national race are numbered," Beard declared.

He foresaw in its continuation "complete racial and national destruction," but "we are determined it will not stand."

Beard said the Fort Worth Citizens Council, which he heads, was patterned from the parent organization in Indianola, Miss. Every chapter is autonomous.

The Citizens Council, as such, is the old town meeting where public sentiment decides the voting on paramount issues of a community, Beard said.

People are unlike cities and highways, according to Beard, in that cities and highways can be rebuilt, but not a race of people.

"Once mixed, they can never be un-mixed, and this the surest and most certain way to destroy us. If we don't organize, it will be our children who will pay the price in the next two generations for our cowardice."

Beard claimed that 200,000 to 300,000 people in the United States are trying to corrupt the nation, but with "guts, grit and gunpowder" it can be prevented.

Resuming his presiding role, Joiner invited questions to a forum, and called for a "...

James A. Stowe 69, Taken by Death

James Arthur Stowe, 69, a resident of the Rehoboth Community for many years, died at 11:05 o'clock Wednesday night at his home, following an illness of several months.

A native of Georgia, Mr. Stowe came to Texas at an early age and has lived in the Rehoboth farming community a large part of his life.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Rehoboth Baptist Church by Rev. A. C. Salyer, pastor, at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. Burial will be in Rehoboth Cemetery under direction of Blessing-Rudolph Funeral Home here.

He is survived by his wife, Lizzie; one son, James, one daughter, Mrs. J. R. McGuire, both of Mansfield; two brothers, John and George Stowe, both of Grapevine; and two sisters, Mrs. Zora Elrod of Kennedale and Mrs. Ora Koontz of Fort Worth.

E. M. Jones, 57, Dies While Driving Tractor Oct. 20

E. M. Jones, 57, a resident of the St. Paul community for the past 14 years, died suddenly of a heart attack about 7 o'clock Thursday morning, October 20, while operating a tractor in a field on his farm.

Two men passing by observed the tractor going in a circle in the field with Mr. Jones slumped over the steering wheel. Immediately sensing something wrong, they hurried over to the tractor, shut off the motor and pulled Mr. Jones out of the seat. Death was believed instantaneously.

Mr. Jones moved to this section from Grapevine 14 years ago. He was a native Texan.

Funeral services were conducted from the Britton Methodist Church at 2 o'clock last Friday afternoon, with the Rev. Bob Robertson, pastor officiating. Burial was in Grapevine Cemetery under direction of Blessing-Rudolph Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Patsy, both of the same address; his mother, Mrs. N. Jones of Grapevine; and two sisters, Mrs. G. H. Corbin of Grapevine and Mrs. J. C. Dunn of Irving.

Buys Ditcher

Mayor Turpin and B. T. Webb, both of Kennedale, have returned from Oklahoma where they purchased a ditching machine for the City of Kennedale.

The News learned. Meanwhile, the board is pursuing plans to make an all-out defense in the federal integration suit, scheduled to be called November 7.

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