

GASTONIA PROF. RESIGNS UNDER FIRE

TILLMAN QUILTS AS CITIZENS PROTEST TO SCHOOL BOARD

GASTONIA, — T. C. Tillman, for 10 years principal of Highland Elementary and High School here, resigned from his position after the school had been torn asunder by students "striking" and with parents and other interested citizens up in arms against him and his "regime." The immediate cause of the high feeling against him was his action in barring certain students from participating in a musical festival given on last Monday night, but informed sources stated that the action was the culmination of many grievances, some of them of year's standing.

The student strike occurred on Tuesday morning, and is said to have had the full approval of parents. Community attention was focused on the situation when the students paraded through the downtown business section with placards stating, "We Are On Strike," and "We Want A New Principal." Police

soon interfered and broke up the parade, but no charges were lodged against the paraders. W. P. Grier, city school superintendent, investigated the situation at this time, and said that he thought Principal Tillman had dealt wisely with the situation, and on Thursday Tillman told the Gastonia Gazette, white daily, that the strike had ended and that "all except possibly one or two" of the students involved were back in school. However, on Friday morning a delegation informed the newspaper that the strike had just begun, and that more than 50 students were on strike.

Meanwhile citizens were busy. A complaint was drawn up and signed by nearly 100 citizens and taxpayers, requesting the immediate dismissal of the principal, "because of bias, petty jealousy and prejudice at various and sundry times without provocation," "and because of conduct unbecoming an executive."

As a result of the efforts of both parents and students, the school board met with about 200 students, parents and citizens in City Hall on Friday, and after a stormy two hour session, Tillman resigned.

Speaking for those opposed to Tillman's regime included Miss M. L. Dendy, teacher at Highland, A. M. Hasson, J. B. Adams, Dr. W. P. Carter, and others. Tillman spoke in his own behalf. Present for the board meeting was a quorum of four out of the seven members including Chairman Lawrence S. Rankin, Supt. W. P. Grier was also at the meeting.

On Monday after Supt. Grier told the CAROLINA TIMES on the telephone that Tillman would remain at the school until the school year is over on May 30. It is understood that he will no longer have charge of discipline at the school, this duty having been delegated to R. L. Schooler and J. Robinson, teachers who will supervise the elementary and high school departments.

TRIO CO-STARRING IN "THE DARK COMMAND"



Clinton Rosemond, Claire Trevor and Marie Gover in a scene from Republic's "Dark Command" which had its world premiere at the Roxy Theatre in New York on last Friday.—Ted

was a charter member, he has served as Commander, and as a private in the ranks. Fraternally, Carl T. Durham is a Mason; a member of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics and a deacon in the Baptist church of Chapel Hill. As president of the Men's Bible Class, of which he was a charter member, Congressman Durham has always been loyal to every righteous cause in his community.

Congressman's Durham's friends commend him to the public for its honest consideration at the

polls, Saturday, May 25. They commend him as a Democrat, a man of keen conscientious principles of right filled with charity, having an exceptional capacity for insight into the problems of government; courageous and kind with an unimpeachable character.

Carl T. Durham knows the problems of the hard pressed farmer, for his hands have been hardened with the toil of a son of the soil. His experience in getting a living from the farm gives him a sympathetic feeling

toward his fellow farmers. He has labored for wages and knows the laborer's viewpoint of life and his many problems.

As a business man Carl T. Durham has touched most of the phases of business activities. His ability in this field has been well proven by success. In the field of public service at home and abroad, Congressman Durham has demonstrated beyond contradiction his effectiveness as a servant of the people. (Adv.)

Harvey Morris

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

CHARLOTTE — Harvey Morris candidate for the Board of County Commissioners subject to the Democratic Primary, in his own business has for many years shown a spirit that should secure for him the vote of every registered Negro, according to a close friend.

Mr. Morris, who operates a dairy farm just outside the limits of Charlotte has three Negro families who have worked for him more than five years. They have worked, 15, 11, and 9 years respectively.

He made it a policy that, as soon as a colored person works for him five years, he takes out a \$1000.00 insurance policy on his own life with the employee as the beneficiary, and a similar policy with the employee's wife as beneficiary. He pays the premiums on these

policies himself. This can be in no wise construed as a political move, for he took the first policy out for a Negro employee ten years ago.

USHERS TO MEET—

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home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sampson, 833 Benbow Road. A brief business session was presided over by C. R. Craig, chairman. Members present were W. M. Ellis, Rev. O. C. Crutchfield, A. M. Leach, C. L. Smith, O. G. Dennell, Wm Reynolds, T. J. Broadnax, Arthur Gump, and Albert Latta. Mesdames Florence Henderson, Ada Matley, Mary Lee Wright, Louise Isley, L. A. Foster, and Miss Alexander.

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BY HERBERT TILLERY

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one of the ablest men in the present Congress in the person of Carl T. Durham, of Chapel Hill. He has not yet completed his first term in office, but his intelligence, character, courage, and ability to meet every situation with poise and distinction have confirmed the judgment of those who elected him to this position of trust.

In faithful service to every

task assigned, and often without monetary consideration Congressman Durham has skived at large place in the United States government by the path of well-executed duty to every cause both great and small.

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