

USHERS PUSH HOSPITAL PROBE

DURHAM (Special) — The office of Dr. J. W. Young, superintendent of State Hospitals, may soon become as busy as that of State Attorney General Harry McMillan.

As Dr. Young has asked for several preliminary questions in a preliminary investigation of the State's Hospitals conducted by the State Interdenominational Ushers' Association, his office announced the employment of three referee physicians to assist presently in the white mental institution at Camp Butler in Durham, a new hospital supported by State funds was established without provision for Negro patients.

L. E. Austin, president of the State Ushers' Association, said in Durham this week Dr. Young's answers "were understandably leaving in a nothing to be desired, nevertheless demonstrate a willingness to cooperate in the survey we are making of the State's Hospitals."

Austin said Dr. Young, in a letter to him of December 1, indicated that the ushers' heads suggestion for a personal interview, would clear up questions unanswered in the initial correspondence. Austin said a representative of his newspaper will seek an appointment with Dr. Young next week. Austin is publisher of the Ushers' Association weekly.

Meanwhile, as early findings of the survey started coming into the Durham offices of the ushers' leader, the State Hospitals Board initiated two steps which may prove of far reaching influence in future planning for state institutions.

(1) A youthful Latrian couple, Drs. Mirzante and Edite Vitols.

and a Hungarian psychiatrist, Dr. Lorant Fozias, have been employed to relieve the critical shortage of trained physicians in the state's mental institutions. It has not been determined whether the recently employed European physicians will be permanently attached to the Camp Butler institution, or whether institutions in the State. To date, the Goldsboro Hospital for

Negro Insane in the institution shows the most promising progress, but there are no indications at this time that any of the psychiatrists will be sent there.

(2) At a cost of \$52,000 the New North Carolina Hospital for Cerebral Palsies was located for inspection in Durham. Through the building which is equipped to serve 40 in patients

and as many as 30 out patients did not say whether Negroes would be acceptable as outpatients.

Dr. Lennox D. Baker has been recently named medical director of the institution. Sen. Thomas O'Bryen of Goldsboro is chairman of the hospital's board of trustees.

A staff of thirty people is regarded as the full complement for

the institution. Hospital authorities said early in the week that most of the key jobs had been filled.

It was indicated in Durham at the ushers' headquarters this week that the present survey is a preliminary to a large scale "constructive" program of action in behalf of the Negro and white citizens of the State.

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KLAN ENTERS N. C.



SHAW THEOLOGICAL ARE INSTALLED — Officers of the Theological Fraternity of Shaw University were installed at services held recently. They are shown above with the Rev. Paul H. Johnson, President of the Fraternity. Standing, left to right: Garland Wiggins, Nashville, President; Rev. Mr. Johnson, Theodore DeAdwyer, Chicago, Ill., vice president; standing, Julius Ray Butler, Roseboro, Secretary; Charles Clemen, Clairton, Pa., Assistant Secretary; Melvin Clark, Norfolk, Va., Chaplain; and Gus D. McNeil, Dunn, Treasurer.

BATTLE OF WORDS HELD BY SCOTT, S. C. KLANSMAN

State Attorney General Harry McMillan and Thomas L. Hamilton, Grand Dragon of the Carolina Klavern of the Ku Klux Klan, shared the race relations spotlight in North Carolina this week.

Significantly, the obstructionist tactics suggested in the men's action were brought to the fore in a week that was ushered in with the celebration of the first anniversary of the United Nations' Commission of Human Rights. The UN group seeks the extension of human rights to the world's backward areas.

McMillan, following up an announcement of the previous week, filed formal answer to the petitions of Harold T. Epps and Robert B. Glass, North Carolina College law students, to enter the accredited law school at the University of North Carolina. As he had been expected to do, McMillan argued that the Negro students are being given facilities "substantially" equal to those provided students at the University of North Carolina.

Meanwhile, in Leesville, S. C. Hamilton, charged Gov. W. Kerr Scott of North Carolina with "leaning to the Negroes and Communists." "When such a situation exists," the Klan leader said, "the Ku Klux Klan is certain to prosper."

In a press conference in the executive offices in Raleigh Tuesday, Gov. Scott declined to "dignify" Hamilton's statement with a comment.

Gov. Scott, however, has been outspoken in his opposition to Klan activities in this State. It is this opposition which is believed to have inspired Hamilton's remarks.

In Charlotte, the chief of police has announced the full force of his office will be brought to bear to keep the hooded organization out of his city.

Hamilton, however, defies both the governor and the Charlotte police chief. "Neither Gov. Scott, police chiefs nor anyone else can keep the Klan out of North Carolina," Hamilton insists.

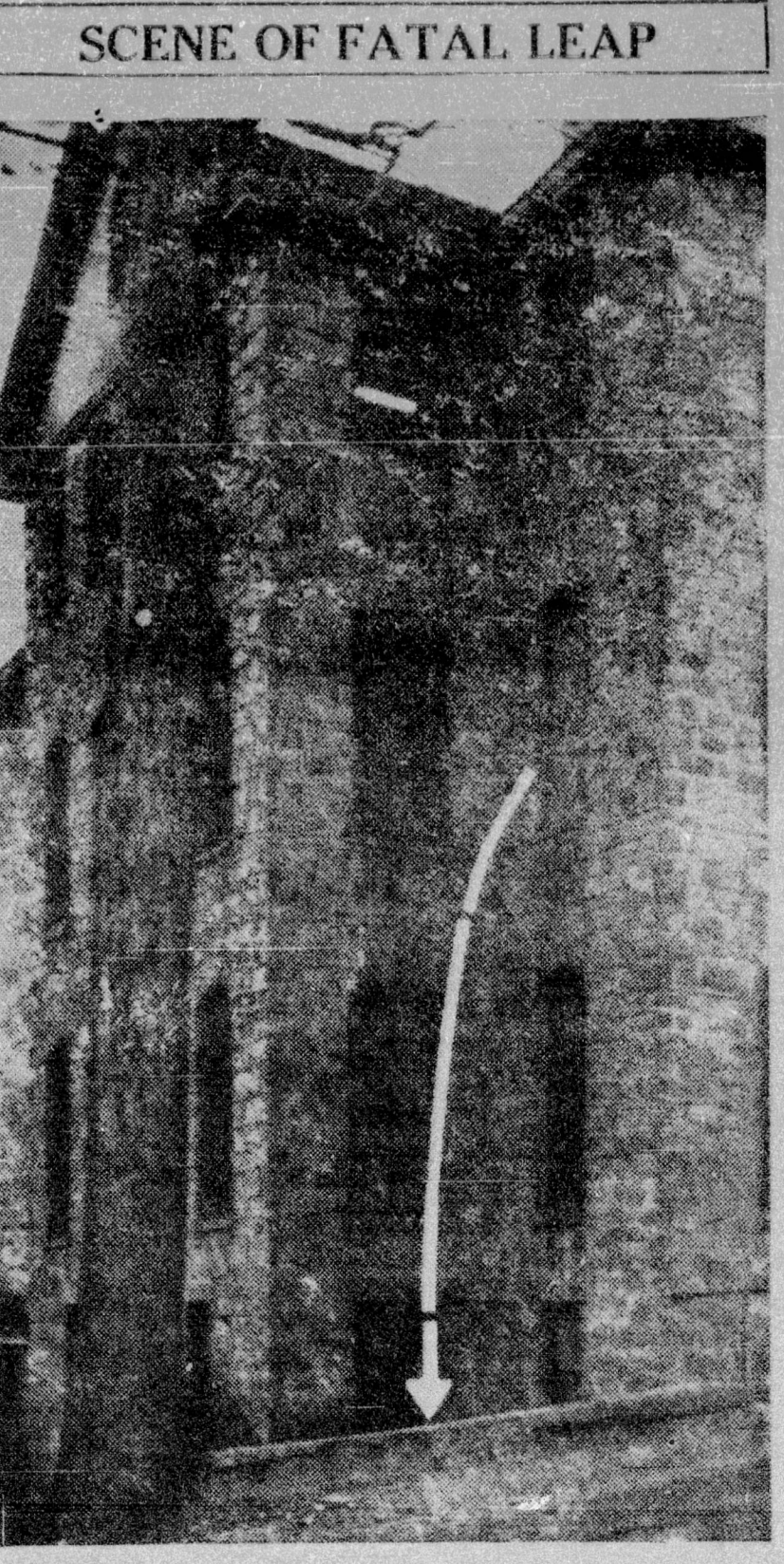
Hamilton claims "tar heels are ready" for the KKK. However, in Charlotte where much of the South Carolina Klaverns activities seem to be coming into the State, representative Mecklenburg County white ministers have urged their membership not to affiliate with the Klan.

The Klan chief says two organizers for the KKK will soon be at work in this state.

According to Hamilton, a former lieutenant of the late Dr. Samuel Green, the Klan's "white supremacy" campaign can be successfully waged by no other "Gentile" group. It is understood that KKK's enmity to Catholics and Jews has not diminished.

If the NAACP and communists-front organizations are permitted to operate, Hamilton argues, the KKK likewise has a right to lawful assembly. In defying the law enforcement officers of the State and City of Charlotte, Hamilton, it is believed, will seek to make test cases out of his activities.

The Klan itself does not advocate violence, but the time has come to educate people and let them know what's going on in our country. At times, as in any other organization, some members get out of hand and try to take the law into their own hands, and for that reason we are carefully investigating all prospective members to make sure they are fit for the Klan.



Mrs. Almeta Pridgen Dies In Jump From Window

Mrs. Almeta Pridgen, well-known La Grange teacher and citizen, jumped to her death from a second-story window at St. Agnes' Hospital last week.

Mrs. Pridgen had undergone an operation at the hospital several weeks ago and had been suffering excruciating pain during her confinement there.

According to hospital attendants, the La Grange resident had apparently developed a mental disorder several days prior to the fatal leap.

A member of the faculty at La Grange High School in La Grange, Mrs. Pridgen was widely admired by colleagues and pupils during the nearly 15 years of her educational work with which she had been credited.

Funeral services were conducted last Sunday at the La Grange Free Will Baptist Church.

A Kingston minister, the Rev. E. L. Harry, officiated at the funeral.

A & P Votes \$2,250,000 Bonus To Employees

A Christmas bonus totaling \$2,250,000 will be distributed among employees of The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company on December 15. It was recently announced by John A. Hatfield, Chairman of the Board.

All A and P employees throughout the country with six months or more service will participate in the pre-holiday cash distribution. Last year the company voted \$2,100,000 additional compensation.

Quite A Ride, Eh?

DURHAM — Two hundred and fifty-five miles are a long distance for a joy ride.

A young Negro boy found this to be all too, too apparent here on Monday, when authorities found him wondering how he had ridden to Durham from Washington, D. C.

The youth, about 12 years old, accepted an invitation from

STOP THAT DANCING IN THERE . . . OR ELSE!

Army General Puts Damper On 'Mixed' Dancing In El Paso

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — An army general used the argument of segregation here last week to end promotions of dancers by a Negro at the Coliseum in El Paso.

Crying that there was too little law and too much disorder, Maj. Gen. John L. Homer, commanding general of nearby Fort Bliss, forced the county board to halt dances given by Marvin Williams, local Negro impresario who has brought some of the nation's greatest bands to El Paso.

Williams, given little chance to tell his side of the story before the board, in a statement in the press accused the army leader and his cohorts of using "mixed dances" as an excuse to get him out of the promoting business.

(Actually the so-called mixed dancing was that of whites dancing on one side of a line of chairs and colored on the other.)

This complaint by Gen. Homer is the first one against Williams since he started promoting affairs at the Coliseum and Liberty hall, both owned by El Paso county, in October, 1948. The general filed his first complaints November 23.

At that time he charged that marijuana was being sold near the Coliseum and Homer was sold to minors to uniform inside the Coliseum. The general also said there was not enough police protection at the Coliseum. He made these charges in public.

Williams said, however, that Gen. Homer told him: "If you will agree to have

LOCAL STUDENTS IN HAMPTON CHOIR CONCERT MONDAY

HAMPTON, Va. — Two students from Raleigh are members of the Hampton Institute Choir, which will appear in a concert Monday, December 19 in Ogden Hall at the Institute. The concert will be aired over the National CBS network at 4:35 p. m. EST.

The students are: Miss Doris Malone, seniors; Miss Doris Edwards, freshmen. Both students are enrolled in the Division of Education.

Marshall Wants New Govt. Notice

NEW YORK — Following conflicting reports of the effectiveness of the recently announced non-discrimination policy of the Federal Housing Administration, Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel, recently wrote to FHA Commissioner Franklin D. Richards, urging him to correct misleading newspaper reports which discount the significance of the new policy.

"It is obvious that you as Commissioner of FHA," Mr. Marshall wrote, "should make it clear to the public that your interest is in carrying through on this new policy and is not, as reported in the press, to make narrow constructions in order to give aid and comfort to those in this country who are determined to continue and expand racial segregation in public as well as in private housing."

The new policy was announced at a hearing conference here last week by Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman with the authorization and support of President Truman.

Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, Home Finance Administrator Raymond M. Foley and Commissioner Richards.

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State Approves More Funds for Race Study

Negro graduate students in North Carolina now have increased funds for out-of-state training.

The Council of State on Monday approved allocations of \$4,407 from the Contingency and Emergency Fund to cover deficits in appropriations for students' tuitions.

North Carolina pays tuition at colleges which provide training not offered to Negroes in the State.

The State is sending Negro students to Tuskegee Institute's School of Veterinary Medicine under the Regional Education program. A Durham student, Calvin E. Hubbard, '49 graduate of Hampton Institute in Virginia, was the first State citizen to enroll at Tuskegee under the regional plan.

DIRECTOR



Andrew F. Jackson, formerly Eastern representative of the Booker T. Washington Memorial, was recently selected Director of Public Relations for the Memorial.

UNITED NATIONS WILL REFER AFRICAN RIDDLE

Flushing Meadows, N. Y. (Special) — The United Nations General Assembly voted 46 to 7 here Tuesday to refer South Africa's refusal to submit the former Southwest Africa mandate territory to UN trusteeship to the International Court of Justice for an advisory opinion.

Involved are 375,000 people, 90 percent of whom are primitive tribesmen.

The UN has tried for four years to persuade South Africa to give trusteeship status to Southwest Africa.

Ambassador G. P. Joster of South Africa said at Flushing Meadows last week that his government did not feel any "accountability" to UN.

The situation allegedly is becoming increasingly serious in Southwest Africa, where recurrent waves of violence and discrimination are being reported directed against the natives by the minority white South African rulers.

UN, in submitting the case to the Court of International Justice, raised three questions: What, if any international obligations on South Africa remain under the mandate; how, if at all, the UN Charter's trusteeship provision applies to Southwest Africa; and whether South Africa or anyone else has competence to determine and modify the area's status.

EXPLOSIONS IN TENN. ROCK SITE OF NEW HOMES

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Special) — Terror tactics in the form of carefully laid bombs in strategic places in a 300-unit Negro housing development were being investigated here this week as aftermaths of an explosion which authorities believe linked with anti-discrimination policies of FHA.

Other registrations are expected with the beginning of new seminars.