

# Mud, Dust Play Havoc In Raleigh Residential District

## WILMINGTON ST. CITIZENS FACE HOPELESS FATE

### Fair Weather Has Dust; Rain, Mud, In Construction Zone

RALEIGH — A remnant of Civil War days and the late 19th century when each homeowner had the responsibility of building and maintaining roads running through his property was re-lived again, at least in part, by South Wilmington street residents last week as they struggled desperately to keep water out of their homes.

Residents in the 900 and 1000 blocks are soaked with water when it rains, and covered with dust when it is dry, because the highway now under construction through the area and which is higher than the surrounding terrain has forced the water in their front yards and under their houses, and the road machines which haul dirt bring clouds of dust. Residents in the 1100 block and the entire highway area so far have been getting most of the dust.

## AGED WOMAN CLEANS OUT SEWER

Dirt washed down from the highway closed up the drains in the 900 and 1000 blocks last week. These drains were too small in the first place, so that when the rains came it was impossible for residents to get out of their front doors except by wading through deep water and mud.

Water seared as high as the front porch and covered the entire surface under the houses of three families all of which contain several children, for several days, while city and county health authorities, the Raleigh Street Department and highway officials who are engineering the road stand idly by and did nothing. One aged woman resident cleaned out the sewer with her own hands.

Even if the city should clean out the sewers, one woman explained, it would result in only temporary relief, because the street has never been properly drained and the sewers have always been too small.

Parks In Another Street She said the garbage collectors could not get in to collect the trash last Friday morning, and added: "Nobody is looking into it, and nobody is doing anything about it."

The man who has to drive his car to work every day could not reach his garage and had to leave his car parked in another street several nights.

As a result of the situation residents who could enter front doors, were struggling through mud and water in the dark, while others had to use back doors.

HIGH TAX, MUDDY STREETS It has been pointed out that because of the small improved area available for residential purposes to Negroes in Raleigh, for most families only low cost property is feasible because if they build expensive residential property, the area still would not be improved because most other homes in the area are likely to be low cost.

Some of the residents living on South Wilmington street have complained that they are paying high taxes, "the same as people down town," but have no sidewalks, and the street has not been improved.

The Powell Bill passed by the 1951 Legislature provides that the state will maintain the streets and sidewalks in areas in which the street constitutes a part of the state highway system.

Dust, Give Us Oil Every time construction began on the road, residents of the area have been petitioning city officials to use the road to keep down the huge clouds of dust which are still settling over the entire area, but no oil has been provided and the streets are still dusty.

Some of the residents close their front doors and windows and live in the back of the entire house top and the house, but the dust settles over any enters the back. Of course rain brings relief, but rain also means mud.



## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Oliphant of 1009 Luther Street are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Louise Christine, to Mr. Vernon Mack Herron, son of Mrs. Mamie Herron and the late Mr. Samuel Herron of Charlotte. The wedding will take place September 1st.

## Auto Rams Into Minister's Home; Damaged It \$500

RALEIGH — Multiple charges were filed against John Rice Page, a 34-year-old Anglo white man, after his car sideswiped a parked car and wrecked the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Monroe at 211 Fayetteville street, about 11:20 p.m. Saturday night.

Police officers at the scene of the accident said that Page was driving south on Fayetteville Street, ran a marked car owned by Vernon Lee Reid of 318 Fayetteville street, and that the Page car traveled in a diagonal direction, 120 feet across the street and smashed into the sides of the Monroe residence.

DRIVER FINED Ennis was fined \$100 and cost and order to pay to the court \$500 for use by the Rev. Monroe. Several contractors have appraised the damage, but so far there has been no definite report, Mrs. Monroe said Wednesday one contractor following a preliminary check of the damage estimated the damage could not be repaired with \$500.

She said the whole north side of the house was wrecked, including three doors, two windows, a studio couch, a dresser, which was knocked face down on the floor, two tables and some chairs. The plastering was cracked so badly it will have to be replaced, the sills and foundation rocked and the house partly knocked off the foundation, the chimney thrown out of plumb, the roof over sprang and as a result of the accident the water line seriously damaged.

The Rev. Monroe who is pastor of the Mt. Calvary Christian Church at the corner of Protter and Branch streets in Durham could not be reached for a statement.

## TWO ESCAPE ROAD GANG

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## N.C.C. Students Win Scholarship Honors

DURHAM — Two North Carolina College law students recently received national recognition for their high scholarship in law school study.

The students are Robert D. Ghess, graduate, and Eugene H. Gadsden, freshman.

Glass, Montgomery, Ala. had a certificate of N. C. C. Law School, received a special citation from the Bureau of National Affairs and one year's subscription to the "United States Law Week," outstanding legal periodical.

Gadsden, former resident of Savannah, Ga., earned a straight "A" average as a first year student at N. C. C. Law School last year.

The Lawyer's Cooperative Publishing Company gave Gadsden copies of American Jurisprudence, a well-known legal encyclopedia.

Gadsden is the husband of Mrs. Ida J. Gadsden, instructor in the Department of Health at N. C. C. He is also the manager of Mutual Heights, a new Durham housing project.

TO COLUMBIA — Earl L. Sasser, Jr., 1951 class, A and I State College, has been admitted to the Graduate School of Cornell University according to announcement made by Benson L. Dutton, director of the division of engineering and industrial education at A and I Sasser, who received the bachelor of science degree in civil engineering with distinction, from A and I will enter Cornell in September to pursue work toward the M.S. degree in civil engineering. The son of Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Sasser, Sr., registrar and student activities director, respectively, at A and I Sasser plans to do structural engineering work in industry upon completing his studies. Both Dr. and Mrs. Sasser are North Carolinians. Dr. Sasser is a Raleigh native.

## Jury Hears Testimony In Inter-racial Attack Case

AHOSKIE. — A Hertford County Grand Jury reduced a charge of rape against a 45-year-old white New Yorker brought by a Negro girl and indicted the man on a charge of carnal knowledge.

Frank Newsome of New York, but formerly of Aulander, has been held in jail without bond on charges filed by Hattie Hayward, 15-year-old Negro girl.

The grand jury, meeting during a term of Superior Court, returned a true bill charging Newsome with carnal knowledge of a female under 16 years of age.

Newsome went on trial in Superior Court here Tuesday with Judge Henry A. Grady presiding.

At a preliminary hearing, the girl claimed that Newsome raped her five different times on a lonely road between 2 and 7 p.m. on June 30.

She said at the hearing that Newsome came to her home at Powellsville and asked her to stay with his three children while he and his wife attended a movie. When he came to her house, she testified, he had one of his children with him.

After she got in Newsome's car the girl testified, he drove to Ahoskie and told her to wait while he and his wife and other children in a little while, she said, Newsome returned alone.

He then drove her to a lonely road between Winton and Murfreesboro, she testified, and committed the rape. She testified that Newsome choked her and threatened her life.

Newsome did not offer testimony at the preliminary hearing, when he was found over without bond on the capital charge.

## Irate Rider Returns Transfer To White Co. With Terse 'Warning'

RALEIGH — A weary bus rider whose half-hour-old transfer was refused on the Carleigh line at 5:15 Monday afternoon mailed the transfer to the White Transportation Company and offered the Company a real opportunity to be cheap.

"If the White Transportation Company really wants to be cheap," the letter whose signer was not disclosed, reads, "here's a real opportunity. I handed this transfer to the driver of bus No. 448 at exactly 5:45. It was clearly marked 5:15, but although everybody knows a transfer is good for 15 minutes and that the Carleigh bus runs every half hour, your driver refused this transfer."

"Your company is really determined to make some money, and for this reason you may deduct four cents, one cent for an envelope and three cents for a stamp and return me six cents of my 10 cents fare.

Warning: To enter into correspondence about this transfer may run up the costs to several stamps. You do so at your own risk."

## JUDGE URGES TREATMENT FOR HOMOSEXUALS

WILMINGTON — A superior court judge has pointed up a crying need for State facilities to treat alcoholics and homosexuals.

Judge W. T. Hatch remarked Tuesday on a lack of State hospitals in these people as he considered judgment in a case where two young men had been charged with violating in homosexual relations.

"This State spends a lot of money," said Judge Hatch. "The taxpayers pay a lot of taxes. But there is no place in this state where these people can be sent for treatment."

"Rankings that in these cases punishment is not what is needed," Judge Hatch referred to homosexuality as a "disease, and I use the word advisedly. What they need is treatment."

"However," he added, "although I see this clearly, I also see that I cannot simply allow them to return to society. If they do they may infect younger boys and young men. I cannot do that, sir."

He then ordered two men to be taken into custody.

The pair had been charged with engaging in homosexual relations in the back seat of a car parked in a lot beside a theatre earlier this year. They entered guilty pleas to forcible trespass, and the court solicitor accepted the pleas.

## HEY KIDDIES, FREE MOVIES AT LIBRARY

RALEIGH — A children's film will be shown at the Richard B. Harrison Library on Saturday Aug. 4, at 11:30 o'clock.

All children are invited to attend. The admission is free.

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Investigators said the car operated by McLean went out of control and struck Jones, who was sitting near the rear of his government truck. He had parked to wait for gates to open.

Jones was a veteran of World War II.

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## MAN'S FREEDOM SHORT-LIVED

MORGANTON. — Yates Giles, superintendent of the state prison camp here, said Friday that "Eli Carl Williams, 26-year-old prisoner who escaped the last week end, had been apprehended."

Giles said Williams was found at his home in Harmony, near Asheville, Thursday night and had been returned to the local prison.

## SCHOOLHOUSE BEING PLANNED FOR DURHAM

DURHAM — First sketches of a new Negro elementary school, which the Board of Education plans to erect here have been approved by the Division of Schoolhouse Planning of the State Department of Public Instruction.

Superintendent J. Stacy Weaver said Monday that he had received the notice of approval and had instructed the Architect to proceed with the drawings. He said these should be ready within 60 to 90 days.

When the plans are completed however, the Board of Education still will face two major obstacles to jump before it can be assured of the new building.

On problem will be the money. The board has asked the County for \$2,000,000 for additional school buildings and a bond issue vote is expected. To state this action has not been taken.

The second problem will be Federal approval of the project because school buildings are of structures which must have approval before they may be erected. Due to a shortage of steel and building supplies.

Weaver said the building will contain 14 classrooms, an auditorium, cafeteria, library and principal's office.

He said that most of the land needed for the site has been acquired.



## LEARNING YOUNG — A group of more than 30 Cub Scouts who were recent visitors of a Fort Bragg Airborne unit recently were caught by the rangers in the process of inspecting a machine gun. The scouts are members of a Fayetteville troop.

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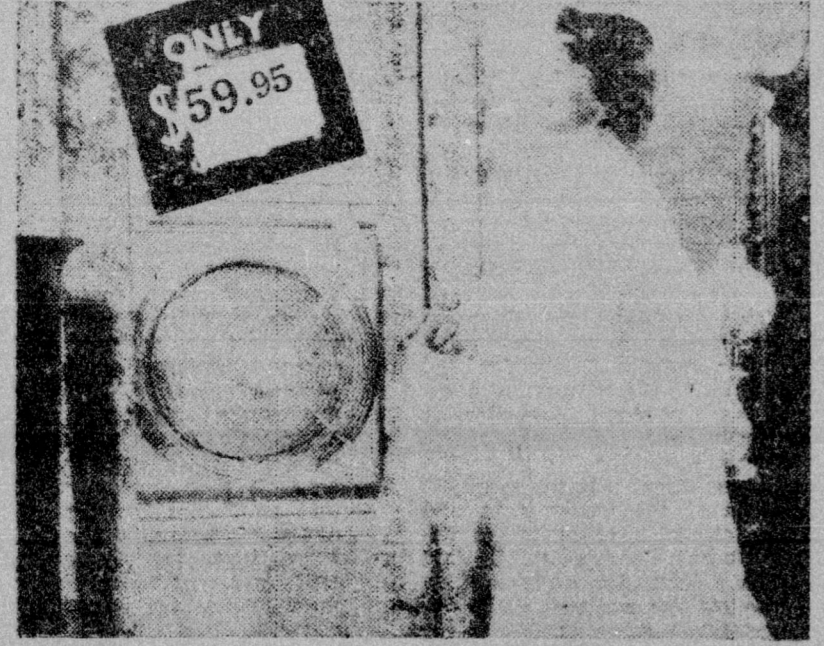
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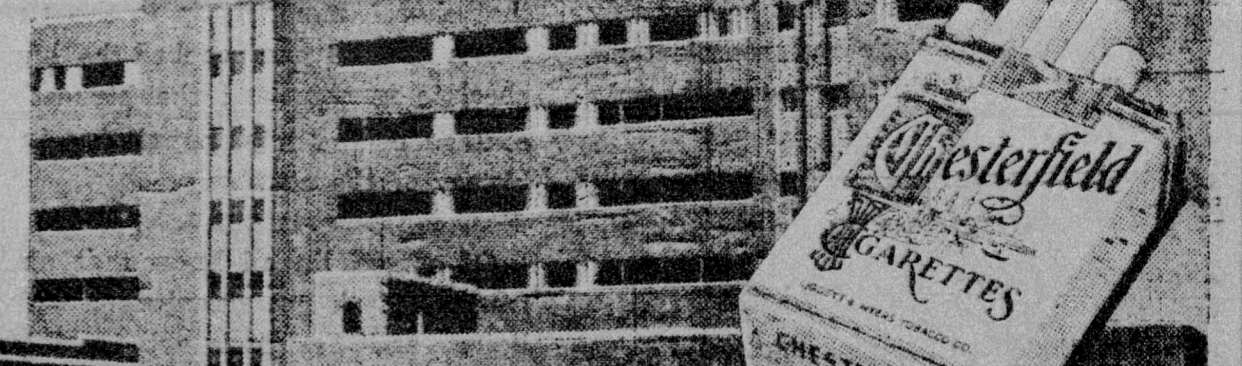
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