



AS THE RETURNS CAME IN — Dr. W. F. Devane, the successful candidate for Fayetteville City Council is shown in the midst of his supporters as the returns came in. Although he polled his heaviest majorities in predominantly Negro wards, he received general public support, polling 45 votes in one all white ward and more votes in others where Negroes registered in other wards. Photos by Gaston Moore Studio.



PRAYERS AND BALLOTS — Supporters of Dr. Devane claim that his election came about as the result of a liberal mixture of prayers and ballots. In response to an appeal by the Rev. Henry M. T. James, assistant campaign manager, they held prayer services to ask divine aid for their candidate, but went to the polls in the belief that God helps those who help themselves.



LONG LINES DIDN'T STOP THEM — At the left Fayetteville voters are shown waiting their turn to cast ballots in last week's Communitarian elections. Hundreds of persons, men and women, waited in line for hours to vote for the election of Dr. Devane as the city's first Negro Councilman since the days of Reconstruction. The results show that their efforts were successful.



SOME MISSED OUT — Not all of the voters were as successful as those shown in the above picture, who were able to cast their ballots, for some waited until the last minute to go to the polls and as a result found themselves too late.



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Wake County Coroner Calls Hit-Run Death "Deliberate"

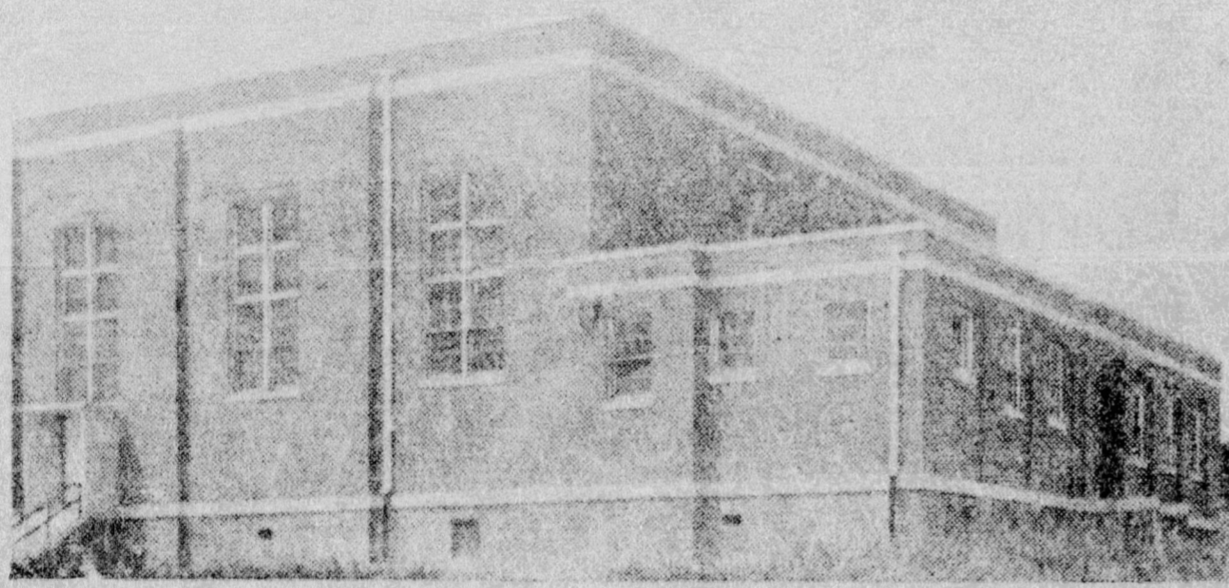
SUIT LOOMS IN VOTE DENIAL

POLICE PROBING DEATH OF MAN, 55 KILLED BY AUTO

Wake County Coroner L. M. Check and the State Highway Patrol this week confirmed the investigation into the death of 55-year-old Wade Forest, a small operator believed to have been the victim of a deliberate hit-and-run driver early Monday morning.

The victim of the accident, Walt Johnson, an employee of a sawmill in South Creek, Johnston, who lived on U. S. Highway No. 1 about three miles north of Wake Forest.

According to Coroner Check, circumstances surrounding the accident indicated that Mr. Johnson had been deliberately run down.



GYMNASIUM DEDICATION SET — Above is shown the Washington High School gymnasium at Raleigh which was completed last week and for which dedication exercises will be held at 3:30 p. m. Sunday.

Completion of the gymnasium marks the climax of a fight which Raleigh citizens have been warring for more than a decade to secure construction of a place suitable for the conducting of high school athletic events and other community gatherings.

DEVANE TAKES OATH AS MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL

FAYETTEVILLE — Dr. W. F. Devane was sworn in Wednesday as a member of Fayetteville's City Council following the election of the NAACP's first Negro member to the city council.

Advanced by a majority of the registration, who were challenging his own name, and the other half of the political leadership, Dr. Devane ran fourth among a field of sixteen candidates for the five council posts.

In an election which was marked by the biggest vote ever cast in Fayetteville's history, Dr. Devane naturally received his first.

NAACP Resignation Is Offered By White

NEW YORK — Walter White, this week submitted his resignation as national executive secretary of the NAACP at the regular board meeting of the organization held Monday in New York City.

The resignation, however, was not accepted by the board, which voted instead to release him of all administrative responsibilities and suggested that he go on a one-year leave of absence beginning in June first which was granted by the board when his resignation was first tendered several months ago.

The NAACP secretary, who has not been in the best of health for more than a year, has been executive secretary of the NAACP for more than 18 years, having succeeded the late James Weldon Johnson as head of the organization.

During this period his name and efforts have become so closely identified with the NAACP that to think of one is to think of the other.

He was first employed as a

Negro Medics Await NMA Health Bill Lead

WASHINGTON (ANP) — The National Medical Association, the official organized body among Negro physicians, has not taken a stand on the federal health program now being argued so hotly before Congress and in the public press.

Nevertheless, Negro physicians have not as yet taken a public position on the matter. Dr. C. Austin Whittier, president of the National Medical Association, and spokesman for organized Negro medicine, told ANP.

"Personally, I would like to make a statement for publication but the NMA has a policy forbidding any officer or group of officers, from making statements for publication in the name of the association on controversial issues without prior endorsement by the House of Delegates.

My office has been showered with inquiries from many sources want to know the position of the National Medical Association on the health proposals now before Congress. Contrary to the opinion of many people, we are not indifferent to this issue, neither do we lack the courage to state our position.

"The presently proposed health program, and various proposals previously presented, have been

Poll Tax On Way Out For All But Three States

MEMPHIS (ANP) — The day of the poll tax is rapidly becoming a thing of the past in the south. At present, only seven states has such taxes as a requirement for voting, but four of these are considering the matter of dropping the law from their books.

Tennessee has whittled its law down until it applies to only a small group. The constitution provides a tax of not less than 50 cents on all male citizens. The state began cutting down by ending the poll tax in state-wide primaries, then granted permanent exemptions to veterans of World Wars I and II and finally exempted all blind persons.

In South Carolina, the house passed a bill calling for a referendum on a constitutional amendment to repeal the poll tax. Voters in Arkansas have also cleared the way for repeal by eliminating a ban against voter registration in the constitution. Virginia joined the ranks when two sessions of the general assembly voted to put the repeal up to voters next November.

Texas has a resolution adopted by the senate and sent to the house which asks the people to vote on a constitutional amendment abolishing the tax.

Gov. Jim Folsom is against Alabama's \$10 tax, and bills for constitutional amendment are expected to be filed. However, prospects for repeal are said not to be very bright.

DENIED VOTE FOR 13TH TIME, MAN TO GO TO COURTS

Despite continually improved conditions offering the free franchise in North Carolina, prospects of a court fight to compel registration of Negro voters loomed this week in Warren County.

The proposed application in the contemplated court action by Leroy C. Cheek, Jr., resident of Warren County, who this week laid the denial to Warren County Negroes of their right to register in

School Health Bill Passed By United States Senate

WASHINGTON (ANP) — The senate passed a bill last Friday which will provide federal aid to assist the states in making more adequate provisions for the health of school children.

The bill sets forth a school health program which will provide for medical and dental examinations at periodic intervals for all school children in the state. Such examinations and service shall be made available to children on a just and equitable basis, without regard to race, creed, color, or nationality or the location or character of the school in which the examination is made, the measure states.

The bill guarantees the same health services for children attending public schools maintained by law separate public schools, as are provided for children in other public schools in the state.

It further explains that the term "minority race" means any race or racial group that constitutes a minority of the population of the continental U. S.

This federal aid will go to each of the states composing the U. S., the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands and Guam.

The senate passed the bill by voice vote and referred it to the house committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Court Ends Negro Ban

FT. LOUIS — Miss Marjorie Vanderbill Toliver, 20-year-old St. Louis Teachers College student, today prepared to transfer to the all-white Harris Teachers College.

Both institutions are maintained and administered by the St. Louis Board of Education for the training of teachers.

Miss Toliver's re-application for admission to the Harris Teachers College followed a writ of preliminary mandamus issued on April 21 by Judge James F. Nangle of the Circuit Court of St. Louis directing the board and administrative

officials to admit her forthwith. Sponsored by the St. Louis branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Miss Toliver first applied for a transfer from Stowe to Harris last August. Her application was rejected by the school officials who informed her that she was not eligible to transfer to out college.

Through NAACP attorneys Robert L. Witherspoon, Henry D. Es-

py and Sidney R. Redmond all of this city, she filed a petition for writ of mandamus on September 27, 1944, asking the court to compel the board to admit her.

The petition also held qualifications of the board as a governmental agency, alleges that she had been denied admission solely on the ground of her race or color, and charges that the facilities available at Stowe are "grossly inferior to those offered to white students." C. A. Harris.

Triplets Born To Asheville Couple

ASHEVILLE — The four-room Jack Norris home in Asheville, already overcrowded with the couple's fourteen children born during their 17 years of married life, will be literally bursting at the seams when Mrs. Norris comes home from the hospital.

Mrs. Norris will bring three more children, triplets born on Tuesday, home with her.

Mrs. Norris gave birth to the first of the triplets at her home while only her husband was present. A neighbor arrived, and after a few minutes later the doctor came and assisted at the birth of the other two.

Both the mother and the babies who average three pounds each, were taken to a hospital where the babies were placed in an incubator.

TEACHERS PLAN SECOND VISIT TO BEACH PROJECT

On Saturday, May 24th, Dr. William Sharpe, a wealthy brain specialist of New York, will meet the N. C. Teachers at an outing which will take place on the "Hammonds" property, 4,500 acres of recreation area, which he has agreed to give to retired teachers in North Carolina. Dr. Sharpe originally relinquished the property to John and Gertrude Hurst, the latter, a teacher in Onslow County who has served along with her husband as caretakers of the property for many years. It was at Mrs. Hurst's insistence that he offered it to the fellow teachers.

The outing will feature a picnic

Hits Father, Gets 2-Mos. Road Term

Louis Hopkins, 2901 Stafford Ave., will be able to expect his excess energy on North Carolina roads for the next 60 days — a result of hitting his 77-year-old father.

Hopkins, already under a 30-day sentence, suspended last December on condition that he remain away from his father's home, was charged Tuesday in Circuit Court with pushing his aged father around and striking him in the mouth.

Judge Paul F. Smith who tries Hopkins revoked the earlier suspension of sentence and added another thirty days, with the writ that he could serve the aged man's assailant more time.

The two 30-day road terms will run consecutively. The elder Hopkins hobbled into court for a rant



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PISTOL WOUND IS FATAL TO 15-YR. OLD WADE YOUTH

FAYETTEVILLE — Fayetteville youth was killed by a bullet fired by a 15-year-old boy on Saturday night following a fight outside a roadhouse on Highway 301 near Wade.

The fatal shot, according to Cumberland County police, was fired by 23-year-old James Herbert McDonald, a first cousin of the slain youth.

According to police, reconstruction of the incident, James Robert Jacobs, a brother of the dead youth, engaged in an argument with Daniel Freeman Carter of Eastover, who allegedly drew a knife.

McDonald then reportedly drew a pistol and fired into the air to frighten Carter. The shot, however, struck young Jacobs, who was taken to the hospital.

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BOOKS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION ON BOND ISSUES

Raleigh and Wake County's polling places will be open Saturday, May 11 and again on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a. m. to 7:05 p. m. for the registration of prospective voters in the state's road and school bond elections on June 4.

Persons who were registered to last year's general and primary elections will be eligible to vote on the bond issues, but all voters are urged to check with the registrar in case of doubt.

The issue at stake in the election are Governor Scott's proposals for the issuance of 200,000,000 in state bonds for road improvement and \$25,000,000 for the building of new schools.

Important projects are integral to important parts of Governor Scott's "Go Forward" program.

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