

# UNC Trustees Take Over NCC ?

## Funerals Held For Four Drowning Victims

### Joyous Outing Of Henderson Students Ends In Tragedy

Henderson — Funeral services for the four students of Henderson Institute who drowned near Louisburg last Thursday were held Saturday and Sunday in the churches of which they were members.

The students, two boys and two girls, three of whom were members of the Senior Class and one of the Junior Class, were also members of the Crown and Scepter Club of their school. About 60 of the club had been taken on an all day outing by faculty advisers.

The students had enjoyed a most delightful day at the Lakeview Mill Pond and were preparing to return to their home about 2:30 p. m. The pond is located in Franklin County about 10 miles east of Henderson.

At the time of the tragedy seven students were riding in a four-passenger boat when one of them playfully started rocking it.

Suddenly the boat overturned throwing all of its occupants into the water. Another boat was hurriedly taken to the rescue by two other boys and the two girls Almeta Ilivia Williams, 18 and Elizabeth Lee, 18, were pulled into it and ordered to sit down. However, overcome with excitement they became frantic and the boat capsized, again throwing them and their two would-be rescuers into the water. The two boys, who attempted the rescue, swam to shore, but the two boys, Oliver Randolph Cheatham, 20, and James Alston, 20, were drowned.

Efforts on the part of police and firemen to revive the victims were of no avail.

All of the bodies were recovered within an hour after the tragedy.

The funeral of Cheatham, was held Saturday at Red Bud Baptist Church on the Oxford Road, that of Miss Williams at St. James Baptist Church on the Oxford Road; Miss Lee at Shiloh Baptist Church, Henderson and Alston at Concord Baptist Church in Franklin County.

### Commissioner



Rev. E. T. Browne, pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church who has been appointed to the Recreation Commission of the City of Durham.

### Man Dies While Police Escort Him To Jail

Raleigh—George Stratley of 1902 1/2 South Person Street, died Monday en route to City Court with a police escort. He was suffering with tuberculosis and local officials sought to have him treated for the disease.

Officers who arrested him said he was in bed when they arrived at his home and that he got up and dressed and they helped him into a police car. They said that Stratley knew about the charge and "wanted to go" to court to get treatment.

According to the officers, Stratley appeared to have a "spasm" just as the car reached the intersection of Blount and Lenoir Streets at about 9:20 a. m. An ambulance was called and he was taken to St. Agnes Hospital when he was pronounced dead on arrival.

### Masons To Donate \$20,000 For NAACP Research Department

DENVER, COLORADO — A research department, estimated to cost \$20,000 a year, will be provided for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People by Prince Hall Masons of America.

The decision was announced here at the close of a three-day Conference of Grand Masters representing thirty-nine states in which Prince Hall Grand Lodges operate. Principal speaker at the meeting was Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the N. A. A. C. P.

Amos T. Hall, Grand Master of Oklahoma who was reelected as President of the Conference of Grand Masters, announced the action of the Grand Masters in the following statement:

"Continued progress by the Negro Race is being blocked by a false sense of security. There are too many Negroes who seem to feel that we have won enough victories over discrimination and segregation and that it is time to take a rest. This state of mind will lead to disaster, because it will give our enemies a chance to regroup.

"The Conference of Grand Masters of Prince Hall Masons of America has decided to provide \$20,000 a year to finance a research department for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. It is only a fraction of what the Association needs for its work, but we hope that it will give impetus to the fight which must go on relentlessly until all racial goals have been fully secured."

Other speakers at the Conference were Charles Bynum, Director of Interracial Activities of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; Lemuel Foster, Negro consultant with the Savings Bonds Division of the U. S. Treasury Department, and W. H. Mitchell, Negro field worker for the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association.

### Durham Woman Honored By N. C. Employment



Mrs. Bessie Shearer Gilmer, prominent business woman, religious and civic leader of Durham, was signally honored here last week when she was presented a Certificate of Award by the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina.

Making the presentation on behalf of the State was Phillip R. Bunn, area supervisor of the Commission, and Ernest C. McCracken, director, Employment Service Division.

The award which bears the seal of the State reads: The Employment Security Commission of North Carolina expresses its sincere appreciation for the Loyal Service rendered by Mrs. Bessie Shearer Gilmer in testimony whereof we are privileged at the time of retirement to bestow this Certificate of Award.

Only two other such awards have been given in North Carolina and they went to office managers, Mrs. J. B. Spillman.

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## Over 150 Walk Out When N. Carolina Solon Insults Race

### Last Rites Held For Drowning Victims



Pictured above are the four Henderson Institute students who were drowned near Louisburg last Thursday in the Lakeview Mill Pond while on an outing. The students lost their lives when the boat in which they were riding capsized. Reading from left to right are: James Alston, Miss Almeta O. Williams, Miss Elizabeth Lee and Oliver Randolph Cheatham.

## Boycott Launched In Nations Capital Against Store For Refusing Lunch Service

Washington — A boycott was begun in Washington last week to persuade the capital's biggest department store to practice what it preaches on racial segregation.

While selling to both Negroes and whites, the Hecht Company draws the line at its basement lunch counter by refusing to serve Negro shoppers.

In a full page ad in the Washington Post during Brotherhood Week in February, the Hecht Company quoted a statement by Brotherhood Week chairman Eric Johnston which read:

"We talk about bridges of brotherhood around the world in answer to the Communist pretensions, and that's splendid vision. But brotherhood begins on a man-to-man basis at home. Without that footing it is idle talk and an empty vision.

"We can't afford to blind ourselves to the disturbing and undermining racial and religious antagonisms in America. They will defeat our good intentions for a world brotherhood until we cast them out and live as brothers in our states, communities, and neighborhoods."

Apparently this was only idle talk from the Hecht Company.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, chairman of the Coordinating Committee for the Enforcement of the District of Columbia Anti-Discrimination Laws, led an interracial delegation which met several times with Harry Schwartz, personnel director, asking that the company put into effect its belief in brotherhood at its own lunch counter.

Director Schwartz admitted that the lunch counter practices Jim Crow, but added that the brotherhood advertisement was "just public relations." A "soulless corporation" he said could be interested only in making money. He promised further investigation, but in mid-April, he cut off the talks, and the store's general manager endorsed his stand.

A boycott was organized by the committee, and during this month it is sending speakers to organizations and 49 churches and has mailed 4,500 pledge cards which promise not to buy at Hecht's until the Jim Crow is ended.

A warrant was finally secured

### Grand Jury Indicts Burlington Man Charged With Rape

Graham — An Alamance County Grand Jury found a true bill here Wednesday in the charges brought against a white man for raping a young Negro woman at Burlington on the night of March 20.

In a telephone conversation with Solicitor W. H. Murdock Thursday morning, a representative of the Carolina Times was informed that Eugene Reid, the man charged with the crime will be tried for rape at the August term of Alamance Superior Court.

The crime, which has stirred Negro citizens of Burlington and the entire county is said to have been one of the most wanton ever committed in this section.

Last Sunday a mass meeting was held at the Jordan-Sellers School with approximately 500 persons in attendance, including Police Chief D. D. Matthews and Sheriff Hallie Moore, both of whom had been invited.

Other officers present were Deputy Frank Warren, and Burlington Negro officers Andrew Chambers and Earl Berry.

Principal speaker for the occasion was Nathaniel Bond of Durham, representative of the Youth Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Miss Mildred Wagstaff, highly respected young woman and Shaw University sophomore, victim of the crime, was raped by Reid at gun point while she was baby sitting at Reid's home. Miss Wagstaff was spending the holidays at home and was working in the place of her sister, Mrs. Mamie Day who was regularly employed at the home.

Efforts on the part of relatives of Miss Wagstaff to secure a warrant for the arrest of Reid at the time the crime was committed met with no avail at Burlington Police Headquarters and the Sheriff's office.

### Cong. Cooley On Rampage In Washington

Washington — Two jokes, told by Rep. Harold D. Cooley of North Carolina, were enough to cause 150 persons to leave Washington Monument Grounds here Tuesday.

The occasion was during the granting of 97 honor awards to Agriculture workers.

Apparently floundering about for a lack of something appropriate to say for such an auspicious event, Cooley fell back on jokes in which he used the term "nigger" several times.

When the North Carolina Congressman, who was recently convicted for speeding in his own home county of Nash, used the term the first time immediately 150 persons left the gathering as a protest. When he told a second joke and used the term others left. Although most of those leaving were Negroes, there were several white persons in the group.

When advised of his insulting remarks, Cooley said if he used the term he did not feel required to apologize.

"My record of friendship to Negroes is known," he stated, "I certainly meant no disrespect, I don't care if I did say it, either inadvertently or intentionally."

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### Funeral Held



Mrs. Daisy D. Bruce, who died in Cleveland Ohio, Friday May 18 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Blannie Fortes. She had been in Cleveland since January 31, of this year.

### Editorially Speaking Dr. Elder Must Take A Stand

Well, you just can't beat white folks. At a stormy meeting in Raleigh last April 4, the 100 man board of trustees of the UNC resolved by a vote of 65-15 to admit all qualified Negroes to professional and graduate areas not offered in Negro institutions. This was just as it should be, for such a resolution guaranteed for all of the citizens of this State the opportunity to pursue advanced graduate study at one of the great centers of learning in the South.

With such a resolution North Carolina again gained a measure of status among other States of the South where Negroes are permitted to enroll in State universities for graduate study.

Just as Negroes were beginning to think that the UNC trustees had passed their resolution in good faith the State is aflame with rumors that pressure is being brought to bear on the administration at NCC to offer a Ph. D. program.

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### Faculty Members And Citizens Express Disgust At Action

### Va. Refuses To Give Up Accused Man

Richmond, Va. — Willie Winn 76-year-old Negro man, who is charged with a 1906 murder by North Carolina authorities, won his fight this week against extradition when Governor John S. Battle of Virginia refused Governor Scott's request.

Five persons, who were witnesses, failed to identify Winn as James Perry, the man wanted in the case.

Attorney J. J. Williams, Jr., Winn's counsel, brought before the witnesses, another man in an effort to test the reliability of their memories. Four of the five witnesses said the decoy was the man sought. The other witness did not identify Winn as Perry.

Winn has repeatedly denied that he is James Perry, the man charged by North Carolina with fatally shooting a white farmer, Baldy Perry, in Franklin County, N. C., in 1906. He told authorities that he had never lived in North Carolina, nor had he ever been in Franklin County; that he was in Pennsylvania from 1905-1907.

Two physicians reported that Win suffers from a heart disease and it was noted in the report to the Governor that "an extradition at his present age and infirm condition would probably induce further physical deterioration."

Apparently the Trustees of the University of North Carolina have taken over the operation and development of N.C. College at Durham. This was the consensus of opinion expressed here this week by numerous persons interrogated on the subject following the announcement that the UNC trustees had taken action to expand the N. C. College graduate school to offer doctorate degrees.

Although a majority of alumni and leading citizens approached on the subject appeared disgusted at the plan, several expressed themselves as being angered at what they term the latest move of State officials to purchase a segregated educational system at a cheap price.

Action of the UNC trustees following the filing of five more applications by Negroes for admission to the University at Chapel Hill.

Although for obvious reasons their names cannot be mentioned several members of the N. C. College faculty definitely stated that before they would be a party to such an outrageous scheme they would resign from their position on the faculty.

Plans of the UNC trustees call for the expenditure of a measly sum of from \$75,000 to \$100,000 the amount per year the UNC trustees estimate it would take to raise all departments of the graduate school to the doctorate status.

It is also estimated from 12 to 18 more instructors would be needed at NCC, if and when the doctorate degrees are offered.

Funds for such would be obtained from the Contingency and Emergency fund of the State.

According to R. M. Gantt of Durham, chairman of the NCC trustee board, action on the proposal of the UNC trustees (Please turn to Page Ten)



Phon Goldman, left, of Howard University, Washington, D. C., and Miss Frances E. Watson, of Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., are among a considerable number of college students who have received \$25 awards for "Happy-Go-Lucky" jingles selected for possible use in Lucky Strike college newspaper advertising. Both are seniors. Miss Watson is a journalism major and editor of the university paper. She will join a newspaper staff next summer. Goldman has received a number of scholastic awards and is vice-president of his class.

### Suit Against Public School Segregation Starts Monday

New York, May — National attention began focusing this week on the opening of a new phase of the legal attack on segregated education by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, as preparations progressed for the trial of the suit seeking admissions of Negro elementary and high school students of Clarendon County, South Carolina, to the county's "white" schools.

The precedent-shattering suit is scheduled to be heard in Charleston beginning May 28, before a three-judge federal court consisting of Senior Circuit Judge John J. Parker and Federal District Judge J. Waites Waring and George B. Timmerman. Originally scheduled to be argued in federal district court before Judge Waring, the suit was shifted to a three judge court when it became apparent that it involved a frontal attack against the segregated school system. Federal law requires that cases attacking a state statute or order of a state agency as unconstitutional be heard before a court composed of three judges, including at least one justice of the Court of Appeals.

The NAACP brief, filed on behalf of sixty-seven Negro school children and their parents, sets forth the glaring inequalities within the school system. As in the cases attacking segregation on the graduate and professional levels, the NAACP is expected to produce as expert witnesses leaders in anthropology, education, and allied fields, to testify as to the discrimination imposed on Negro students.

NAACP attorneys representing the Negro parents and taxpayers of Clarendon County are Harold R. Boulware of Columbia S. C., and Special Counsel Thurgood Marshall and Assistant Special Counsel Robert L. Carter of the national office.

### Funeral Held Here For Mrs. Daisy D. Bruce

Funeral services were held Wednesday May 23, from White Rock Baptist Church here for Mrs. Daisy David Bruce, pioneer Durham resident and longtime member of White Rock Church.

Rev. Miles Mark Fisher delivered the eulogy.

Mrs. Bruce died Friday, May 18 at the home of Mrs. Blannie Fortes, her daughter in Cleveland, Ohio, following an illness of several months. She had spent the latter part of her life at her residence, 507 Linwood Avenue in Durham.

Born in Durham May 15, 1878, Mrs. Bruce was educated at the old Whitted School. In 1893 she was married to the late William B. Bruce. Ten children were born to this union.

The children who survive, in addition to Mrs. Fortes are: Mrs. Anna Bell Belton, New York City; Mrs. Norma Keene and Elwood Bruce of Cleveland, Ohio. Other survivors are: three grandchildren, James Belton, Joanna Fortes, and Walter Keene of Cleveland, Ohio; three sons-in-law, Mrs. Laura Bruce of Durham. Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery.