

STUDENTS RATE HIGH IN PEPSI-COLA AWARDS

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS LOWER COURT DECISION

RALEIGH—The State Supreme Court upheld lower court decisions in three cases in the first series of opinions handed down during the fall term here Wednesday and unless Governor Cherry intervenes three men will die in the gas chamber at Central Prison of October 3 for crimes against the State.

The defendants are Willis Cherry of Northampton county who was convicted of first-degree burglary as a result of allegedly breaking and entering the home of Mrs. J. G. Tarant, Rich Square white woman last April 25 and allegedly attacking Mrs. Tarant; and Jethro Lamokin and Richard McCain who were convicted in Mecklenburg County Superior Court of first-degree murder of Thomas McClure, Charlotte white man, on January 2.

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Catholics Seek Ban On Negroes

PROF. J. W. PEARSON DIES

ASKING LEGAL ACTION TO BAR RACE STUDENTS

ST. LOUIS (ANP) — More than 200 Catholics met in a "general protest meeting" at the Electrical Workers' hall here last week, adopted a resolution to retain legal talent and, if necessary, asked that an injunction suit be filed to prevent Negro children from attending Catholic white schools.



A. AND T. COLLEGE HAS SIX FIRSTS

State's Total Number 19, Including Scholarships and College Enrollment Fees

Palo Alto, Calif. — "All over the country, boys and girls of unusual promise are denied the opportunity of college training because they cannot afford it. We have set for ourselves the task of discovering and promoting the growth of some of these students who can add materially to the enrichment of the American way of life," so stated a Pepsi-Cola Scholarship head.

IMPROVING



Dr. James Edward Shepard, president of North Carolina College for Negroes, who is confined to his home because of illness, is showing signs of much improvement, according to reports coming from the Durham institution.

N. C. SCHOLARSHIPS FOLLOW

Names of NORTH CAROLINA high school students who have won Scholarships and College Entrance Awards, the names and locations of their high schools, and the colleges and universities where they are now enrolled:

Luke Guy, Holliday Pal, Freed On Narcotic Charge

Philadelphia (NNPA) — A United States District Court judge last Wednesday found Joseph Luke Guy, 27, trombonist and close friend of Billy Holliday, torch singer, not guilty on charges of transporting heroin from New York for Miss Holliday's use.

He had been in Moyamensing Prison awaiting trial since May when he was taken into custody after a raid on Miss Holliday's hotel room by narcotic agents who found a supply of the drug in one of her stockings.

Miss Holliday, who is 28, was brought here for the trial from the Federal Reformatory at Anderson, West Virginia, where she is serving a sentence of one year and undergoing a drug cure. She pleaded guilty to a charge of possession and promised to cooperate with federal agents in tracking down sources of supply.

Miss Holliday testified that although she gave Guy money for drugs, it was "either he or Jimmy Ascoscia," her manager, who brought the heroin from New York.

After her failure positively to identify Guy as the transporter of the drug, the defense offered evidence.

Madore Gottlieb, defense counsel argued that the Government failed to establish its case on the jury of four women and eight men brought in the not guilty verdict after deliberating 15 minutes.

WAS PRINCIPAL OF SCHOOLS NUMBER YEARS

DURHAM (Special) — Prof. William Gaston Pearson, noted Durham civic and fraternal leader, business executive, and educator died here Monday night in his Fayetteville Street home after a lingering illness of several months.

Prof. Pearson, who served as principal of this city's Whitted and Hillside Park High School for over forty years, was 67 years old. He was born in Durham County April 11, 1880, the son of George and Sarah Pearson.

At the time of his death, the educator was living in retirement in the shadows of the great business magnate in industries that he helped to create.

Among the organizations that owed their inception, in some degree, to Prof. Pearson's teaching and business acumen are the Bankers' Life Insurance Company, the Southern Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company, and the Union Insurance and Realty Company.

He was one of the project leaders in the organization of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and served as first cashier of the Mechanics and Farmers' Bank.

In addition to his business and educational activities, Prof. Pearson (Continued on back page)

BLINDS TO BE HOST AT YMCA THURS., OCT. 2

RALEIGH — The Lions Club of Raleigh and Wake County will entertain Negro blind persons at a dinner to be held at Bloodworth Street YMCA Thursday, October 2, 10 o'clock.

The plan to provide cheer for all of the blind not residing in institutions was announced by the service club as an extension of its program in interest of handicapped persons. The club annually entertains white blind residents of Wake County at a similar dinner.

Blaine M. Madison, Lions Club member, has been named general chairman of the dinner project. It will have the cooperation of Mrs. Josephine Kirk, County Welfare Superintendent, Miss Doris Eason and Mrs. Mary Campbell, Welfare Workers. A special committee of the Negro Citizens Committee of Raleigh is working with the Lions Club to make the entertainment a success, and will have direct charge of the affair.

The committee, headed by the (Continued on page 8)

Restrictive Covenant Cases To Be Argued By Attys. Houston and Miller

LOS ANGELES (ANP) — When the constitutionality of a race restrictive covenant arising in a state is challenged in the highest court of the land for the first time, Atty. Leon Miller of Los Angeles will go to Washington to join Atty. Charles Houston in arguing the case for the NAACP. It was revealed last week.

Miller, who has won national renown for his handling of many of the cases now before the California Supreme Court, was the attorney in the famous "Sugar Hill" case in which Superior Judge Thurmond Clark dismissed the restrictions suits on the ground that they violated the 14th amendment to the constitution.

President Names Dr. Johnson Delegate

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — President Truman has made a special appointment of Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University, as a member of the delegation to represent the United States at the second general conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, which is scheduled to be held at Mexico City November 6 to December 3.

Chicago Tribune Assails Texas Border Closing

CHICAGO (NNPA) — Commenting editorially recently on the action of the State of Texas in closing its borders so that cotton pickers could not move out of the State into Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma, The Chicago Tribune called such action "a long step toward slavery."

HURRICANE ALSO TAKES RACE TOLL

NEW ORLEANS (NNPA) — Among the known dead in the hurricane that swept the eastern Gulf coast last Friday were Mrs. Beatrice White, 49, of Bay St. Louis, and her stepson, Louis, 6. Also dead were two unidentified girls at Biloxi, Mississippi.

Senator Martin Backs Freedom Train Move

PHILADELPHIA (NNPA) — Senator Edward Martin, the principal speaker at the christening of Freedom Train here last week, declared that if the enjoyment of civil liberties is denied minorities, that may be denied to all the people.

Lawyers Offer Services Free In Catholics' Protest

ST. LOUIS (NNPA) — Two lawyers have offered to serve without fee as attorneys for the group protesting against the mixing of white and colored pupils in Catholic schools. John P. Barrett, 3717 Labadie Avenue, chairman of the executive committee of the protesting group, announced last Friday.

GIRL, 15, FILES SUIT TO ENTER WHITE SCHOOL

ARLINGTON, Va. (ANP) — Miss Constance Carter, 15, filed a suit in Alexandria District court here last week, through Atty. Leon A. Ransom of Washington, contesting the legality of a state law barring Negro students from a white high school.

Little Progress Made In D. C. School Conditions

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — A study of the segregated schools system in seventeen states and the District of Columbia, recently completed by the Bureau of Educational Research of Howard University, reveals that very little progress has been made in providing equal educational opportunities for colored students.

HASTIE CALLS ON ISLANDS FOR CELEBRATIONS

CHARLOTTE, AMALIE, St. Thomas, V. I. (NNPA) — Governor William H. Hastie of the Virgin Islands has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of the Virgin Islands to celebrate a century of freedom.

The period of the celebration would be from January 1, next, to July 5, next, and all persons and organizations in the Virgin Islands are called upon to arrange and conduct suitable observances of the one hundredth anniversary of the freedom-loving people's exorcism of slavery in the islands, where are invited by the governor to join in the celebration.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS SET ASIDE

As a part of the celebration, Governor Hastie proclaimed and set apart next July 3, 4 and 5 as public holidays in the Virgin Islands to be devoted to a climactic celebration of a century of freedom, together with appropriate observance of national Independence Day, with which the celebration will coincide.

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