

# Raps Va. Cops For Unsolved Crimes

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Norfolk, Va. (ANP) — If Norfolk acted on the advice of Bernard Shaw, noted English playwright and stage expert and decided to kill off all its criminals, it would still need further advice on how to apprehend them.  
Criminals in recent years have been getting away with murder in this seashore city. Too many of

them are never caught. This is especially true if the victims of their criminal acts are Negroes.  
There is the case of James Diggs who is wanted in connection with the death of his wife and two children early this summer. Diggs, who used to drive a truck to the Norfolk Navy yard, managed to get away himself and to make away with his truck without being apprehended until now.

## AAUW'S BRANCH REINSTATES 3 NEGRO WOMEN

Washington (ANP) — Three Negro women, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Mrs. Otelia Cromwell and Mrs. Mary E. Cromwell, were reinstated in the Washington branch of the American Association of University Women at the national headquarters last Monday night with around 100 women in attendance.  
At the same meeting a new president was elected to head up the completely reorganized branch, which is composed only of those members who did not withdraw from the organization when the AAUW convention voted by more than 2,000 to less than 75 to make "educational qualifications the sole requirement for membership."

SPOTTED TWICE  
Spotted in several places in North Carolina, Diggs has always managed to slip away before the law showed up. He was even able to wound an officer critically by shooting him in the mouth while he was being questioned in an automobile.

No one was ever apprehended for the rape-murder of a Negro girl whose nude body was found in a vacant lot at the corner of Henry and Landing Streets almost two years ago. The victim was killed by strangulation and unless Johnnie James, who was apprehended in connection with the rape-murder of another young woman here late last spring, is the same man who is responsible for the first case, no one has been brought to justice for the first case.

In another case a young girl was raped in the back yard of a residence in the Berkley section of Norfolk last spring. When the owner came out and discovered the man, he made off with the girl on the bicycle and has never been caught, according to latest reports on the case available here. The man had already attacked the girl on the front porch of the home, but took her around to the back when he heard some one in the house.

A white man in July abducted a three-year-old colored girl, and went off with her on his bicycle, but he has never been apprehended so far as reports on the case are concerned. The child was enticed by the offer of a nickel, according to her brother who reported the incident to the child's parents.

The child was found on the third floor of a pickle plant at 10 p.m. by an employee when he came on his job. She had been left in a locked room.

Police combed the vicinity of the pickle plant but no traces of the abductors were found.

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TUSKEGEE'S COMMENCEMENT NOTABLES— Mrs. Susie Nenni, ETAO SHRD CMF SHR Annie Neely of St. Augustine, Fla., won "highest honor" among 171 graduates who received diplomas and degrees during Tuskegee Institute's Summer School

Commencement exercises. Left to right President F. D. Patterson; Mrs. Neely; Pres. Jacob L. Reddix of Jackson college in Jackson, Miss., and commencement speaker and Vice-President I. A. Derbigny. (ANP).

## ROCKINGHAM NOTES

### GALA WEEK IS STAGED BY HARRIETT SPENCER

The Service Club of Rockingham which is a club to bring young people into the church and to provide wholesome entertainment for teen-agers, held the first annual Service Club Week from August twenty-first through August twenty-sixth.

The week began on Sunday night, August twenty-first with a sermon by the pastor.

On Monday an informal social was held on the lawn of the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pemberton. Everyone had a delightful time.

On Tuesday evening a weiner roast was held on the lawn of the AME Church. Festivities then ended until Thursday evening at eight o'clock when a watermelon slicing was held on the church lawn.

The week was climaxed with a semi-formal banquet which was held in the basement of the AME Zion Church. The Reverend Fred Terry who is a young minister gave the address for the evening.

Following the Reverend Mr. Terry's address, Arthur W. Spencer, president of the club, made a short address.

A delicious chicken dinner was then served to approximately thirty members and guests. This was one of the most enjoyable weeks for teen-agers during the summer.

tribute to the medical education of Texas Negroes.

### FEW QUALIFY

"One factor should be remembered. In the United States, and especially in the South, the preliminary education available to Negroes has not been such that large numbers could qualify to enter the medical schools.

"Texas State university for Negroes will make more and more graduates available for the study of medicine, dentistry, nursing and pharmacy as the years go on."

Dr. Bertner's statement is in line with what the Negro medical and dental societies have been demanding at their recent state conventions. Both want Texas to provide for the medical education of Negroes much better than it has in the past.

A recent survey publicized by the Houston Post last month revealed the following figures on the Negro health situation in Texas:

### DOCTORS SCARCE

A total of 203 out of 254 counties in the state have no Negro doctors and 21 counties have only one. Harris county, where Houston is located, has only 20 doctors for 103,745 Negroes, but has 730 doctors for 425,000 white citizens.

Counties that have no Negro doctors have a population of 287,830 colored citizens. Counties with only one medic average 15,000 citizens. One doctor per 3,000 citizens in the United States is considered a heavy load.

Negro death rates base on age 60 per cent higher than those for whites. Death rates per 1,000 births are 6.9 compared to only 2.7 for whites.

Despite these conditions the only thing Texas has done for Negro medical education is to admit one student to the University of Texas medical school and "earn" \$175,000 for a two-year operating fund for a Negro medical school at Texas State university. Nothing has been done to actually set up a medical school for colored students.

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# Boom Houston As Medical Center

Houston, Tex. (ANP) — Houston should become the medical center of the state of Texas, Dr. E. W. Bertner, president of the Texas Medical center here, declared last week.

Commenting on the fact that there are 636,538 Negroes in Texas, but only 138 doctors to serve them, Dr. Bertner said that it is time for the state to do something about the health of its Negroes.

His plan is to set up a medical school at Texas state university in Houston, the state's newly established school designed to halt the drive for Negroes to enter the white schools. Key center for this school and medical education of Negroes will be the Medical center, itself, Dr. Bertner said.

"From the beginning the Texas Medical center has expected to contribute to the medical education of Texas Negroes.

## GA. TIGHTENS MARRIAGE LAWS

ATLANTA (ANP) — It will be much more difficult to get married in Georgia now than it has been in the past because of the recently passed state marriage laws.

Under the new statutes couples will have to pass medical examinations before they will be issued a license. The aim of the new law is to cut down on the spread of syphilis.

Here is what a couple of lovers will have to do before they say "I do" in Georgia. First take a thorough physical examination from a physician. Take their blood samples to the health department laboratory where they will be tested. If the samples are okay the health department physical will sign a pre-marital certificate and give it to the applicants. At this point the couple may seek the marriage license itself.

Persons objecting to the results of the tests may appeal to the Superior court. Couples who cannot afford their own physicians may be tested by a local health officer without charge.

Georgians who wish to circumvent the law may be stuck if they decide to return to the state in less than 60 days. If they return within the 60 day they must undergo the procedures required by law.

Violators of the statute will be charged with a misdemeanor and face trial in city courts.



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