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# Citizens Oppose Superintendent's Selection Of Principal SUPREME COURT REVERSES BUS CASE

## 'Slippery Eel' Vanishes From Prison; Was Serving A 50 To 80 Years Sentence

ARTHUR "Slippery" MORRIS, better known as the "Slippery Eel," a name with which he was tagged during his numerous escapes here from apprehension by the law, during a series of burglaries he is alleged to have been implicated in, and due to his smoothness in getting in and out of homes of unsuspecting as well as unsuspecting citizens, escaped from prison last week as slick as he escaped from homes.

Morris, who was finally arrested here after he attempted to cash a Liggett and Myers tobacco company check which he is alleged to have stolen from the of the homes he burglarized, made his escape from the prison camp this week with the same dexterity which characterized his entering homes here and in Raleigh.

So perfect did Morris make his get away that prison officials had little information which they could disclose as to the time Morris took French leave. In fact it is believed that he was gone several days before he was even missed.

Morris, who was serving a 50 to 80 year sentence for the burglaries was tried and sentenced here last February. David Fisher, who was tried with him as being an accomplice received a sentence of from only 5 to 7 years, due to the fact he proved of good character, while the record of Morris showed he had been involved in 20 or more crimes ranging from burglary to petty

### UNKNOWN MAN ATTACKS MRS. MARTHA BEVILLE

REIDSVILLE.—(Special)—About 2:30 A. M. Monday, June 13, Mrs. Martha Beville on Harrison street was awakened by the sound of a prowler who had entered her home through a window, and before she could identify the intruder he had pounced upon her. He clubbed her three times over the head and fled the scene before help could be obtained.

The intruder spread a coat on the ground below the window and stood on a can in order to gain entrance. It is believed that the coat was used to prevent footprints from being left in the mud.

Many are of the opinion that this crime was the work of someone who was well acquainted with Mrs. Beville and no probable motive for the crime can be found.

### AMERICAN ENVOY ARRIVES IN PARIS

PARIS, France, (ANP)—Daily papers in Paris last Thursday, carried pictures of Minister Lester A. Walton who had just arrived in the capital of France from America. The minister and Mrs. Walton were scheduled to sail for Africa a week's stay.

### SCARBOROUGH NURSERY SCHOOL ANNOUNCES ITS OPENING

The Daisy E. Scarborough Nursery School will open Monday June 20, offering to the Negro Community a much needed service; the supervision and instruction of pre-school children from the ages of two to five.

The Nursery school will be operated in the Daisy E. Scarborough Home at 525 E. Pettigrew Street. It is a new phase of the work which has been carried on in the home thirteen years or more, in the interest of the well-being of little children.

The building has been renovated recently and equipped for the capacity in which it will serve. The Nursery school will be in operation from 8:30 in the morning until 5:00 in the afternoon.

Mrs. J. C. Scarborough, Sr. general supervisor of the kindergarten and Nursery School Miss Eva Patterson, instructor, Mrs. R. N. Harris house superintendent, a matron and her assistants comprise the staff.

All children between the ages of two and five are acceptable. In order that the school may serve those who possibly need it most, only five cents per day will be charged each child attending.

### TELLS HOW TO OVERCOME BOLL WEEVIL

TUSKEGEE Institute, June 15.—(ANP)—T. M. Campbell, North with headquarters here, warns cotton farmers that unsettled weather conditions this Spring which delayed cotton planting are likely to encourage the boll weevil.

"Fighting the boll weevil is largely a matter of getting the cotton matured as early as possible," said Mr. Campbell, "because the latter the cotton, the more damage is likely to be done by the pest."

Quoting government entomologists who are familiar with conditions in the deep South, Mr. Campbell urges the application of poison in the pre square stage. One method in common usage is to mop the small plants with a mixture of one pound of calcium arsenate, one gallon of water and one gallon of molasses. Other methods are to dust with calcium arsenate or to apply mixture with a spray.

WIN SUPREME COURT VICTORY



Attorneys C. J. Gates and Edward Avant caught by the cameraman immediately after they had finished arguing the Jim Crow bus case before the North Carolina Supreme Court which

## Charges Dictators Of Hayti Section Influenced Burnett's Appointment As School Head

The recent appointment of Prof. Frank G. Burnett as principal of the East Durham elementary school struck stiff opposition here this week when a copy of a letter addressed to Superintendent W. F. Warren, opposing the selection of Prof. Burnett, found its way into the hands of a Carolina Times representative.

The vacancy which occurred at the local school took place when Mrs. F. K. Watkins, who had served as principal for approximately ten years tendered her resignation during the latter part of the year. Scramble for the position began immediately and several names of persons connected with the Durham school system were prominently mentioned as choice by various persons and organizations in the city.

Citizens of East Durham expressed their choice several weeks ago in a petition addressed to Superintendent Warren and signed by more than 200 persons living in the section of the city which the East Durham School serves. They named Prof. Frank G. Sowell as their selection and were given good reasons to believe that their wishes would be granted by the superintendent, according to a statement issued to the Carolina Times Wednesday.

As it now stands there is much disappointment throughout the particular community, as well as much resentment, towards the action of Mr. Warren, and certain Negro leaders of Durham who, citizens of East Durham believe, have used their influence

## High Court Says Miss Harris Did Not Violate Jim Crow Law On Bus

### WHITE COLLAR WPA WORKERS PLANNING PROTEST MARCH ON WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(ANP)—A mass march on Washington by more than 600 arts and professional WPA workers and trade unionists to protest against the \$1,000 a year plan which goes into effect July 1 will be staged June 27, it was announced last week by the Trade Union Committee on Unemployment and WPA.

### MISS CRAWLEY FETES SILVER MOON CLUB

A lovely social affair of the week occurred Tuesday evening when Miss Temple Crawley was hostess to the Silver Moon Club at her home on Pine street. Colorful snapdragons and other garden flowers were effectively placed about the home.

### OFFER PRIZES FOR DIVERSIFICATION

OKMULGEE, Okla., June 15.—(ANP)—The Negro Civic League of Okmulgee is offering valuable prizes to encourage the 1938 Crop Diversification program.

J. M. Whittington, Negro C. Agent, states that 150 Negro farmers are actually pledged to follow the program, while many others not enrolled are finding it to their advantage to follow the practices.

Scoring will be based upon such points as soil maintenance and fertility, health and fertility, health and sanitation, farm management, food for the family, feed for livestock, quality of livestock and crop yields.

fact, that when a representative body from East Durham came before you requesting a new school building, we were unable to get certain Hayti gentlemen, long distance leaders, to appear with us. Now we have learned that these same gentlemen have come from behind to the front, and are responsible for recommending a principal for us from their own community, Hayti, as well as selecting the principal of Lyon Park.

### APPOINTMENT OPPOSED



PROF. FRANK G. BURNETT, teacher in the Durham County school system who was appointed principal of the East Durham school last week. The appointment of Prof. Burnett is being strongly opposed by patrons of the school who are in favor of the appointment of Prof. Frank George Sowell.

### CHILD PRODIGY DIES

NEW YORK, (ANP)—Little Joyce Willis, brilliant child prodigy died here Thursday. Joyce the grand daughter of the famous orchestra leader, Lucketh Roberts and Mrs. Roberts passed after a brief illness.

### KILLER COP BOUND OVER ON MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE; BOND IS SET AT \$1,000

T. D. Wilkie, chief of the Durham AUC enforcement squad who murdered James McNeil at his home May 27, was ordered held for the grand jury on a charge of manslaughter by recorder William Murdock after a hearing of about ten hours.

The murder took place when Wilkie with two other officers, R. G. Bobbit and T. L. Bailey, raided McNeil's home supposedly in search of whiskey. Wilkie's bond was set at \$1,000.

In order to complete the testimony from both sides, a night session of recorder's court was held.

Prosecuting this case for the state were four of North Carolina's most outstanding and most competent attorneys, namely, C. J. Gates, M. Hugh Thompson, C. O. Pearson and E. Avant. These lawyers, who were on the alert throughout the trial, lived up to their fine reputation for efficiency and proved that they are second to none in their knowledge of the fine points of the law and legal procedure.

RALEIGH, June 15.—The Supreme Court of North Carolina handed down a decision here today reversing the verdict of the lower courts in the action against Miss Ellen Harris, Durham woman arrested and charged with violating the North Carolina Jim Crow law which provides that Negroes riding on public buses fill up from the rear while white passengers must fill up from the front.

The case was argued before the supreme court last month by Attorneys C. J. Gates and Ed. Avant, representing Miss Harris, and is one of the many victories won by the partnership of Attorneys Gates and Avant in the past several months.

The charge against Miss Harris was brought by J. B. Harris, driver for the Durham Public Service Company. Jones had Miss Harris arrested last February 12 when she refused to give up her seat, next to the last one in the rear of the bus, to a white man named R. B. Jones when the latter requested that she do so.

The case was tried before Judge W. H. Murdock of the Durham Recorder's court who imposed the cost of the action on Miss Harris. Not satisfied with the results, Miss Harris appealed the case to the Superior court, secured the services of Attorneys Gates and Avant. She was convicted in the superior court and fined \$10 and the cost by Judge (Continued on page eight)

## Robbers Wound Minister And Steal \$2,319

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 17, (ANP) Shot by one of two colored men who followed him from a meeting to his home early Tuesday night, the Rev. O. Sherman, 44, presiding elder of the A. M. E. church, was wounded critically and robbed of \$2,319 belonging to Shorter college.

yards behind their speeding car when they passed the city hall. The preacher shouted to a sergeant standing outside police headquarters that he had been robbed and the bandits were in the car immediately ahead.

Officers commandeered cars and took up the chase but soon lost the other autos in business district traffic. Soon a call came in that a man was shot in a automobile. Police found Rev. Sherman slumped over his wheel where he had collapsed after halting his car. An ambulance carried him to Southern hospital where he was found to be critically wounded and suffering from shock and loss of blood. When questioned at the hospital he could not talk coherently.

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Night Police Chief Anderson said the robbers evidently had previous knowledge of the meeting of the board of trustees. Funds raised in each of the state's 18 A. M. E. districts for the operation next year of the college were delivered to the meeting and the money turned over to Rev. Sherman.

Later, two men, described by officers as familiar with procedure at the college, were picked up for questioning.

Tom Edwards, who embalmed (Continued on page eight)