

# Soldier And Mother Of 9 Take Own Lives

## LOSS OF U. N. C. SUIT NOT TO END EFFORTS

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### Lending A Helping Hand In Korea



WOUNDED NAVY MEDIC: Melvin Hogan, Hospital Corpsman third class, USN, of Worcester, Mass., (with casualty tag about neck) is helped from a jeep ambulance by fellow corpsmen of the Fleet Marine Force at a forward aid station in the sniper-infested city of Inchon, Korea.

## Winston-Salem Alderman Vote Resolution To Employ Firemen

## Court Dooms Speller

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Felix Speller, who was convicted in 1947, in Beaufort County, N. C., for criminal assault, has twice been granted new trials by the North Carolina Supreme Court. In a third hearing before North Carolina's highest tribunal, the decision of a lower court, which decreed death for Speller in the NC execution chamber, was upheld.

**JURIES QUESTIONED**  
Speller, through his counsel, Attorney Herman Taylor of Raleigh, had contended that "systematic and arbitrary" exclusion of Negroes from juries in Vance County, N. C., where the crime was committed, had resulted in denial of a fair trial.

Counsel for Speller had been successful in asking a change of venue in the offset of the case, but found condition deemed similar following the change. No new date has been set for Speller's execution.

### IT HAPPENED IN CAROLINA

#### Child, 4, Killed

RALEIGH—A 4-year-old child was killed here Saturday when she was pinned between a car door and the side of a building. Announced dead on arrival at St. Agnes Hospital was little Alice Marie Freeman, daughter of Mrs. Sallie Lee Freeman of Route 6, Raleigh, whose head was crushed against the side of a building when the door of a car driven by Johnny King, 35, of Wilder's Grove, flew open. King, who had been visiting the child's mother, stated that he had begun to move off when the incident occurred. The Wake County coroner ruled the death result of an unavoidable accident.

#### Strong Man Nabbed

RALEIGH—Because he thought the policemen who were making a routine check on a residence were searching for him, Clarence "Strong Man" Jeter, 29, is back in jail. Jeter, who earned the name "Strong Man" by breaking (Continued on page 8, this section)



PRESIDENT TRUMAN GREETED DUKE: President Truman compares musical notes with the noted band leader Duke Ellington when he called at the White House. The original score of parts of the "Fantasy of New York Suite" which he wrote under commission from Arturo Toscanini, was presented to the Chief Executive during their meeting.

## Senator Graham Wants No "Write-ins In November"

### APPLICATION OF GOLDEN RULE MAKES HIM GAY

MOUNT AIRY—Lots of people around town here may be happy this week, but by far the happiest one is Richard Dobson, an employee of the local North Carolina Granite Company. Dobson has two reasons to be happy. First, he's in a gay mood because \$308 he had long ago given up as lost has been returned to him and secondly because—being a rather religious person himself—he believes that somewhere there's a man who has found joy in living according to the Golden Rule.

This story began some four years ago when Mr. Dobson, hurriedly changing clothes at the shop, saw a wad of his money containing \$308 fall to the floor. In his hurry, he forgot to retrieve the money immediately and on returning to do so later found it gone. It was then that he gave the money up for lost. But this week, another chapter was written to the story when a letter addressed to Mr. Dobson arrived at the Granite Company.

RALEIGH—Senator Frank P. Graham, who was defeated in recent Democratic Primary voting by Willis Smith, Raleigh attorney for the U. S. Senate post, has stated emphatically that he does not favor a "write-in" campaign for him during the November voting, and that he will ask his supporters to support the entire Democratic ticket.

Suggestion that a "write-in" campaign be launched for Dr. Graham was first made by a man identified as an ex-Communist, Fred Beal, who recently addressed a labor meet in Durham. In throwing cold water on the "write-in" idea, Senator Graham stated "I am supporting the entire Democratic ticket and am asking all my friends to do the same." It has been pointed out that a (Continued on page 8, this section)

### OXFORD WOMAN LOSES \$200 TO FLIM-FLAMMERS

OXFORD—A 56-year-old farm wife of near here has the dubious honor of being the first victim of flim-flammers in the area in several years.

Mrs. Ola Ragland is \$200 poorer after having fallen for the old confidence trick of putting up money to show good faith. Mrs. Ragland told Police Chief J. L. Cash that she gave that amount to a strange woman (Continued on page 8, this section)

### TWIN CITY FIRST CITY TO ACT ON HIRING NEGROES

#### Mayor's Vote Breaks Deadlock In Vote On Firemen Proposal

WINSTON SALEM—The "pro" vote of Winston-Salem's Mayor Marshall Kurfess broke a 4 to 4 Board of Aldermen tie vote here Monday night and set in motion the operation which will cause Winston-Salem to be the first city in North Carolina to employ Negro firemen.

The Board authorized a resolution during its Monday night meeting to hire the Negro firemen and included a stipulation in it resolution that the firemen will be included when the program in which is put into operation "it shall be undertaken in gradual stages so that Negro firemen employed shall be properly trained."

The resolution adopted by the Board gives no indication to when the colored firemen will be employed, nor does it reveal just posts and where they will be how many men will be given stationed.

It is generally conceded, however, that they will possibly be (Continued on page 8)

### YOUNG SOLDIER, MOTHER OF NINE COMMIT SUICIDE

#### Despondent Mother Is Suicide On Account Of Lingering Illness

DURHAM—"Despondency" was listed as the cause of two suicides here during this past week as a 19-year-old soldier and a woman, the mother of nine children took their lives.

The youthful GI is Private Jas. T. Etison, Jr. of Durham, Route 6, who shot and killed himself in the driveway of a relatives home in the Fence Row sector early Tuesday morning. Sheriff E. G. Belvin, investigating the death, said it was a clear case of suicide and that young Etison had left a note for relatives indicating his worry over his alleged infraction of military regulations.

The young soldier, who was home on leave from his station at Fort Bragg, according to intimates, had given no indication of his planned deed during the day, and had seemed "the same as (Continued on page 8)

## US Supreme Court Hearing To Be Sought In UNC Suit

### MAN, 46, HELD ON CHARGES OF SMALL GIRL, 12

HALIFAX—A 46-year-old white resident of near here is being held without bond by local police officers on charges of criminally assaulting a 12-year-old colored school girl.

According to local officials, Norman Pope of near Scotland Neck is being held in jail here until a magistrate's hearing is stated for him and investigation made into the report of 12-year-old Aline Pope, who charged that the man tied a rope around her neck, raped her and threatened to kill her if she told.

The attack is alleged to have occurred last Wednesday as the girl walked home from a county school near Scotland Neck.

The child said that she was afraid to tell what happened for four days. She became sick Wednesday.

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DURHAM—Indication that the decision in favor of the State of North Carolina in the recent suit filed by Negro students seeking admission to the University of North Carolina Law School tended to launch a fight instead of half one was given here this week by representatives of counsel for the plaintiffs in the action.

Attorney Conrad Pearson spoke for counsel for the four North Carolina College students who had sought admission to the UNC Law School only to be rebuffed by a decision handed down by Federal Judge Johnston J. Hayes. Attorney Pearson gave indication that efforts are now underway to advance the case to hearing before the United States Supreme Court.

In his decision filed at Greensboro, Monday, Judge Hayes, who heard the week-long trial here, ruled the facilities at the Law School at North Carolina College equal to those at the University and stated that he could not therefore demand the UNC school to admit Negro students.

The Federal District Court which heard the case here was the final court of resort before hearing by the nation's highest tribunal. (Continued on page 8)

### U. N. C. DECISION HIGHLY LAUDED DOWN IN GEORGIA

ATLANTA, Ga.—Heartiest approval of the ruling against Negro students entering the University of North Carolina have been sounded here.

Federal Judge Johnston J. Hayes ruling Monday that North Carolina offers Negro students equal educational facilities and that he would not order the University of North Carolina to admit them, has been hailed by Georgia Attorney General Eugene Cook. Inquiring that the North Carolina decision would have some bearing on a suit here in which 20,000 Negro children are demanding admittance to white schools, the Attorney General said:

"... the attempts of the plaintiffs to strike segregation in education in its entirety is cut off. That being if the North Carolina decision is upheld.

## N. C. College Confab Will Discuss Court Decisions

### AID IS SOUGHT FOR VICTIMS OF N. C. TORNADO

WHITEVILLE—Efforts are underway this week end to aid residents of the tornado-stricken Old Dock Community, with the American Red Cross and the Columbus County Board of Commissioners already giving aid to those families suffering losses.

Additional aid from private and public agencies is also being sought to help alleviate the difficulties arising from the emergency situation created by the tornado which ripped through the area Monday causing some 100,000 damages.

DURHAM—The North Carolina Negro College Conference, which will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, November 15 at Fayetteville State Teachers College, will discuss recent court decisions and some of their implications as relative to education in the state, it was revealed here this week.

Dean A. E. Manley of the North Carolina College here, and president of the state organization in announcing formulation of plans for the annual meet stated that the general theme of this year's session will be "The Recent Court Decisions and Their Implications for Regional Education and Higher Education in North Carolina."

Scheduled as principal speakers are Dr. William McGlothlin, associate director of the Board of Control for Southern Regional Education, Atlanta, and State Attorney General McMillan, who is to (Continued on page 8)

### OLDEST CITIZEN OF ALAMANCE IS DEAD AT 120

BURLINGTON—A woman whose fate was decided by the drawing of straws died near here this week knowing that she was the oldest resident of the county.

Dead at 120 years of age was Mrs. Louise "Aunt Lou" Thompson, an ex-slave and resident near Haw River.

Mrs. Thompson, whose knowledge of pre-Civil War days was always termed "extraordinary in this area," has revealed that she was born on April 1, 1830, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie and Lettie Thompson, slaves. She revealed prior to her death that as a slave she was the property of one Hunter Thompson who was given title to her by her and his brother, John, who straws to see who would assume ownership of slaves on the Thompson estate.

Mrs. Thompson has further recounted years of servitude as household slave in the Mebane area during the Civil War. She said that her mistress once was obliged to serve Union Army soldiers passing through the area. Following the war, Mrs. Thompson revealed, she remained in the employ of her former owners (Continued on page 8)

## Minister Murders Wife, Kills Self

By J. B. HARREN

WILLIAMSTON—This unusually peaceful Martin County town, site of the recent murder of a nurse by a young physician and the subsequent suicide of that young physician, again became the site of a murder-suicide when on September 28, the Rev. James Max Bond, 48, shot and killed his estranged wife and then turned a pistol on himself, taking his own life.

The details of this most recent life-taking were revealed here only this week.

According to reports, Rev. Mr. Bond, brooding over the loss of the affection of his wife and worried over a wartime Navy Yard injury, approached his victim on the Main Street of the town to commit his deed.

**WELL PLANNED ACT**  
The 46-year-old Disciples minister is said to have planned his act well, having made bequests to relatives some few days before the murdersuicide.

On September 28, Mrs. Bond was returning to work following the noon-time lunch hour when her husband emerged from a house on Main Street and began firing at her with a .38 calibre pistol.

With five bullet wounds bleeding profusely, Mrs. Bond ran a short distance and fell to the pavement dead.

Her estranged spouse reloaded his pistol and fired once more into her prostrate body. He then lay down beside her and turned the pistol on himself, firing a bullet into his heart. Both were dead when witnesses arrived on the scene.

The victim is the former Miss Ethel Woolard and had been wife of the minister for five years. Rev. Mr. Bond had pastored churches in Windsor and Hamilton, N. C., and had once cooperated with the writer in the organizations of civic groups in Martin County. The deaths were ruled murder and suicide.