

LIGON GRAD TO ATTEND WOMAN'S COLLEGE



MISS ELIZABETH SMART

Ligon Grad 1 Of 2 To Enter W. C.

RALEIGH — The president of J. W. Ligon Junior - Senior High School's class of 1956 made history this week when she was accepted as a freshman at the all-white Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.

Miss Elizabeth Jo Ann Smart, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smart, 504 S. Saunders Street, Raleigh, and Mrs. Bettye Davis Tillman, 19, of Wadesboro will begin studies at the college in September toward a bachelor of arts degree. They will be roommates in Shaw Hall, a freshman dormitory, and will share the same bathroom.

These young ladies were the only ones accepted out of a total of seven Negro women who applied at the institution. Two of the applicants failed to complete their



MRS. BETTYE TILLMAN

credentials while three did not measure up to the scholastic requirements.

The director of admissions at Woman's College, Miss Mildred Newton said that Miss Smart and Mrs. Tillman were informed of their eligibility to attend MCUNC by letter on Monday.

A federal court ruling is responsible for the admission of the women. Last September it was ruled by a federal judge that the Consolidated University of North Carolina must process the applications of hopeful Negro undergraduates.

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PASTOR RAPS SENATORS

GREENSBORO — The Rev. John W. Fleming, director of Christian Education for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, was the featured speaker at a joint state Sunday School and Training Union meeting of Baptists here last week. During his address he blasted three U. S. Senators: Ervin (D-N.C.), Eastland (D-Miss.) and McCarthy (R-Wis.) as doing "dastardly acts" and holding "Un-Christian principles" which are destroying the Christian concept of community. About 400 delegates were present.

SLAYER OF IN-LAW FREED
CLINTON — Lloyd Baggett, 32-year-old tenant farmer, was acquitted in the Sampson County Superior Court Thursday for the shotgun slaying last January of his brother-in-law, Floyd Jones. In freeing the farmer, Judge Malcolm Paul said he did not feel that a jury would convict him. The defendant was so overcome at the verdict that he was unable to talk for a considerable length of time. Baggett was charged with shooting Jones to death on Sunday, January

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CAN'T IGNORE HIGH COURT, WILKINS SAYS

CHICAGO — (ANP)—Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP and chairman of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, told the platform committee of the Democratic National Convention Friday that its platform will be "highly unrealistic, morally and politically," if it fails to recognize and pledge executive and legislative action to implement the U. S. Supreme Court ruling against public school segregation.

Speaking before a packed audience in the Mayfair Room of the Blackstone Hotel, where a 16-man committee has been hard at work all week drafting the party's platform, Wilkins declared:

"In the face of extremist resistance on the part of a minority which sets its archaic prejudices above loyalty to our

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WALKER GETS ENCOURAGEMENT—Photo shows Atty. James R. Walker, Jr. of Weldon, (center) receiving words of encouragement from two of the nearly 300 race citizens present during the second day of trial at Jackson in Northampton County last week for allegedly "assaulting a

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Bunche Kin Strangled To Death

WASHINGTON—The brother-in-law of Dr. Ralph Bunche, United Nations official—Roscoe W. Harris, 63-year-old local realtor, was found strangled to death in his office in the Odd Fellows Hall here Monday.

Harris, the brother of Mrs. Bunche, was bound and gagged and his wallet was missing. Officials reported that he normally carried about \$50 on his person.

Discovery of the body was made by Harris' wife when she arrived at her husband's office with his lunch. He was last seen entering the building around 9:30 a.m. by the janitor.

Deputy Coroner Richard Rosenberg said that the body bore no marks of violence. His assailant or assailants used a towel as a combination gag and blindfold. Harris' feet and hands were bound with rope.

Police said that they have called several persons for questioning but no arrests have been made. "It takes a little time," one official said.

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ALBERT WHITAKER

LOCAL TEACHER RESIGNS POST

By CHARLES R. JONES

RALEIGH — Albert T. Whitaker, 34, of 520 Ellington Street, is leaving the teaching job that he held for 10 years. He has accepted a position as mathematics instructor at the Benjamin Franklin High School, Rochester, N. Y. and will report for work at the end of this month.

The youthful teacher said that the lure of a salary increase was too great not to be accepted, but expressed regret at leaving the local public school system. "My years of teaching here have been profitable experience-wise. I have enjoyed working here."

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Boy, Girl Meet Death In 2 Mishaps

RALEIGH — Drownings took the lives of two teenagers — a girl and a boy over the weekend, in two separate tragedies.

John H. Banks, Jr., 13, of Elizabeth City, was drowned on Sunday afternoon in a dirt quarry on Peartree Road, two miles from Elizabeth City where the State Highway Department had been digging and hauling dirt to provide fill for the new short cut between 170 and 17.

Water was reported six to eight feet deep where young Banks, his brother, Allan, and a companion, Elias Lee, were playing. Banks toppled into the water when he reached forward for what he thought was an eel, the boys with him

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Robeson Men In Gun Duel

LUMBERTON — The sound of gunfire rocked this community on Sunday afternoon and when the smoke had cleared away, two neighbors lay seriously wounded. Two slugs tore into Lacy McNeil, one piercing a lung and the other going through his hip. Shot in the left arm was Flem Powell.

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SUMMER FUN — This trio of charming young lassies are shown leaving the diving board following a swim in the Chavis Park Pool during the 90-plus weather Monday. They are, from left to right, Misses Anzella King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander King, 11 Dare Ter-

race; Gloria Hinton, daughter of Mrs. Mabel Hinton 581 E. Caharras Street; and Dennise Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Perry, 3 Edgewood Terrace. Miss Hinton is a sophomore at N. C. College, Durham, while the other two young ladies attend Ligon School here. STAFF PHOTO BY CHAS. R. JONES.

Girl States Father Held Knife On Her

CARTHAGE — A 53-year-old man, William Wesley McLaughlin, was sentenced to eight to 12 years in prison here Monday on a charge of incest involving his 16-year-old daughter, Martha Jane.

Although a true bill was returned for rape as well as for incest, Solicitor M. G. Boyette said that he did not push this charge because he felt that the other covered the situation fully. On suggestion of Judge F. Don Phillips, the rape charge was not pressed.

The girl, who is mentally retarded, took the stand and haltingly told a story of how he

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School Fight In Old Fort Is Renewed

RICHMOND, Va. — Plaintiffs in the celebrated Old Fort (McDowell) County, N. C. school case this week sought a mandatory injunction to force U. S. District Judge Wilson Warlick of Asheville to take immediate action on their three-year-old petition.

Their attorneys, Herman L. Taylor and Samuel S. Mitchell of Raleigh, on Wednesday filed before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals here an application for

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More Suits May Follow Va. Victory

RICHMOND, Va. — (ANP) — In keeping with the Arlington County desegregation decree, NAACP lawyers are expected to file suits soon to end racial segregation in other Northern Virginia communities.

Edwin C. Brown, Alexandria

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ODDS-ENDS

By ROBERT G. SHEPARD

In the elevation of Mrs. Aima Williams to the principalship of the new elementary school now under construction on the Malbourne Road, the school board acted to give recognition to a person who has efficiently served many years as an elementary teacher in the Raleigh public schools.

This new school which joins the campus of St. Augustine's College, should be a model school because it will serve as a practice-teacher

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female" when he protested vigorously to a white women registrar over the denial of voting privileges to two of his clients last May 12th. On left is Robert Earl, principal Jordan-Sellers High School, Burlington. On the right is Joseph W. Mitchell, secretary of the Civic and Religious

Club of Jackson, which took an active part in helping to finance Walker's defense. Walker was subsequently found guilty as charged and given a fine of \$300 and cost of court. An appeal to the State Supreme Court was noted by defense attorney Samuel S. Mitchell of Raleigh.

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MONTGOMERY CO. CASE HITS ANOTHER DELAY

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BURLINGTON — Arrested on the unusual charge of "failure to aid a police officer," John Gattis, 27, was later released under \$100 bond.

Gattis reportedly refused to help a local police officer to place a woman, charged with drunkenness, into a police car. When the officer asked him to hold open the car door, Gattis is alleged to have replied:

"You do it, you're wearing the badge." The officer did it but returned a short time later with a warrant which authorized the arrest of Gattis for allegedly violating a state statute.



EYE TO THE FUTURE? — The modern design of a Hollywood record company's building captures the fancy, and imagination of congresswoman Mable Dove, the first female member of Africa's national legislative assembly. Miss Dove, during her visit in the United States, has expressed great interest in new architectural designs for dwellings, schools and business establishments. (NEWSPRESS PHOTO)