

BOND ISSUE CAMPAIGN ENTERS LAST LAP

Stressing the vital importance of the school and road bond issue to the economic and educational future of the state, North Carolina leaders in all walks of life this week joined in an appeal for heavy support of the bonds for the road issue on Saturday.

Governor Scott, who has been championing the state for the past several weeks and reiterating the

necessity of the bond issue as a means of financing necessary improvement of the state's roads and schools, was sharply outspoken against opponents of the bond issue in a speech delivered

on Monday night. Speaking before an audience of approximately 600 at the Stokes County courthouse at Danbury, Governor Scott issued a verbal challenge to North Carolina supporters of "oil interests" who

have been in the forefront of the opposition to the bond issue. Accusing these "barrelers" of "selling their birthright for a mess of pottage," he urged all

North Carolinians to join in the fight against the "carpetbaggers from New York and New Jersey" who are furthering the road measure. Declaring that passage of the

bond issue would result in the "greatest era of prosperity in the state's history," he added, "North Carolina doesn't need anyone to come here and tell us what to do. We in North Carolina want to

run our own business. And I think the people of the state will rise up and go forward Saturday. I also want to appeal to the (Continued on page 5, this section)

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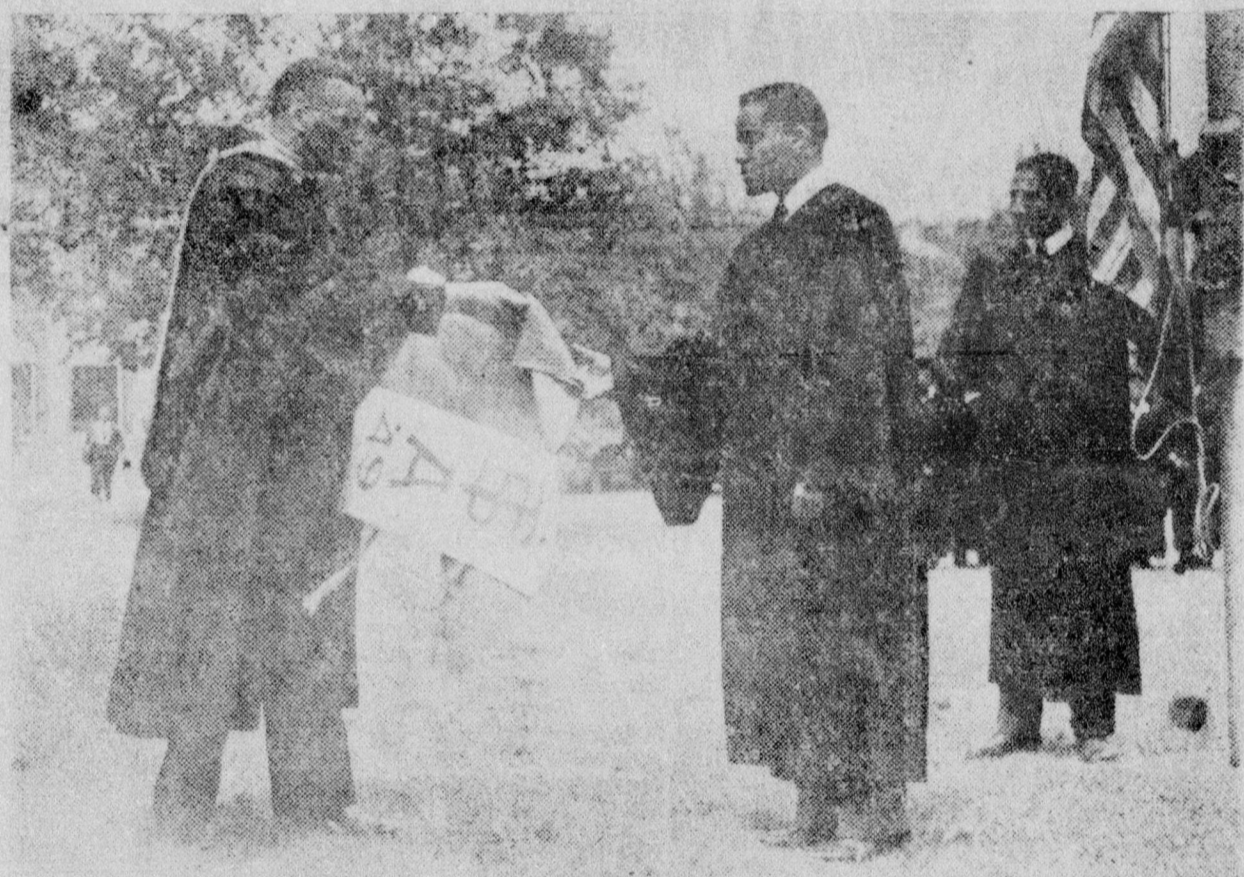
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3 State Search On For Triple Murderer In Shooting Of Cop

STATE BUSINESS MEET HELD

KILLER OF THREE FIRES ON POLICE TO MAKE ESCAPE

HAMLET — A three state search by North and South Carolina and Virginia police with orders to shoot to kill if necessary was underway this week following the shooting of a Hamlet, N. C. policeman by a Norfolk, Virginia man who was sought in the slaying of his wife and two children. Dead in the reign of terror which began Friday afternoon in the Norfolk home of Mrs. Ruth Diggs of 2229 Courtney Street are Mrs. Diggs, 38, and her two sons, Alfonso, four and James, six. Sought for the triple slaying was James E. Diggs, 36, who had been reported to have had domestic difficulties with Mrs. Diggs who had sworn out a warrant for his arrest on Wednesday night. The shooting of the policeman, Patrolman Ives Howell of Hamlet, N. C., occurred on Tuesday afternoon when a car occupied by Diggs, Vern M. Shearin and William Peadin of Norfolk was halted by the officer who had been instructed to be on the lookout for Diggs who is a native of Hamlet. (Continued on page 3, this section)



FLAG WINNER — President Harold L. Trigg presents the Class of 1949 flag, a gift of the General Alumni Association, to Aubrey J. Lawson, of Houston, Texas, voted by his classmates the greatest contributor to the welfare of the class. The presentation concluded the 82nd Commencement at St. Augustine's College.

RALEIGH IS SITE FOR 2ND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEET

J. J. Henderson, Durham businessman, was re-elected president of the North Carolina State Negro Business League at the organization's second annual business meeting which was held Tuesday in Raleigh. The business sessions of the convention which were held at the Bloodworth Street YMCA were attended by fifty-one delegates from eleven cities in the state who represented 32 different types of businesses. Re-electing its entire slate of officers with the exception of Mrs. M. E. Harris who was succeeded as second vice-president by Attorney O. T. Denay of Winston-Salem, the group named the following officers: J. J. Henderson, Durham, president; S. Wilson, Greenville, first vice-president; O. T. Denay, Winston-Salem, second vice-president; M. C. Cogdell, assistant secretary; Mr. J. D. Jackson, Durham, secretary; and Dr. I. A. Davis, New Bern, treasurer. Officers of the host organization. (Continued on page 6, this section)

Pair Raids Jail, Murders Man

IRWINGTON, Ga. — Action by the Federal Bureau of Investigation was requested this week after no progress was made by local and state investigation into the lynching of a 28-year-old Georgia chalk miner who was spirited from the Irwington jail, beaten and finally slain by three shots in the head. The lynch victim, Caleb Hill, Jr., was arrested Sunday midnight by Sheriff George Hatcher following a disturbance at a Negro roadhouse near Irwington. According to the Sheriff's account of the arrest, he went to the roadhouse where he took a knife from Hill and hospitalized him. A struggle ensued during which someone snatched the sheriff's gun and fired a single shot. The Sheriff said that he yelled for help and was given another gun by the operator of the roadhouse, which he turned upon Hill and marched him out of the place. After taking the prisoner to the jail, Sheriff Hatcher said, he locked him up and returned to the roadhouse with several highway patrolmen to get his gun which he had not looked for before leaving the roadhouse. The Sheriff, whose quarters are on the ground floor of the jail building, said that he left his keys on the dining room table after locking up the prisoner. Neither the sheriff's wife nor daughter were (Continued on page five)



RECEIVES AWARD — William C. Craver, executive secretary of the Bagby Street YMCA at Houston, Tex., who received the first Shaw University Alumni plaque for faithful and efficient service in education and work of the YMCA.

Death Ends Romance Of Aged Bride

LOS ANGELES—Mrs. Adriana Eugenia Nicholson, 90-year-old wealthy white woman who wed her 28-year-old chauffeur last January after the pair had been denied a license on two earlier attempts, died last week. Mrs. Nicholson who declared that she wished to marry Allen L. G. Woods in order that she might make him her heir, carried a court fight to the California Supreme Court in order to compel license bureau officials to grant the couple a license. The aged woman died Saturday night at her home in Los Angeles, Mr. Woods, her husband told reporters that although his bride of 4 months had been ill for a number of years, her death was caused by pneumonia. In order to secure the marriage license, even after the court decision, it was necessary for the couple to present a physicians certificate attesting that Mrs. Woods knew what she was doing. When interviewed, at a time of her marriage Mrs. Woods declared that Woods was a kind man who drove for her, cooked for her and attended to her personal wants, so she wanted him to have her property when she died. She said at that time that she did not feel that she had long to live.

NCNW to Assist In V. A. Hospitals

Washington, D. C. — The National Council of Negro Women has released to all of its local councils instructions for rendering voluntary service in VA hospitals. Jeanetta W. Brown, Executive Secretary, announced today following a series of conferences with officials of the VA. The organization's experimental effort in the rendition of this service was made by the Pittsburgh Council Under the administration of Mrs. Daisy Lamplin, president, and given full publicity through the public relations efforts of Mrs. Toki Senak Johnson, the programs staged by the Pittsburgh group, in which world famous Negro stars were presented, brought forth the highest praise from staff and patients at the Aspinwall hospital. "It is the intent of the National Council of Negro Women to carry a volunteer service group to every VA hospital available," Mrs. Brown said. "We fully realize the great service our 800,000 women can render hospitalized veterans, and we propose to do everything in our power to give that service. The national office is calling upon every council to spare no effort in this program, for we feel that we could not lend our support to a finer cause." Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, (Continued on page 8, 1st section)

FEPC EASIEST OF RIGHTS SETUP TO ADMINISTER

"FEPC would be the easiest of the Presidents civil rights proposals to administer," said Professor John A. Davis of Lincoln University, Pa. In testifying before the subcommittee of the House Committee on Education and Labor Thursday. He stated that FEPC alone involves a controlled situation in a plant with the disciplines of management and labor on hand to aid in getting the job done. In testifying before Congressman Adam C. Powell's committee, the Lincoln professor said that H. R. 453, the FEPC measure, is an excellent bill, but he suggested some limitations on the proposed judicial review sections. He was of the opinion that the Commission might be reduced to impotence if it is possible to have "a trial de novo in the courts as to questions of fact as well as of law." Davis also pointed out the relationship between full employment and fair employment. "The non-white worker," he said, "would experience serious unemployment in a relatively loose labor market." From his experience as Director of the Division of Review and Analysis of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice during the war, Professor Davis showed that the enforcement of fair employment practices is feasible, to carry on and not set its hand against progress.

NEW MEMBERS FOR FACULTY OF N. C. C.

DURHAM, N. C. — In discussing additions to the North Carolina College faculty for the 1949-1950 school year, President Alfonso Elder announced last week that Richard Kenneth Barksdale of Winchester, Mass. has been appointed as a professor in the department of English. Professor Barksdale earned the bachelor of arts degree at Bowdoin College where he became a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and the masters degree at Syracuse University. He received a second masters degree from Harvard University and is scheduled to be awarded the Ph. D. from Harvard University at the June convocation. He has done other study at the University of Chicago and the University of Iowa. Mr. Barksdale was formerly instructor in English at Southern University, Scotlandville, La. and he has headed the department of English at Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Miss., where he was dean of men, coach of dramatics and debating. He served with the U. S. Army from 1943-46, and for the past two years he has worked with the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N. J. as assistant supervisor of College Board and Graduate Record Examinations and Medical Aptitude Tests given at Harvard University.

Court Grants Delay In Warren Vote Case

WARRENTON — Despite having gone to court to make certain that he would not be denied the right to register and vote for the fourteenth time, Leroy P. Check, a resident of Warren Co. will not be able to cast a vote in Saturday's school and road bond referendum. Mr. Check had filed for a writ of mandamus through his attorney, Herman L. Taylor of Raleigh, to compel Warren County registrar J. Perry Twitty and David Limer to register him so that he might vote in the referendum. The court action was resorted to after Mr. Check declared that he had been turned down by county registrars for 13 times despite his ability to read, write and interpret the state constitution in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina law. Judge Walter J. Bone, before whom the motion was scheduled to have been heard Tuesday, granted a continuation of the case until the September term of Warren County Superior Court. The case was continued upon motion of William W. Taylor, Jr. and Julius Banek, who represented Twitty and Limer. The continuation was granted on the basis of a previous court ruling stating that wherever an issue of fact is raised, upon motion of either party, for a jury trial the case may be continued until the next term of court and heard. (Continued on page 8, this section)

Dr. Bunche Nominated Dad of Year

NEW YORK — Dr. Ralph Bunche, UN mediator for Palestine who recently turned down an assistant secretaryship of state because the salary involved would not permit him to send his children through college has been nominated as the "Father of the Year" by the National Fathers' Day Commission. (Continued on page five)

Dean Taylor Speaks At Memorial Rites

Overlooking the neatly spaced crosses which mark the final resting places of many of Raleigh's war dead in National Cemetery, Monday, Dean James T. Taylor of North Carolina College urged a Memorial Day audience to break with tradition in the seeking of better relationships in the south. Dean Taylor appeared as the principal speaker at Memorial Day rites which were conducted by the James T. Norwood Post of the American Legion in cooperation with the United War Mothers, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion and the Spanish American War Veterans. "In the name of our heroic dead," he said, "black and white, who died in the expectation of a better world, I call upon men of good will in the South to take a fresh and steady look of race relations in the South and reinterpret our situation in terms of present need and implication rather than in terms of customary appraisal." Dean Taylor's address followed a parade led by the Washington High School Band from the James T. Norwood Post Home to the cemetery where the services were conducted at noon. The Rev. M. L. Thompson, pastor of the St. Matthews AME Church, delivered the invocation. Charles G. Irvine, commander of the James T. Norwood Post, served as master of ceremonies. (Continued on page 8, this section)

Urges Special Session

NEW YORK — Announcement of Senator Scott W. Lucas, majority leader of the administration's decision to abandon all welfare and civil rights legislation for this session of Congress, comes as a

great shock to millions of American Negroes. Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary of the NAACP, said in a wire to the Senate leader Thursday.

In the name of the millions of Negro citizens who voted for the President and his party last November in the strength of the Philadelphia platform and the promises of Mr. Truman himself, Mr. Wilkins urged the Truman administration to call a special session of Congress this summer for the purpose of acting upon civil rights legislation. The complete text of the wire to Senator Lucas follows: Your announcement that the administration has dropped all welfare and civil rights legislation for

SHAW SPEAKER URGES WORLD NEED STUDY

The development of sensitiveness to the needs of a confused world was urged upon Shaw University students in a commencement address delivered Monday afternoon by Dr. Sylvester Green, editor of the Durham Morning Herald. The school's 121 graduates, and

others present at Shaw University's 84th commencement exercises at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium heard the Durham editor and former college president voice a need for the advancement of fellowship and peace through reading and (Continued on page 8, this section)

U. OF KY. OPENS 3 GRAD SCHOOLS TO NEGROES

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Following a recent United States District Court decision stating the University of Kentucky to admit qualified Negro applicants to its graduate school, the University announced this week that courses in engineering, law and pharmacy will also be open to qualified Negroes beginning this summer. In a decision handed down on March 30 in a case brought by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Federal Judge H. Church Ford ruled that Lyman T. Johnson, graduate student from Louisville, and all other Negroes similarly situated, must be admitted to the University because of the state's failure to provide equal educational opportunity. Dr. H. L. Donovan, president of the University of Kentucky, said in announcing the opening of four schools of the University to Negroes that the action was being taken "to comply fully" with the federal court decision.

Health Insurance TRUMAN HEALTH BILL PROMISES SOUTH AID

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Truman's health program — providing more doctors and hospitals, and national health insurance so the people can pay for them — was offered as the solution for a dangerous shortage of medical facilities and medical care in Southern States in a report today by the Committee on Research in Medical Education. Blaming the South's problems on lack of purchasing power, the report said the area has "fewer hospitals and higher sickness rates than any other region of this country," yet even its limited facilities are not fully used because the people are unable to pay for them. The report found that despite the scarcity of hospital beds in the South a higher proportion of them were vacant than in any other region. Southern States, the report said, are spending as much as — or even more than — wealthier states comparatively for public health, but their funds are in most cases inadequate. "Unnecessary death, misery and ill health are revealed clearly in the infant and maternal mortality rates in the South," the report said. "These figures reflect the desperate shortage of medical personnel and facilities. Nine of the ten States with the highest maternal death rate in 1946 were Southern States. The reason: only five out of ten Southern mothers could afford and had available, the protection they needed in childbirth. But outside of the South, almost nine out of ten mothers had such protection." Pointing out that more than half of Southern youths were unable to meet the minimum physical or mental requirements for military service, the report said: "North Carolina, a state with one of the poorest showings in draft rejection rates, made a surprising (Continued on page five)

GOVERNOR SCOTT IS BENNETT SPEAKER

GREENSBORO — Speaker at Orange support for the \$25,000,000 graduation exercises for Bennett 100 school bond issue and the \$200,000 College Monday, Governor W. Kerr Scott told the school's 80 leaders toward the bolstering of white and Negro educational facilities in (Continued on page 8, this section)

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