

Colored North Carolinians Rally Behind Gov. Scott

By LIN HOLLOWAY

Colored North Carolinians are rallying behind their new Governor, W. Kerr Scott, it has been noted and that the faith that colored citizens are showing in the new chief executive will not go unrewarded is

the essence of utterances from Raleigh's Capital Square. Governor Scott, in his speeches since his recent inauguration, has reiterated his campaign promises to look after and give opportunity to the minority race. Speaking at a breakfast meeting of the North

Carolina Daily Product Association at Winston-Salem last week, Governor Scott said in part: "I am firmly convinced that we've got to go ahead and meet the issue of the minority race. They were brought here against their will — brought in chains."

"One of the Ten Commandments says that the sins of the fathers shall be visited upon their sons even to the third or fourth generation. . . . I'm not so certain but that the reason the textile (Continued on page eight, this section)

'POISONING' OF TWO TOTS IS SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

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ST. AUG HEAD INSTALLED

Cause Of Illness Unkown In Case Of 7-Year-Olds

Complete mystery continued to shroud the suspicious illness this week of two seven-year-old Raleigh boys who were rushed to St. Agnes Hospital Saturday evening after apparently having been "poisoned."

The two youngsters, Alonzo Melver of 212 1/2 South Street, and Bobby Hilliard of 812 South McDowell Street, first showed signs of illness on Thursday evening after they had spent the afternoon out playing together.

Relatives of both youngsters reported that the boys had returned to their respective homes and had complained of pains in the head and stomach aches.

Shortly afterwards both began vomiting and were put to bed. The following day both seemed to improve, but later were stricken with recurrence of the vomiting spells at intervals throughout the night.

Mrs. Lonnie Hall, grandmother of the Hilliard child, said that she had given her grandson warm milk and other emetics in an effort to settle his stomach.

Mrs. Hall said that she became

extremely alarmed when on Saturday Bobby became unable to talk and "acted as though his throat was paralyzed."

Similar symptoms were shown by the Melver youngster and both were taken to St. Agnes Hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Hall said that she reported to hospital authorities that the boys had said that they had been given "a piece of candy" by a man at a filling station in the neighborhood and that they had eaten nothing else together.

The boy's grandmother said also that a small dog owned by the youngster had lapped up some of the matter which the boy had excreted and had died a short while later after "running around like he was on fire inside."

The dog's body, she said, had been taken for examination.

Charles S. Templeton, St. Agnes Hospital administrator, told the CAROLINIAN that he was "unfamiliar" with the details of the case since he had had no opportunity to discuss it with Dr. Jane

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DIES AT 102—Funeral services were conducted Friday from the Raleigh funeral home for Miss Cherry Poole, who died Wednesday at the age of 102 at St. Agnes Hospital. Born on August 11, 1846 in Wake County, Miss Poole had

been employed by the J. H. Martins at 921 East Lane Street. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. P. H. Johnson, pastor of the Martin Street Baptist Church which she attended until shortly before her death.

ST. AUG. HEAD IS INSTALLED IN COLORFUL RITES

By JOE SHEPARD

With dignitaries and educators from all parts of the nation lending color to the occasion, historic St. Augustine's College marked the 81st anniversary of its founding and the installation of its first lay and Negro president in a dual ceremony conducted Friday.

Dr. Harold L. Trigg, the new president of the institution, was vested with the symbols of office by the Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Pennick, bishop of North Carolina and chairman of the St. Augustine's board of trustees.

In an inaugural address which took full cognizance of threatening and acute economic and political "unbalance" on the regional, national and international scene, Dr. Trigg declared that the nation stands today on the threshold of a new era.

"The principles of harmonious group living have been known for the centuries since Jesus Christ," he declared, "but man's reactions to man holds tenaciously to an outmoded past."

Declaring that the reactions of the past had found their birth in an economy of scarcity and in competition between men, races and nations for the limited commodities and comforts available, he charged that man's progress in the supplying of such commodities

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INSTALLED — Dr. Harold L. Trigg, who was installed as the sixth president of St. Augustine's College at combined inauguration and 81st anniversary services at the institution, is shown with Mrs. Trigg in their home shortly following the inaugural rites. (Story on this page — other pictures on Page 1, second section.) CAROLINIAN Photo By Shephard.

Negroes On Jury Hearing Warren False Pretense Case

COUNTY'S FIRST POLIO CASE IN '49 REPORTED HERE

Wake County's first polio case for 1948 was admitted to St. Agnes Hospital on Tuesday, according to Dr. H. C. Bulla, Wake County health officer.

The patient is three-year-old Barbara Jean Barney, the daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Barney of 1115 S. State Street. Her illness was diagnosed by Dr. L. Carl Lyles as infantile paralysis.

The first polio fatality of the year also involved another colored child, William Hood, a ten-year-old resident of Guilford County, who was taken to a Greensboro Hospital then transferred to the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital polio center following diagnosis of his ailment.

Last year's polio epidemic was the worst in the history of the state and Raleigh March of Dimes workers are not waiting until the disease strikes in epidemic proportions to strengthen local and national polio fund treasuries to provide funds for combating the malady.

In connection with the 1949 March of Dimes drive, junior members of the Bloodworth Street YMCA will conduct its regular monthly vespers service on Sunday, at 4:00 p.m. featuring an address by the Rev. C. A. Kearns, pastor, Davis Street Presbyterian Church.

STAFF CORRESPONDENCE

WARRENTON—A Warren County Superior Court jury, on which two Negro men are seated, on Tuesday heard J. Edward Allen, 61, former school superintendent of Warren County pleaded "not guilty" to charges of false pretense.

Allen, to whom the first jury panel drawn for his trial on charges of taking more than \$34,000 in state and county funds was unsatisfactory, was non-committal when it was revealed that two Negroes were included on the second panel drawn.

That despite the fact that he is charged, among other things, with accepting state funds for the underschool teacher's salary for Negroes and including that does not and never did exist.

Allen is charged with forging checks payable to the non-existent Young School to the amount of \$1,000.78.

On Monday afternoon, Allen entered a plea through his attorney, Julius Bowers, for abatement on the grounds that the grand jury which returned the original indictments against him was illegally constituted. Over a hundred bills of indictment have been returned against him in total.

Allen, who resigns his post as county school superintendent recently because of "ill health," was popularly—though not through the courts—accused of intimidating Negro teachers in the county who wished to vote in the recent turbulent county elections here.

The office is said to have distributed letters to teachers telling them to "desist" from practicing their rights of franchise.

STATE CATHOLIC PAPER BLASTS KLAN'S TACTICS

The North Carolina Catholic published here has decried editorially recent attempts of the Ku Klux Klan to hide its real purposes behind widely-publicized stunts of "Christmas charity."

The "Catholic" is the official

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GREENSBORO LAD IS FIRST IN POLIO FATALITY

GREENSBORO—A Negro lad 13, became the first resident of North Carolina to die from the withering effects of infantile paralysis in 1949 at the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital here this week.

The lad, William Hood, died five hours after being admitted to the hospital on Monday. He had been taken to another local hospital Saturday but was transferred when his ailment was diagnosed as polio.

Last year a dozen Guilford County residents died from the effects of polio.

Bank Retains Entire Board Panel

MEANEST MAN

GREENVILLE—The meanest man in Pitt County has been caught and jailed.

He is Willie Jenkins, who was arrested on charges of breaking, entering and larceny after property belonging to Sycamore Baptist Negro Church was discovered in his possession.

Jenkins allegedly broke into the church last summer and took a Bible and a clock.

DURHAM—At the annual meeting of stockholders of Mechanics and Farmers Bank, the entire board of directors consisting of fifteen members was re-elected to serve for the year 1949. Those re-elected were:

C. C. Spaulding, Clyde Donnell, C. A. Haywood, L. E. McCauley, E. R. Merrick, J. C. Scarborough, Sr., J. S. Stewart, G. W. Cox, R. N. Harris, W. J. Kennedy, Jr., F. L. McCoy, T. D. Parham, A. T. Spaulding, J. E. Strickland, and J. H. Wheeler.

At the first meeting of the board of directors held on Thursday afternoon Jan. 13, all incumbent officers were elected for another term as follows:

C. C. Spaulding, president; J. H. Wheeler, vice president and cashier; E. R. Merrick, vice president; Clyde Donnell, vice president; G. W. Cox, vice president; L. E. McCauley, vice president; Raleigh Branch; J. E. Strickland, vice president and manager; Raleigh Branch; P. W. Holly, Jr., as

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TRAVELING MAN

A D Snuggs really travels — into jail and out. In 1942 Snuggs, then 21, was sentenced to 17-22 years in prison on a murder charge. In February, 1944, he escaped from the Duplin Prison Camp; a year later, he was in the Army.

In 1946 before the Army was able to trace him so that he could be returned to North Carolina, it was found that Snuggs had been sentenced to a term of from 3 to 4 years in a military prison.

REV. KEARNS TO SPEAK AT YMCA VESPER SERVICE

The Bloodworth Street YMCA will conduct its regular monthly vespers service on Sunday, at 4:00 p.m. featuring an address by the Rev. C. A. Kearns, pastor, Davis Street Presbyterian Church.

Arthur Godfrey Gives Bank Unexpected 'Plug'

DURHAM—The Mechanics and Farmers Bank of this city got an unexpected plug when Arthur Godfrey, nationally-known radio humorist, made glowing observations about the bank and its activities in his featured address before the Durham Merchants' Association meet last week.

Godfrey said in part: "At the Mechanics and Farmers Bank here I have seen today service as efficient as that I have seen in banks in New York. The only difference is in the color of the skins of the personnel."

He said: "I am going to tell about it on my national programs, too."

Council OK's Action To Improve School Site

The efforts of Raleigh's Negro citizens to secure a new high school closer to the center of the city's colored residential area proved another step nearer to realization this week as the City Council voted approval of plans for the widening and closing of streets adjacent to and dividing the proposed site.

Following similar action by its planning and zoning committee, the council approved plans which had been submitted by representatives of the School Board several meetings ago.

The recommendations called for the widening to a minimum of 60 feet for the following streets: Boundary, from Smith to Davis Lane; Smith from Boundary to Project Drive; Project Drive, from

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DAVIS, WINSTON, OTHER 'REDS' SAY THEY WILL WIN

New York — City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis and Harry Winston, national organizer of the communist party, along with 10 other top Reds in the United States were confident that they would "beat the rap" as their trials opened here this week.

Davis and Winston, the two Negro members of the 12-man group that makes up the executive council of the communist party here, appeared unperturbed when they strode jauntily through a group of more than 400 policemen and federal agents on guard at the court house where the trials are going on.

Davis, a native of Atlanta, Ga., who was elected to the New York City Council on an American Labor ticket joined with the battery of defense lawyers representing the alleged communist leaders in pointing out the fact that the courthouse look on the appearance of an auxiliary police station.

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Charms Of Music Little Good At 'Collection Time'

GREENSBORO—Music may have the charm that soothes the savage beast, but it had little soothing powers here last Sunday night when the pastor of a local church decided that it was time for financial matters to be of greatest import.

A fight that ended in court began at the church when George Hear, a musician told the Rev. Willie Henry 55-year old pastor of the church that he had four more minutes of horn-playing time before the service was to officially end.

Rev. Mr. Henry took offense at Hear's proclamation feeling that it was time to take up collection, and a fight ensued with Hear (no relation to Trombonist J. C. Heard) getting a thorough tramping by members of the flock led by the pastor.

The truth and the light came into the situation when Rev. Mr. Henry was accused one-half of court costs Tuesday and Heard was accused costs in municipal court.

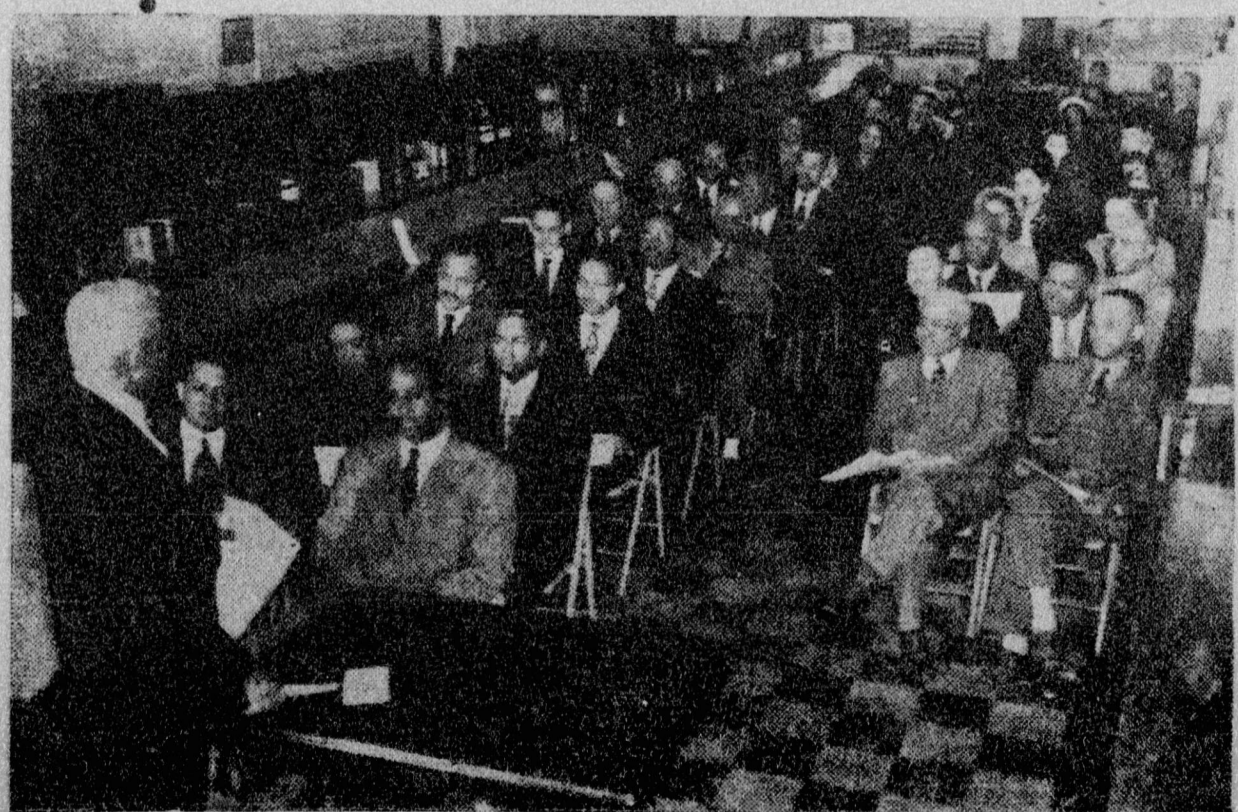
South African Rioting Is Abating; Soldiers Patrol

DURBAN, South Africa—After more than a week of bloody rioting, a semblance of peace has come to South Africa and this week it was announced that the racial strife was abating in this city.

But the disturbances which grew out of the injury of a native boy by an Indian merchant in a fight, were not quelled by arbitration. Some 1,400 regular troops are now patrolling the streets with bayonets attached.

Police officials have estimated that about 100 people were killed in the rioting, most of them Indians.

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BANK GROUP MEETS — President C. C. Spaulding of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank is shown as he addressed the recent annual meeting of directors and stockholders of the Bank which has branch offices in Raleigh and Durham. During the historic meeting, the fortieth in the history of the Bank, much progress was noted and the entire panel of incumbent officers and directors was re-elected. (See story this page)