



**APPOINTED TO ANNAPOLIS** — William I. Lee of Goldsboro, probably the first Negro from North Carolina to be appointed to the United States Naval Academy, is seen above on

the left, talking to Clarence H. Hunter, of the CAROLINIAN. Young Lee was appointed to the Academy by Congressman William Dawson of Illinois after he had scored 131 out of a possible

138 points in an ROTC Classification test given to Howard University students. A student at Howard when appointed, he will enter Annapolis in June, 1950.

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# DR. DAVIS "GUILTY"

## NAACP To Hold State Meet

### ASHEVILLE TO BE SCENE OF STATE NAACP SESSIONS

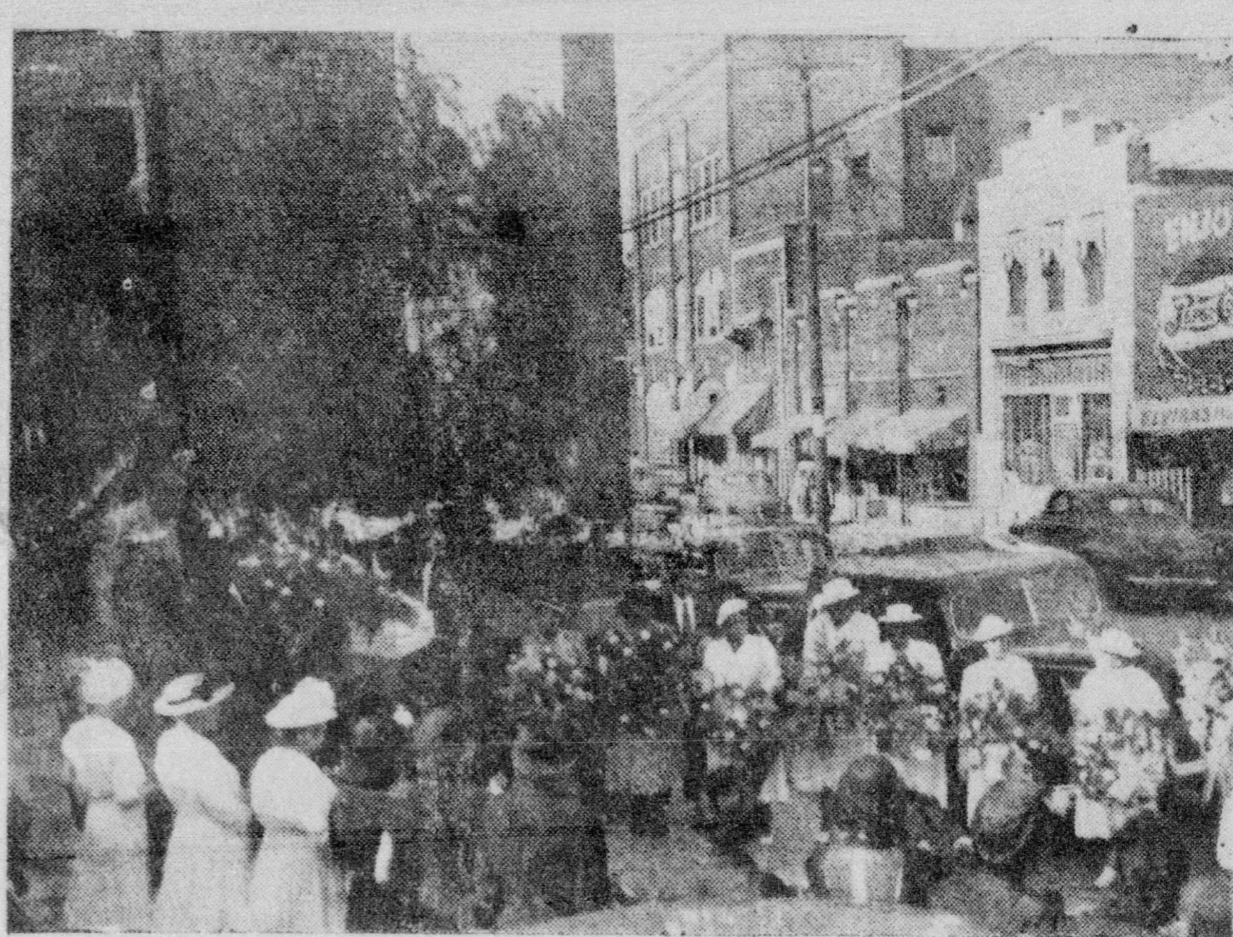
Charlotte, N. C. — The Sixth Annual North Carolina State Conference of NAACP Branches will convene in Asheville, N. C., June 23 and 24. Bishop Buford P. Gordon, Bishop of the Seventh Episcopal District, A.M.E. Zion Church, will deliver the keynote address Thursday evening at the opening mass meeting.

All sessions will be held at the Browns Temple C.M.E. Church. The theme of the conference is "North Carolina and Civil Rights." Delegates from all sections of the state will attend. This is to be the most far-reaching conference ever held by the organization during its history.

Glacier B. Current, director of Branches from the national office will discuss the National Office Program and Objectives; Branch Administration and Program and the Political Role of the NAACP. Mr. Current will act as consultant on all NAACP problems.

Additional attractions of the educational program of the conference, will be "The Legal Program of the NAACP."

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**AT STRUDWICK FUNERAL RITES** — Pallbearers are shown carrying the St. Joseph A.M.E. Church with the body of William W. Strudwick, Caswell County teacher and CAROLINIAN columnist following Durham funeral rites which were held Monday.

Mr. Strudwick was killed instantly when his automobile collided with a truck near Ashland, Va., while he and Mrs.

Strudwick were enroute to Delaware for the summer. Carolinian Photo By Shephard

### WAKE JURY FINDS GUILTY VERDICT IN FUQUAY CASE

A stunned and unbelieving throng of Wake, Harnett and Franklin County residents heard a Wake County Superior Court jury bring in a verdict of "guilty" Wednesday against Dr. J. Buxton Davis, a 61-year-old Fuquay Springs physician, charged with performing an illegal operation upon a woman resident of Chatham County.

The verdict, which carried a jury recommendation for mercy, climaxed a two-day trial during which some 43 of the doctor's former and present neighbors and patients testified to his good character and the esteem in which he is held in communities which he has served.

The chief witness in the state's case against the elderly physician was 19-year-old Mamie Louise Goff, a resident of Sanford who told the court that she had gone to the tiny clinic which Dr. Davis conducts on Thanksgiving Day of 1946 to find out whether he could "do anything" to halt her pregnancy.

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### CAROLINIAN PHOTO Quiz

This week's Question — WHAT DO YOU THINK OF RALEIGH'S RECREATIONAL FACILITIES?

L. Everett Thompson, 1119 E. Martin Street, Director of Instrumental Music for City Schools.

"The facilities are not adequate. There doesn't seem to be an outlet for teenagers nor adults. The equipment in the existing recreational set-up is inadequate and without meaning to the group."

I commend

those already in the field working without the proper equipment and express the desire that Negro citizens will show more interest in the present set-up and urge the city to make available more and better facilities.

Mrs. Emily May Morgan Kelly—Director of Music at Washington High School.

"The facilities are not adequate. We have great need for a lake and sufficient boats for boating. More workers are needed to supplement the excellent ones we have to meet the needs of various areas in the city. These workers need adequate and proper equipment."

"Negro citizens should be able to use Pullen Park and Devereaux Meadow since there is a great need for recreational expansion."

"Pullen Park was deeded to the city for the use of all its citizens, barring none. Negroes have been barred from using the facilities in the park, especially the lake. Why? Pete 'The Cleaner' Wilder — 210 Montague Street.

"The facilities are inadequate, understaffed and not well distributed. Leadership is lacking in areas where most needed. A survey should be made in densely populated areas and all fields not under cultivation should be taken over or solicited by the city for recreational purposes. The program for each vicinity, based on the needs of the community, should be developed and detailed into the city's recreational program."

Miss Marjorie Williams — 1104 East Lane Street, YMCA secretary.

"The facilities are very inadequate. There is a lack of trained personnel. There are no facilities with which to work. There is absolutely no equipment. Trained personnel in all fields and plenty of equipment should eliminate a lot of the so-called juvenile delinquency."

"Chavis Park could be a great asset to the present set-up, but there is no equipment to occupy the time of the citizens. I think that we should have access to skating rinks, bowling alleys, sand pits, and swings."

Pocahontas Jones, 613 Walnut Street, Wilmington, Shaw student.

"The facilities are much better than those we have in Wilmington. There are no parks, no swimming pool or any facilities to take up our leisure time. The citizens are a little better off than we are in Wilmington."

MISS JONES

"However, I do feel that the facilities you have are not adequate."



**TO ADDRESS NURSES**—Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Edwards, assistant executive secretary of the American Nurses Association, will be the principal speaker at a formal dinner of the North Carolina State Association of Negro Registered Nurses, Inc., when they meet at St. Augustine's College on June 21th. Her topic will be "Horizons Unlimited — North Carolina, 1949."

### 2 Freed When Ga. Jury Claims Evidence Lack



IRWINGTON, Ga. — Georgia Justice Lee has freed two Negro men as a Wilkinson County Grand Jury ruled Tuesday that there was insufficient evidence to bring to trial two Melrose white men who had been accused of the kidnap lynching of Caden Hill, a Negro chalk mine worker who was taken from the Irwinton jail and killed on the night of May 29.

The two, white men, Dennis Lamar Par, 37-year-old cafe operator, and Vernon Perry, a 21-year-old electrician, had been arrested on murder warrants sworn out by the Irwinton grand jury. The warrants were issued after an investigation by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation following which H. M. Spurlin, FBI agent in charge of the probe had declared that he had obtained "enough information to obtain indictments."

Immediately following the grand jury ruling, the two men were released.

The Hill lynching, the first in 1949, followed the arrest of two young chalk miners and sole support of a family of nine persons, after he had been placed under arrest after an altercation in a road house.

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### Rites Held For W. W. Strudwick

DURHAM — Funeral rites were conducted Monday afternoon from the St. Joseph A.M.E. Church at Durham for William W. Strudwick, Caswell County Teacher and CAROLINIAN columnist who was killed in an automobile accident near Asheville, Va., on Friday night.

At the time of the accident Mr. Strudwick and his wife, Mrs. Thelma Strudwick, were enroute to the Delaware resort where they had planned to spend the summer. Mr. Strudwick was almost instantly killed as the result of a head-on collision with a large truck or van a few miles outside of Asheville. Earlier he had been asked by

### 1st N.C. Negro Youth Named To Annapolis

BY CLARENCE H. HUNTER

Nineteen-year-old William Isaac Lee, Jr., is the first Negro from North Carolina to be appointed to the United States Naval Academy. He was appointed by Congressman William L. Dawson of Illinois.

Lee met William in Thompson's Teen Age Casino in Goldsboro early Thursday evening. He put his orange soda aside while we made his picture.

Lee has recently returned from Washington, D. C., where he was a student at Howard University. While in attendance at the University, he took the ROTC Classification Examination and made 134 points out of a possible 138.

When told that he couldn't enter West Point until 1951, Lee chose Annapolis because he could enter the Academy in June, 1950. In the meantime he plans to attend Admiral Farragut Naval Academy and prepare for the Annapolis entrance exams.

Mrs. Strudwick to stop at Richwood Monday afternoon from the time of the trial to get some sleep. Instead he had decided to attempt to drive through to Washington. Mrs. Strudwick received minor head and facial injuries in the crash.

The funeral services, which were attended by hundreds of Durham residents, North Carolina College alumnae, and members of the Caswell County school system were conducted by the Reverend B. A. Johnston, pastor of St. Joseph.

Following the services interment took place at Beechwood cemetery.

Mr. Strudwick, who was 35 at the time of his death, was a native of 416 E. Cabarrus St., a parade

### Fast Talking

A fast-talking deputy sheriff saved the life of 35-year-old Robert Lee Gates in a Houston, Miss., jail.

A lynch-bent mob came to get Gates, but Deputy Sheriff T. A. Bryant out-talked them. He told a "number of armed men" that he had a number of suspects but at the time he did not have the guilty one in his jail. The mob left.

Graduated from Dillard High School in 1948, Williams was a student assistant in the science department. He aided his teachers by teaching physics and chemistry to portions of the overflow student body. His instructors tutored him evenings after school in order to qualify him for his task. His partner

Hannon, former Rockingham County agent, will be in charge of the island's extension program. His headquarters will be at the Agricultural Experiment Station, St. Croix, where the first Negro to initiate and direct an extension program in the United States or any of its territories.

Graduated from A. and T. College, he joined the North Carolina Extension Service in 1939 as a farm agent and held the post of full-time agent in Rockingham County for seven years. The first registered cattle show among Negroes to be held in the South, was under his supervision.

Mr. Hannon has served as graduate assistant in the agricultural education department of A. and T. and will receive his M. S. degree in agricultural education later this month.

### Negro Housing Ban Finds FHA "Neutral"

WASHINGTON — Federal Housing Administration Commissioner Franklin D. Richards this week told a delegation protesting racial discrimination in Levittown, a lily-white Long Island housing project, that the FHA is "neutral" on the problem of discrimination in FHA-insured housing.

"We are neither for discrimination nor are we against it," Richards told the group, according to William Cotter, chairman of the Committee to End Discrimination in Levittown and leader of the Great Neck-Port Washington Manhasset Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In response to a demand that FHA approval be denied builders practicing Jim Crow, Mr. Cotter quoted Richards as asserting that it would be "presumptuous" of him "to decide policy on such a controversial question," and that "the President is considering the problem."

Richards assured the group that he was "very sympathetic" to their request that the FHA bar restrictive covenant from leases and deeds of all FHA-approved homes, and indicated that such a ruling would be forthcoming from the FHA headquarters within "a couple of months."

"We should use this period of suffering as a period of evolutionary preparation. The time will come when we can enjoy the benefits of our present experience."

"The American Negro in International Affairs" was the subject of the speech by the chairman of the Social Science Division at Morris Brown College in Atlanta. Dr. Kibbala claimed that the future of the Negro is in jeopardy

### POST LISTS PLANS TO ENTERTAIN LEGION

The Charles T. Norwood Post of the American Legion will be host to members of the 31st annual convention of Division Six of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion during sessions which will be held in Raleigh from June 18 to 21.

Highlights of the three day sessions will be a Go Getters Banquet to be held in the Haywood Soda Shop Saturday at 8 p.m.; Memorial sessions which will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at the St. Matthews A.M.E. Church; a tea Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Legion home at 416 E. Cabarrus St., a parade

### RECEIVES APPOINTMENT

R. L. Hannon will report for duty as agricultural extension agent in the virgin islands by July first.

Officers of Division Six include M. Hugh Thompson of Durham, commander; Jerry Williamson, Durham, adjutant; Mrs. Sarah Marsh, Winston-Salem, president of Ladies Auxiliary; and Mrs. Violet Pullen, Raleigh, secretary.

### U. N. OFFICIAL HEARD AS LYCEUM SPEAKER

GREENSBORO — "What we as Negroes suffer now, all races have suffered at some time or another," Dr. Ernest Kibbala, East African member of the United Nations Trusteeship Council told his audience at the first A. and T. Lyceum program of the summer session.

"We should use this period of suffering as a period of evolutionary preparation. The time will come when we can enjoy the benefits of our present experience."