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Teacher's Slayer Tries To Hang Himself



Miss Carolyn Ingram, daughter of Mrs. Bernice Ingram, 1213 Fayetteville Street, is shown here as she gets degree from President Willis B. Player at Bennett College commencement exercises on May 27. Miss Ingram had previously received the David D. Jones leadership award.

N. C. College Graduates 365

Pumps Slugs Into Body of Teacher, Attempts Suicide

WILSON
A few hours after he had pumped two bullets from a .32 caliber rifle into the body of a pretty, young Wilson school teacher here early Saturday morning, a North Carolina College graduate student attempted to take his own life after he had been arrested and jailed on a charge of murder.

Dead is Miss Jean Willett Bryant, 22, seventh grade teacher of the Darden High School, who was shot once in the head and once in the hip. She had been employed at the school for the past two years.

The student, Ralph Gay, who had about completed requirements for a Masters Degree, is being held without bond pending a preliminary hearing which, according to Chief of Police Albert Privett of Wilson, will probably be waived by his attorney.

The Carolina Times learned that Miss Bryant was killed about two o'clock Saturday. (Please turn to page Eight)

\$1500 Scholarship Given Ligon High Student

RALEIGH
Ernest Edward Ratliff, President of the Ligon High School Student Council and fourth ranking honor student in the class of 145, was granted a scholarship of \$1,550 to Colgate University in Hamilton, New York for the 1957-58 academic year. One thousand one hundred dollars of this amount is a straight scholarship and four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) is a work scholarship. This scholarship is renewable. Ratliff has had a distinguished high school career winning many honors and prizes.

In 1956 he won first prize in the World Peace Speaking Contest. He also served as sports editor of the Ligon Tatler, President of the National Honor Society and member of the football team for two years. He is planning to major in English as a step toward a career in journalism.

Lillian Elizabeth Carnage, valedictorian of the graduating class, won a \$500 renewable (Please turn to page Eight)

NAACP To Spend \$10,000 In Vote Effort In South

NEW YORK
Since January 1, a total of \$10,000 has been allocated by the NAACP to an educational campaign to register voters in the southern states, it was announced here recently by Roy Wilkins, executive secretary.

The work is being done in Georgia, Virginia and in a small section of Mississippi. A program is scheduled to get underway in South Carolina in June and in North Carolina later in the year.

The state organizations of the NAACP are handling the program on the local level. Virginia is adding a man to its state staff by vote of its executive committee and part of the expense will be met by a grant of \$3,000 from the national headquarters. In the intensive registration period in Georgia in March and April just prior to the election there, local registration clinics were assisted in the amount of \$2,500.

A staff man will be added to the South Carolina state organization, according to Rev. J. M. Hinton, state president, and a grant of \$3,000 will be made by the national office, Mr. Wilkins said.

The North Carolina program will be a careful one in Congressional districts and will be under the direction of Kelly M. Alexander of Charlotte, state NAACP president.

"These are purely educational, non-partisan campaigns, Mr. Wilkins said, and will feature the giving of information and instructions to voters on how to register. No work will be done for any political party and the campaign will be in the hands of NAACP members or in non-partisan activity.

"We believe that practical work must be done to get voters on the rolls as a matter of good citizenship and for this reason our state units are translating their determination into action.

"Our funds for this work are limited by the demands being made for other aspects of our (Please turn to page Eight)



RALPH GAY
The photos above are those of Ralph Gay and Miss Jean Willett Bryant, principals in a Wilson murder and attempted suicide last Saturday. Gay, the



MISS JEAN W. BRYANT
slayer, has completed requirements for a Masters Degree at N. C. College. Miss Bryant, the victim, was a teacher in the Darden High School of Wilson.

Baptist School In Wake Forest To Admit Negro Students In 1958

CHICAGO, Ill.
Racial bars at the Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C., came tumbling down, although belatedly, last week in Chicago by action of the school's trustees. This puts the Southeastern Seminary in line with the other Baptist ministerial schools that have already integrated.

The change was effected by the decision of 25 of the Seminary's trustees in a meeting held to deal with the problem. The action, taken by unanimous vote, provides that the Wake Forest institution open its doors in the fall of 1958 to qualified Negro students.

Because the seminary at the present time is holding chapel services in the Wake Forest Baptist Church which it does not own, a provision in the form of a resolution stipulates that the school shall be operating on

its own property at the time of the admission of Negro students. Five of the 30 trustees of the seminary were not present at the meeting.

Here Sunday

Rev. S. P. Perry, of Richmond, Va., former pastor of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church, Durham, will preach Tuesday night, June 11, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church just across the Road from the Merrick Moore School, Fish Dam Road. Rev. B. B. Felder, pastor, Mrs. E. M. Ford, Captain.

CONGRESSMAN ADAM POWELL SUFFERS MILD HEART ATTACK

NEW YORK
The condition of Representative Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., was reported as favorable last Monday at New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center.

The 48-year-old minister collapsed while preaching at his church, Sunday, at 1:10 P.M., to 2,000 persons attending the service.

Leaving the church, Absynnanian Baptist, the Rev. Mr. Powell was driven immediately to the hospital. "Exhaustion" and a "possible heart attack" were given as the reason for the collapse.

Further tests are being conducted by the congressman's doctor, and no final statement of the cause of the collapse will be made until they are completed.

Twice before Representative Powell has had what was thought to be heart attacks, but examinations proved the heart



James E. Shepard Statue Unveiled

A new chapter was written in the development of N. C. College here Saturday when the bronze statue of the late Dr. James E. Shepard, the school's founder and first president, was unveiled. The statue which stands in the circle in front of the Administration building of the college was viewed last week and this week by thousands of visitors and friends of the school during the commencement program. The above photo was taken, following the unveiling. Those in the picture from left to right are J. T. Taylor, executive secretary of the James E. Shepard Foundation, sponsors; William Zorach, sculpturer; Dr. G. D. Carnes, who succeeded Dr. Shepard as Grandmaster of Masons of North Carolina, and Mrs. Carolyn Smith Green, granddaughter of Dr. Shepard, who did the unveiling.

Nearly 5,000 Hear Dr. H. Thurman, Noted Minister, In Finals Address

Dr. Howard Thurman warned North Carolina College graduates here Tuesday that "the integrated order of things to come will not accept the old alibi of race" as any explanation for individuals to fail in their life's ambitions.

"It is significant," he said, "that the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges has abolished the old distinctions of 'Negro' schools. In the very near future all schools will be expected to meet the same standards."

"Competition to meet the standards of the new day will not accept race as an excuse for failure," he warned.

Dr. Thurman, tabbed by "Life" in 1953 as one of the "top 12 preachers in the United States," spoke at NCC Tuesday on "The Present Crisis." Three hundred and sixty-five candidates for the baccalaureate degree filled the 5,000 seat-capacity Men's Gymnasium to hear the famed cleric.

Sunday's baccalaureate preacher was the Reverend E. Deedom Alston, rector of the Church of Our Merciful Savior of Louisville, Kentucky.

The Rev. Mr. Alston advised

the graduates to "defy the tradition of 'odd man out' and flee the smothering embrace of conformity."

He cited Jesus' two questions: "Whom do men say that I am?" and "Whom do ye say that I am?" as questions whose answers "will make your life."

The baccalaureate speaker is an alumnus of North Carolina College in the class of '35.

Among the 365 recipients of degrees was Solomon Shannon, professor of education at Tougaloo College in Mississippi, who was granted NCC's second doctor of philosophy degree. Dr. Walter Brown, placement officer at the college, received the first Ph.D. at North Carolina College in 1955.

In his finals speech on Tuesday, Dr. Thurman defined crisis as a "condition growing out of tension between two things, one to remain as is and the other to expand, to develop."

"All growth, he continued, is a resolving of tensions between these two things." "To the Self, growing in maturity means developing techniques for negotiating the expanding time interval between wish and fulfillment. (Please turn to page Eight)

LET THE PEOPLE SPEAK

THIS WEEK'S SUBJECT: "Do You Think We Are Taking As Much Advantage Of The Opportunities Offered In The Business World, As Did Our Fathers And Grandfathers?"

- (a) "Do You Think This City Is Still Recognized As A Leader In The Negro Business World, Making Progress Comparable To Other Cities, Such As Gastonia and Atlanta, Georgia?"
- (b) "Do You Think We Might Be Living Off The Prestige Of The Older Generation?"

WILLIAM J. STINSON, Manager of Fourteenth Street Shell Station: "Frankly speaking, we are not doing as well with what we have as the older generation did. We are living on a bed of ease; opportunities are plentiful from all angles. Not only for the heir who inherits a fortune, whether large or small, but for the newcomers to this town as well; rich or poor, opportunities are here. One of our faults is that most of us are not staying on the job as we should and some of our businesses are run haphazardly.

Now you take cities like Atlanta, the segregation pattern is more strictly enforced there, and in order for the Negro to enjoy the comforts of certain things, they have to build them. Of course, most any citizen here will point a finger of pride at the bus company and insurance company that's operated here by our people; and they are something for us to be proud of. They are things that the older generation started, probably with very little capital, so every individual has a chance to contribute something."

TOM PERRY, President of Local 248 Transport Workers, 832 Rich Square: "I do not think we are doing as well because the people are not cooperating as those older people did. Most individuals seem to be trying to live for themselves and to do anything we must unite. We seem to think what the older generation did will last forever; but we, the younger generation will have to keep the ball rolling in order to keep up with such places as Gastonia and Atlanta."

AUTHOR C. HANNER, Assistant Clerk ABC Store System, 1349 Underwood Avenue: "To tell the truth it really makes me ashamed when I think about this seriously. We are not doing what we should; not with what we have at our disposal. I think some of us might be doing pretty well, but the most of us are sitting back and bragging about what has been accomplished 25 or 30 years ago. We do not expect to keep up with those other cities when we do not have a program to stimulate new ideas and then cooperate together in carrying them out. Most of the people who are already in business are not concerned about the public for no more than what they (Please turn to page Eight)



CONG. ADAM POWELL

was not involved. Rep. Powell, a hard worker, has taken part in a number of public exercises lately and had complained of not feeling well, but attributed his condition to exhaustion.