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# CHARGE GOP WITH SELLOUT

## WOMAN TO FACE TRIAL IN CHILD'S DEATH

ROCKY MOUNT — The trial of Mrs. Geneva Battle Pittman, 43-year-old local school teacher, on a charge of involuntary manslaughter, has been set for March 13, in Asheville, N. C.

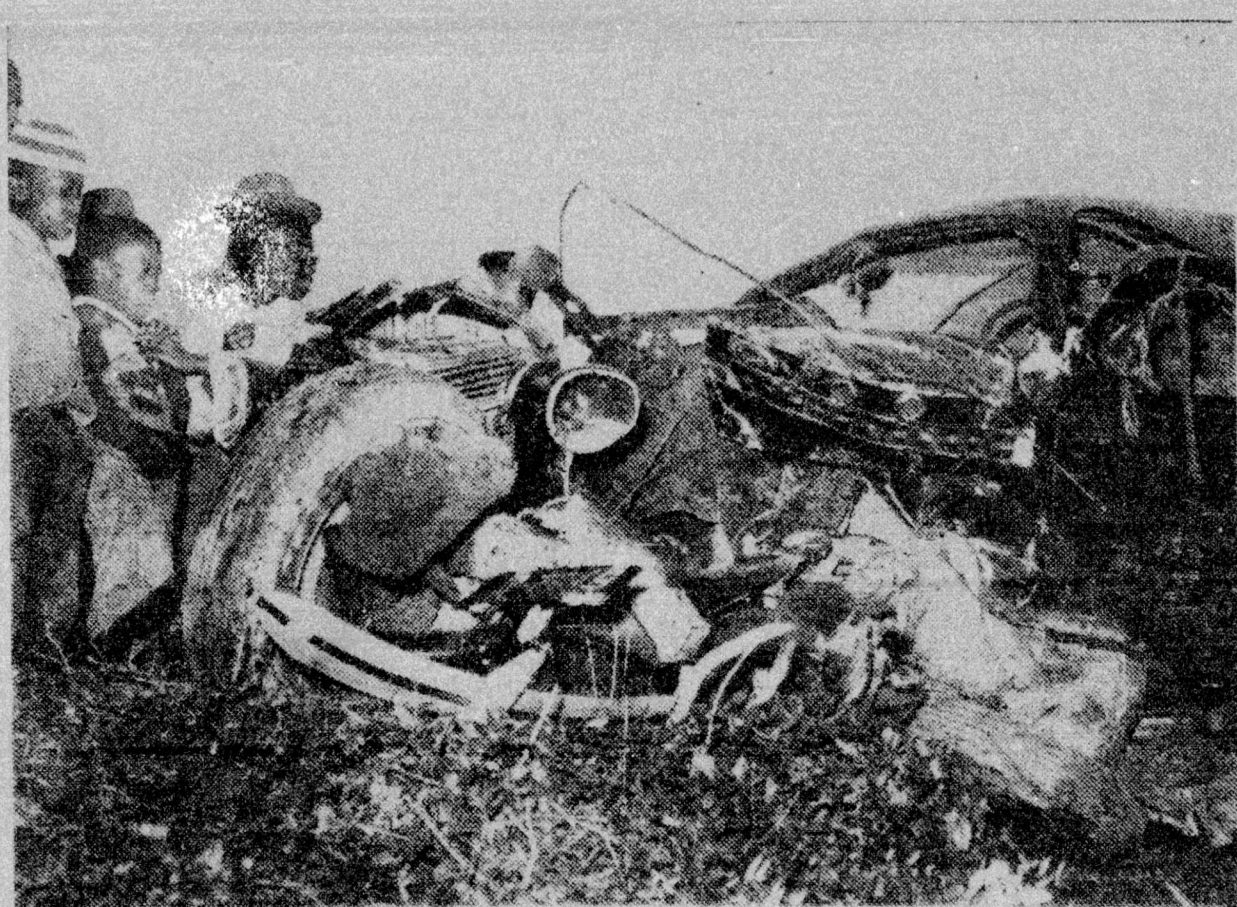
Mrs. Pittman, an elementary school teacher in the Nash County school system, faces trial before a Nash County Superior Court, on charges growing out of the death of an 11-year-old white girl, and the injury of her seven-year-old sister.

The teacher has been identified as the driver of an automobile which crashed the oldest child to death against a telephone pole.

Mrs. Pittman is now at liberty under a \$5,000 bond, which was set for her late Saturday, after a coroner's jury, decided the child met her death because of criminal negligence on the part of Mrs. Pittman.

The white press of the community, to its credit, has not played up the racial angle of the case.

The inquest was held in the John



DEATH CAR — The wreckage, pictured above in all that remains of a 1947 Chevrolet, after a freight train smashed into it Monday afternoon, killing the driver, Whitfield Mass, of 408 Cannon St., and dragging the car 1,300 feet along the railroad tracks. Picture courtesy News and Observer.

## GRAY SEEN LIBERALIZING SCHOOL POLICY

WASHINGTON (SPECIAL) — Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray of North Carolina who was unanimously elected president of the University of North Carolina by Chapel Hill students, will meet the growing demands of Negroes to enter the university's graduate and professional schools "with courage and integrity," a high official in the Truman administration predicted here Tuesday.

The high government official who predicted Mr. Gray would meet the demands of Negroes to enter the State University, was careful to point out however, that as one of the nation's ablest lawyers Mr. Gray could be relied upon to be guided "more by the legality of the case than by any other considerations."

Although the official did not elaborate, his statement was taken



HERNDON, N. C. — Mrs. Eva Adams, superintendent of nurses at Herndon's Jubilee Hospital, is shown here holding in an exclusive photograph, 6 weeks old Clarice "Pinky" White who came into national prominence last week after she survived a 6 1/2 hour burial in a

tomb 2 1/2 feet deep covered with a circular tin and linoleum grave top.

The child's 22-year-old unmarried mother who allegedly buried the infant, is being held in Vance County Jail under \$3,000 bond charged with attempt to commit murder.

Mrs. Grace Lee White, mother of the child, is also mother of a 5-year-old natural son; she is mother also of a deceased twin of the infant who survived last week's "living burial."

Vance County officials say the buried mother claims she is unable to establish paternity of her child.

A spokesman in the sheriff's office says inquiries from dozens of people throughout the country have been seeking to adopt the child.

Five year old Sonny White allegedly told officers his mother buried the baby while the infant was crying. The child's grandmother, Mrs. Clara White, notified police that her grandchild was missing.

The accused is maintaining a strict silence in jail.

Jail officials describe her as "a tough number."

## Awarding Of Prizes Irks Drama Group

RALEIGH — The unprecedented and still unexplained disqualification of the "Frankie and Johnny" skit presented Friday night by the Dramatic Club of St. Augustine's College at the Eleventh Annual Jabberwock contest, threatened this week to develop into a row of major proportions.

The skit was one of several presented by different groups in the Jabberwock contest, held in Memorial Auditorium and sponsored by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

At the time of the disqualification the four judges would advance no reason for their action, but it was later reported that the wife of a high St. Augustine's College official had objected to the skit on moral grounds and demanded that it be disqualified.

From the applause the college players received for their colorful interpretation of the folk ballad that tells of a woman who shot her lover "cause he was doing her wrong," it seemed certain that the skit would receive one of the three prizes.

## Judge Postpones Durham School Suits Until April

DURHAM (Special) — Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes acted here Wednesday afternoon to postpone hearing the two so-called Durham "civil rights" cases until the April term of the Middle District Federal Court.

Judge Hayes' action means that the case of Carolyn Blue and 25 Negro children of Durham in which whose interest a suit has been brought against Durham and State education officers will not be heard until the fourth Monday in April.

The second of the two cases, that of Harold T. Epps and Robert D. Glass, Negro law students at North Carolina College, who seek an injunction to prevent UNC's refusing them admission, the federal jurist indicated he would schedule for the first Monday in April.

Representing the State in the Blue case were Attorney General Harry McMullan, his chief assistant Ralph Moody, and former U. S. Senator W. B. Umstead of the

## RACISTS SEEK IMPEACHMENT OF JUDGE WARING

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — The declaration that a "campaign of prejudice" is being waged to impeach him, was made here early this week by Federal District Judge J. Waites Waring.

Currently impeachment petitions against Judge Waring are being circulated through eastern Carolina District.

Since a Federal Judge holds office for life, the only way he can be removed is through impeachment, retirement or death.

The opposition to Judge Waring stems from the fact that it was his historic decision that opened the South Carolina Democratic primaries to Negroes.

The petitions charge that the jurist "has openly through his wife's agency, advocated discrimination on the part of Negro citizens against the white citizens of South Carolina."

The judge's wife in a speech made here last month, called for an end to what she termed white supremacy. She asserted Southern white people are "deadend and morally low." Mrs. Waring is a native.

## Man Appeals Verdict, Then Changes His Mind

RALEIGH — A young man charged with disorderly conduct, assault and battery on an officer, and resisting arrest, filed notice of appeal Monday, after being sentenced in City Court, to four months on the roads.

A short while later the man, Leroy Ragland of 1006 E. Magnolia St., returned to court to ask that his appeal notice be withdrawn and he be allowed to serve the time.

His request was granted.

Ragland was charged with creating a disturbance in a Blount St. restaurant on Saturday, and striking Officers Joe Winters and Samuel Clark, when the two policemen attempted to arrest him.

In his own defense Ragland charged that he had created no disturbance and had resisted arrest only after Officer Winters struck him with a flashlight.

Ragland charged further that

## NAACP PROBES ACTIVITIES OF ABE AGENTS

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — The State NAACP in said to have under investigation the activities of white ABC officers who are pointing their faces back in raids on alleged Negro violators of the State Alcoholic Beverages Control act.

If the investigation reveals that the officers themselves are guilty of violating the rights of alleged "bootleggers," it is regarded as certain that court action will be brought against ABC personnel involved.

State ABC authorities in Raleigh have previously been accused of using Negro "steel pigeons" to trap alleged Negro "bootleggers." Negro groups have said if Negro steel pigeons proved beneficial in the law-enforcement program of the ABC agency, it would appear a logical step to appoint Negroes to the criminal investigation branch of the agency.

Negroes in the ABC set-up are

## Brower Runs For Office

Durham — W. Frank Brower, popular Durham newspaper columnist and lawyer, has filed notice of his intention to seek a seat in the State House of Representatives from Durham County.

Brower, a native of Durham, and a veteran of World War II, filed here Monday with the Durham County Board of Elections as a candidate for the Democratic nomination to one of two House seats.

Brower is the fourth candidate here to file for the State post. To date, however, he is the only Negro candidate.

Brower finished the North Carolina College Law School last June. Prior to that time he attended Hampton Institute, graduating in the class of 1942. Brower is now a practicing attorney in Durham.

Recently, Brower, who is director and founder of the United Negro Press, conducted one of the most successful March of Dimes campaigns ever held among Negro citizens here.

Brower's fraternal affiliations include membership in the Shriners, and the Masons.

## Miami Sticks By JC, R. C. Cancels Meet

WASHINGTON (ANP) — The American Red Cross is standing firm on its decision that it will hold no national conventions in any city which tends to segregate against its delegates, it was learned here last week.

This discussion was brought to light when Walter Winchell, the well known news commentator, announced that the plans for the 1951 national Red Cross convention to meet in Miami, Fla., had been called off.

For the past three years the convention with its approximately 4,000 delegates, has met in western, eastern and northern cities, so the Red Cross thought it would be only fair that it go to the South next year in searching around a southern city with sufficient facilities to accommodate the large number of delegates, Charles Whitman, director of the Convention bureau, is said to have found Miami the only city with sufficient hotel space to take care of the convention, providing it meets there during the off season.

In discussing his plans with the Miami Red Cross chapter, Whitman is said to have raised the question of housing delegates on a non-discriminatory basis. The local chapter objected to any such proposals, claiming that such a thing just couldn't be done in Florida.

Not being willing to accept the conclusion made by the Miami Red Cross, the Convention director is said to have personally contacted the management of some of the city's leading hotels explaining that it had always been the policy of the national Red Cross to house all of its senior delegates in the same hotel and all of the junior delegates in another, regardless of race.

Two hotels consented to accept

## GOP ACCUSED OF DESERTING CIVIL RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Republican Party's new declaration of party principals was the target for a bitter attack launched here Tuesday, by Administration Democrats.

The Democrats accused the GOP of backtracking on 1948 Civil Rights pledges in its new party platform.

The U. S. Senate floor formed the setting for the charges, as Sen. Hubert Humphrey, chief author of the Democratic Civil Rights plank, said the Republican platform deliberately courted the favor of Southern Democrats.

Other Truman Democrats, in statements made off the floor charged that the Republicans had "torn down their strong 1948 civil rights stand because they didn't want to vote on the issue."

House Labor Chairman John L. Rankin (D. Mich.), who has been

## New Martin School Forecast By Officials

Raleigh — The vexing problems revolving around the Martin County High School situation, appeared nearer final solution this week, with the prediction of a high state educational official, that another Negro high school will be built in the county.

At present there are two consolidated high schools in the area, one at Parmele and the other at Williamston. The proposed new school would be built at Oak City.

Originally it was believed that because of the small amount of money available, the Parmele school would be built.

However, the official said that an additional sum would be allocated for the construction of the new school, so that the improvement could be made.

The matter of the schools was brought to a head last week when two opposing factions met before the State Board of Education.

One faction representing the parents of Oak City, contended the town should have a high school of its own, instead of being dependent on the school at Parmele.

The proposed new school met principal of the Parmele school, with opposition from W. C. Chance, who argued that the construction of a new school with present funds, would result in the county being cursed with two bad schools instead of blessed with one good school.

Chance said the money could be better spent on making improvements at his school.

The parents who favored the new school, had as their chief complaint, the twelve miles their children are forced to travel every day to the Parmele school. They said

## Gunmen Stage \$16,000 Holdup At Morgan

BALTIMORE, Md. — Four gunmen walked into the library at Morgan State College Monday, scooped up \$16,000 in registration fees and escaped — all in three minutes.

The bandits, all Negroes, entered the building at 5 p. m., just a few minutes after the last student had paid his midterm fee and departed. They held 12 persons at bay and scooped the money into a canvas bag.

James Carter, the college's business manager, said one bandit stood guard at the front door.

The other three hustled into the library wing where a temporary cashier's cage had been set up to collect the registration fees.

The tallest of the three, Carter said, jumped up on the counter of the cage and said, "This is a hold-

## Man Killed As Train Wrecks Auto

BY RAY DANCY

RALEIGH — Before the eyes of his best friend and a horrified group of spectators, a 29-year Raleigh man, Whitfield Mass of 408 Cannon St., was killed instantly Monday afternoon, when a Norfolk southern freight train ploughed into the side of his automobile.

The accident occurred at the railroad crossing on Fayetteville St. about 4:30 Monday when Mass attempted to cross the tracks in front of the speeding train.

Carter said one stopped then and

## Court Again Upholds Conviction Of Senator

Montgomery, Ala. — The Alabama Court of Appeal upheld again yesterday the conviction of Senator Glenn H. Taylor, Democrat of Idaho, on a disorderly conduct charge.

The court issued no opinion. Its ruling was on an application for rehearing, which it denied.

Senator Taylor, then a candidate for vice-president on the ticket with Henry A. Wallace was fined \$50 and sentenced to 180 days in jail after trying to enter a door reserved for Negroes at a Birmingham meeting where he was to speak in 1948.

The ordinance bars employment discrimination on grounds of color, creed or national origin. It will become effective in 49 days. The plan was accepted after more than a year of local experimenting with a voluntary commission. During that period it was discovered that the entire city had much to gain by job equality for all citizens.

## NEW COLUMN STARTS IN THE CAROLINIAN

With this issue The CAROLINIAN begins a new series of columns by James D. Williams. Entitled "One For The Road," the column will appear every week in the pages of this paper.

Mr. Williams will not concern himself with the big issues of the day, rather he will deal with the small items which form such an important slice of life.

The column will run the gamut from comedy to tragedy, and will be designed strictly for entertainment.

## Va. Studies Anti-Bias Bill

Richmond — Bills which would abolish racial segregation on public transportation and establish a State Race Relations Commission, were introduced into the State General Assembly, early this week.

Introducing the bills was Delegate Annistead L. Boothe of Alexandria, who challenged his colleagues in the Legislature to assume a "more positive and less negative attitude on states' rights."

Civil rights legislation, he declared is an affair of the state and not of the Federal Government.

"Let us show that more faith can be placed in the rock of the Legislature in Richmond than in the shifting sands of Washington," Boothe declared.

The bill to establish a race relations commission "will show determination of our Legislature to take hand in the gradual elimination of

such legal inequalities as the constitution of Virginia dictates us to eliminate," he said.

The bill to repeal law requiring segregation on common carriers "is not an entering wedge," he added. "It can be a final act, if you so desire."

For the white race, its effects would be "infinitesimally small," for Negroes "infinitely great," he