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EXECUTION STAY GRANTED BROWN

RALEIGH — Clyde Brown, 20-year-old Winston-Salem youth, will not die February 23 as decreed by the North Carolina Supreme Court. This fact was ascertained this week by attorneys for the youth whose appeal of an assault guilty verdict was denied last week when the attorneys were granted a writ of habeas corpus.



NAACP ATTORNEY — Attorney Conrad O. Pearson of Durham last week was named acting chairman of the legal address committee of the North Carolina branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Attorney Pearson succeeds the late Attorney Jesse Bowser of Charlotte in the post.

MYSTERIES MARK PROBE OF DEATH OF SCHOOLGIRL



TEACHER RECALLS TRAGEDY — Mrs. Gila Harris, teacher of the third grade at Lucille Hunter School, Raleigh, points to the hole made by the bullet which winged its way into her classroom last Thursday afternoon and killed 9-year-old Delores Martin, a student. In recounting the tragedy, Mrs. Harris revealed that she heard a tinkle of falling glass and saw the child slump mortally wounded onto her desk. Little Ann Delores was listening to music with some 40 other pupils in the class when the tragedy occurred. (See Story This Page)

Hearing Set on Twin City YMCA Project

WINSTON-SALEM — It was revealed this week that a hearing had been granted in Washington on the proposed new half-million dollar Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. facility here for Negroes.

The hearing, granted by the National Foundation Authority, is to determine whether construction of the edifice is to be allowed. Announcement that a personal hearing will be granted advocates of the new structure was made during the annual meeting of the Peterson Avenue YMCA Sunday by Charles B. Wade, president of the organization.

MAN WITH HOLE IN HEAD LIVES, TALKS

NEW BERN — Despite the fact that he has a hole in his head, William Murrell, 37, is able to talk, and — obviously — is not dead. Murrell, seated the hole in his head when a bullet traced a path through the top of his scalp and came out his throat. Accused of firing the bullet (Continued on page 8, this section)

LEGAL ACTION OF NAACP HINDERED BY SHORT FUNDS

Apathetic Public Seen As Hindrance; Group Will Seek Support

RALEIGH — A glaring indictment of the state's million Negro citizens was sounded here last Friday when the laxness of support of the state's civil rights fight being waged by the NAACP was made known. Information concerning the laxness of support of the program was divulged during a meeting of directors and officers of local NAACP branches with the state president and other state officers of the Association. The meeting held at the headquarters of the N. C. Teachers Association was attended by officials of branches throughout the state and was presided over by state president, Kelly Alexander. According to state treasurer N. L. Gregg of Greensboro, funds necessary must be forthcoming with expedition if successful conclusion is made of the many civil rights cases being waged by the NAACP and are now pending. In his report, Mr. Gregg noted that the litigation of the suit being waged by North Carolina College Law School students seeking admission to the law faculty at the University of North Carolina has already cost more than \$4,000. Of that amount, hardly \$2,000 had been forthcoming when the treasurer's report was being written less than two months ago. In other cases in which the NAACP has played a leading role, the story is the same, the treasurer's report shows. These cases include three local school discrimination cases as well as other civil rights actions.



VALENTINE PIN-UPS AT NCC — The G.I.'s in Korea and wherever American fighting men are located in hospitals throughout the world come Valentine Greetings from these two vivacious senior coeds of the North Carolina College at Durham. Attractive Nettie Ingram, left, a native of Hamlet, N. C., was recently voted "Queen of the Spunk" pledge club of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Capital

Drive For 1st Hospital On In Rocky Mt.

DISCRIMINATION CHARGE DENIED

GREENSBORO — The school board of Chapel Hill has summarily denied that racial discrimination is practiced in schools in that town. The board was called in District Court here this week as the board's answer to a suit brought in Chapel Hill against a Negro public school student. (Continued on page 8, this section)



FUGITIVE IN TROUBLE — James Lewis, 35, fugitive from an NC prison camp, was captured by the Bronx, N.Y., last week and charged with the murder of his step-daughter. The escapee is charged with stuffing the body of his 9-year-old victim into the furnace of the Bronx building at which he was a janitor. Lewis escaped in 1948.

Complexities Beset Officers Probing Schoolroom Tragedy

Our Responsibility

AN EDITORIAL
AGAIN WE CALL attention to the lack of interest in public school affairs by the general public. Too many of us are unaware that public schools are our schools, and that we should be more concerned about their operation than about OUR CHILDREN, OUR TEACHERS, OUR PRINCIPALS, OUR SCHOOL BUILDINGS. And, until we view the schools and their students, teachers, and principals as our responsibilities the fullest use of the school and its personnel cannot contribute the most to OUR community. Many of us say the white people run the schools. This is a fact in many communities, and it will always be true unless we are concerned and willing to aid those who are

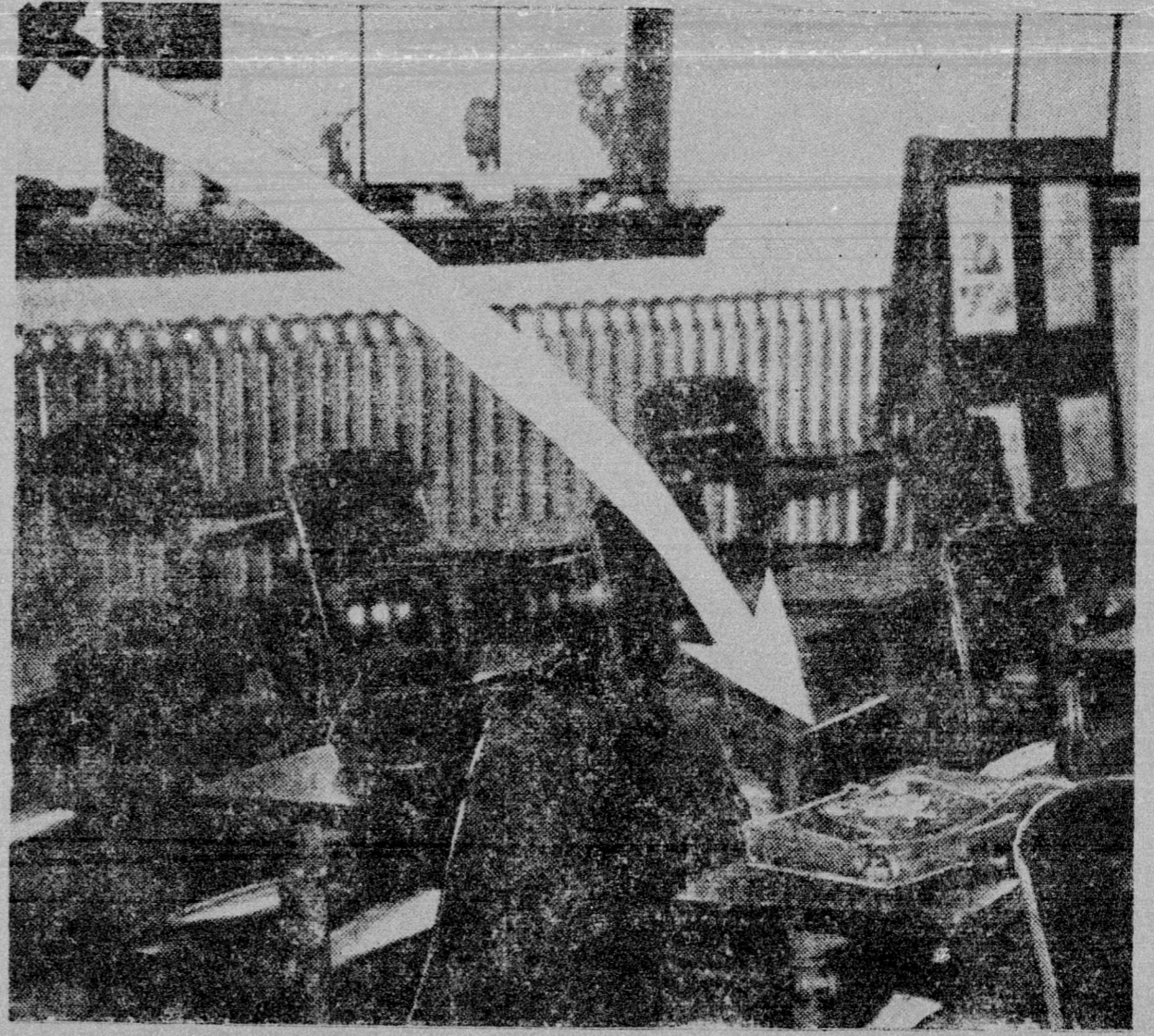
Raleigh — A fight between two brothers, a stolen P. 38 pistol, legal technicalities, and a probable charge and a once-in-a-lifetime chance in projectile velocity all figure in the mystery which now shrouds the death of a 9-year-old school girl her last week.

Victim in the conglomeration of complexities is Delores Ann Martin, daughter of Mrs. Lydia Martin of 325 East Hargett Street. The young child met a bullet in the hands of her unknown or otherwise while sitting in a classroom at Lucille Hunter Elementary School. Listening to recordings with other pupils last Thursday afternoon



ANN DELORES and the slump of the child's body announced the advent of tragedy. Mrs. Harris, in relating the incident, stated "When it first happened, I thought someone had thrown a rock in the window. A child screamed 'Look!' She never fell out of the seat, she just sat there." The child was immediately removed to Saint Agnes Hospital where she was pronounced dead on arrival. Officers investigating the tragedy found a hole slightly larger than the size of a .38 calibre slug covered in the room in the lower portion of the bottom pane of the left center window. The slug, which pierced the window and a chain lowered to cut out the brightness of a sunny day, obviously had taken a downward course from its point of entry, piercing the skull of the tiny victim who was seated five seats from the rear of the room in what could be considered the center row of seats.

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FATHER FIRES AT PROWLER; KILLS HIS SON

DURHAM — A 24-year-old man who insisted on visiting the home he had been forbidden to return to by court order was killed here early last Sunday morning by a bullet fired from a gun wielded by the man's 52-year-old father. Dead in the early Sabbath tragedy is Joseph Whitley, who was shot and killed by the father, Ernest Whitley when the younger man attempted to climb into a window in the Whitley home on Fayetteville Street here.

According to Sheriff E. G. Bell of Durham County, young Whitley was shot once above the right eye as he attempted to crawl into the window of a room he had occupied at the Whitley home until recent trouble resulted in his being barred from the house by court order. The elder Whitley told investigating officers that he had on three occasions Saturday night ordered his son away from the house, only to have him return each time. Shortly after midnight the elder

THE PATH OF DEATH — The arrow in the above photo shows the path taken by the bullet which killed 9-year-old Ann Delores Martin in a classroom at Lucille Hunter School, Raleigh, last Thursday. The book-bag shown belonged to the tiny victim, whose coat is also pictured. The child was sitting at the desk listening to recordings with other third grade students when, following the audible tinkle of breaking glass, she toppled backward in the seat, her neck pierced. (CAROLINIAN Photos by Bill Vestal)

IT HAPPENED IN CAROLINA

AMBASSADOR HONORED
CHARLOTTE — A singular honor was bestowed upon a distinguished Johnson C. Smith University alumnus here Monday when Edward R. Dudley, Ambassador to Liberia and graduate of Smith, (Continued on page 8)

Negro Representation On All N. C. Divisions Asked

RALEIGH — A request that Negroes be given representation on all State boards, commissions and committees was voiced before a Legislature group here this week by a North Carolina College at Durham professor. Making an impassioned appeal for a degree of representation for the race on the State's units was Dr. James B. Taylor, professor of psychology, who speaks as a representative of the North Carolina Teachers' Association. Speaking before the Joint Appropriations Committee on issues pertinent to the legislative program of the Teachers' Association, Dr. Taylor said: "We know that this request should probably be stated elsewhere but since there are representatives here from both houses, our committee takes this opportunity to lay before you our request that the Legislature this year adopt a resolution to the effect that Negroes be given representation on all State boards, commissions, and committees whose functions and duties are to administer to the needs and welfare of the people of North Carolina." Besides making this unprecedented request, Prof. Taylor also created a stir in the Committee meeting by charging that the North Carolina Teachers' Association, representing more than 7,000 Negro teachers in the State, has not had opportunity to present its proposals to the State Board of Education and the United Forces for Education. Stressed by Dr. Taylor were the legislative aims of the Teachers' group which include requests for: 1. Increased support to the colleges in the State, particularly to the Negro colleges so that the salary schedules may be increased and "facilities be made more nearly equal." 2. Continuation of the \$5,000,000 and "more for the school building program." An additional request voiced by the teacher spokesman pertinent to the establishment of an institution for feeble-minded Negro children has already been acted upon by a Legislative group, which authorized the construction of such a facility at Goldsboro. It has been noted however that the Goldsboro facility now under construction does not meet the requirements as envisioned by the Teachers' Association nor by other similarly situated groups throughout the State.



RALEIGH MEDIC HONORED — A singular honor was recently bestowed upon a Raleigh physician when members of the Raleigh Dental, Medical and Pharmaceutical Society presented Dr. C. L. Hunt a traveling bag on occasion of his being called for service in the Armed Forces. Above, Dr. Hunt is pictured accepting the gift from the society. Pictured, left to right, are Dr. M. L. Watts, Dr. Hunt, Dr. Nelson Perry, Dr. W. B. Pettiford, president of the Scruggs Medical Society and Dr. J. Thomas Hamlin making the presentation.