

# Fate Of Bishop Nichols Expected Soon



Some of the key figures who took leading roles in the American Teachers Association's annual meeting at North Carolina College are pictured in the above two photographs. The ATA convention opened last week at the college and is scheduled to end this week. In the top photo, United Nations Mediator Dr. Frank P. Graham (second from left) is shown here being greeted by Dr. T. E. Spegner, (extreme right), retiring president of the ATA. Others pictured are H. Council Trenholm, ATA executive secretary, and Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, distinguished historian. Dr. Graham keynoted the ATA's 54th session with stirring plea for respect of individual and cultural differences among peoples of the world. All was not seriousness at the ATA convention, as is displayed in bottom picture where three otherwise grave dignitaries share a light moment. Left to right are Dr. Joseph ... of the NCC Summer School, Presidential Assistant Robert K. Gray and ... President of Alabama A. and M. College, Dr. Deane ... chairman of the ATA Board.

## Dr. Graham Tells Teachers Rights Must Be Guarded

With greetings from President Eisenhower and high Governmental persons, the 54th session of the American Teachers Association opening at North Carolina College this week, heard a reaffirmation of basic human rights from one of the world's outstanding citizens, UN Mediator Frank P. Graham.

Keynoting the public meeting Sunday, Dr. Graham said, "The right to vote cannot morally and must not evasively be denied under the law to any qualified citizen."

In his audience were Mayor E. J. Evans of Durham, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Charles F. Carroll of Raleigh, and scores of dignitaries from government, industry, and education at all levels. Delegates from 31 states expected to attend the three-day program that was scheduled Sunday through Tuesday.

In an interview before his speech, Dr. Graham said, "The struggle of the Negro in America for self-development, full citizenship and leadership is made vivid, by the fact that more Negroes now attend colleges in the United States than in the rest of the world."

The UN diplomat spoke on "The United Nations in the Atomic Age." He praised the role of man's historic development of "an evolutionary consciousness of brotherhood."

Progress for mankind, in general, has been slow, according to the measurements of history, he said. However, he pointed out that today's world powers seem to face the alternative between survival with the United Nations or extinction through destructive uses of new atomic weapons.

## Simmons, Veteran AG Teacher, Dies

GREENSBORO. Richardson Memorial hospital after a two months illness. Rev. J. E. Brower, pastor of St. Matthews Methodist church, will officiate at the services. He will be assisted by Rev. Cleo M. McCoy, director of Religious Education at A and T College, and Rev. G. M. Phelps, pastor of Union Memorial Church, also of Greensboro.

## CHURCH TRIAL NEARS END

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. The trial of Bishop D. Ward Nichols, presiding prelate of the Eleventh Episcopal District of the AME Church, charged with misappropriation of funds and breaking practically every law of the church, got underway here Tuesday morning at ten a.m., at historic Mt. Zion AME Church, located at 201 E. Beaver Street. The Rev. W. F. Foster is pastor.

Present at the hearing is every bishop of the church, except those in foreign countries, many general officers, numerous ministers and laymen from all over America. The large number of dignitaries of the church, together with the tremendous crowd of ministers and laymen, has created an atmosphere resembling more of a General Conference than a trial involving the fate of a single bishop.

Every seat in the church has been taken both on the main floor and in the gallery with numerous persons standing around the walls. Presiding as Judge at the hearing is Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., of the Eighth Episcopal District. Bishop H. T. Primm of the Tenth Episcopal District is head of the trial committee which consists of four other persons. Appearing for the church are Attorney Sadie M. Alexander of Philadelphia and Rev. Ernest Johnson of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Representing Bishop Nichols are Attorneys S. D. Jackson of Jacksonville, Fla., and T. L. Thomas of Miami, Fla. (Please turn to page 8)

# FAMILY WIPED OUT

To Wed On NBC Show

## Calhoun To Say 'I Do' Before TV

Dan Ferris, czar of America's amateur athletics, threatened to toss a monkey wrench into plans of Lee Calhoun and his fiancée to say their nuptial vows before the nationwide television cameras of NBC.

Calhoun and his college sweetheart, Miss Gwendolyn Bannister of Pinehurst, were all set a few days ago to say "I do" on the afternoon NBC-TV Show, "Bride and Groom." However, Ferris came through with a threat of shutting off Lee's brilliant track career if the North Carolina College star goes through with the idea.

L. T. Walker, coach of the Olympic champion, revealed to the TIMES this week that he had received a letter from Ferris, who is executive secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) questioning the possibility of Calhoun's retaining his amateur status if he goes through with plans to be married on the program.

"...his appearance on the show with awards that go to the honeymooning couple would jeopardize his amateur standing. It is assumed that Lee Calhoun has been accepted for this program because he is the national and Olympic hurdles champion," Ferris' letter stated in part.

Though Ferris' letter implied that he would consider bringing Calhoun's status before the AAU board for review, efforts to have him spell out just what action he would propose to the board in the event Calhoun does go through with the TV wedding have been unsuccessful.

Walker stated that Ferris' letter was dated July 23, and since that time he has written the AAU board twice but has not received a reply.

Whether Ferris will propose some alternative solution to the situation which would permit Calhoun's amateur status to stand undamaged while at the same time taking part in the TV wedding is a matter still unsettled.

Walker told the TIMES that in the event no compromise can be reached, he will let Calhoun make the decision.

"It's all up to Lee," he said, "He must decide whether an additional year of serious amateur competition would mean more to him than going through the planned televised wedding."

Walker revealed that he did not expect Lee to continue running until the 1960 Olympics. (Please turn to page 8)

## Six Fayetteville Residents Die In Auto Crash

FAYETTEVILLE. Mass funeral services for an entire family wiped out in an automobile accident in which six persons lost their lives was scheduled at Raeford for Sunday.

St. James Holiness church at Raeford will be the scene of the mass funerals for the three members of the Purcell family, who along with three others died in an automobile accident in Virginia Sunday.

Others who met death in the accident, described by Virginia authorities as the climax to one of the bloodiest weeks in history on the state roads, were Helen Maria Christie, 7; her father, Samuel Christie, 32; and Arnold Murray, 21.

The lone survivor of the wreck was Mrs. Samuel Christie, 30.

It was not determined if there were any other members of the Christie family.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed early this week for the Christie family. Members of the Purcell family who will be buried Sunday in the mass services are the Rev. Prince Purcell, 53; his wife, Mrs. Bobbie Purcell, 50; and their son, Lonnie, 19.

According to reports, the six were returning from a Holiness church convention in Oliver. (Please turn to page 8)

## INSIDE CIVIL RIGHTS

Val Washington, a trained observer of the national scene for many years and currently chairman of the Republican National Committee on Minorities, tears away from the Administration's proposal the sinister shroud with which it has been covered by Southern opponents. Be sure to read this important document in next week's issue.



CALHOUN'S BRIDE-TO-BE

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# Durham Joins Cities Asking Desegregation Of Schools

## Bryson Refuses White School To Negro Pupils

BRYSON CITY. The Swain county board of education refused to lower segregation barriers to admit six Negro students to white school here and instead voted to reassign the six to an all Negro unaccredited high school at Sylvia in the next county.

However, a member of the board was quoted as saying after the vote was taken that the board ought to take the lead in preparing the community for the integration that would be inevitable through an eventual court order.

This statement was attributed to Mrs. Francis Colville.

The board said it was sending the six Negro pupils back to the school at Sylvia for their own protection.

Sylvia is some 20 miles from Bryson City and the Negro high school there is without accreditation.

Top county school officials expressed opinions that possible opposition to admission of the Negroes to the all white school might flare into violence.

County Schools Superintendent T. L. Woodard said that he feared admitting the Negroes to the white school could cause a "real rough time, in my estimation, something like Clinton."

L. D. Hyde, president of the white high school student body told the board that some of the students had pretty bitter feelings about the possibility of integration.

He also said that in his observation the attitude of the students was worse this year than it was last year when five Negroes sought admission on opening day of the fall term.

Last year, the Negro applicants were advised they would have to file applications during a specified period following the close of the regular school year.

This year applications were filed last month for the first time in forms made up by the applicants themselves. However, the board decided the applications were incorrect and issued standard ones. The appli-

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Dr. Richard K. Barksdale was elevated to the position of dean of North Carolina College's graduate school by the school trustees in their recent meeting. Professor of English at the college since 1949, Barksdale held the position of assistant dean. He succeeds Dr. W. W. Plyerson of the University of North Carolina, who was acting dean of the NCC graduate school.

## Funeral Rites Are Held For Prominent M. D.

WINSTON-SALEM. Seventy-two years old, Dr. H. D. Malloy, died here last Sunday, July 21st at his home, 1219 East Fourteenth Street.

One of the city's leading physicians, Dr. Malloy practiced medicine in Winston-Salem 34 years and was a native of Laurel Hill.

A 1910 graduate of the Shaw University School of Medicine, Dr. Malloy was an active member of First Institutional Baptist Church and worked diligently as superintendent of the Sunday School and was chairman of the Board of Trustees at the time of his death. Among other activities, he was a member of the Bachelors and Benefactors Club.

Final rites were conducted from First Institutional Baptist Church, Tuesday, July 30th at (Please turn to page 8)

## School Board Gets 14 Requests To Lower Jim Crow Barriers

Durham has joined the small circle of North Carolina cities in which requests for an end to segregation in public schools have been made. City school officials revealed Monday night that letters have been received from 14 Negro parents asking that their children not be assigned to a segregated school.

School officials and attorneys representing the Negro parents declined to reveal the names of the applicants, however Atty. C. O. Pearson, one of the lawyers representing the 14 said that most of them live on North Roxboro Street and on Club Boulevard in the Walltown section of the city.

Durham's action differs from that opened in other cities of the state by Negro parents. The requests here were general, did not specify which school the students wished to attend and simply asked that they not be assigned to a segregated school.

The Durham daily press, referring to this fact, viewed the action as an attempt "clearly aimed at crashing segregation here on a large-scale basis."

However, attorneys representing the 14 told the TIMES that it was necessary to make the requests in this manner because the school board has failed so far to make any assignments for the year.

Under the Pupil Assignment Law, which other desegregation requests in N. C. followed, a parent wishing to send his child to a white school must wait until the school board assigns students for the year then apply for reassignment.

Pearson explained that the purpose of the applications is to integrate the schools fully and permit each child to attend the school in his own school district.

The text of the letters from the 14 parents explained that they were fearful that if they waited until the school board assigns students for the year, there would not be enough time before the opening of the term to ask for reassignment. Action on the requests is expected to be taken by the school board on August 21, at its next regular meeting. School board

chairman Spurgeon Boyce told newsmen that he imagined the letters would be discussed at the next regular meeting. Presumably the 14 are all high school students and would be seeking entrance to the Carr Junior high or Durham (senior) high schools since there are nearby Negro elementary schools in the sections from which the applications come.

Negroes have petitioned the city in the past without success to end its segregated policy in the schools. The only reply since the first request in 1955 came last fall when city superintendent L. S. Weaver said that a special school board committee would be formed.

## Rejected Parents Appeal Ruling In Charlotte

CHARLOTTE. An appeal from the school board decision rejecting the requests of 24 Negro pupils for reassignment from Negro to white schools was filed here Tuesday.

The Charlotte school board, in an historic move, lowered the segregation barriers in the schools here by voting to admit five Negro students to all white schools.

In accepting the five, the school board turned down 35 others who had applied.

Notices of appeal from the decision by the 24 parents were received at the school office Monday.

Kelly Alexander, whose son was refused reassignment, said he and other parents were asking for a hearing on the applications to find out specifically and definitely what criteria and standards the board used in admitting some students and refusing others.

Alexander pointed out that the notice received by the parents who were refused gave no explanation why the students' request for transfer were turned down.