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U. S. MARINE CORPS: Pfc. Annie Laurie Grimes, Arlington, Tenn., is the third Negro woman Marine to be stationed at Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, D. C. Attached to the Supply Department, Pfc. Grimes is doing her bit carrying on with administrative work formerly done by men who are now front line troops.

State Girding Own Defense

IT HAPPENED IN CAROLINA

Select Jury

CLINTON — A 150-man special Sampson County venire this week for the trial of a Negro man charged with the assault-murder of a white woman.

John Henry Rogers, a 27-year-old tenant farmer of the area for two years, is charged with the June 15 murder of Mrs. Eunice Sutton Konegay.

Judge Henry L. Stevens of Warsaw is to hear the case and the 48 others on the docket.

Took The Token

WINSTON SALEM — Mrs. Annie McCloud of 1335 North Main Street isn't so certain about not minding somebody breaking into her home as long as they didn't take anything. But when they go around breaking into homes and taking bus tokens, that's just one too many.

So Mrs. McCloud reported that her home had been entered Saturday about 2:45 a. m. and some change, plus that bus token, was missing.

Aint That Mean?

RALEIGH — A local man has been sentenced to serve a 12-month term on the road because he hit a one-legged man who refused to "go in" on a bottle of Shady.

"Shady Lady" of course, is wine, and the man who was sentenced to the term is Dan Speight, accused of hitting Robert Spicer, a one-legged man with a brick hat when Spicer refused to give the Speight money with which to buy wine.

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DALE THOMPSON — drowning victim as he appeared when a smaller child... see story this page...

RALEIGH — North Carolina's smartest lawyers went in huddle this week to set up a defense for the state against suits filed by North Carolina College law students for admission into the University of North Carolina.

Meeting in an all-out strategy-forming conference with State Attorney General Harry McMullan this week were former U. S. Senator William B. Umstead, J. C. E. Brinkhaus, Jr., Henry Brandis, William Sewell, I. E. Lake and Dale E. Stansbury. Together, these men from one of the most formidable batteries of legal talent ever assembled.

Mr. Umstead, former senator, was attorney for the defense in Durham's recent equal schools suit. J. C. E. Brinkhaus is the son of a former North Carolina governor and is considered one of the state's foremost counselors.

Henry Brandis is dean of the law school at the University of North Carolina and the other lawyers are affiliated with the law departments at Wake Forest College and Duke University.

CASE HEARING

It is expected that the case brought by Harold Epps, who this week passed the law examination, and Robert D. Glass, will be presented for hearing before Federal Judge Johnson H. Hayes the last week of this month.

Epps and Glass sued for admission to the University Law School, and were followed in their suit by six other students after the contention that the law school at

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BUILDING FOR SCHOOL COSTS STATE 200 G-S

RALEIGH — The Council of State this week authorized the budget bureau to make plans for replacing the building recently destroyed by fire at the Morrison Training School for Negro Boys at Hoffman at the cost of \$200,000.

The building was destroyed some three weeks ago when fire of an undetermined origin swept through the edifice.

The building was the center of most schools activities, housing administrative offices and other divisions.

ROAD TOLL: 3

Tot, 6, Drowning Victim



32 YEARS — BUT ONLY FOUR MEN — And they say that "Life Begins At Forty". But these gentlemen speak differently. Having behind them countless experiences, and having come through several wars, they still smile with youthful expressions, and look forward to more of them. Seated from left to right are C. E. Lightner, 72; E. Logan, 74; Charlie Winters, 83; and T. S. Brightwell, 83. The occasion was a dinner party given in Mr. Brightwell's honor last Tuesday, August 8 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Brightwell, 324 S. Bloodworth Street. — CAROLINIAN Photo by Veale (Story on page 3)

SON OF BLIND PIANIST DIES IN CREEK BED

Body Of Small Child Found By Brother After Police Fail

WINSTONSALEM — A six-year-old child, son of a blind pianist, drowned in a creek here last week.

On Thursday August 3, Dale Thompson, was reported missing from his home following a heavy rainfall. The lad is son of John Thompson and Mrs. Ruth Thompson, blind pianist and singer of 334 Graham Avenue.

His failure to return home following the downpour was reported to the police who searched a nearby creek for the body. The policemen failed in their search.

FOUND BY BROTHER

On Friday morning, however, John Thompson, Jr., 19-year-old brother of the victim, again made a search of the creek area, finally discovering the dead body of the tiny victim.

FACTS RELATED:

The facts have been related as follows:

Little Dale left the house at about 1:30 to go with his brothers and friends to see a "goat train." During the rain that suddenly arose, they found shelter under a picnic pavilion near Skyland (Continued on page 8, this section)

WILMINGTON IN EFFORT TO BEAT EXPECTED SURGE

WILMINGTON — The City of Wilmington through its Housing Authority began Monday to negotiate options for property on the site of the forthcoming slum clearance housing project for Negroes. The city wishes to complete the building of the project to an expected spurt in population here.

The 250-house unit which will cover four blocks, is to be built between Dawson and Mears and Eighth and Tenth Streets.

Local realtors appointed by the Housing Authority have completed an appraisal of \$201,000 for the property. The tax valuation has been listed at \$53,000.

With the new multi-million dollar dock project underway here, and a possibility of increased shipping and ship-building due to the Korean war, it is expected that an onslaught of persons to Wilmington in search of jobs is in the offing.

The City is constantly cognizant of the fact that it was caught with its guard down during World War II, when the local population more than doubled with the arrival of war industries workers.

CHILD IS A 'FIRST' EVEN IN DEATH

ENFIELD — A six-year-old child has the dubious honor of being a Halifax County "first" even in death.

Little Annie Lois Richardson became the first traffic fatality since May 8 on Tuesday afternoon when she darted in front of an oncoming truck.

The child died of head injuries shortly after being struck by a transfer truck on Highway 301 about two miles north of here.

A coroner's investigation of the incident is now being made, it was reported. Highway Patrolmen W. M. Brown, J. D. Gay and J. W. Reavis investigated the accident.

Mule Bolts; Lad Dies

HIT AND RUN DEATH AMONG STATE TOTAL

WARRENTON — A bolting mule caused the death of a four-year-old child here this week.

The tiny victim is the son of Elhain Rodwell, cotton and tobacco tenant farmer of near here whose mule figured in the fatality.

According to reports, the child was alone Tuesday in a wagon standing on the edge of a cotton field when the mule drawing the wagon suddenly bolted and raced across the field.

The child was thrown from the wagon and killed instantly when a wheel ran over the boy's head after he had fallen from the wagon.

J. K. Pinnell, owner of the farm on which the Rodwells are tenants, witnessed the accident.

Funeral services for the child were being completed at CAROLINIAN presstime.

NEEDOVER MILLION

The Commission reported that in order to grant the increases made legal through 199 Legislature action, a total of over a million dollars would be needed. The surplus funds now on hand that could possibly be used for this purpose.

OFF HIGHWAY

Oscar Bernie Rowe of Acme, Rte. 1, was killed Saturday night when



UNITED NATIONS: The delegates to the Security Council at Lake Success, N. Y., around the council table, meet with Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister Jacob Malik, who had boycotted the meetings since January, when he returned to assume chairmanship of that body. The proceedings have attracted unusual attention in view of the critical Korea situation. Ralph Bunche was among the spectators at this meeting.



TOP AIR FORCE MAN: Colonel Benjamin O. Davis received the permanent rank of full Colonel in the U. S. Army Air Forces this week, making him the highest ranking Negro officer in that branch of service. A native Washingtonian, Colonel Davis is the son of Brigadier General B. O. Davis, Sr., U. S. Army (retired).

BETTY JANE'S FATHER

Mr. Clifton Says He's Not 'Sore'

Grieved Father Fosters No Grudge Against Race

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of exclusive CAROLINIAN articles "I talked with Clyde Brown" giving the human story behind the case of Clyde Brown, 19-year-old Winston-Salem youth charged with assaulting Betty Jane Clifton, a young white girl.)

BY SANDRA EOWEN MASON

WINSTON-SALEM — Your reporter looked forward to the interview with Mr. Clifton, father of Betty Jane, with a resigned feeling of acceptance... of being met by a hostile man filled with bitterness and revenge.

I expected to describe to you a look of savage, unlawful revenge. Your reporter was actually a little bit afraid.

"Are you Mr. Clifton?" I asked. "A pair of mild blue eyes — there was a sadness in them — met mine. A mild, low-toned voice answered: "That's right, I am."

HOLDS NO GRUDGE

After identifying myself, the cooperative Mr. Clifton's first words were:

"It don't make me hold any prejudice against colored people. They have been my best friends and still are. They have said all things that should be done, but I have said 'Let the law handle him.'"

"I have been told to swear out a warrant for him, but I'm not. The city is handling everything."

WISH IT HAD BEEN A WHITE MAN, then there would not be so much tension and other white people would not hold a grudge.

IDIOT DID IT

Then, thoughtfully, Mr. Clifton added: "You see, a Negro did not hurt my daughter — it was an idiot and you find them in every race. There are bad type people in both the colored and the white races."

According to Mr. Clifton — and this is Mr. Clifton's story — and in no way is meant to depict the opinions of his reporter nor the newspaper.

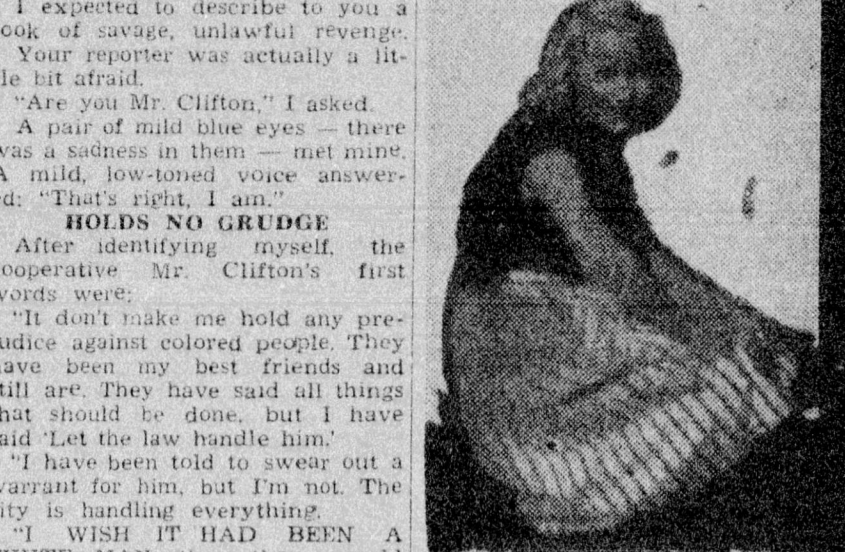
Repeated: According to Mr. Clifton, Brown had been to the radio shop on seven or eight occasions when Mrs. Ziegler, Mr. Clifton's sister, worked there. Often he had asked her to buy the rifle and to play a radio for him.

Mrs. Ziegler quit work due to approval of motherhood and Betty Jane began working there after school.

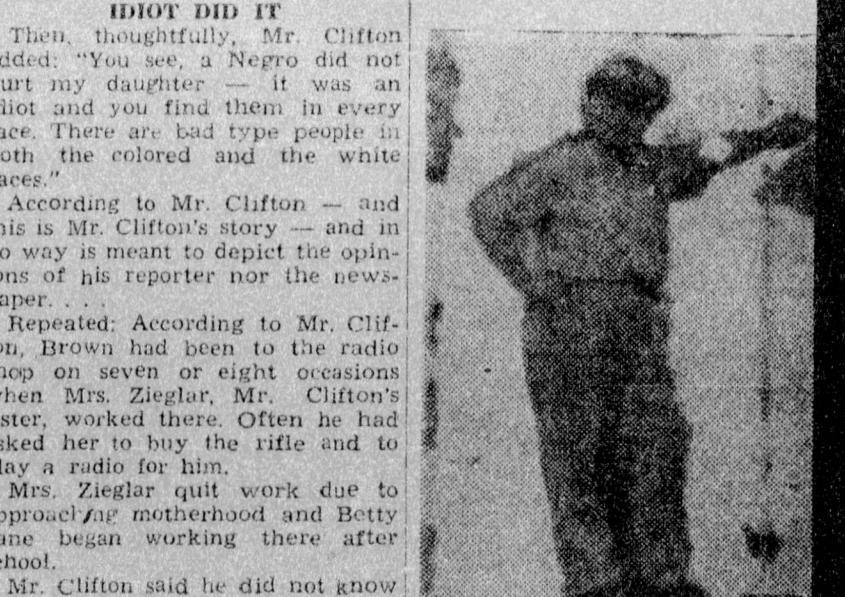
Mr. Clifton said he did not know Brown.

BROWN NOT BEATEN

"And tell people, Mr. Clifton asked "that Brown was not beaten as people say he was. I have not seen



BETTY JANE CLIFTON — victim of 'ill'



MR. CLIFTON — harbors no grudge