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Early School Decision Seen



WELCOME!—McArthur Newell, left, Jacksonville, retiring president of the North Carolina Association of New Farmers of America, welcomes visitors to the 33rd annual convention held last week at A. and T. College. They are Peggie Hogan, Chapel Hill, State president of the New Homemakers of America and Harley H. Blane, Hopkinsville, Ky., national president of NFA.

WEEK-END CRIME BUSIES POLICE

Killer of Two Men Ruled Insane

A 50-year-old man, who was charged with double homicide, escaped a possible death penalty Tuesday after a Durham County Superior Court jury found him insane.

Committed to the Goldsboro State Hospital for treatment was James Atkins Webb, 606 Matthew St. He had been indicted on two counts of murder and one of assault and battery with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

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Durham Business College Moves to New Location

Durham Business College has moved its quarters from the old Pearson town school building on South Fayetteville Street to 404 South Mangum Street.

The move became necessary when the Durham City School board began construction of a new elementary school on the site

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Durham police were kept busy this weekend as the city experienced an unusual crime wave of offenses ranging from major assaults to traffic violations.

Major cases included an attempted criminal assault on a young unmarried white woman by a man police say dragged her into a wooded area off Liberty St. just east of Dillard St.

Police said the unidentified attacker fled after seeing policemen rush to the scene moments after they heard screams, but not before he pumped three bullets into the car in which Patrolmen W. M. Barnes and E. A. Allen were riding.

In another case, police reported a man attempted to enter the home of a white matron in the 700 block of Hamlin St. Mrs. L. B. Jernigan told police that the prowler had unscrewed the lightbulb on her back porch and attempted to gain entry through the back door.

A 16-year-old boy, James A. Farrington of 310 Chatham Pl. was booked for "investigation of store-breaking and larceny" Monday after police apprehended him with

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Integration Bids in Durham To Be Decided

No date has yet been set by the school Board to decide on the 135 requests made by Negro pupils for reassignment to predominantly white city schools, Lew Hannen, city school superintendent reported Wednesday.

Hannen told the TIMES that the Board would meet "at an early date" to make decisions on the applications, but could not give a definite date. The next scheduled meeting of the Board is on July 10.

He said he did not know by what method the 6-man Board would use to make the decisions, and that all decisions are entirely up to the board members.

The 135 applications were submitted to the city Board of Education during a 10-day period which ended early last week. The period followed announcement of assignments in the students' final report cards.

Prime targets of this year's applications are Durham High School and Carr Junior High. Hannen reported 36 are seeking reassignments to Durham High and 28 to Carr, while only five are applying.

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AME ZION HEARS FREEDOM RIDER

NEW YORK—"I will go, and go, and go again, to jail for the sake of humanity," said Rev. Lester Smith, one of the arrested freedom riders, Saturday morning, as he reported to the 147th session of the New York Conference, AME Zion Church.

He was a member of a delegation which responded to the call of Bishop W. J. Walls to take part in the freedom ride. He was arrested in Ocala, Fla., and spent about six hours in jail.

Smith pictured this harrowing experience as one that enabled him to better realize what a great force the power of Christianity is and what a big contribution the A. M. E. Zion Church is making in the fight for first-class citizenship for all people.

Baptist Convention Set For June 28 Session at Community Church

The Ninety-first annual session of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Association and the Twenty-seventh annual session of the Women's Auxiliary will meet in joint sessions June 28-29 at the Community Baptist Church in Durham.

The Association's theme for this year will be "The Church in Today's Society." The Wednesday morning session will kick-off with a welcome from the Rev. E. T. Thompson, host pastor. The Rev. L. W. Reid, pastor of New Bethel, will offer a response.

The Rev. J. R. Manley, pastor of First Baptist in Chapel Hill will conduct the topic: "The Church Role in Integration." The Rev. J. A. Stewart, pastor of Red Mountain Baptist in Rougemont and White Oak in Apex, will deliver the moderator's address.

The Wednesday evening session will be highlighted by the discussion, "The Church in the



SHOPPING CENTER HEARING

W. J. Kennedy, Jr., chairman of board of directors of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, is shown addressing remarks to the City Council during a hearing in Durham on a

request for zoning for a proposed shopping center on the fringe of the Negro residential section. Kennedy supported a position taken by Durham Negro businessmen asking that the

request be delayed. Seated in the background are N. B. White, R. Kelly Bryant, and Atty. F. B. McKissick who also spoke for the Negro businessmen.

Photo by Manning.

"WASN'T THE TYPE"

Suicide Victim Baffles Spouse

Why would a 38-year-old man, who apparently had everything to live for, suddenly decide to take his life?

What would have motivated this man, father of three children, to snuff out his existence with a blast to the head from a 12-gauge shotgun?

The answers to these questions had Monday with the tragic death of David L. George, painter and plaster contractor of the 2100 block Duncan St.

City police termed the Monday morning shooting, 'suicide'. The

dead man's widow, Mrs. Eliza Johnson George, said "He wasn't the type."

Nevertheless, David Lucious George, a 17-year resident of Durham, is dead. He was found sitting in the bathroom of his home with the gun crouched on his lap, blood streaming from every opening in his head.

Police reported they were called to the George residence at 7:45 a.m. by Mrs. George and found the man shot once through the mouth. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. D. R. Perry,



GEORGE

Coroner. Describing the scene as she found it, Mrs. George, a nurse at See SUICIDE, 4A

DR. W. R. GRIGG AT WEST DURHAM

Dr. W. R. Grigg, Secretary of the Department of Interracial Cooperation of the Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, will be guest speaker at the West Durham Baptist Church, 1001 Thaxton Avenue on June 25 at 11:00 a.m.

Reverend T. C. Graham is the pastor and the public is invited to hear the Reverend Mr. Grigg.

Reverend Grigg held the same position in the state of Louisiana for three years before coming to North Carolina in April 1957.

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THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Three Durhamites Attend Baptist Convention in Saint Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Theodore R. Speight, Charles Jackson and James T. Hawkins were among the 150 Baptist delegates who converged on this city this week for the National Baptist Sunday School and BTU Congress School of Christian Methods. Sessions were scheduled to begin Monday and continue through June 25.

Highlighting the convention will be commencement exercises where Dr. J. A. Bacotes, president of Benedict College, Columbia, S. C., will speak.

TELEVISION APPEAL

NEW YORK—The first television appeal ever staged by a civil rights organization will be presented by CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) over WNTA-TV on July 7. The telecast will be seen from 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. and will feature such personalities as Nina Simone, Orson Bean, Theodore Bikel and the entire cast of the off-Broadway hit THE PREMISE. The program is being organized by writer and TV personality Louis E. Lomax.

CHURCH OF GOD IN MEET

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—More than 2,500 delegates are expected to visit this city June 28-July 4 to attend the 26th Annual session of the International Youth Congress of the Church of God in Christ, a seven-day session to be held at Baker's Temple. The theme for the convention is: "You Are My Witness, Said the Lord." The Rt. Rev. V. M. Baker, Bishop of Missouri, will serve as host to the delegates.

TO SPEAK AT WHITE ROCK

Dr. Arab A. Masters, Evangelist and Missionary from Pakistan, India, will speak at the White Rock Baptist Church on Sunday, July 2 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Masters will pray for the sick. All are welcome. Music will be furnished by the White Rock Male Chorus. Dr. Miles Mark Fisher is the Minister.

225 ENROLLED IN HILLSIDE SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES

Some 225 students are currently enrolled in six academic and commercial subjects, band, and driver education at Hillside High School's 1961 Summer School. See BRIEFS, 4A

Issue Now Back In The Hands of Zoning Board

The "hot" legal battle over Abe Greenberg's controversial proposed shopping center was temporarily "cooled" Monday night as the City Council voted unanimously to refer Greenberg's rezoning request back to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The referral was made after Councilmen heard arguments for an hour "for" and "against" the center and decided that enough new evidence and circumstances had arisen to warrant another hearing by the zoning body.

The battle began several weeks ago after the Zoning Commission had okayed Greenberg's request to build a shopping center on Fayetteville Rd. near Mutual Heights.

Members of the Durham Business and Professional Chain objected on the grounds that no survey had been made to determine whether the community could support the Greenberg center and the center proposed by the Urban Renewal Commission, which most of the Negro merchants hope to find housing following the destruction of the old Hayti business area.

The Chain and the Urban Renewal Commission requested the City Council to grant a 90-day postponement in order that such a survey may be made.

Alston Stubbs, Greenberg's attorney, argued that no opposition to the proposed College Plaza Shopping Center had been voiced during the advertisement and hearing before the zoning body.

"The residents of the immediate area adjacent to the proposed center are in favor of the project," Stubbs told the Council and some 200 spectators.

He explained that the plan calls for 18 acres and that a little more than four acres are now zoned commercial. They are seeking rezoning for the remaining 14 acres.

Stubbs reminded the Council that decision is due by July 12, as the law requires a ruling on rezoning petitions within 60 days of submission. The petition was filed on April 12.

Speaking in favor of the center was Alfred Fisher, a city teacher who lives in the Mutual Heights area. He said: "I am buying a home in that area and we need a shopping center there. We don't want to hurt the businessmen of the Hayti area, we want to encourage them to come down to the new center and serve us."

David Stith, president of Southeastern Business College, in arguing for the College Plaza Center, said that the businessmen holding property directly across from the center were in favor of the re-

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WINNING QUARTET

These youngsters, representing Lincoln Heights High School, Wilkesboro, sang their way into the

State championship at the annual convention of the North Carolina Association of New Farmers of America held last

week at A. and T. College. They are from left to right: Jacky Horton, Sylvester Graham, Floyd Brown and Henry Cockerman.



N. C. MUTUAL GOES WEST—North Carolina Mutual president A. T. Spaulding cuts ribbon to formally open the company's newest branch office in Los Angeles, Cal. Scene took place at the opening of the west coast branch last Sunday. Pictured are, left to right, W. A.

Climent, Agency Director M. A. Sloan, Associate Agency Director, Mrs. Rose Marie Davis, Spaulding, Samuel Pizarro, A. J. H. Clement, Jr., manager of the new branch, A. R. Dimes, Assistant Agency Director, and B. C. Foreman, Associate Controller.