



When Lee Calhoun was given the key to the cities of Durham and Gary, Indiana after winning the Olympic hurdles championship last fall, he began to think that his days as the most publicized student in the history of North Carolina College were nearing an end and that he would soon return to the relative seclusion of student life at the Durham institution where he was pursuing a degree in Physical Education. But the quiet-spoken, lithe young athlete did not reckon with the staying power of athletic fame in these days of high pressure collegiate athletics. Thus, when word of his marriage to his college sweetheart leaked all

the way to the ear of a New York television show producer, plans were instantly set in motion to beam the star's wedding ceremony coast-to-coast via the electronic magic of the television camera. Lee and his bride-to-be, Miss Gwendolyn Bannister of Pinehurst, accepted the offer and last Thursday were married before millions of viewers on the NBC-TV "Bride and Groom" Show. They received some \$2,500 in gifts and a two week honeymoon in Paris.

Picture at left shows the couple with Lee's father, the Reverend Cary Calhoun, who officiated at the ceremony. At right is a scene from the wedding reception last Sunday in Pinehurst at the

home of the bride. Left to right are the new Mrs. Calhoun and Lee, the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Morrison. Certain that his televised wedding would put an end to his career as a supplier of news headlines, Lee found out that the issue of his amateur standing, injected into the wedding plans by the AAU, is going to keep him alive as "hot" newspaper copy for some time to come. The AAU acted Tuesday to officially disqualify him as an amateur. Lee had already indicated he would appeal such a decision, an act which makes certain that folks around here have not heard the last word yet on an Indiana youngster named Calhoun.

# Vote Case Heads For High Court

JACKSON A case testing the constitutionality of the state literacy test for voting is ready to move into the State Supreme Court. Last week, a Superior Court judge denied an appeal by plaintiffs seeking to have the state requirement declared invalid, thus forcing the action into the state high court.

Judge Malcom C. Paul ruled in Superior Court here last Friday that Mrs. Louise Lassiter, plaintiff in the action, was not qualified as a voter of North Carolina.

Mrs. Lassiter had refused to submit to a literacy test when she applied for registration before a Seaboard registrar earlier this year. She was refused and subsequently appealed the decision to the election board, where she was also turned down.

The case originated back in the Spring of 1956 when Mrs. Lassiter and other Negroes were refused registration by Mrs. Helen Taylor, registrar of a Seaboard precinct.

They were refused registration on the grounds that they had failed to pass the literacy test. Attorneys James R. Walker of Weldon and Samuel Mitchell

and Herman Taylor of Raleigh instituted action in federal court against the registrar where, in a preliminary memorandum, the court struck down the section of the State constitution which provides for the test.

However, before the case reached hearing, a new law was passed in the state legislature providing for a series of appeals from a registrar's refusal all the way through the state judicial system.

The federal court ruled that the plaintiffs would have to pursue the remedy of the new law.

Friday's action by Judge Paul marked the third step in the remedial process provided for by the new law.

The plaintiffs are contending that the literacy test is unconstitutional since the federal court memorandum struck down the constitutional provisions for it.

Attorney Walker told the TIMES that the appeal to the State Supreme Court would probably be scheduled sometime in September.

Mrs. Ellen Edwards, also of Seaboard, was a party to the first two steps of the appeal process. However, only Mrs. Lassiter's name was used in the Superior Court hearing. Mrs. Edwards'

case will be postponed for a future court hearing.

## Negro Woman Is Slain By White Farmer

WILLIAMSTON

A coroner's jury, after a few hours deliberation here Monday found L. B. Moore, white tenant farmer had committed a crime less than first degree murder in the fatal shooting of Mrs. Rellie Biggs and the discharging of two or three shots into the body of her husband, and held him for the Martin County grand jury, under a \$15,000.00 bond.

There have been several stories as to why the irate white man took the life of the mother of six children and continued his wrath upon her husband. Evidence alleged to have been given at the trial indicated that there had been trouble between the children of the two families. Sheriff Rawls is said to have told the jury that Moore called him (Please turn to page Eight)

## ON SWIMMING ISSUE

# KKK Threatens Monroe

## Prominent Physician Receives Menacing Call From Klan

MONROE Following an attempt of Negro citizens to use the one swimming pool owned and operated by the city here last week threats have been made against a local physician and other prominent Negro citizens by the Ku Klux Klan.

Following a mass meeting held on last Wednesday night by the local branch of the Na-

tional Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Dr. J. A. Perry was called over telephone, presumably by members of the Ku Klux Klan and threatened.

The physician told a representative of the Carolina Times that the person making the call and threats stated that he was a member of the KKK and that members of the Klan were coming to get him.

Dr. Perry stated he attached little significance to the threat and that it did not frighten him.

In spite of the threats, Negro leaders, with the exception of two professional men, are standing firm and intend bringing legal action to secure use of the pool.

Among the one or two Negro leaders opposing an attempt to use the pool is one Rev. C. C. Johnson, pastor of the Elizabeth Baptist Church of Monroe. Rev. Johnson preached what many have termed the greatest "Uncle Tom" sermon to his congregation last Sunday morning that has ever been heard in this section of the state.

Rev. Johnson said, "This is a white man's world. The white man has got the guns and all you can do is shoot one shot and run."

His sermon is authoritatively reported to have met with strong resentment on the part of the majority of Negroes of this section.

## School Board Stands Pat In Jim Crow System

Attorneys who filed requests for 14 Negro parents to permit their children to be assigned to unsegregated schools declined to comment on the decision of the Durham School Board to make its regular assignments on the basis of race for the coming school year.

Attorney C. O. Pearson, one of the lawyers representing the 14, told the TIMES that they had no comment to make at this time on the school board's action.

Some two weeks ago, parents of children in the Roxboro Street, and Club Boulevard sections petitioned the School Board to not to assign their children to segregated schools as they had been in the past.

In its meeting Monday night the board adopted pupil assignment regulations which call for no changes in the established pattern of segregated assignments.

The regulations explained that Durham children would be assigned just as they have always been, "except when petition is made according to the stipulations included in the regulations."

The regulations were prefaced with the explanation of their purposes, "to promote the orderly and efficient administration of the public schools . . . effective instruction of . . . health, safety and general welfare of . . . pupils."



J. L. HUMPHREY

## Jefferson L. Humphrey Elected To National YMCA Executive Council

WINSTON-SALEM Jefferson L. Humphrey, a member of the faculty at Carver Consolidated School, in this city, was elected vice-president of the YMCA National Young Adult Assembly which convened July 29th through August 2nd at Blue Ridge. Mr. Humphrey was also elected National Pro-Primus of the Y-Phalanx Fraternity of the YMCA.

YM-YHCA Co-Ed Council, Primus (President) of Alpha Chapter, Y-Phalanx Fraternity. On the state level, he is vice-president of the North and South Carolina Laymen's and Secretaries' Conference and a member of the Executive Committee of the State Older Boys Conference of North and South Carolina.

Jefferson is the husband of the former Miss Vera Macon. They reside at 603 Morrison St. He will fly to Newark, N. J., the morning of September 13th to attend his first Executive Council Meeting. Mr. Humphrey was the only Negro elected to the Executive Council of the YMCA National Young Adult Assembly. (Continued from page One)

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Though people in Raleigh have long since grown accustomed to the presence on Hargett Street in the downtown business district of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank (the bank has been there since 1922) and though scores of them, on the pretext of doing business there Thursday morning, took the opportunity to wander through the high-ceilinged, airy banking room and gaze at the modernistic interior when the bank opened for business in its newly renovated quarters, hundreds more returned later that afternoon for the formal opening, heard brief addresses by bank officers, slipped punch and took a guide tour of the two and one half

story building. Perhaps it was the spell of reassurance cast over them by the quiet yet dignified and commanding manner in which President J. H. Wheeler (who is equally at home behind his bank President's desk, arguing a case in court, whipping through a Mozart composition for violin or swinging a tennis racket) presided over the ceremonies. Perhaps it was the aura of solemnity and seriousness induced by the figures of board chairman Dr. Clyde Donnell and Raleigh board management chairman Dr. L. E. McCauley. Or maybe it was the splendor of the newly renovated, ultra modern building which surrounded them. It

## DR. EDMONDS TO BE NAMED!

An attempt to substantiate unconfirmed reports that Dr. Helen G. Edmonds has received a high level government appointment were unsuccessful this week.

Professor of history at North Carolina College, Dr. Edmonds recently returned to this country after a six month stay in Europe where she lectured un-

der the sponsorship of the State Department. This was her second speaking tour of Europe. Dr. Edmonds is highly regarded in national political circles. She seconded the nomination of President Eisenhower in San Francisco in 1956.

## Calhoun Gives Swimming Pool To Boys Club

Lee Calhoun's televised wedding brought a windfall to John Avery Boys Club in Durham. Nearly ready to enter its new club building on Branch and Proctor Street, the club's gymnasium equipment was fairly adequate to begin with. Now, thanks to the Olympic star's generosity, the club will get an Esther Williams Swimming pool.

The swimming pool was originally a gift to Calhoun and his bride, Miss Gwendolyn Bannister, who were married last Thursday on the NBC-TV "Bride and Groom" Show.

Calhoun turned the pool over to his coach, Leroy T. Walker who immediately passed it on to the Boys Club.

Walker, who brought Calhoun along from a clumsy high school hurdler to the best in the business, called Boys Club executive director Lee W. Smith just before the show went on and got his approval in accepting the gift.

Smith, who was pleasantly shocked at the unexpected turn of good fortune, told the TIMES



The first woman of her race group to be certified by the California State Commissioner of Corporations, as a Mutual Funds Broker, Miss Thelma Lucille Barnhart, was recently appointed by Wiley E. Daniels, District Manager of the Los Angeles Branch of Gill-Harkness and Company to serve as an agent for the local branch. The plucky young woman before coming here two years ago, was secretary to the President of North Carolina College, at Durham. She is an advanced stenotype student of the Bryan Schools. She is a part-time secretary in the law firm of Loren Miller and Edward Carter Maddox. The latter, is her brother. He was delighted at the surprise gift. He said he knew nothing of (Please turn to page Eight)

## Durham Stage For State Ushers Meet

The 33rd annual session of the Interdenominational Ushers' Association is scheduled to convene in Durham August 22-25. It was announced here Wednesday by L. E. Austin, president of the organization.

The Durham Ushers Union, of the association, is host to the

convention which will be held at St. Joseph's AME Church on Fayetteville Street. Approximately 500 officers, delegates and visitors are expected during the session.

The convention will begin promptly at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, August 22 with

the opening session being taken up principally with registration of delegates and appointment of committees. The Thursday afternoon session will be devoted to routine matters and a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the association.

Thursday evening a public program will be held at the church with many outstanding professional and business men and women of Durham extending words of welcome and greetings.

Among those appearing on the program will be J. S. Stewart, member of the Durham City Council and secretary-treasurer of the Mutual Savings and Loan Association; Rev. A. S. Croom, pastor of Union Baptist Church, Rev. D. A. Johnston, pastor of St. Joseph's AME Church and president of the Durham Ministerial Alliance; W. J. Kennedy, Jr., president of N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company and Dr. C. E. Boulware, secretary of Durham Committee on Negro Affairs. Music will be furnished by (Please turn to page Eight)



A. J. HAMMONDS

## Widely Known Sports Figure Stricken Fatally

WINSTON-SALEM Funeral services for Andrew J. Hammonds, known widely throughout this area as a sports promoter, were scheduled to be held here Thursday, August 15 at the Howard Robinson Funeral Home Chapel. Hammonds died at Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial hospital here last Sunday, August 11, at 6:45 p.m. His death came just one week before the all-star classic which (Please turn to page Eight)