

PRAAYER POSTER VICTIM JAILED

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Nearly 5,000 Durhamites Must Register Again



GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE—Above shows E. W. Midgett, principal of Burton School purchasing the first box of cookies in the neighborhood. From left to right are Alexiss, Span, Theresa Dixon, Mrs. Rosmond Wagstaff, Burton Neighborhood Chairman, Carolyn Martin, Jacqueline Snipes and Mr. E. W. Midgett, principal of Burton School.

Changes In Precincts Make Move Necessary

An estimated 5,000 voters in the southern section of the city will be faced with the necessity of registering again by virtue of a change in the boundary lines of election precincts.

Some 15 of the city's 22 precincts had their boundaries altered and the designations of all of the precincts were changed in a recent action of the County Board of Elections. The names of all precincts were changed to numbers, ranging from one through 22.

Elections board chairman Sigmond Meyer said that new registration would be necessary in three of the precincts.

Of the three, two are located in the southern section of the city and will involve some 5,000 voters who are located within the precinct boundaries.

The old Whitted and Pearson School precincts each had a part of their territory chopped away to form precinct number 11, a new precinct. Precinct ten will also take in recently annexed portions of the city.

Whitted and Pearson had a combined estimated registration of 5,564. They will become precincts 10 and 12, respectively.

All of Pearson's registrants as well as those in the boundaries of the newly formed precinct 11 will have to register again before they are eligible for an election.

The biennial primary election is scheduled to be held on May 2, and several important offices in the city will be filled, including the post of mayor.

General election date is May 16. Registration books will be open on April 4, 11, and 18.

Eisenhower Asked To Intervene In Birmingham's Jailing Of Man Who Tried To Display Placard

CHICAGO, Ill.—The intervention of President Dwight D. Eisenhower in the case of a Negro civic and union leader now serving a six-month conviction on an Alabama chain gang for ordering a poster portraying a Negro praying to God for help to win equal rights, was demanded here by civic, union and religious leaders.

The chain-gang of Asbury Howard, President of the Bessemer Voters' League and International Vice President of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers came promptly after his appeal for a new trial was turned down by Jefferson County, Superior Court.

In a telegram to the President, Raymond Dennis, executive board member of the union declared that "each day we allow Asbury Howard to remain chained on the streets of Alabama for the crime of having a poster painted which portrayed his faith in God's fairness to all men makes our proclamations for freedom and democracy abroad a sham in the eyes of other nations. To stand idly by in face of such a shocking violation of civil liberties is to endanger the freedom of us all."

Dennis said that the President's "intervention in securing justice for the Southern Negro leader was as important to the welfare and

status of our nation as your intervention to uphold the rights of Negro children to attend school in Little Rock, Arkansas on a non-segregated basis."

The now famous "prayer poster" case which saw the 52-year-old Howard sent his way brutally beat on inside the Bessemer Court House by an anti-Negro mob while city policemen looked on, was regarded here by civic leaders as a desperate attempt by poll-tax leaders of the South to defeat the growing voting strength of Negro citizens and to head off demands for Negro representation.

Howard, long regarded as Bessemer's most outstanding Negro civic leader, was vice president of Bessemer's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People until that organization was forced to cease operations.

He had been under intense Ku-Klux Klan attack for several years because of his leadership in the campaign to increase the number of eligible Negro voters in Bessemer.

Meanwhile, the Chicago Afro-American Heritage Association joined with the American Civil Liberties Union in demanding Howard's attack and conviction.

Leo F. Sparks, President of the Association, reported that a national campaign had been launched by that organization to reverse Howard's conviction and declared that the freeing of the Southern leader was one of "the most significant struggles for the achievement of democracy and the establishment of civil liberties in the nation."

"The winning of freedom for Howard is essential to re-establish Reconstruction Democracy in the South. It is essential in breaking the undue influence of Southern congressmen and senators on public policy in this nation and in opening a new vista of freedom for every citizen in this land," Miss Sparks stated.

Charged with violating a Bessemer city ordinance against "obscene, lewd, nude, scurrilous, libelous" publication, both Howard and the white artist had been sentenced by Judge James Hammond to \$105 fine and six months in jail pending appeal to the Jefferson County Supreme Court.

Among those Southern leaders and organizations protesting the jailing of Howard were the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, of Montgomery, Ala., the Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth of Birmingham, Ala., leader of that city's fight for civil rights along with the Bessemer Ministerial Alliance and the Baptist Ministers Alliance in Bessemer.

Durham Church To Note 17 Years Service

Community Baptist Church will mark its 17th year in a series of services during March. It was stated this week.

General theme of the anniversary observance is "Retaining Spiritual Values in an Atomic Age."

The special services will be held on each of the four Sundays in March and will feature prominent Durham ministers in addresses around the anniversary theme.

A highlight of the series will be "school day," to be held on the third Sunday. The Rev. Ray Morris of Snow Hill will deliver the message and members of the county schools staff and faculties will be guests of the church.

The Rev. J. A. Brown, pastor of Epenezer Baptist Church, will open the series with a special message on Sunday, March 1 at 3 p.m.

He will be followed on Sunday, March 8 also at three by the Rev. J. A. Stewart, pastor of White Oak Baptist Church and moderator of the New Hope Baptist Missionary (Continued on Page 8)

Bomb Hoaxes Plague Schools

GREENSBORO—The bomb hoax continued to plague Greensboro schools this week as a junior high school evacuated its classes after a call stating that a bomb had been planted in the school was received.

Lincoln junior high pupils stood patiently outside the building and watched police here Monday after they had been led out of the school following the call. The call was received around 8:45. The caller's voice, which was not described, said a bomb had been planted in the school and would go off at noon.

Police could uncover nothing in their search of the school and its premises.

Similar calls had been received last week at Dudley and Lincoln. All turned out to be hoaxes.

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Three Get Total Of 39 Years For \$43 Gas Station Holdup



In Williamsburg, Va. this week, restoration of the 18th century capital city of Virginia. Shown here, with the reconstructed colonial capital in the background, are (left to right) James Russin of Laramie, Wyo., William Haywood of Raleigh, N. C. and Hasan Guluidiz of Turkey.

N. Y. Authorities Also Want Men In The Robbery Of Long Island Bar

PITTSBORO—For three traveling bandits, the night of January 2 proved to be an unprofitable one in many ways.

In the first place, they took only \$43 for their trouble in breaking into a service station near here.

Secondly, they were caught, and their arrests led to prisons sentences totalling some 39 years for the \$43 theft.

To make matters worse, New York authorities learned of their capture and promptly served notice to North Carolina law enforcement officers that the trio was wanted in that state for a \$300 robbery of a bar in Hempstead, Long Island.

The three are Louis Quiller, 40, whose address was listed as Charlotte, William Singleton, 27, of Mullins, S. C. and Frank T. McFadden, 25, of Chester, S. C.

Quiller, who was described as the ringleader of the bandits and the "hatchet-man" received a sentence of 12-15 years from Chatham Superior Court Judge W. Reid Thompson.

Singleton and Mullins each were given 9-12 years.

Judge Thompson allowed an exception for McFadden, who was

ordered to undergo a mental physical examination before work classification at prison.

Singleton, driver of the getaway car, pleaded not guilty. The other two entered pleas of guilty.

Chatham Sheriff John Emerson said in court he had warrants from New York for the three in the Hempstead bar robbery, and indicated he would probably serve them after the trial.

Negroes Denied Facility Again

JACKSON—The Northampton Board of County Commissioners refused again to grant permission to a Negro civic organization to use the county courthouse for a meeting.

The board voted unanimously to reject a request from attorney James R. Walker Jr., Weldon attorney, who asked for use of the courthouse so that the group could discuss split school terms.

Northampton and other eastern North Carolina counties have opened Negro schools late in the summer and closed them during harvest season so that school children could be used in the harvest.

The board had previously rejected a bid by the civic organization, the Progressive Civic Union, to use the courthouse for a meeting.

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A new month begins for individuals interested in earning \$50 for their churches through the Carolina Times church bonus plan.

At the end of March, the TIMES will give to the individual or church group which turns in the largest number of purchase slips from merchants who are currently advertising in the TIMES \$50 cash.

The slips must be dated in March and must come from merchants who are currently advertising in the TIMES.

The winner of the February bonus will be announced in next issue. The bonus is made possible through the cooperation of the TIMES and its advertisers, some of whom are listed here below:

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Tarheel Native UNCF Chief Is Honored

NEW YORK—William J. Trent, Jr., now in his 15th year as executive director, last week was honored by testimonials from workers, volunteers and friends of the United Negro College Fund at a surprise party at Fund headquarters.

Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Phelps-Stokes Fund and founder of UNCF, spoke of the growth of the College Fund during Trent's years of service. Dr. Patterson told of his joining the organization during its formative period in February, 1944 and of the key role played by Mr. Trent in its development.

In 1944 only 27 colleges joined the Fund. During that first year, UNCF raised \$765,000. In 1958 it raised \$1,843,033. In 15 years the organization has raised more than \$37,000,000 in support of its member colleges. Thirty-three private, accredited colleges and universities located, with one exception, in the South are now members.

The presidents of these 33 colleges presented Trent with an inscribed sterling silver tray in recognition of his outstanding service.

Thomas A. Morgan, former chairman of the board, Sperry Corporation and chairman of the board of UNCF; Samuel D. Leidesdorf, president, S. D. Leidesdorf & Co. and chairman, UNCF foundations committee; and Roy Wilkins, executive secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, were among those sending congratulations.

Trent is a native of Salisbury, N. C.

Gravedigger Sends Man To Death; On Trial For Second Degree Murder

RALEIGH—A 34-year-old gravedigger was on trial this week for the knife slaying of another man. Eddie Lane, Jr. of 1431 Sawyer Street was being tried in Superior Court here early this week on a charge of second degree murder in the death of Pete McNeil, of 321 North Fisher Street.

He is accused of the pocket-knife slaying of Fisher.

Student Strike At Hollister

HOLLISTER — A student strike at the Hollister Elementary School for Negroes went through the second day, Wednesday, February 26. Parents want a definite date for the beginning of construction of a new school.

The Halifax County school superintendent's office in Halifax said only one of the 337 pupils attended yesterday, and only five Wednesday.

Horace Greeley was one of the signers of the bond used as bail to secure Jefferson Davis' release from Fortress Monroe.

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Man Sentenced In Wife's Death

PITTSBORO—A Chatham County laborer received a 12-15 years sentence here Monday after pleading guilty on a charge of manslaughter in the death of his wife.

Bud Rigsbee, a resident of Chapel Hill, confessed that he killed his wife in a fight they had after he had been drinking. The incident occurred last Dec. 1.

Rigsbee said during the fight, which took place in a wooded section near their home, his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Rigsbee, fell on a rock, causing a fatal skull fracture.

Rigsbee said "but he and his wife had been drinking heavily" before the fight.