

Segregation Meet Tonight

Organization To Be Perfected

A permanent organization of a Mansfield Citizens Council was expected to be perfected at 7:30 o'clock tonight in Memorial Hall to project the current program of the council's in maintaining segregation of Negro and white school children.

Thomas B. (Bud) West of Britton, who was elected temporary chairman at an October 5 meeting attended by one of the largest civic meetings in Mansfield, said that a permanent chairman will be sought tonight. Vice Chairman Lon T. Hubbard also was elected on a temporary basis.

An exceptionally dynamic public speaker was being sought for the second meeting of white proponents of segregation, but as The News went to press today his appearance had not been verified.

However, efforts were being made by Hubbard and N. F. Patterson of Fort Worth to secure Clarence Farmer of Fort Worth to address the meeting tonight.

The News sought to learn definitely late this morning if the speaker could be present, but was unable to find out?

West urged every supporter of segregation in public schools to attend and participate in the meeting. A large number of \$2 and \$5 memberships was signed up from among the estimated 125 men and women at last week's initial meeting. The \$2 membership is a "regular" member and the \$5 fee is for a "sustaining" member. Although dedicated in their purpose, those at-

tending the first meeting were orderly and determined to seek legal means of preventing integration.

Neither one of the two races—white and Negro—cannot be helped by the integration of the two in public schools. Webb B. Joiner told a gathering of the Webb Community Club Tuesday night in a short explanation of the purposes of the Citizens Council.

Introduced by Club President Albert North, Joiner declared that "I want to say something that is close to our hearts—our schools and our children."

(Editor's note: Under the U. S. Supreme Court ruling, all public school districts, such as Mansfield, are required to integrate Negroes into white schools as soon as possible. In the light of this decision and the forthcom-

ing suit of three Negro residents of the Mansfield School District against the board of trustees scheduled to open in Federal District Court Monday, appearance of any elected trustee at a Citizens Council meeting will definitely jeopardize its status in the Federal case.)

Plaintiffs in the suit are Nathaniel Jackson, Charles Moody and Floyd Stevenson Moody.

Individual defendants include the following members of Mansfield school board: O. C. Burdon, president; Ira Gibson, secretary; Bill Arber, Hubert Bunt, Horace Howard, J. R. Lewis and O. M. Wilshire, members; and Supt. R. L. Huffman, ex-officio board member.

Joiner continued by saying that it is up to American citizens to see that white schools stay

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Emma Bratton, Oldest Resident of Mansfield, Dies at Age 96 Years

Mansfield's oldest resident, Mrs. (Aunt Emmy) Bratton, 96, died late last Sunday afternoon at the Jones Rest Home.

Mrs. Bratton, who was born April 11, 1859, had been failing rapidly since she broke a hip about a month ago. Her age was placed at just a few days older than Dr. W. B. McKnight, 96, retired medical doctor, 403 Broad Street.

"Aunt Emmy," as she was affectionately known by all her friends, was a widow. "Uncle Cap" Bratton, her husband, died about 16 years ago. They were childless, and only seven nieces and three nephews survive her

COUPLE TO ENJOY 50th ANNIVERSARY

Relatives and friends of Van and Ha Casstevens are being invited to the couple's 50th wedding anniversary at a reception scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 13, it was disclosed this week.

The celebration will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Trustt Casstevens on the Venus farm-to market-road 157.

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