

Ingram's Fate Still Undecided; New Trial Set



Two Negro jurors who refused to vote for conviction of Mack Ingram in the celebrated "assault at 75 feet" case are Walter Wiley, left, and Charlie Gunn, right. The refusal of these two forced Judge J. A. Rousseau to de-

clare a mistrial and re-schedule another trial for the 44-year-old farmer, and father of nine. Ten other members of the jury, including two Negroes, voted to convict Ingram.

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Co-eds Stage Riot

Two Negro Jurors Hold Out For Acquittal To Deadlock Panel

YANCEYVILLE—The steadfastness of two Negro jurors saved North Carolina from more of what many have termed unfavorable world publicity when they refused here last week to vote for conviction of Mack Ingram, and the case of assault against the 44-year-old farmer was declared a mistrial.

Jurors Charlie Gunn and Walter Wiley, according to a poll requested by the solicitor, held out for acquittal of Ingram against the ten other jury members, and the "assault at 75 feet case" wound up with a hung jury.

Judge J. A. Rousseau reluctantly dismissed the jurymen after they had deliberated the fate of Ingram nearly six hours and declared the case a mistrial. The defendant will probably stand trial again in March term of the Superior Court for the charge.

Ingram had appealed his conviction on charges of assault on a female handed in a lower court here last July. He was charged with assaulting 17-year-old Willa Jean Boswell, recently married to Eddie Webster. The girl admitted in the first trial that Ingram never got closer than 75 feet to her.

Twice the State reduced its charge on Ingram, from attempted rape in both cases to assault. Ingram's case, unheard of until the TIMES broke the story

after his first conviction in July, drew world-wide attention. The Communist press exploited the sore spot in American democracy for all its worth.

As a result of the world spotlight on the case, the Yanceyville courtroom was crowded with curious spectators and newsmen from as far as the London Daily Mirror. Most of the State's daily newspapers were represented as well as the Associated Press.

The courtroom, constructed by slave labor years ago, took on a carnival atmosphere, Hawkers crowded around outside the courtroom pressing their wares.

In the end, when the jury foreman asserted that they were hopelessly disagreed, Judge Rousseau dismissed them with "I guess you did the best you could. And I can see where you could disagree . . . maybe."

The jury, composed of eight whites and four Negroes, were divided 10-2 for conviction of Ingram.

Ingram, father of nine children, was defended by NAACP attorneys Martin A. Martin, Conrad Pearson, Robert Carter, and M. E. Johnson and E. F. Upchurch of Yanceyville.

Representing the state were solicitor R. J. Scott, Recorder's Court Solicitor W. B. Horton and Clarence Pomeroy, hired by the Boswell family to assist in prosecution.

Over 700 Students Walk Out In Protest Over Poor Facilities

Special to the TIMES
KINSTON—Students of the Atkins high school here, tiring of the disgracefully inadequate facilities which they have borne for the past several years, staged a strike and parade en masse on the downtown section here Tuesday.

Seven-hundred and twenty of them walked out of classes Tuesday morning and paraded through the downtown section waving placards and banners in protest over what has been described "among the most miserable" school conditions anywhere in the State.

Student Council members, who met with School Superintendent Jean P. Booth during the strike Tuesday, promised that the students would return to classes, Wednesday morning, however.

The strike was staged after six students, members of the Student Council, were dissatisfied over results of a meeting held Monday night with school officials to air their grievances.

The grievances discussed during Monday night were listed as follows:

1. School classes are held in a poorly heated gymnasium which was built by students;
 2. Need for more classrooms;
 3. Holding of classes in the lunchroom while other students are eating there;
 4. The auditorium is too small to accommodate the student body;
 5. The school grounds are not large enough and are flooded each time it rains;
 6. Home Economics facilities are not adequate;
 7. The football team is not allowed to use the municipal stadium and is forced to use a run-down athletic field outside the city limits;
 8. And the lack of a vocational building.
- Students meeting with the school officials Monday night said that they were not satisfied with the excuses offered and promises made them . . . "so the only thing left for us to do was to walk out."
- The six students of the Student Council meeting with the Board of Trustees of the Kin-

ston Graded Schools were Carolyn Coffield, Frederick Thompson, Calvin Thompson, Levon Coffield, John Dudley and Edna Jones.

The strike got underway at 9:10 when the pupils, 720 strong, left the school building and marched on the downtown section.

Superintendent Booth reminded the students that "Kinston and Lenoir County have prided themselves in the past on the steps they have made toward equalizing white and Negro schools."

All Negro schools in the county are accredited, he told the striking student leaders.

C. B. Stewart is principal of Atkin High School.

Four Killed In Auto Wreck

REIDSVILLE—Death, riding the State's highways as big as ever, claimed four this week. Two others were seriously hurt in the automobile-tractor-trailer collision. Two others escaped with slight injuries.

Dead are Amos Alverson, 25; George Henry Gaithwright, 22; Estelle White, 17; and Willie Wilson, 23, all of this city.

Two other occupants of the automobile, were seriously injured and hospitalized here.

Willard Seymour, 35, of Lexington, Ky., and his wife, who were in the tractor-trailer were only slightly hurt in the collision which occurred near here Friday.

State highway patrolman J. H. Harrelson of Reidsville, said that the accident took place at about ten o'clock Friday morning on highway 158, leading to Winston-Salem.

W. D. Bryant, driver of a truck which followed behind the truck which figured in the crash, said that the automobile ran into a ditch, out of control, and whipped across the road, sideswiping the heavy truck.



Scenes from the concluding event in the Durham Business and Professional Chain's eighth Trade Week here are shown above. The annual banquet, held at the James A. Whitted School Monday night, culminated a week of activities sponsored by the local Chain as Trade Week. In photo at top, the winning contestant in the "Miss Trade Week" contest is shown with a group of contestants. Standing, left to right are

Louise Brown, Gladys Mitchell, Dollie Johnson, Sadie Moore, Shirley Cesar, Sylvia Carter, Mrs. Laura Kollock and Janice Randolph. Seated, left to right are Nola Lewis, Juanita Crow, Helen Hargrove, Barbara Adams, Alethea Rease, and Mrs. Magdalene Daye. Center photo shows a scene from the banquet, and photo at bottom shows J. J. Henderson, president of the Chain's Board of Directors and toast-

master for the affair, (standing, center) addressing the group.

Seated around the table in clockwise fashion are Dr. J. N. Mills, C. C. Spaulding, W. G. Rhodes, T. D. Speight, president of the Chain, Rev. Wm. H. Fuller and Reverend Harold Roland who delivered the principal address for the banquet. Not shown is Mrs. Ethel Speight Bounsell, one of the contestants.

Chain Closes Successful Trade Week Nov. 19th

Durham's Business and Professional Chain concluded one of its most successful in a series of Trade Week programs with a banquet here Monday night at the James A. Whitted School.

Approximately 100 persons including Chain officials heard Reverend Harold Roland, pastor of Mount Gilead Baptist Church, deliver the main address.

Trade week was launched here Monday, November 12. It featured a talent night contest, a parade and special bargains at members stores. A television set was given to Tommy Tucker, holder of a lucky admission ticket, at the talent night contest.

Miss Barbara Adams, sponsored by Banner Radio Institute, was crowned "Miss Trade Week" at the banquet by Mrs. Callie Daye, president of the auxiliary Housewives' League.

J. J. Henderson, president of the board of directors of the

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Two of the principals in the 24th Annual Convention of the North Carolina Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, Inc. slated here at Hillside High School Friday and Saturday, November 23-



24 are shown above. Left is Mrs. H. S. Davis, president of the state organization, and right is Dr. C. E. Boulware, president of the host Durham P. T. A. Council.

Alabama State Students Protest Dean's Rules

MONTGOMERY, ALA.—Women students at Alabama State College for Negroes here staged a small riot in protest to certain rules of the dean of women last Thursday.

Dormitory halls were littered with broken bottles and several rooms were flooded with water early this morning, but no one was reported injured and police, called to the scene, made no arrests.

Dr. H. C. Trenholm, president of the college, withheld an official report pending an investigation.

Dean of Women Miss E. L. Gipson was quoted by investigating detectives R. C. Houlton and W. T. Sheriff as saying that the demonstration was caused by "resentment of certain rules and regulations."

President Trenholm confirmed reports that a woman student living in the dormitory was taken out of school by her father after what the president described as an unexplained overnight absence from her room.

Under routine procedure, Dr. Trenholm stated, the father was notified and she went back to her home at Meridian, Miss.

Dr. Trenholm said that he didn't know whether this incident had anything to do with the rioting. No reports of dismissals following the riot had been made late this week.

Hanes Indicted For Murder Of Negro Farmer

NEW BERN — Gentleman farmer Newton Hanes was indicted for murdering one of his Negro tenants and remained in Craven County Jail here without bond this week.

The 36-year-old relative of wealthy Winston-Salem banking and textile families of the same name, was arrested in the November 4 gunshot slaying of Isham Simmons, 40-year-old tenant farmer.

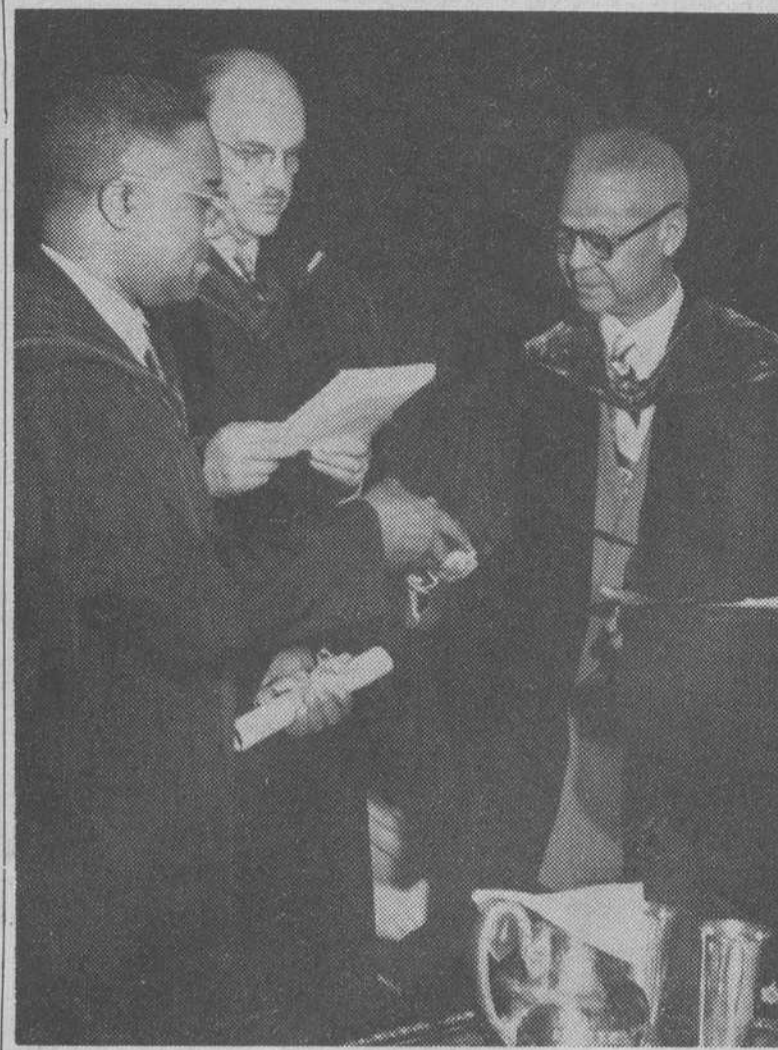
A grand jury returned a true bill charging him with murder last Wednesday.

Several articles of clothing belonging to Simmons, the slain man, were found in Hanes' station wagon, a trail of blood was discovered leading from Hanes' back porch here, and witnesses reported that he was seen near the abandoned car in which the victim's body was found on the day of the murder.

Sheriff Charles Berry stated, however, that no motive had been discovered for the killing.

Coroner Frank Ballard, who ordered Hanes' held, indicated that he had other evidence connecting Hanes' with the death of Simmons. Simmons was one of the two Negro tenants who worked on Hanes' palatial 500 acre Trent river farm. The other worker was unidentified.

There had been reports that lawyers from the wealthy Winston-Salem relatives would seek to have Hanes released on bond last week. But Sheriff Berry said that as far as he knew there had been no hearing of a bond.



Dr. W. R. Strassner was installed as sixth president of Shaw University in ceremonies honoring the late founder of the Baptist Institution, Dr. Martin Tupper, last week at Raleigh. Shown in the above photo are Dr. Strassner, Dr. Edwin McNeil Potat, pastor of the Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, and Dr. L. E. McAuley, secretary of the school's trustee board.

Shaw Installs Sixth President In 86th Founder's Day Ceremonies

RALEIGH—Shaw University observed its 86th Foundry's Day here Friday and inaugurated its sixth president.

Dr. William R. Strassner, a native Arkansan who became dean of the School of Religion at the Baptist institution in 1944, was formally installed in ceremonies witnessed by several State officials, Baptist and lay leaders and representatives from the leading institutions of the country.

Dr. Strassner succeeds Dr. R. P. Daniel who resigned last year to assume presidency of Virginia State College. Exercises for the two ceremonies began at ten o'clock when Shirley Shannon, Elizabeth City co-ed who was elected "Miss Shaw," placed a wreath on the grave of the school's late founder, Dr. Henry Martin Tupper.

The latest in a line of six presidents for the institution recognized the historical position which he occupies in the schools annals. "As sixth president of Shaw University, I am conscious of the fact that I enter a stream of rich heritage and a great tradition inherent in the history of the institution."

Three of the school's five presidents witnessed the ceremonies and spoke briefly during the exercises. They are Dr. Daniel, Dr. Joseph L. Peacock and Dr. William S. Nelson.

Setting forth a type of policy for the school, President Strass-

ner indicated that Shaw would not attempt to compete with the State Universities, but asserted "the small college is free from the restraints" which bind state-supported schools. He cast aside all speculation of more addition to the school plant, and declared "our immediate task is one of internal development."

President Strassner was presented the University charter by Dr. Edwin McNeil Potat of the Pullen Memorial Baptist Church who presided during the ceremonies. The new president received the seal from Dr. L. E. McAuley, secretary of the board of trustees. Dr. C. C. Spaulding, chairman of the trustee board, introduced the new president.

Also present at the ceremonies were Dr. Clyde Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; N. C. Newbold of the National Education Association; Rev. W. D. Varney, American Baptist Convention; Rev. W. L. Wilson, State Vice-President of the National Baptist Convention and Dr. Alfonso Elder, president of North Carolina College.

Dr. H. L. Trigg, president of Saint Augustine's College, led the invocation and Dr. M. C. Allen, president of Virginia Seminary and College, offered prayer.

Representatives from forty American Universities and Colleges, 20 learned societies and ten miscellaneous organizations were present.

Third Man In Two Weeks Dies From Poison Liquor In Statesville

STATESVILLE — Poison liquor continued to prey on disdained victims throughout the South as a man was found dead here from causes attributed to consuming lethal liquor.

Leon Turner, 40-year-old resident of the Sunnyside community here, was the third man in a month to die here from drinking a deadly concoction.

Turner was found dead Sunday morning in the yard of Joyland, a local night club. His presence was reported by Myrtle Minor of the Joyland community.

When found, the victim was lying face down with a greenish-red fluid emitting from his mouth, Coroner Marvin Raymer said.

About a week ago, Buford Vanderburg of Route 3 was found dead in bed at the home of a foster brother. He, like Turner, had visited the Joyland night club just before his death. George Edwards, 50-year-old,

was found dead in a rooming house on November 2. His death was also attributed to poison alcohol.

WTIK To Air NCC-A.&T. Tilt

GREENSBORO — The most extensive radio coverage in history will be given the NCC-A. and T. College football game here Thanksgiving Day. In addition to three local stations, two Durham stations are covering the tilt. They are Stations WTIK and WSSB.

At the WTIK microphones will be Charles Cash, Charles Ray, Clathar Ross, and Leroy T. Walker.

WTIK's program is being sponsored by the Mechanics and Farmers' Bank. The Service Printing Company is presenting a fifteen minutes pre-game interlude.