

Freed After Serving 5 Years For Disturbing The Peace 16-Year-Old Negro Boy Sentenced To Die

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Weldon Physician Blasts Warrenton Separation Bill

WELDON—A Negro physician of Weldon, Dr. Salter J. Cochran, who is also vice president of the Eastern Council on Community Affairs composed of 25 counties, was the spokesman for the organization, opposing the Warrenton School Segregation Bill, at a public hearing held before the N. C. Senate Education Committee last week. The Council had already opposed the Bill before the N. C. House Education Committee at a hearing held April 17.

Dr. Cochran stated to the members at the Senate Hearing that "We are here because we will not give up the fight to prevent racist Bills from becoming law in our state." He stated further that the Warrenton School Bill was the "worst offender of the school separation Bills because it will bring into existence a school district that will have 96 per cent white students in a county black students outnumber the whites over three to one."

The physician blasted the Legislature as a whole, before

the Committee, declaring that "white racism is a widespread disease and is growing in the Legislature in epidemic proportions as seen in the vote on the recent school separation Bills." He declared further, "the black people have now had an object lesson in 'white power!' As a result he stated they would seek relief in the Federal Courts.

Dr. Cochran declared further, the "opinion of the Council and the black people of eastern North Carolina carried no weight with the legislature." The opinions of the Raleigh News and Observer and the Charlotte Observer showing opposition to the School separation Bills were presented to the Committee as Dr. Cochran urged the Committee to "consider the facts and editorial opinions and find the courage to vote against the Warrenton School Separation Bill."

Attorney James R. Walker, Jr., who is president of the Eastern Council on Community



DR. COCHRAN

Affairs gave further assurance to the effect that Federal Court action would be filed. He stated he would confer with Attorney Samuel S. Mitchell of Raleigh on May 17, after action would take place.

He indicated several other Boards of Education and newly organized groups in nearby towns and counties would likewise be included.

Honors Mother Who Delayed Ed for Children

GREENSBORO — A dedicated mother who delayed her own education to send her four children to A&T State University, was honored last Sunday as the "Mother of the Year" by the University.

Selected in the annual nominations from the student body was Mrs. Della B. Hill of Pollockville. She was a special guest at the University and received the traditional orchid, a certificate, and other gifts from the students.

She was presented to the student body during the Mother's Day convocation in Moore Gym by Mrs. Lewis C. Dowdy, wife of the president of A&T.

Mrs. Hill, 42, operates a beauty shop in Pollockville. Some years ago, she decided to postpone her efforts to obtain a high school degree in order to send her children to A&T.

A son, George Hill is presently employed as an instructor of dairy manufacturing at the University. Another son Johnny Hill graduated in 1965 and teaches building construction at a high school in Lenoir County.

A third son, William Hill, majored in business administration at A&T and needs only a few hours to complete degree requirements.

The youngest child, Bonnie Hill, graduates in June with a major in child development. (See HONORS page 10A)



COUNCILMEN TAKE OATH — J. S. Stewart, only black candidate to survive the City Council Election here Saturday, May 17, out of a total of three who

sought election to the Council, is seen being sworn in here Monday, May 19 by Superior Court Clerk Alton Knight. Others taking the oath from

right to left are: Wade L. Cavin, Thomas Hunt, Allen Aldridge, Paul Alford and Charles L. Steele. (Photo by Purefoy)

Robt. Lewis of Shelby Given Gas Chamber

SHELBY — A mild mannered 16-year-old Negro school boy, Robert Louis Roseboro, was sentenced to die in the gas chamber by an all-white jury of Cleveland County Superior Court here May 7 for murdering a white woman.

Unless decision is reversed on appeal Robert will die in the gas chamber January 10. He is the second Negro teenager to be sentenced to death in North Carolina within the past six months. The other is Marie Hill, a 17-year-old girl who was sentenced to death by a Superior Court jury last December.

Robert joins six other condemned-to-death prisoners now being held on death row at Central Prison. All are Negroes with the exception of one. Roberts teachers stated that he was never a disciplinary problem. Instead they described him as almost too quiet for a youngster of his age.

His English teacher, Mrs. C. M. Peeler, stated "I would have to pin him down for an answer." "He liked to give the (See SENTENCED page 10A)

Special Faculty Selected For Duke, NCC Summer Law Courses

Dr. Rudolph Jones to Join ECSC Faculty Revealed by Dr. Thorpe

ELIZABETH CITY — In a continued effort to expand its offerings, extend its services, and upgrade its faculty, it is being officially announced that Rudolph Jones will join the faculty at Elizabeth City State College as Professor in the Business Education Department during the coming academic year.

The decision to accept the position at Elizabeth City State College is in keeping with his hopes "of being able to return to teaching in some public institution in North Carolina." Dr. Jones recently resigned as President of Fayetteville State College after thirteen years as head of that institution. He is scheduled to leave the post on July 31.

Dr. Marion D. Thorpe, President of Elizabeth City State



DR. JONES

College, in releasing this information, remarked, "We are honored, fortunate, delighted, and blessed to have a man of Dr. Jones' ability, accomplishments, intelligence, talents, and (See JONES page 10A)

A Negro rights attorney, a Washington judge and a recent University of Chicago law graduate who pioneered in legal aid programs are included on a special faculty for minority students here this summer.

They will participate in a legal education opportunity program for some 40 Negro youths seeking to enter law school in the fall.

The four-week course is sponsored by Duke University, North Carolina College and the Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO). Classes begin June 6 and will be held on the Duke and NCC campuses.

Charlotte attorney Julius Chamber, Judge William C. Pryor of the District of Columbia Court of General Session, and Mrs. Roberta Cooper Ramo, who was responsible for student participation in the University of Chicago Legal Aid Program and now teaching at Shaw University will be among the instructors.

Also on the faculty will be Profs. Ernest Gellhorn and Robinson Everett of the Duke Law School, Dean Daniel Sampson and Prof. LeMarquis DeJarmon of the NCC Law School, and Prof. Joseph W. (See SPECIAL 10A)

Federal Judge Orders Release Miss. Prisoner

NEW YORK — Aaron E. Henry, president of the Mississippi State Conference of NAACP Branches, has been "discharged from custody as a result of his 1962 conviction and sentence" in a Mississippi county court and has been "freed from any further restraint upon his liberty."

The order releasing Henry from the lower court's restraint was handed down, May 5, by William C. Keady, chief judge of the United States District Court in Greenville, Miss. The order was in response to a writ of habeas corpus petition filed on behalf of Henry. It culminates a long series of legal actions to vindicate the NAACP Mississippi leader. The case has been three times before the United States Supreme Court.

The state may retry Henry within the next four months. NAACP Special Counsel Matthew Perry said here this week. (See JUDGE page 10A)

N. C. Commencement Program To Be Held June 1 At 3:00 P. M.

Women's Labor Dept. Director Finals Speaker

Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan Kooztz, Director of the Women's Bureau in the Department of Labor, will be the speaker for North Carolina College's Commencement services, Sunday, June 1.

Mrs. Kooztz was appointed to the post she now holds by President Nixon on February 7. She is the first Negro to head the Women's Bureau and was the first of her race to serve as president of the National Education Association. She is also U. S. Delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

From 1945 until she became president of NEA in 1968, Mrs. Kooztz was a special education teacher at Price High School, Salisbury, N. C., working with slow learners and disadvantaged children. She had taught before that in Winston-Salem, Landis, and Dunn, N. C.

Mrs. Kooztz is a graduate of Livingstone College, Salisbury, and holds a master's degree in elementary education from Atlanta University. Other graduate work was done at Columbia University and Indiana University. She has also done special work in the field of special education for slow learners at North Carolina College.

She is a life member of NEA and was president of the association's largest department, the Association of Classroom Teachers, in 1965. She is a member of the NEA's Council for Exceptional Children, the North Carolina Council for Retarded Children, and the



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National Association for Retarded Children. From 1965 to 1968 she was a member of the President's Advisory Council on Education of Disadvantaged Youth.

In 1964, Saturday Review magazine sent Mrs. Kooztz and 15 other Americans to the Soviet Union. She went to West Berlin for the NEA in 1962, observing the effects of the Berlin Wall on Education.

The events of commencement are as follows: Saturday, May 31, 10:00 a.m., Commencement Rehearsal; Alumni Association meeting; 12:00 noon Outing for Graduating Seniors; 8:00 p.m. Social Activity.

Sunday, June 1, 9:00 a.m. Dean of Women's Breakfast 1:00 p.m., President's Reception; 2:30 p.m., Band Concert and 3:00 p.m., Commencement Exercises.

UNC Prof Appointed

CHAPEL HILL — HEW Secretary Robert Finch has appointed Dr. Daniel A. Okun of the UNC Public Health School to the secretary's Commission on Pesticides. Dr. Okun is head of the Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering. The commission will study the quality of food production and environmental health problems as related to pesticides.

Pres. St. Aug. Alumni Blasts N. Y. Opponent

New York-Hard-hitting Peter G. (Pete) Holden, Sr., who for eleven years has master-minded The New York Chapter of St. Augustine's College Alumni, virtually dropped a "time-bomb," on his opponent for President of St. Augustine's National Alumni Association. The action took place during a meeting of The New York Alumni, last Saturday evening, in the Bronx home of Louis Belcher, a 1960 graduate, who New Yorkers say, Holden is grooming as his successor.

Opposing Holden for the coveted position is Robert Bridges, former President of The Raleigh St. Augustine's Alumni Chapter, whom Holden brands "a loner—who can count on one hand, all the things, if any, that he has done for St. Augustine." Election will take place on the campus of St. Augustine's on Saturday, May 24.

Drawing both applause and laughter from his strictly partisan audience, composed largely of St. Augustine's graduates since 1960, the New York Political Public Relations man said—he has the backing of the following alumni chapters: New York, Tide Water (Norfolk, Hampton, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach), Washington, Philadelphia, North Jersey, Rochester, (N. Y.), and—said Holden, The Raleigh, Durham and other North Carolina Chapters are "overwhelmingly in favor of my candidacy." His name was entered in the race by the husband and wife team, John and (See ALUMNI page 10A)

University of Pennsylvania to Honor the First Black Woman Admitted to the Mississippi Bar

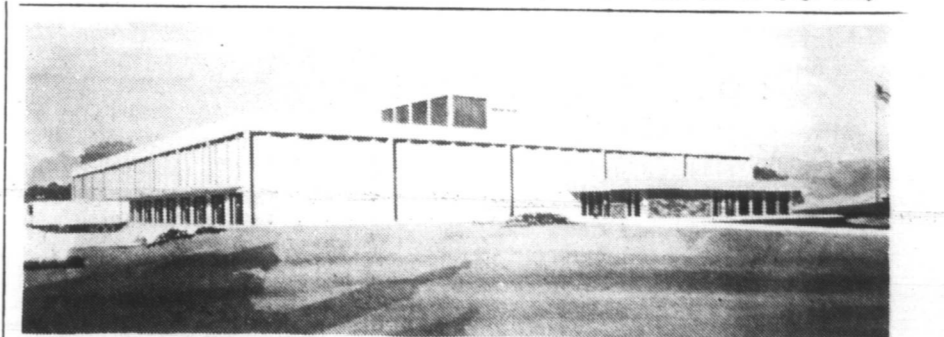


PHILADELPHIA—The University of Pennsylvania Law School will award its 1969 Honorary Fellowship at the Law School Commencement ceremony at 12:30 p.m., Monday (May 19), to Mrs. Marian Wright Edelman, a Washington D. C., attorney who is a Field Foundation Fellow and director of the Washington Research Project of Clark College's Center for Public Policy.

Mrs. Edelman was the first black woman admitted to the State of Mississippi Bar. She also is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

Presentation ceremonies will be in the courtyard of the Law School, 3400 Chestnut St. The 186-member graduating class of the Law School will receive their diplomas at the ceremony which follows the University's 213th Commencement Exercises to be held at 10 a.m., in Convention Hall of the Philadelphia Civic Center.

The Washington Research Project is designed to establish a structure for representing the poor before government administrative agencies. Mrs. Edelman will be cited for her work in a situation (See LAWYER 10A)



MILK PLANT

A&P Breaks Ground For Fresh Milk Plant In High Point N. C.

HIGH POINT—The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company today announced plans to build a multi-million dollar fresh milk and cottage cheese plant on interstate highway I-85 southwest of High Point.

The new facility will be the second dairy center of its kind to be owned and operated by the nation's leading food retailer. They first began operations in December of 1966 in Fort Washington, Pa. The North Carolina plant will occupy a 16 acre site. It will process and package fluid milk products,

and will manufacture cottage cheese and sour cream, using milk from farms surrounding High Point.

The packaged products will be delivered to more than 300 A&P Food Stores throughout North Carolina and bordering states.

James H. Cornelius, Vice-President and General Manager of A&P's Charlotte Division, said that the decision to locate the plant in the High Point area was based on three important factors: excellent highway facilities and access thereto,

the proximity to a good source of high quality milk, and the capability of the High Point sewage disposal system to handle the plant's waste water.

Construction of the 55,000 square foot building is now under way and is expected to be completed in the fall of 1970. The plant, containing the most sanitary and efficient processing equipment available, was designed by A&P Dairy Division and corporate engineering departments, and Johnson Associates Inter- (See A&P page 10A)