JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT RETIRES

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RAPE SUSPECT

the woman and her male escort, a Negro was arrested and identified as the assailant by the woman and man.

Investigation into the suspect's whereabouts at the time of the alleged attack revealed that he was in a 15th Street grocery store. He was released.

The following morning, after repeated questioning, the couple revealed that they had concocted the story to avoid being seen together "by someone who knew them both, as well as by the woman's husband and her escort's wife. The two were charged with being drunk and disorderly on a public highway, and were released on bond pending trial.

INTER-RACIAL

The commission adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, in recent weeks a group of citizens in South Carolina, in defiance of the courses of law, maliciously lynched a young Negro man; and

Whereas, there was an abortive attempt to perpetrate a similar crime in Eastern North Carolina a few days ago,

Therefore, be it resolved:

That we, members of the Baptist Inter-Racial Commission, representing the combined membership of both the white and Negro Baptist Churches in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, deplore:

First, the flagrant crime on the part of those who deliberately commit "rape" in violation of the sacredness of personality;

Second, that we lament the fact that certain enraged groups have taken upon themselves the prerogative of law enforcement which rightfully should be executed by the state;

Third, that we publicly express our deep concern with reference to the fact that a recent jury in Greenville, South Carolina apparently failed to convict, in spite of the evidence presented in a properly conducted court, those who were reported to have confessed personal participation in a notorious lynching; and

Furth, that we take cognizance of the fact that if such promiscuous miscarriage of justice is allowed to prevail in the South, where racial tension is increasingly ominous, that the future relationship between the two races will be jeopardized, and the progress of mutual understanding and goodwill will be impeded."

The commission is composed of twenty members representing the white and Negro Baptist Churches of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. It promotes interracial goodwill and sponsors a program of religious education within the Negro Baptist Churches of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Dr. John's Baptist Church, is chairman of the commission.

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a white man Saturday morning and promised $5.00 if she would go with him home and take care of his two children for two hours, and that when he offered her $5, she agreed and got into his car.

Instead of being driven to his house she told officers she was taken to a wooded section where the driver got out and ordered her to get out. She said he attacked and raped her and drove her home where he threatened her if she reported the incident. The man was identified as about 40 years of age.

THREE ARRESTED

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said the officers had "only a meager description of the man," thus "hampering their investigation," but three men — James Bowser, Mack Ayers, and Johnny Goode — have been arrested in the case and are being held at an undisclosed jail.

Williamston is only 50 miles from Rich Square where three separate "rape attempts" have been reported in recent weeks.

Mrs. Coery said a Negro came to her home at Lasker Villiage five miles from Rich Square, grabbed her and attempted to drag her from her home.

THREE WHITES

Badgett and Taylor were being held without bond in Lee County jail on charges of raping a 14-year old white girl.

Taylor and Badgett went to the home of the girl and took her to the home of a girl friend. After she discovered she was not at home, the girl requested to be taken back home. Instead, the men took the girl back to Sanford, and secured whiskey, then took her to Broadway and raped her on the grounds of the Broadway colored school.

Rice said he and Eugene Carlyle picked up Miss Taylor and Misses Bernice and Henen Jenkins, all white, at the Jones County Home to bring them in a taxi to a radio program at a local studio. They went to a cafe after the show, Miss Taylor said, and Rice walked with her some distance from the restaurant where he attachek her.

BUSH'S OWN

past two months and that Bush was living at George and Mrs. Bush and Clementine at the Raleigh address with Mrs. Bush's mother, Mrs. Fannie McCoy, her stepfather, sister and brother-in-law.

Bush accompanied Miss Alice Jacobs to a spot near the home of a white family where a sister of Miss Jacobs was working. Miss Jacobs went into the house while Buddy remained near some shrubbery about a hundred yards away waiting for her. The couple were to go the only movie house in George where both Negroes and whites attend. Tired of waiting for Miss Jacobs, Bush squatted near the shrubbery.

Arrested On Spot

He saw a white woman coming, Mrs. Bush said, and stood up so that he would not frighten her. Just as he got up the woman saw him and began to scream. She said he did not leave the scene and that Sheriff Frank Outland arested him while he was still waiting for Miss Jacobs.

"We want that man Frank Outland brought in," Mrs. Bush quoted the mob as having said after Bush had been arrested and turned over to the jailer. She said Outland did not know which cell Buddy was in, but that he entered Bush's cell at 8:00 that evening, looked at Bush and left without saying anything to him. One hour later at 9:00 the mob came and took Bush at "gun point".

She said she and Buddy married in January, 1943, while Buddy was working at the Norfolk Naval Base. He quarrels sometimes, she said, but is a good natured boy "and I am going to stick with him to the end".

Seized At Jackson

Buddy said he doesn't drink and had not been drinking on the evening he was arrested. His mother and father had been separated about three months, he told The CAROLINIAN, but that he was still living at George at the time of arrest. He is 24 and oldest in the family of three brothers and five sisters.

Confirming previous statements made by Mrs. Bush as to how he escaped, he added that there was no conversation between him and the white woman and that his wife was at her home near Raleigh at the time of the arrest.

Bush was charged with attempted assault on Mrs. Margaret A. Bryant, and confined to the tiny red brick jail at Jackson, where he was seized by the mob.

DR. McCRORREY ENDS LONG SERVICE

Dr. H. L. McCrorey's request for retirement from the presidency of Johnson C. Smith university, after 40 years in the office, was granted yesterday by the university's board of trustees and Dr. Hardy Liston, executive vice president for the last four years, was elected as his successor, effective July 1.

Dr. McCrorey, who has spent the past 61 years at the university as student, teacher, and president, was made president emeritus a an annual salary of $2,000. It was under his direction that the 80-year-old institution grew from a Presbyterian mission school for Negroes to a university fully accredited, giving instruction during the recent session to more than 900 youths.

The trustees appointed Dr. J. W. Seabrook, president of Fayetteville State Teachers college, chairman of a committee to draft resolutions regarding Dr. McCrorey's retirement and set a tentative date in October, perhaps between the meetings of the synods of Catawba and Atlantic, on which to inaugurate Dr. Liston and to honor the outgoing executive formally.

Dr. McCrorey's letter asking the board to retire him, at the age of 84 years, follows:

"To the board of trustees of Johnson C. Smith University.

Gentlemen:

"Feeling that the time has come for me to be relieved of the heavy responsibilities assumed for many years, I notified the secretary and treasurer of the Board of Trustees three years ago of my plan to retire in 1497. Since that time has come I am requesting the board that I be retired from the presidency of Johnson C. Smith University to become effective June 30 of this year.

"I first entered here in 1886, the nineteenth year of the school. The nine years as a student—three in the high scool department, four in the college, three in the seminary and the 52 years of service—12 as a teacher and 40 as president—represent a total of 61 consecutive years in this institution.

"The work of the presidency has not been easy. Nevertheless, because of deep love for the institution, realizing the great need for it, we paid the price in sacrificial service throughout the period, relying always on God for his enabling grace. And great has been the joy in such service.

"I wish to express deep apreciation for the help received from trustees, teachers, students, the boards of our great church, and friends in church and state the country over.

"As I lay down the work I pray for the continuation of God's blessings upon the institution and those who will be responsible for its work in the years ahead.

"Fraternally Yours,
H. L. McCrorey."

AKINS EXPLAINS

of classroom space.

"6. No library space for Elementary School; only a small book room.

"7. A mixture of elementary and high school pupils on all floors.

"8. Inadequate janitorial service for several years, especially this year. (Akins said he frequently fired the boilers himself).

"9. Three schools in one, having 22 high school teachers, 21 elementary, and 13 veteran teachers.

NOT ACCREDITED

Principal Akins also called the superintendent's attention to the fact that his elementary school is not on the accredied list because, as the State Department of Public Instruction has told him it lacks proper water fountains, has no closet space, and has no library space. However he pointed out, the high school has the highest rating that is awarded.

All teachers in the school, Akins said, are "hard workers,' and are well qualified, holding "A" certificates or higher.

During his 18 years as head of the school, said Akins, he has:

1. Directed organization of the school band.
2. Directed organization of vocational courses.
3. Expanded the business department.
4. Enlarged the school grounds to about 30 acres and "the beautification of the yard and beautiful grounds you now see came about through my direct leadership."

Sanderson declined to say whether he had been reminded of the present school condition previous to his actions, but explained that everyone was aware of the conditions and that considering all of the difficulties he was convinced that to develop the high and elementary school program "stronger leadership" was necessary.

He said the first action of the City to improve the school system would be to relieve the congested conditions at the school and that a new high school or a new elementary school was first on the list.

ASS'N TO DEFEND

mob victim was entire innocent of the attempted rape charge, and was apparently votim of certain circumstances to which any Negro in the South is exposed.

The North Carolina NAACP has assured Bush and members of his family that it will defend him to the limit.

ATTEND BAPTIST ASSEMBLY — A group of the huge Baptist assembly in attendance at the city-wide mass meeting at the Ebenezer Baptist church at Wilmington, above, pause for the photographer. Immediately behind the altar, looking right, is Dr. P. A. Bishop, president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, who delivered the main address.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Sigma Rho prize for an outstanding freshman girl, ($10) to Rebecca L. Blackett, New York.

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity prize ($10) to an outstanding freshman, to William A. Van Croft, Jersey City. The Delta Sigma Theta freshman girl scholarship award ($25) to Mae L. Hall, Summit, N. J. The Alpha Kappa Alpha junior girl scholatship award ($25) to Blanche L. Coombs, Atlanta, Ga.

Announcement was made that W. Eunice Tucker, of the graduating class, had won second prize ($10) in an essay contest sponsored by the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association.

MOB LEADERS

Glenn Collier, barber, Joe Cunningham, assistant theatre manager, and W. C. Cooper, hot dog stand operator, all of Rich Square — were arrested Tuesday, May 27, following disclosure that one of the mob members had confessed and implicated the others.

Solicitor E. R. Tyler said Saturday investigation was still in progress and that other arrests are expected to be made soon.

DEBARRED ATTY

Streets northwest ran into Policeman Estes and Claig. In an exchange of shots, he shot and killed Estes and wounded Claig and was himself in turn wounded by Estes.

Williams had been in Gallinger Hospital recuperating from his wounds since the shooting. He was brought to Turnage's office last Thursday in a patrol wagon, his hands cuffed behind him.

CLARK URGED

all," Felmet wrote U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark. "It is inconceivable that they can take part in a lynching, confess it in written statements and still be acquitted.

"As a southerner I feel ashamed of the jury's verdict. Northern interference was one of the defense's main points of attack. The best way to have proved such interference unjustified would have been for the jury to hand down a just verdict. That would have shown northeners that southerners could dispense true justice without outside help."

When an attempted lynching occurred near Jackson, only two days after the Greenville jury acted, Felmet wrote Governor R. Gregg Cherry of North Carolina: "You commented that you will not tolerate such incidents. You will have to go much beyond such a statement to quell the vigilante spirit which will inevitably flare up as a result of the Greenville verdict."

Bennett Holds Honors Day

GREENSBORO — The presentation of a new flag to the college, the gift of Miss Margaret Pleasants, sophomore student, Richmond, Va., highlighted Honors Day exercises at Bennett College. The gift was especially significant in that it draped the casket of the student's father, a veteran of World War I.

Misses Gwendolyn Alexander, Philadelphia, Pa., and Miriam McTeer, Orangeburg, S. C., led he senior class in scholastic honors. Others were Misses Joyce Edley, Lynchburg, Va.; Ruth Pillman, Fairmont; Sarah Whittington, Lenoir, Viola Holland, Portsmouth, Va.; Natalie Lynn Selma, Ala., and Massie Scott, Broadnax, Va.

Miss Androse Mackel, Natchez, Miss., was awarded the Goode Prize for Home Economics. Miss Maidie Dancy, Rocky Mount, the Rocky Mount Scholarship Prize; Miss Nola Bewley, Johnson City, Tenn., the Belle Tobias Scholarship Prize; and Miss Patricia Wattlington, Greensboro, the Lula Donnell Prize for the greatest general improvement.

The Class of 1921 and the Irma Graham Prizes for excellence in Science went to Misses Margaret Derrickson, Easton, Md., and Jessie Hampton, Murfreesboro, Tenn., respectively.

Misses Dorothy Arnold, Darby, Pa.; Jocelyn Blanchet, New Orleans, La.; Edna Gamble, Fayetteville; Gwendolyn and Miriam Gidney, Ledington; Velma Hayes, Winston-Salem; Virginia Jeffries, Mebane; Betty Norwood, Lenoir; Vera Robinson, Greensboro, and Mrs. Nelle Fountain, Greensboro, were juniors elected to Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. Seniors elected were Misses Gwendolyn Alexander, Philadelphia and Viola Holland, Portsmouth.

Elections to Alpha Zeta Chapter of Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Society included Misses Doris Best, Orangeburg, S. C.; Willie Ruth Coles, Nanville, Va.; Joyce Edley, Lynchburg, Va.; Natalie Lynn, Selma, Ala.; Massie Scott, Brodnax, Va.; and Margaret Thompson, Burlington.

PRESIDENT ATTENDS ROTC SUMMER CAMP

HAMPTON, Va. — Sgt. Walter S. Smith, 2304 Booker Avenue, Charlotte, N. C., a student at Hampton Institute, has been selected as one of 28 to attend summer ROTC Camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, beginning 23 June 1947 according to an announcement from the office of Colonel Rochard H. Grinder, Professor of Military Science and Tactics.

The camp will last for a period of six weeks and the students attending will be taught part of the Antiaircraft Artillery course, which leads to a second heutenant's commission in the reserve corps upon successful completion.

Selection for attendance at this camp is based on an outstanding achievement in military science, and scholastic ability. Students are selected from the advance class and are either veterans of the past war or graduates of the two years elementary course.

Transportation from Charlotte to Fort Sheridan and return will be provided by the War Department and at camp, uniforms, medical care, clothing and food will be free. The base pay of a soldier of the seventh grade or approximately $115.00 in cash will be paid all cadets.

At Hampton Smith is a member of ROTC class Number 302, and is Platoon Sergeant, First Platoon, "B" Battery.

Poem of the Week

JUNE

BY CATHERINE YOUNG

The valley it standeth
With corn in it's milk
The worms are spinning
The finest of silk;
The bees in the clover
Hum sweet tunes of Dover.
For June, it approacheth at last

The air is all scented
With wild flower perfume;
The maidens keep humming
Lohengrin's bridal tune.
The festival's neigh,
Tune your violins high;
For June, it approacheth at last

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OFFICER'S WIFE PRAISES MOB

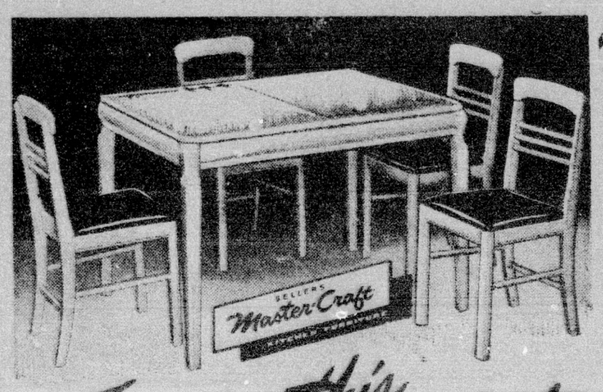
Murfreesboro—The real heroes in the Rich Square Mob Case are the members of the white mob —including the seven arrested for kidnapping Godwin Bush in an attempt to lynch him — at Jackson near Rich Square, Mrs. E. Frank Outland, wife of county sheriff E. Frank Outland, said in a letter to the Murfreesboro News here Tuesday.

She said she had written the letter Tuesday, dictated it to the paper by telephone and told the publishers that she "wanted to make sure that it was printed immediately."

"Until the Negroes are educated to the fact that they were brought here as servants", she said, "and are not to be placed on a basis of equality with whites, I fear we shall have trouble in this country.

"The meanest men would be a jury which would convict and separate these young men from their family and loved ones for trying to protect Rich Square from one of the worst tragedies we have ever had".

HONORED — Miss Katy Ferguson, above, pioneer educator for whom the Katy Ferguson House at 162 W. 130th Street, New York, is named, will be honored at the children's day service at the Second Presbyterian Church, New York, on Sunday, June 8. Miss Ferguson, first Negro received into the membership of the church, established the first Sunday School in New York City in 1793 where she taught cooperation between members of all races.



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