

FINALS ANNOUNCED

RALEIGH President Robert P. Daniels of Shaw University will deliver the main address to the graduating class of the Washington High School on Friday, May 30, at 8:30 p. m. in the school auditorium. It was announced here on Monday.

Class day exercises will be held in the auditorium at 8:00 Friday evening, May 23, and the Rev. J. D. Davis, pastor of the St. Matthews AME Church, will deliver the annual sermon.

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Asked To Comply With Interstate Travel Ruling

NEW YORK CITY (WDL) — Following a 2-week bus trip through the upper south by an interracial group, Rev. Donald Harrington, national chairman of the Workers Defense League called upon the Greyhound Corporation and National Trailways Bus System to comply with the U. S. Supreme Court decision outlawing jim crow in interstate travel.

In letters to the national traffic managers of the two bus companies in Chicago Rev. Harrington pointed out that two WDL representatives, James Peck and Joe Felmet, took part in the trip and were among the 12 arrested. He also recalled that the WDL had joined in appealing the Irene Morgan case, which resulted in the Supreme Court's anti-jimcrow ruling.

"The traveling group found that Virginia and North Carolina are companies affiliated with the National Trailways Bus System in evading the Supreme Court decision," said the letter to F. H. McIntosh, Trailways' traffic manager. "The Virginia jimcrow law having been invalidated by this decision, Trailways is trying to maintain the segregated pattern through company regulations posted in front of the buses."

"During the group's 2-week trip Trailways had 12 Negroes and whites, including Peck and Felmet, arrested for riding buses in an unsegregated manner. Some of the Trailways drivers and supervisory employees who swore out warrants for those arrested showed a complete ignorance of the Supreme Court decision. Others expressed the view that the company's jim-crowing was a deliberate act." (Continued on back page)

PROGRAM RAPS RELIGIOUS, RACIAL BIAS

WASHINGTON — Declaring that never in America's history was unity in faith in American democracy more acutely necessary than now, Dr. John Slauson, Executive Vice-President of the American Jewish Committee Thursday presented to the President's Committee on Civil Rights a national program for intensive and far-reaching attack upon the problems of violations of civil rights, group discrimination, race and religious discrimination and bigotry.

SHAW U. FINALS SPEAKER DIES

RALEIGH — Officials of Shaw University received word yesterday of the death of the Rev. H. G. Pope of Salem Baptist Church, Jersey City, N. J., in Baltimore, Md., Tuesday morning. Rev. Mr. Pope, a graduate of North Carolina College (then called the National Training School), was scheduled to deliver the Baccalaureate sermon in connection with 82nd Commencement Exercises Sunday afternoon May 25, at 3 in Greenleaf Chapel of Shaw University. He had been in ill health for the past several weeks.

Commutes Death Sentences PRAISE NEGRO POLICE OFFICERS

Cherry Changes Death Sentences To Life For 4 Men

The sensational criminal assault case involving four Lumberton Negro men and a white woman appeared concluded for the present with an announcement from the Governor's Office that the death sentences imposed by a Robeson County Superior Court upon the four men had been commuted to life. The four men, Calvin Covington, Granger Thompson, Stacy Powell, and Cliff Lyman were tried and convicted in Robeson County Superior Court on March 17, 1946 with Judge J. Clawson Williams of Sanford presiding. The men had been accused of criminally assaulting Mrs. Dorothy Lou Frye.

Evidence brought out in the case indicated that Mrs. Frye was a woman of bad reputation and was promiscuous with men. Elizabeth Hall, superintendent of Nurses at Thompson Memorial Hospital that she had on occasion had relations with fourteen men.

TO SPONSOR HAITIAN DAY

The Public Affairs Committee of Sojourner Truth YWCA in cooperation with the Raleigh Branch of the National Association of College Women will sponsor on the third Sunday at 5 o'clock at the Martin Street Baptist Church "Haitian Day". At that time it is hoped that the women of Raleigh will respond liberally to the plea of Madame Estime, wife of the president of Haiti for aid in building a \$25,000 orphanage for the orphans of that country. Several of the organizations received a letter asking for this help early in the year, but it was felt that a larger donation would be sent, if all the organizations did what they could this year.



J. S. Bowser and L. P. Harris, right, attorneys for the defendants in the famous Lumberton Rape Case. Mr. Bowser is State Counsel for the NAACP which supplied funds for the case and Mr. Harris is Mr. Bowser's law partner. The four Negro men accused of raping Mrs. Dorothy Lou Frye have upon the insistence by the lawyers and citizens of Lumberton had their life sentence commuted to life imprisonment.



Charlotte Leads State With Ten Uniformed Cops

WORK BEGINS ON NEW HOSPITAL

MOBILE, Ala. (ANP) — Groundwork on a \$400,000 general hospital for Negroes was begun here early last week.

The institution, a project of the Mobile Catholic diocese, will be known as the Blessed Martin de Porres hospital for Negroes and will serve as a training school for Negro nurses throughout the south. In addition, it will absorb one of the south's first Negro maternity homes the diocese established here more than five years ago.

The conversion of the present maternity hospital into a general hospital was termed by Bishop T. J. Toews as a "step toward relieving one of the greatest needs for improvement of health conditions among Negroes of the south." Sister Hildegard, superintendent of the maternity home, said nurse training would begin in the fall.

MAN FOUND DEAD ON RR TRACKS

SMITHFIELD — David Milford of St. Stephens, S. C., railroad repair crew employee, was found dead between the railroad tracks at Bagley Sunday morning at 8:00. Coroner J. Durwood Creech reported here Thursday.

He said the case was being kept open for further investigation, but that no evidence of "fool play" has been found and that Milford apparently fell between the tracks while drunk and was killed by a passing train.

Coroner Creech said he had been dead about four hours when he was examined at 7:30 Sunday morning. His body was sent to South Carolina for burial.

WAR MOTHERS TO HOLD MEET MAY 9-11

MEBANE — The North Carolina State Chapter of United War Mothers, will hold their second annual Convention May 9th and 10th, at Mebane. One of the outstanding guest speakers for the occasion will be Professor James T. Taylor, president of the North Carolina Teachers' Association, Durham. Mrs. L. W. Logan State President.

HAITI SEEKS INDEPENDENCE

Port au Prince, Haiti (INPFA) — The spirit and patriotism which caused Haiti to be the first free republic in Latin America has been called on by President Demaris Estime to liberate Haiti from the financial control of the United States.

President Estime has created a "Committee for Liberation" which has already launched a nationwide drive among the Haitian people to raise five and a half million dollars with which to pay off the balance of a 1922 debt which Haiti owes the United States and which under the terms allows the United States to control completely the financial affairs of this republic.

The Export-Import Bank at Washington last March turned down Haiti's request for a \$20,000,000 loan and a refinancing of its obligations to the United States. Informed sources say the Haitians will repay the full amount of the 1922 loan as soon as the money is raised to "throw off the yoke" of the United States.

He attributes the social agitation on restrictive covenants to the Rev. Dr. M. L. Penon Improvement Association which is trying to keep the area all-white, and said the "fight against restrictive covenants must be carried to the highest court."

NAACP OPPOSES BILL TO AID EDUCATION

Washington, D. C. (NPA) — Differing with the position of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in public schools, Edgar G. Brown of the National Negro Council last Monday obtained permission from the Senate Labor and Public Welfare subcommittee, which has been holding hearings on federal aid to education legislation, to submit a statement setting forth a contrary view.

St. Augustine's College Professor Gets Grant

Tinsley L. Spraggins, professor of History at St. Augustine's College has been informed by the Ella Lyman Cabot Trust that he will receive \$1500 to make a study on the political life of the Negro in North Carolina. Professor Spraggins is former principal of Guilford Training School, Guilford, Va. and Junior Archivist, National Archives, Washington, D. C. Besides he is Executive Secretary of the N. C. Conference of NAACP, advisor to the N. C. Student Legislative Assembly, chairman of Social Action Committee of the Sixth District (including North Carolina and South Carolina) of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, was a member of the Committee for City Manager Government for the City of Raleigh, and Publicity Director of the Committee for the Candidacy of Fred J. Carmate for City Council. He is the author of the following articles: "Mobilization of Negro Labor for the Department of Virginia" (Continued on back page)

LA. HOUSE GETS ANTI-KKK BILL

HARRISBURG, Pa. (NPA) — The House last Monday returned to committee a bill aimed at the Ku Klux Klan.

A floor fight developed over the measure pitting the bill sponsored by Representative Morris J. Root, Republican of Philadelphia.

The bill would prohibit dissemination of "false and defamatory" or "propaganda based upon race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry."

GREENSBORO HOST TO NAACP CONFERENCE

Raleigh — The 1947 conference of the North Carolina NAACP will be held at Greensboro, June 18-19, it was announced following a meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Conference of Branches last week.

It was reported that five new chapters of the Association have been organized in the state and that two day coaches have been secured to provide transportation for delegates to the annual meeting of the National Association in Washington on June 24.

T. J. Spraggins, chairman of the Conference Legislative Committee, reported that the Committee attended the session of the North Carolina General Assembly and attempted to have bills passed that were favorable to Negroes and condemned those that were unfavorable.

White, Negroes Become Friends, But Court Backs Race Covenants

PETROIT (ANP) — Racial property covenants were again endorsed last week by Michigan's Supreme court, although the Negro principals have been accepted by most of their white neighbors.

The state's highest court ruled that Collins Reynolds, who moved into his new home at 1727 St. Anthony three years ago, must abide by racial covenants covering property in that area. But the human element has entered into the case through nine-year-old Collins Reynolds, III, who has converted the Reynolds home into the neighborhood headquarters for all the children.

The Negro family, once hated by the whites in the neighborhood, is now a neighborhood center. In addition to the children visiting the Reynolds home the parents frequently visit to play a game of billiards. Reynolds, a teacher at Garfield school holder of two degrees, revealed recently that much of the improvement of his home has been



T. L. Spraggins

Drama Marks Democracy's Birth In America

REV. OSCAR HOLDER ST. AUGUSTINE'S FINALS SPEAKER

RALEIGH — Rev. Oscar E. Holder, of the Class of 1927, rector of the Church of the Incarnation, Jersey City, will be the baccalaureate preacher at the 80th Commencement of St. Augustine's College Sunday, May 25. The Rev. Mr. Holder, a veteran of World War II, served as chaplain in the Pacific area, and attained the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He was former rector of St. Mark's Church, Wilmington.

The commencement address at the finals on May 28 will be delivered by Col. John W. Harrison, chancellor of State College, Raleigh, a member of the Board of Trustees of the College.

This year's class will be the second largest to be graduated in the history of the college.

CLEMENCY URGED IN LUMBERTON CASE

RALEIGH — The News and Observer, local daily, praised Governor R. Gregg Cherry for the way he had handled the case of four men accused of raping a Lumberton white woman and urged clemency for the men in an editorial last Friday.

"The Governor is well advised," the editorial reads in part, "to take unusual care in this case. Several features about it have disturbed thoughtful people. The number of defendants involved in one crime of its nature is sufficient in itself to suggest extraordinary circumstances.

trial which was sought on the basis of a formidable array of newly discovered evidence.

It is well that the Governor is giving the case unusual scrutiny. It will be well for him to bring to the case the store of common sense for which he is justly noted.

The men—Calvin Covington, Stacy Powell, Granger Thompson and Cliff Lyman—were accused of criminal assault on Mrs. Dorothy Frye, Lumberton white woman, on March 17, 1945, in a Negro section near Lumberton. Governor Cherry commuted their death sentence to life imprisonment Friday.

T. ALANTA—Two years after its inauguration here, the Catholic Colored Clinic, which treated 400 patients in the first two months, is treating an average of 700 persons monthly.

Rep. Rankins-Praised Fascist Leader Jailed

MINNEAPOLIS (ANP) — A 23-year-old pro-fascist on whom Rep. John E. Rankin (D. Miss.) bestowed signed blessings for his anti-Semitic anti-Negro views, was arrested by police here last week on charges of threatening a breach of the peace.

The pro-fascist is Maynard Orlando Nelson, white, a former student of the University of Minnesota and acknowledged "brains" and "troop leader" of the Democratic Nationalist party. Specifically, he is charged with making threats against a University professor.

His arrest came about when police traced the ownership of a rubber stamp used to make Nazi-like anti-Semitic posters which have been appearing mysteriously on the campus since last fall. An investigation of his room by police revealed a small "arsenal" in addition to anti-Semitic, anti-Negro literature — much of which carried an "Elizabeth Dilling, Chicago," stamp.

Among the other items was a letter, written and signed by Rankin, an official stationery of the house of representatives. The letter was dated December 18, 1945, about a month before Nelson received his army discharge, and read:

"I cannot tell you how grateful I am for your expressions of confidence and I need not tell you that I agree thoroughly with every statement you make of your own views on these matters. I note you hope to be returned home soon. If and when you are in Washington, I will be glad to have you call by my office and let the snake your hand. I will stand by my guns and continue to do my best to save America for Americans."

Board of Trade Organized At Goldsboro

GOLDSBORO — Henri T. Stucker, president of the United States Negro Business and Professional Directory, was the principal speaker at the organization of the Wayne County Negro Board of Trade and Commerce here last Tuesday.

He said the board would end the ideological differences which cause Negro business to fail and would promote development and improvement among Negroes.

Officers of the board are Dr. M. E. Dubissette, president, and L. Hamilton, treasurer.

OFFENSIVE WORDS IN COOK BOOK PROTESTED

NEW YORK — The NAACP today protested to the Culinary Arts Press, publisher of the Southern Cook Book, over the use of offensive words in its so-called folk sayings printed at the bottom of pages under recipes in the cook book.

The NAACP pointed out that on page 12 the word "nigger" is used. On page 22 the word "darkies" is used; on page 22, the word "nigger" is used again, and still again on page 37. On page 39 the word "coon" is used and on page 40, the word "darky" is used.

CARNAGE LOSES SEAT ON CITY COUNCIL

RALEIGH — Fred J. Carnage, lone Negro candidate in the Tuesday, May 6 election for Raleigh's new city council polled 272 votes, trailing the seventh highest elected member of the council by 843 votes; the 272 votes received by Attorney Carnage, according to the precinct tabulation, more than half his support came from white supporters.

For some time Raleigh has assumed the belief that the balance of power has been in the potent, daily strong Negro precincts. This belief was jarred to the core in Tuesday's balloting where the Negro vote did not represent half of its registered strength in behalf of its own representation. Comments throughout the city praise the high esteem the city showed Mr. Carnage, while at the same time wonder at the lethargy of nearly one-third of its population.

A tabulation of the votes cast in the eighteen precincts for Mr. Carnage follows: 1-407; 2-204; 3-227; 4-175; 5-50; 6-21; 7E-65; 7W-77; 8-65; 9E-30; 9W-86; 10-408; 11-41; 12-32; 13-84; 14-86; 15-223; 16-423.

Winners in the newly elected council in the order of their popularity follow: Miss Ruth C. Wilson, 421; P. D. Snipes, 498; Fred B. Wheeler, 427; Hobson I. Gattis, 387; John F. Danielson, 393; Fred Fletcher, 363; Joe S. Corroll, 351.

Other candidates polled the following close vote: Roy M. Bunks, 318; 3428; James C. Little, Jr., 304; 3143; S. Linton Smith, 10th, 3238; R. W. Kennison, 11th, 3187; Alfred Williams, 12th, 3078; Joseph W. Norman, 13th, 2918; and F. D. Carnage, 272. The total vote cast was 8,111.