

# NEGRO LAWYER MAKES HISTORY

## New Negro Bank Screens Officers

APPLICATIONS FROM several top bank executives have been received by organizers of the Citizens State Bank for the positions of president and cashier of the new Negro financial institution according to board of directors chairman Dr. James B. McMillan.

"We intend to get the very best men available for these important positions," Dr. McMillan said. "We will carefully screen each applicant and submit our selections to the State Banking Commissioner for approval before filling either office."

Directors of the new bank met at their temporary offices, 1309 N. "D" St., recently and made a minor adjustment in previously announced plans for wide, multiple participation in the bank's ownership program.

Shares still will be offered at \$12.50 each in minimum blocks of five and maximum blocks of 200 to individual purchasers, Dr. McMillan said, but applications for more than 200 shares by members of the same immediate family will be held in abeyance for the time being.

This action was taken by the directorate to assure maximum diversified ownership of the bank, Dr. McMillan explained. Applications for stock in Nevada's first Negro bank are being accepted at the main office of the Bank of Las Vegas, 113 S. Fourth St., or temporary Citizens State Bank headquarters at 1309 N. "D" St.

Dr. McMillan reiterated that control of the Citizens State Bank would be retained by Negro citizens at all times. "We will screen all applicants for stock to keep out the bigots," he said, "and will allocate shares on the basis of 60 per cent Negro participation and 40 per cent to others. We hope to have about 5000 Negro stockholders in this institution and the way the public has been responding, we should reach that goal soon."

He said the directors were "extremely well pleased" with the enthusiasm among local residents, both Negro and white, concerning establishment of the new bank to be located at Owens and Highland Aves.

Meeting with the directors at their recent meeting were Ed Barker, architect for the bank building, and expert banking advisors Fred Barish and Henry Venturi. Groundbreaking for the building will take place within 90 days under present plans.

PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON made history when he recently announced the appointment of Hobart Taylor, Jr., Detroit attorney, to the legal staff of the White House. He named Taylor Associate Special Counsel.

In his new post, Taylor will deal with all aspects of the legal work of the White House, including the drafting of proposals for legislation and executive action. He is the first Negro to hold such a position in the White House, as predicted in The VOICE last winter.

Taylor has served as Executive Vice Chairman of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity since September, 1962.

Although a native of Texas, where he received his early education, Taylor has spent practically his entire adult life in Michigan. He is a graduate of Prairie View (Texas) State College, received an M. A.

degree from Howard University and a degree in law from the University of Michigan.

FOLLOWING RECEIPT of the law degree, Taylor remained in Michigan, where he served for one year as research assistant for the Michigan Supreme Court and then became a partner in a Detroit law firm. In 1949, he was appointed Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and in 1951 became County Corporation Counsel.

In 1958, he became senior partner in the Detroit law firm of Taylor, Patrick, Bailer, Wexler & Brookins. He has also served as officer and director of several Michigan corporations.

Taylor is married to the former Lynette Dobbins of Birmingham, Alabama. They have two sons, Albert and Hobart III. The Taylors still maintain their residence in Detroit where they are active in numerous civic organizations. Mrs. Taylor is currently principal of the Roosevelt School in Detroit.

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