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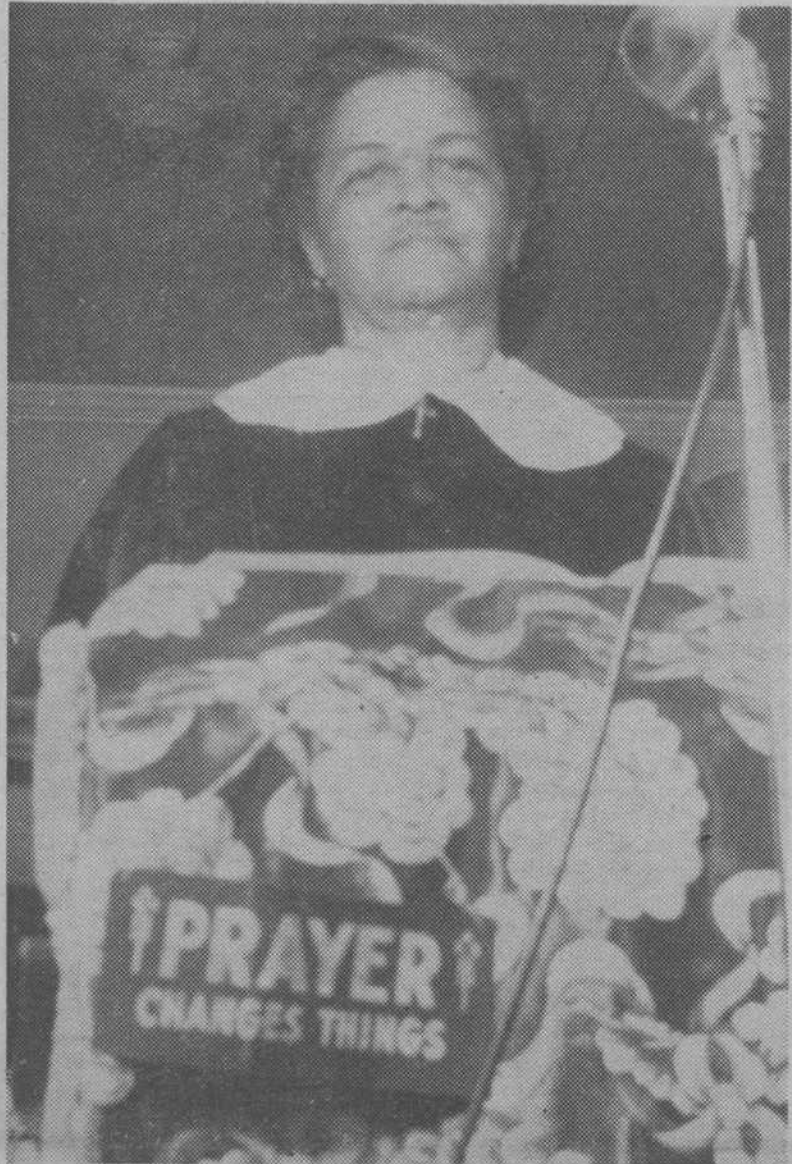
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Becomes Storm Center In Clyde Brown Case



REVEREND MRS. EDNA GRAVES, above, has become the center of a controversy in connection with the Clyde Brown case. Brown, sentenced to die, was convicted of rape on a 17 year old white Winston-Salem girl last July. Rev. Graves, who operates a prayer band at High Point,

charges that the defense for Brown is not doing all it could do. She claims she is soliciting funds to hire a law firm in Greensboro to defend Brown. Attorneys Hosea Price in Winston-Salem and Herman Taylor of Raleigh, have both her claims.

Defense Lawyers, Group Repudiate Work Of Woman

Additional repudiation of a lady who claims she is raising money for a defense for Clyde Brown came this week from the doomed man's defense attorneys and chairman of the People's Defense Committee, the group coordinating defense for Brown.

Rev. Mrs. Edna Graves, who, it is alleged, operates a prayer band in High Point, was disturbed this week over what she considered unfavorable publicity given her in a story in last week's TIMES, stating that her claim of having gotten an execution stay for Brown had been denied.

She is, according to a letter she mailed to Attorney Frank Brower here, soliciting funds to get a new trial for the doomed man.

Brown, sentenced to die for rape of a 17 year-old white Winston-Salem girl, has lost two appeals from a death sentence. The State Supreme Court upheld the decision of a lower court and recently he lost an appeal for writ of habeas corpus from a United States Court.

In Winston-Salem, Attorney Hosea Price, one of the defense attorneys for Brown, said in effect that Rev. Mrs. Graves is creating a nuisance and that she has no official connection with

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Decoration Contest Set

The Durham Business and Professional Chain announced the opening of its second annual Christmas Home Decoration Contest here this week. The contest began Thursday and will end Dec. 20.

Rules of the contest are as follows:

No entries will be accepted after seven p. m. Dec. 20. Persons desiring to enter the contest should call one of the following: the Carolina Times, 518 East Pettigrew Street, at 5-9873 or 5-0671; Service Printing Company, 504 East Pettigrew Street, 5-7462; or Mrs. Roxie Davis, 2005 Otis Street, 3-6742.

All entrants are urged to have their decorations lighted up between the hours of eight and 10 on Sunday night, December 23, because the judging will take place then. Only windows, porches, lawns and doors of homes will be judged. Decorated church lawns and business enterprises are not eligible.

Judging will be based on the following points: quality; adherence to the Christmas theme; attractiveness; inexpensiveness.

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North Carolina's chief executive delivered the principal address at the dedication ceremonies for the new elementary plant at Pleasant Grove School in Alamance County last Friday night.

The appearance by Governor Scott marked one of the few times during his administration that he has addressed a predominantly Negro audience.

The above photos show scenes from the dedication services for the new school building, which was completed in September of this year. It is constructed along the most modern architectural lines, among its features being fluorescent lighting, office space for in-

structors and a gymnasium. In photo at top right, Gov. Scott is shown shaking hands with well wishers who exchanged remarks with him after his speech. Circular inset at top shows Pleasant Grove principal, W. I. Morris, receiving the keys to the building from chairman of the

school board, H. A. Scott. Photo at top right shows the Governor talking with some of the principals in the dedication services immediately following the event. At far left is Morris and J. W. Jeffries, former farm agent for the Pleasant Grove community, is shown at far right.

Lott Carey Delegation Back In United States After African Visit

WASHINGTON — The twenty-two members of the Lott Carey Baptist Pilgrimage returned to the United States by Pan-American Airways Thursday, December 6th, after a five weeks tour of West Africa and principal cities in Europe.

According to the Reverend Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Secretary of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention and Chairman of the current Pilgrimage, this Pilgrimage was one of the largest and the most meaningful tours that has been made to Africa by any racial group since the early days of 1821, when the Colonization Society carried the first settlers to Liberia.

The purpose of the current visit as related by Somerville was the official dedication of the one hundred seventy-five thousand (\$175,000.00) dollars educational plant erected by the

Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention at Brewerville, Liberia, West Africa.

His Excellency, William V. S. Tubman, President of Liberia and his Cabinet extended official welcome to the American guests. The members of the Pilgrimage were dinner guests of President and Mrs. Tubman.

Four North Carolinians, including Durham's Reverend E. T. Browne, were members of the 22 person delegation.

The other Tar Heels in the delegation were Reverend Kelly P. Goodwin, Winston-Salem, Mrs. Ellen Alston, Raleigh, and Rev. G. W. Thomas, Roxboro.

The rest of the delegation included Mrs. Florence Carter, Richmond, Va.; Rev. J. J. Clow, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Magnolia Cooper, Passaic, N. J.; Miss Julia A. Finch, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Lewis Griffin, Washington, D. C.;

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Judge Charges NAACP With Stirring Up Trouble In Fla.

TAVARES, Fla.—Judge Tru J. Futch of Lake County Circuit Court last week barred Thurgood Marshall, special counsel, and Jack Greenberg, assistant special counsel, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, from defending Walter Irvin, the remaining defendant in the infamous "rape" case. Judge Futch said that the attorneys could not take part in the case because the NAACP has stirred up trouble in the community.

Alex Akerman, Jr. of Orlando, who represented the defendants for the NAACP in their

original trial in 1949, remains as chief defense counsel, assisted by Paul Perkins, also of Orlando.

At the same time, Judge Futch granted defense motions for a change of venue, scheduling Irvin's trial for January 14, in Ocala, in neighboring Marion County. Since Marion and Lake Counties are in the same circuit, Jess Hunter will remain as prosecutor in the case.

Mr. Marshall indicated that the NAACP will conduct a thorough investigation in Marion County, as it did in Lake, to determine whether the climate of opinion is

Despondent Man Takes Life With Plow Line In Feed Barn

ROXBORO—A 33 year-old farmer who had been released from the State Hospital at Goldsboro just two weeks ago, took his own life Tuesday morning by hanging himself in a feed barn.

William Tapp became the second North Carolina man in two

weeks to commit suicide by hanging. Last week at Lumberton, 24 year old Roscoe Davis hanged himself in the presence of his small son and wife.

Despondency was attributed to the suicide of Tapp, farmer of the Olive Hill community. He was said to have been despondent for sometime and had only about two weeks ago been released from the state hospital at Goldsboro.

The Person county farmer took his life by hanging himself with a plow line from the feed barn on the farm of George Lee, where he was living. Apparently, Tapp tied the plow line to a supporting beam of the barn roof and dropped down through a ladder opening in the ceiling.

His wife found him about 9:30 Tuesday morning, a few moments after the fatal act.

Tapp had threatened on several other occasions to take his life, his wife related to investigating officers. He attempted to commit suicide in the Person County jail while awaiting transfer to the hospital at Goldsboro.

Dr. A. F. Nichols, coroner, ruled that the victim died of a broken neck.

14 NCC Students Listed In Who's Who Publication

Fourteen of North Carolina College's top students, all seniors were elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, it was announced here this week.

Leading the list of the N.C.C. students who have been selected on the basis of scholarship and leadership ability are Calvin Norman, president of the N.C.C. Student Government Association; Carrie Thomas, president of the Alpha Chi chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and Elwood Streeter, president of the Beta Kappa Chi Honorary Society.

The complete roster of North Carolina College students who enjoy the distinction of having their names listed with the leading students in other colleges and universities throughout the United States follows:

Joyce A. Daughtry, New York, N. Y.; Alethia Dixon, Asheville; Gloria Grant, Windsor; Gwendolyn Haywood, Raleigh; Cecilia Isham, Jacksonville, Fla.; Howard Love, Jr. Gastonia; Calvin Norman, Jr., Jamaica, N.Y.; Frances R. Peele, Ahoskie; Fannie E. Reynolds, Cofield;

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Ex-Con Faces Charges In 38 Liquor Deaths

Atlanta, Ga.—A 300 pounds plus ex-convict went on trial here Monday for his life in connection with the mass liquor poisonings which occurred here last October.

John D. (Fats) Hardy, 44 years old with a court record several pages long, is being held responsible by the State for the death of 38 persons who succumbed to poison liquor here during the week of October 21.

He is being tried before Fulton County Superior Court on a specific charge of murder of John W. Blount, Negro who died from drinking the fatal moonshine. Judge A. A. Andrews is hearing the case. Hardy is also under indictment for murder in four other cases.

Over 300 persons were stricken from drinking the fatal moonshine, in what Fulton County authorities have termed the worst instance of mass poisoning in the county's history. Four have permanently lost their eyesight.

According to testimony in the trial early this week, Hardy headed what was a relatively complex wholesale bootlegging operation which buised several persons with various tasks.

A 33 year old Negro who gave his occupation as a deliveryman for bootleggers testified how he helped mix the fatal concoction, and then helped in its delivery. Richard "Snooks" Weems told the court that he helped Hardy mix the moonshine on a farm in Gwinnett County. He said that Hardy occasionally stirred the stuff with a broomstick.

C. B. Wheeler, who identified



MRS. J. C. TRENT

Lady Member Of Council On Church Program

Mrs. J. C. Trent, well known civic leader and member of the Durham City Council, will deliver an address at the Covenant Presbyterian Church here Sunday evening at six.

Dr. C. C. Spaulding, President of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company and nationally known civic leader, will be present and introduced Mrs. Trent to her audience.

This program is given under the auspices of the Parish Zone Plan of the Church, and each Zone will have a special pew section.

Chain Elects New Officers, Austin Is Prexy

Four new members of the board of directors and a nearly new slate of officers for the Durham Business and Professional Chain were elected at the organization's regular meeting here Sunday.

L. E. Austin, editor-publisher of the Carolina Times, succeeds T. R. Speight as president of the Chain. Speight had served as president for nearly five years. Other new officers include W. G. Rhodes, first vice president; Mrs. P. H. McNeil, second vice president; Mrs. L. M. Harris, assistant secretary; J. J. Henderson, treasurer; and Mrs. J. Deshazor Jackson, assistant publicity director.

R. Kelly Bryant and D. F. Reed were the only re-elected officers. Bryant is secretary and Reed serves as publicity director.

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Christmas Dinner

The annual pre-Christmas dinner for the blind will be held at the Harriett Tubman Branch Y. W. C. A. on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

The Business and Professional Department of the YWCA is cooperating with the Lions Club in sponsoring the dinner for approximately 95 blind persons.

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