

# Monroe NAACP Is Told To Elect New President

## DEATH PENALTY IN APEX

### Four Florida Men Draw Life Prison Terms

Four white men convicted of raping a Florida A and M University co-ed were given life sentences this week while in North Carolina a district solicitor said he will ask the death penalty for a white man charged with raping an 11 year old girl.

At Apex, a rural community 20 miles south of Durham, Ralph Lee Betts, 36 year old former convict, was formally charged Tuesday with raping a young girl of Rt. 1, Fuquay-Varina.

The incident is alleged to have occurred Monday.

Wake County deputies arrested Betts after a chase a high speeds late Monday.

On Tuesday in Wake Superior Court, district solicitor Lester V. Chalmers told Judge Walter J. Bone he intends to "place the defendant on trial for his life."

No white man has paid the supreme penalty in North Carolina for raping a Negro.

The trial is scheduled to come during the July 13 criminal term of Wake County Superior Court.

Meanwhile, in Tallahassee, Fla., Judge W. May Walker who passed sentence on the four defendants declared they were "fortunate" in getting off so easily.

He described their crime as "an offense of horrible and deplorable circumstances and said they were "lucky" in having their lives spared.

Charges in Apex against Betts stems from Monday's incident in which he allegedly went to the home of the young girl near Fuquay-Varina and asked her to buy a pocketbook.

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CAMPER

### Selection of Camper As Kittrell's New President Meets With Favor

Election of Dr. Arthur Camper as president of Kittrell College is believed to have met with general favor of high ranking A. M. E. Church officials.

Announcement of Camper's election was made last week. He succeeds Dr. R. W. Wisner as president of the 74 year-old A. M. E. supported Junior College.

A well liked Virginia minister and teacher, Camper was made chairman of a three-man interim committee which operated the institution after Dr. Wisner's resignation this spring.

The new president of Kittrell held the pastorate of Bethel A. M. E. Church of Hampton, Va. before assuming the school position.

Dr. Camper has mixed a successful career of teaching and the ministry for a number of years. In addition to Hampton, Va., church, he was formerly pastor of Ebenezer A.M.E. in Roanoke.

For several years, Dr. Camper was well known as a teacher and guidance counselor in Virginia. In addition, he has held principalships of Hollis high, at Hollis, and Carver high of Salem, Va.

His wife is the former Miss Annie Mae Cooper, and they have four children: Margaret, Cecil, Kenton and Gary.

Dr. Camper's predecessor, Dr. Wisner, will replace him as pastor of Bethel A.M.E. in Hampton

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**AMBASSADOR AND FAMILY** — The John H. Morrow, of 515 George St., Durham, newest family to be added to the American diplomatic corps, look through one of many messages of congratulation sent Dr. Morrow on his appointment and confirmation as U. S. Ambassador to Guinea. At left in picture is

ambassador's wife, Mrs. Towana Morrow. Standing is John, Jr., the Morrow's youngest child, president of his tenth grade class at Hillside. The other Morrow, Jean, a June graduate of the Fordham University school of Social Work, was in New Jersey when this picture was taken.

### Move To Name Williams' Successor Described In Line with Constitution

NEW YORK — The Monroe, N. C., branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been directed, in accordance with the Association's constitution, to call a special meeting for the purpose of electing a successor to Robert F. Williams, suspended president of the branch.

In a letter dispatched Thursday to Mrs. E. A. Johnson, vice president of the branch, NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins outlined the procedure which requires the executive committee of the branch to

hold a special election within 30 days.

Further the letter "advised that by the action of the Board (of directors) June 8, 1959, Williams is ineligible to hold any office in the NAACP or any of its branches during the period of his suspension and that, therefore, he is ineligible to be a

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### High Point Men Get Top Posts In N.C. Dental Body

FAYETTEVILLE, — Two High Point dentists were last week installed as president and president-elect of the Old North State Medical Society at the closing session of the organization's 40th annual convention.

The two meetings were held here in Tuesday and Wednesday, June 16-17, on the campus of Fayetteville State Teachers College.

Dr. J. J. Wilson, elected last June was installed as president of the organization and Dr. J. C. Morgan, was elected president at the recent meet. The latter will assume the presidency next year. Both are practicing in High Point.

Other officers installed included: Dr. J. M. Hubbard, Jr., Durham, newly elected secretary-treasurer; and Dr. J. H. Horton, Edenton, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Hubbard succeeds Dr. M. L. Watts, Raleigh, who has served at the post for more than twenty years. Dr. Watts was named secretary-treasurer emeritus. Dr. G. L. Butler, Fayetteville was elevated to the Executive Committee and Dr. R. L. Foy, Kinston, was elected vice president of the National Dental Association, in charge of the North Carolina program.

The group voted to meet June at A&T College in Greensboro. Earlier in Wednesday morning the visiting dentist heard the annual message delivered by the retiring president, Dr. L. H. Caple of Lexington.

### INJURES FIVE

## Man Goes Berserk Wielding Machete

An 18-year-old who went on a rampage with a machete early Saturday morning has been charged with five counts in Durham County Superior Court.

D. L. McDowell who apparently went berserk early Saturday, attacked five persons, all in a block on Liberty Street, injuring some of them seriously.

He ripped an eye out of Ellis Tony Wilkerson, of 725 Liberty Street, one of his victims.

McDowell is also charged with assault on Clayton McCrea, of 715 Liberty Street, Charlie Howard, of 127 1/2 Liberty Street, Willie Howard, of the same address, and Joyce Bellamy.



FUNDERBURG

### Liberals Will Address NAACP Convention

NEW YORK — Spokesmen for the liberal wings of the two major political parties will be heard in important addresses at the 50th annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which opens here on July 13 and continues through July 19.

Senator Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania Republican and consistent supporter of civil rights legislation, will be the principal speaker at a session on civil rights, Tuesday afternoon, July 14. The following morning, a Minnesota Democrat, and staunch advocate of equal rights, Senator Hubert Humphrey, will address a session on political and legislative action.

Except for the closing mass meeting on Sunday afternoon, July 19, all sessions of the convention will be held in the New York Coliseum.

### Durham Banker First To Finish Grad Program

F. O. Funderburg, cashier of the 51 year-old Mechanics and Farmers Bank, recently became the first Negro in the U. S. to complete the courses of study in Commercial Banking offered by the graduate school of Banking at Rutgers University.

Completion of the banking course is tantamount to earning the Master's degree. The graduate program is sponsored by the

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**MAHALIA AT WORK** — Mahalia Jackson, famous gospel singer, set a blistering pace in a concert in Durham last Sunday before more than 1,500 persons. The famed singer is shown at

top right in the midst of her delivery of one of the gospel songs heard during the concert. At top left, she stops to cool off during a break in the program and is congratulated by fan. Tempera-

ture and humidity inside North Carolina College's gymnasium was in the upper 80's. At bottom is a portion of the crowd which attended the concert.

### New Tan Town Officials Say Reception Fine

Two newly elected Negro city council members said here this week that they were being accepted with ease on the city boards to which they have been elected.

Mrs. J. J. Mannibal, first Negro to be elected to public office in recent years in Kinston, and Fred J. Capel, newly elected to the Southern Pines City Council stopped in Durham this week enroute from an institute for fledgling public officials.

They attended a school for North Carolina mayors and city councilmen at the University of North Carolina on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

The school was sponsored by the Institute of Government of Chapel Hill.

"It's been so fine that it's almost embarrassing," Mrs. Mannibal said of her reception by the Kinston City Council.

The people on the Council and other city officials have all been

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### REAPPOINTED

## Harris Starts Second School Board Term



HARRIS

R. N. Harris, Durham's first Negro member of the board of education, said this week he was looking forward to a new term on the body.

Harris was appointed for a second consecutive term by the City

Council recently. A pioneer in the city's civic life, Harris was the first Negro elected to the City Council. He won a seat on the Council in 1953 and served two terms.

At his resignation, he was described by members of the city council as one of the city's best and ablest servants. He commanded the respect and admiration of the entire body shortly after going to work on the Council.

After a few months out of public office, he was the unanimous choice of the Council for the city's first Negro member of the board of education.

He was appointed to the board for the first time in 1953. His second term appointment, made last week, will expire in 1963.

Harris told the TIMES this week that he would furnish a statement next week on his reappointment.

In private life, the school board member is vice-president and secretary of Bankers Fire Insurance and consecutive term by the City Company.

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This is the final week of the Carolina Times \$50 Church Bonds Contest. The contest manager urges all churches to have their reports into the Times office not later than Wednesday, July 1, 6:00 P. M. Reports that are mailed must bear a post mark of not later than 12 o'clock midnight Wednesday, July 1.

Announcement of the winner for June will be made in the Carolina Times issue of July 13 due to the fact that our office staff will not have time to tabulate all of the large numbers of purchase slips in time to make the deadline in the July 6 issue.

Remember all you have to do is save your slips each week for purchases made with Carolina Times advertisers and bring them to the Times office on or before noon on the first of each month with the name of your church and total amount of slips reported.

The church having the highest

number of slips from Carolina Times advertisers only will be donated \$50.

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Tru-Ad Bottling Co.



**HEAD FUNERAL DIRECTORS** — Officers of the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Morticians Association of North Carolina, elected at the organization's annual meeting held in Franklin last week, are, left to right, James Pilgrim, of Henderson-

ville, vice-president; Perry J. Brown, of Greensboro, secretary-treasurer; Grover C. Burthey, of Durham, assistant secretary-treasurer; Mrs. W. F. Hennessee, of Asheville, recording secretary; O. H. Edwards, of Wilson, membership secretary; Thomas H. Co-

field, of Enfield, member of the board of directors; R. C. Allen, of Asheville, chaplain; and W. D. Gafford, of Dunn, sergeant-at-arms. Absent from picture is newly elected president L. E. Garris, of Fayetteville.

### Morticians Elect Garris, Honor Reidsville Woman, Choose Durham As Convention Site for Next Year

BRICKS, N. C. — The Funeral Directors and Morticians Association of North Carolina, Inc., convened here June 16-18 in the 32nd Annual Convention of the 124-member organization.

The Eastern Tarheel morticians were general hosts to the State body, with Thomas Cofield, nearby Enfield member, serving as chairman and in charge of entertainment. Mrs. Cofield was principal hostess to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Morticians.

Retiring president A. R. Kelsey, Salisbury, presided over the sessions; his two-year term ending with the election of L. E. Garris,

Fayetteville, to the presidency at the conclusion of the convention. Garris was elevated from the vice presidency and James Pilgrim, Hendersonville, moved from the board of directors to the vice president's seat. Other officers named included Perry J. Brown, Greensboro, treasurer; Mrs. Willie Hennessee, Asheville, recording secretary; O. H. Edwards, Wilson, chairman of membership; W. C. Allen, Asheville, chaplain; W. D. Gafford, Dunn, sergeant-at-arms; and Thomas H. Cofield, Enfield.

Principal speaker for the convention was Charles J. Latimar,

director of education and research, Bondol Laboratories, Madison, Arkansas. Mr. Latimar discussed the latest technological advances in the field of mortuary science. Other speakers represented the State Board of Embalmers, the Burial Association Commission and the Social Security and Insurance Commission.

**Mrs. Robinson Guest** — Mrs. J. L. Enloe, Shelby, retiring president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Morticians, conducted the affairs of the distaff side of the convention, aided by Mrs. T. H. Cofield, Enfield, chief hos-

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