

# RALEIGH SEES NO HOSPITAL RELIEF

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# Sister Gary Ponders Council Offering; Is Widely Favored

# Pupils Escape Death

# Miracle Drug Patient Is "Deeply Grateful"

# WOMAN PASTOR IS CONSIDERED A LEAD CHOICE

Support Promised By Raleigh Groups If Post Is Offered For

RALEIGH — Tremendous reaction following the candidacy of the Rev. Mabel J. "Sister" Gary for the Raleigh City Council came from all quarters of the city following an announcement in last week's issue of the CAROLINIAN regarding "Sister Gary Will Run For Council If Public Demands."

However, though barraged with telephone calls and personal contacts urging her to run, Rev. Gary has not, at this week's press-time, decided to offer for a seat on the council.

**POPULAR CHOICE** — A cross-section of the local population, along with interested observers in all portions of the nation have, through various means, endorsed the pastor of the local First AME Zion Church and popular radio evangelist as a formidable and popular choice for the candidacy.

Public opinion now is that this respect and show of popularity will cause Rev. Gary to squeeze another public cause into her already replete schedule.

**STRONGLY FAVORED** — Persons in all walks of life ranging from the man on the street to the most acute personality of the professions have revealed that Rev. Gary meets with strong favor and her acceptance of the faith bestowed upon her by her colleagues and fellow townsmen is being enthusiastically longed for.

**SUPPORT OFFERED** — With filing and registration still some time off, financial and other support has been proffered voluminously and with anxiety. Many organizations have revealed a desire to aid her in any manner and to work diligently for her election.

On a telephone call from Dr. C. (Continued on page 8, this section)



MRS. ADA ELLIS... "thankful"

By A STAFF WRITER

RALEIGH — A valiant effort to fight back tears was made by Mrs. Ada Ellis, Raleigh's "Miracle Drug" patient, as she told this reporter last Thursday: "Tell them all I'm grateful... ever so grateful."

Mrs. Ellis referred to the numerous citizens of Raleigh and vicinity who unflinchingly gave of their funds and possessions to give her a new lease on life in the form of a "miracle drug," cortisone.

Some two weeks ago, THE CAROLINIAN and other local institutions were advised that Mrs. Ellis, mother of three children and then a patient at Saint Agnes Hospital, would die if she were deprived of cortisone, a drug prohibitively in cost, yet miraculous in effect.

Victim of a dread and rare skin disorder, Mrs. Ellis had for four years undergone highly expensive treatments, being admitted to the local hospital shortly before the end for aid was issued.

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ON FROTHERHOOD — Shown above are participants in a recent Brotherhood Week program staged at the Bethlehem Center of Charlotte, N. C. The occasion, a tenth anniversary tea, proved to be a great success. Shown are, left to right, Mrs. J. W. Payne, Cherryville, N. C.; Mrs. L. E. Brown, president of the Center; Mrs. Hardy Liston, wife of J. C. Smith University and president of the Methodist Church and Center; Mrs. Cicero Grooms, Social Christian Relations secretary of Greensboro, N. C.; and Mrs. Willie Mae Porter, a member of the advisory board of the Center.



# Wilmingtonians Say New Hanover Practices Jimcero

Dr. Hubert Eaton Files Charges For Parents; Hearing To Be Set

By T. C. JERRY, Editor Wilmington JOURNAL and staff writer CAROLINIAN, Newspaper Network

WILMINGTON — Twelve New Hanover County parents this week brought suit against New Hanover County's Board of Education and the State Board of Education, charging discriminations in the school system here between white and Negro students.

The suit was filed Monday morning with the Eastern District Federal Court and asks for "equal facilities for Negro students in the public schools of the county."

Dr. Hubert A. Eaton, prominent physician and surgeon and nationally-known tennis player, brought the action for the plaintiffs, including himself, Attorney Robert R. Bond, Wilmington's lone Negro barrister, attended to the legal details. Associated with Bond are Martin A. Martin and Oliver Hill, former members of the Richmond, Virginia city council. Both are of the Richmond law firm of Martin Hill, and Robinson. They have won six straight victories in similar cases, the latest having been in Durham.

United States Deputy Clerk J. Douglas Taylor received the papers which stated that the county and the state boards of education have "discriminated against Negroes by not providing equal facilities for Negro children as are provided for white children."

The papers claim that all of this is in violation of the constitution of North Carolina, article 9, section 2, under which it is provided that the state "shall provide by taxation and otherwise for a general and uniform system of public schools for all children of the state, and there shall be no discrimination in favor of or to the prejudice of either race."

**DATE TO BE SET** — The papers will be sent to Raleigh for service on State Treasurer Brandon Hodges, Lloyd G. Pat Taylor, and others and W. B. Beam, deputy marshal for the Western district will serve the papers

**A SUIT IS FILED IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY**—The most aggressive action on the part of Negro citizens of this eastern county in 50 years took place on Monday morning, when Dr. Hubert A. Eaton, prominent physician and surgeon, representing 12 parents, filed suit in eastern Federal Court against the local board of education and the state board of education, claiming discrimination in the County School system surrounding Wilmington.

A hearing on the matter for a date in the near future will be set.

**MAN, 32, DEAD IN WEEKEND FIRE AT LABORERS' CAMP**

Hendersonville Camp Is Site of 3rd Death During 18 Months

HENDERSONVILLE — Hendersonville infamous "Death Camp" was again another victim, with fire again being the vehicle of death.

Dead of injuries sustained in a fire which swept through the transient labor camp near the city limits here last weekend is Robert Lambert, about 32, who failed in attempts to escape the building when the flames began to spread.

According to local coroner Dr. R. A. Porter, Lambert was fatally burned and another man, T. McDonald, was seriously injured when a Saturday afternoon fire swept through the labor camp located on Ray Street here just outside the city limits.

**CHILDREN DIED** — It was noted that a fire, of mysterious origin just as the one on Saturday was revealed to be claimed the lives of two small Negro children in the same camp burning some 18 months ago.

The camp, operated by a truck grove and shipping concern, is used by laborers for the firm and their families. Composed of frame shacks, the camp possesses a fire hazard because of its location, outside the local limits.

The building in which death claimed Lambert and his 2 youth full wife this previous is a long wooden affair, divided into quarters for its inhabitants.

When efforts to locate Lambert's relatives proved unsuccessful this week, the body was interred in a local cemetery.



**PLAINTIFF** — Above is James Edwin Thomas, native of Wilmington, who has entered suit against the University of N. C., charging discrimination against Negro students wishing to pursue medical education. North Carolina has no medical school for colored people. Thomas, a brilliant student at Shaw University and Cornell University, white, is a third-year medical student at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.

# BOY 13, KILLS SELF; NEARLY BLOWS HEAD OFF

HIGH POINT — The shotgun death of a 13-year-old youth here this week has been ruled "accidental" by county authorities.

According to Guilford County Sheriff's Department reports, the death of Rufus Wilber Williams, Jr. of Route 1, High Point, was caused by an accidentally self-inflicted shotgun blast wound which blew a portion of the boy's head off.

Rufus, who was left to care for his 11-year-old brother, John, while the youths' parents were visiting a Greensboro hospital, allegedly took the older Williams' shotgun to "keep anybody from messing round."

As the 13-year-old youth looked down the barrel of the weapon, the younger boy said, the gun discharged. Half of the youth's head was missing following the blast.

Funeral services were held early this week.

KINGTON — Forty-one Lenoir County school pupils escaped death, and miraculously, none were injured when a bus on which they were riding collided with an automobile driven by a school teacher near here early Monday morning.

The bus, loaded with students on their way to La Grange School, ploughed into the car being driven by Mrs. Sylvia Alberta Gregory, who teaches at Snow Hill about 7 1/2 miles.

According to Moses Russell, driver of the bus, the collision occurred when the bus resumed travel after stopping at a Dawson's Crossroads near the La Grange school.

The school teacher's car was forced off the highway by the crash, with some \$250 damages being sustained. Damage to the bus was negligible.

# HOSPITAL GROUP HAS 'PLANS'; ALL SEEM ILLOGICAL

Improbable Manners In Which To Handle Problems Voiced

RALEIGH — That Wake County's 40,000 Negro citizens must — for a time, possibly a long one — be subjected to hospitalization conditions termed below substandard was indicated here again this week.

In a Wednesday conference between representatives of the local Ministerial Alliance and members of the Board of Directors of St. Agnes Hospital, Wake's only Negro facility, it was found that plans projected by the board will for an indefinite period stymie action on a badly-needed publicly financed hospital institution here.

The four-man committee representing the Ministers group and including the Revs. P. H. Johnson, R. O. Bass, J. W. Jones and E. C. Lawrence was told by hospital board chairman R. C. Hoffman and member Grimes Williams that while the present Saint Agnes board is contemplating drastic efforts to alleviate present conditions at the institution, other related circumstances must be rectified pending any concerted activity.

During the conference, members (Continued on page 8, this section)