

# JUSTICE DEPT. INVESTIGATING CASWELL CASE

## FBI Probes Shooting By Negro Farmer

NEW YORK — At the urging of NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins, the FBI is investigating two cases of violence which flared in southern schools after court ordered integration this week.

Wilkins' telegram to Burke Marshall, chief of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, called for investigation of reports of violence and tension in Caswell County, North Carolina, and in Pine Bluff, Ark.

In Caswell County, 16 students entered four public schools on the order of U. S. District Judge Edwin M. Stanley, Judge Stanley, on December 21, found that the Caswell County Board of Education was not properly administering the North Carolina Pupil Placement Law. The county was ordered to give "every school child presently enrolled" in the school system "complete freedom of choice of school he would like to attend during the second semester of the current 1962-63 school year."

When the children appeared at school to enroll, one of the parents, Jasper Brown, was harassed by two white men. In the ensuing altercation, Brown, wounded the two men in self-defense. Despite requests from the NAACP, there was no police protection provided for the children or their parents. Brown later surrendered to the police and was placed in custody.

The case was originated by the North Carolina NAACP State Conference in 1956 and has been argued by NAACP attorney Conrad O. Pearson who will defend Brown. Under the direction of NAACP State President Kelly Alexander and Charles McLean, field secretary, parents are being urged to transfer their children to all white schools in the county.

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## Georgia Hospital Refuses To Use Mr. and Mrs. Titles

MACON, Ga. — A Negro group and the city hospital administration came to grips Monday over alleged racial discrimination in the use of "Mr. and Mrs." before the names of employees and patients.

The Negro Bibb County Coordinating Committee proposed that an impartial biracial committee be named to seek an accord without legal or outside interference.

Jim Griffin, director of the city-owned Macon Hospital, said he would welcome such a committee.

Rev. L. S. Evans, the committee spokesman, charged Saturday that the hospital discriminates against Negroes in its facilities, hiring and admissions to the nurses school.

He lashed out at the hospital for failure to designate Negro employees and patients as "Mr." and "Mrs." either in the records or in conversation.



HE WILL RETURN — Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, left, president of A&T College and now on leave with the U. S. Peace Corps, returned to Greensboro last week after one year as

head of the Peace Corps Program and assured of his intentions to return to the A&T post next September. He chats with Dr. L. C. Dowdy, right, acting president.

## Renews Promise as A&T Head

# Will Return, Claims Peace Corps' Proctor

GREENSBORO — Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, president of A. and T. College, last week scotched rumors about the probability of his not returning to continue as head of the institution.

He told a group of representatives from local newspapers, radio and television, and the national wire services at a press conference last Thursday, January 24, that his plans are unchanged. "I have a commitment to A. and T. College," he said, "and intend to return next September 1."

Dr. Proctor, currently on leave for 18 months from the A. and T. post had just returned from Nigeria, Africa, where he has headed the U. S. Peace Corps program in that country for the past 12 months. He was recently named associate director of the Peace Corps and will assume the new position at Washington, D. C., on February 1.

Referring to his work in Nigeria, Dr. Proctor told reporters, "I have some understanding of how the United States works abroad. I have some understanding of the African. I also feel that I can offer some encouragement to young Negro students by showing them the opportunities that exist and are opening up for them." In these ways, Dr. Proctor feels he can be an ever greater benefit to the college.

He told the group that West

# Meredith to Continue at 'Ole Miss'

## Statement of His Intent Is Given to Press

JACKSON, Miss. — James H. Meredith said Wednesday that he plans to enroll for the spring semester at the University of Mississippi.

"The Negro is not going," he told his news conference. "I, James H. Meredith am going." "I weighed this against my own personal position," he said.

Meredith said he planned to register Thursday or Friday.

Asked about his grades he said that he had received notice that he was eligible for admission in good standing.

Meredith's enrollment at the University last fall precipitated a constitutional crisis. Army troops had to be dispatched to quell a riot on the campus which resulted in the death of two persons.

Miss. Gov. Ross Barnett and Lt. Gov. Paul Johnson were

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# GANTT ENTERS QUIETLY

# Extreme Cold Triggers Fires

## Barriers Fall Peacefully at Clemson, S. C.

CLEMSON, S. C. — Negro Harvey Gantt received scattered overtures of friendship during his first full day at Clemson Tuesday. Public Relations Director Joe Sherman reported he had asked Gantt how things were going. "I don't see how they could be better," he quoted Gantt as replying.

The 20 year old Negro, was accompanied to the campus on Monday by his father, Christopher Gantt of Charleston, and Rev. A. R. Blake of Morris Street Baptist Church in Charleston.

South Carolina, the last state with unbroken public school segregation, lowered its barriers under court orders Monday to a smiling reserved Negro who emphasized "My main purpose is to get an education."

Civilian-clad state police and uniformed highway patrolmen were on hand to keep order.

Gantt's formal acceptance by Clemson College marked the first time a Negro has enrolled in a public supported South Carolina white school at any level.

The only hint of disorder came when State Law Enforcement Division agents ordered two men off the campus, saying they had no business here. A SLED spokesman said the two had been overheard making threatening remarks and had been under surveillance all night.

But the tenor of such students as were on campus was evidently friendly.

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HEROINE — Six year old Vivian Diane Jordan risked her life to lead a blind woman from a car-

tain death in a fire at Salisbury this week. See details, 5-A.

## One Killed, Many Homeless In Durham Area

Fire, the unwelcome hand maiden of cold weather, plagued the Durham area last week in the wake of record low temperatures, taking the life of one child, leaving scores homeless and keeping Durham firemen busy.

The most tragic blaze, snuffed out the life of a four-year old girl in the Rougemont section last Wednesday (See details, page 3-B).

Three families were left homeless in one fire which destroyed a house at 2616 Lincoln St. on Monday.

Altogether Durham firemen answered a total of 100 calls in the city and county during the past seven days.

Extremely cold temperatures which have prevailed in the area during the past week were blamed for the large number of fires.

"When the temperatures go down, people begin pushing their heaters and furnaces, Assistant Durham fire chief C. H. Lawson said this week. "Then our work increases."

The Durham area has suffered through three days of record breaking low temperatures during the past week. On Tues. Jan. 29 the thermometer plummeted to 8 degrees, coldest Jan. 29 on record. A low of 7 was recorded on Jan. 25 and a low of 8 on Jan. 25. These were the coldest days of that date ever recorded.

In addition, the other days since Jan. 22 have seen the temperature hover around or below the freezing mark.

"Most of the fires at this time of year can be attributed to overheating stoves, furnaces and other mishaps incident to the weather," Assistant chief Lawson said.

For instance, he cited two cases in which fire were started at homes when residents used open flames in an attempt to thaw water pipes frozen by the chilling cold weather.

Holes were burned in the

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## INQUIRIES POUR IN

# Holy Land Trip Contest For Ministers to Open In March

From the inquiries received from over the state during the past several weeks interest in the 1963 Holy Land trip is already beginning to take on enthusiasm. Although the contest is not expected to be launched until the middle of March, requests for information about details of this year's contest that will again offer the ministers a free airplane round trip to the Holy Land including stop over in Rome, Athens, Jerusalem and other points of interest to those engaged in the ministry.

In addition to the Holy Land trip, the Carolina Times will also offer free an airplane round

trip to Bermuda as the second prize and a free airplane round trip to New York as the third prize.

The first prize was won last year by the Rev. J. A. Brown of Durham; the second prize, Rev. W. L. Williams of Weldon and the third prize Rev. Melvin Chester Swann of Durham.

Exact dates for the nomination period of the contest, which will run for two weeks before the balloting begins will not be announced until the March 2nd issue of the Carolina Times. In that issue all of the additional information will also be announced.

## Campanella's Estranged Wife Heart Victim

NEW YORK — Mrs. Ruth Campanella, 40, died of an apparent heart attack at her Glen Cove, N. Y., home Friday. She had been talking to an employee of the Internal Revenue Service when suddenly from her end of the line came the sound of commotion. Then the wire went dead. The IRS worker called police who found Mrs. Campanella in a coma. With her when stricken was one of the five Campanella children, Roy Jr., 14.

Death came to Mrs. Campanella just a few days after her husband, and she engaged in a series of court encounters which were climaxed with his charge that she had engaged in adultery with a well known musician.

The charge was made in Campanella's suit for absolute divorce. Litigation was pending when Mrs. Campanella died.

Funeral services for Mrs. Campanella were held Monday at the Griffin Peter Funeral Home, 2282 Seventh Ave. Only invited mourners were admitted to the funeral chapel, but the throng showed up anyway, to

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## N. C. Supreme Court

# Conviction of One in Monroe Case Overturned

RALEIGH — The State Supreme Court has reversed the conviction of one of the persons charged in the wake of the 1961 racial disturbances in Monroe which resulted in the fleeing of the outspokenly militant Robert F. Williams to Cuba.

The high court, in an order on Jan. 11, overturned the Superior Court conviction of Javan Covington, 19, who was sentenced last May to seven to 10 years on several counts of larceny.

The Supreme Court reversal early last month was based on grounds that Union County Superior Court Judge Gambill had unjustly refused the defense an opportunity to show that the indictment against young Covington had been drawn by a grand jury selected in a racially discriminatory manner.

Covington, described by defense attorneys as a leader in the militant civil rights movement here, was one of several Negroes arrested in the wake of a racial disorder in Monroe in the summer of 1961.

Defense attorney said Covington was shot and wounded in the Union County jail and then further charged with attempting to escape.

The disorders followed demonstration against segregation in Monroe by young Negroes.

Ku Klux Klanmen mounted a motorcade through the Negro section, and seven Negroes were arrested after the ensuing conflict. Robert F. Williams, former head of the Union NAACP, charged with kidnapping a white couple fled the country and eventually went to Cuba.

Four others, including Mrs. Mae Mallory who is fighting extradition from Cleveland, were also charged in the kidnapping. The other three, John Lowry, 21 of New York, Richard Crowder, 20, and Harold Reape, 18 are awaiting trial on

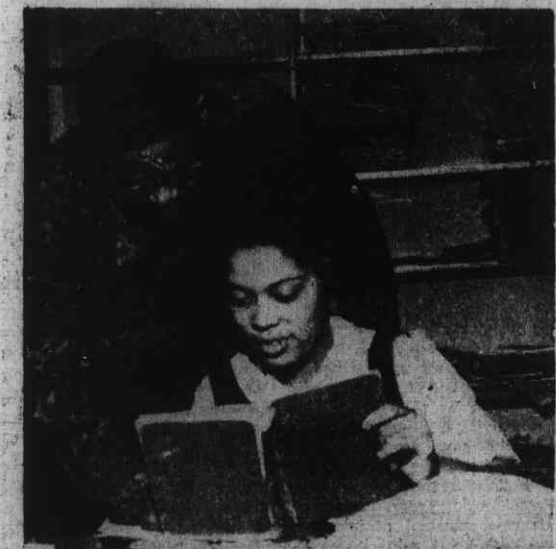
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## Leontyne Price Sings to Mixed Miss. Audience

LAUREL, Miss. — Leontyne Price sang before a widely applauding integrated audience in her Mississippi hometown Sunday night to raise money for the small church in whose choir she started her career.

It was one of the rare times a non-segregated event has been

See LEONTYNE, 6-A



AT SEMESTER'S END — Everest L. Adams, a North Carolina College senior from Lowell, lends a hand to Minnie Brown, a sophomore from Mcbane, as Miss Brown prepares for first semester examinations.

The week's examination schedule, which ends Jan. 30, will be followed by registration for the second semester and the beginning of classes Monday, Feb. 4.

## Death Claims Three Area Meth. Clergy

BALTIMORE, Md. — Death has claimed three Baltimore Area pastors of The Methodist Church within a week.

The Rev. W. S. McCleod, retired, succumbed in High Point, after a long illness. He retired at the last session of the North Carolina Conference (Central Jurisdiction) last June.

He had been pastor of St. Mark's Church High Point, for eleven years. Before that time he was superintendent for six years of the Winston District.

The Rev. Frank Farrare, pastor at Beckwith, Md., in the Del aware Conference, died after a brief illness. Although having officially retired in 1956 he had been supply pastor of the Beckwith Church. See CLERGY, 6-A



HISTORIAN IS NCC SPEAKER — A University of Akron (Ohio) history professor will deliver two lectures at North Carolina College Monday, February 11, as a feature of the college's observance of Negro History Week. He will speak at the weekly forum on the subject, "Continuing Emancipation A Time to Produce," at 10 a. m. in B. N. Duke Auditorium.

## Demos Urged To Move Site Of Convention

TAMPA, Fla. — The local NAACP, backed by its state body, has asked the Democratic National Committee to reconsider plans to hold the party's 1964 national conclave in Miami Beach due to state wide bias that would confront traveling Negro delegates.

C. J. DeValt, president of the Tampa NAACP, said "ninety-nine per cent of the hotels and motels in this state are segregated by race," in a wire to John Bailey, chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

"Persons travelling to and from the convention will be face with insult" when patronizing most Florida gas stations DeValt continued.

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