

UNC Law School Decision Reversed

TwinCity Man May Be First To Enter UNC

WINSTON-SALEM — If the University of North Carolina board of trustees divided next week to open the institution's medical school to all races, the first Negro to benefit from the ruling may be a Winston-Salem father of three.

He is Edward O. Diggs 2531 Kirkwood Street, a former school teacher who expects to complete his pre-medical studies at A. and T. College in June. He filed an application for admission to the UNC medical school last fall.

It was learned last week that the trustees may consider the application when it meets in Raleigh next Tuesday to consider their executive committee's recommendation that the school be opened to Negroes.

Mr. Diggs, who has qualified for admission to the school, said here on Sunday that he planned to press his application.

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FIRE KILLS FOUR

Firebug, 15, Caught; Tells All

FEDERAL APPEALS COURT SAYS NEGROES MUST ATTEND SCHOOL

Despite US Court's Decision State Leaders Would Retain Jimcrow

RICHMOND, Va. — A decision handed down by a Federal District Court here this week giving Negroes rights to attend the Law School at the University of North Carolina will face serious competition before it becomes law.

Even though the Federal trial judge ruled in the decision of a District Court judge who ruled that the law schools at the University and at North Carolina College, Durham, were equal, moves are under-

way to yet deprive the Negro citizen of his court-honored rights within the state of North Carolina.

DECISION FAVORABLE
A three-judge Circuit Court of Appeals ruled here Tuesday that the state-supported institution at Chapel Hill must admit Negroes in accordance with the U. S. Supreme Court ruling in the Sweatt case in which the state of Texas was ordered to admit qualified Negro students.

In a previous decision in the suit in which North Carolina College Law students sought admission to the University facility, Judge Johnson J. Hayes ruled that Negro students were not liable to such admissions because of the existence of the facility at Durham which he termed "substantially equal."

The Appeals Court, however, failed to agree with the Hayes decision, and in its decision said in part:

"It is a definite handicap to the Negro students to confine his association in the law school to people of his own class."

The decision infers that the state of North Carolina has not met its legal requirement by setting up the makeshift Durham school.

The Court ruled, "We must give first place to the rights of the individual citizen and when and where he seeks only equality of treatment before the law, his suit must prevail."

UNC WOULD APPEAL
Despite implications of the decision, and in view of the fact that other Southern states have failed to effect appeals before the high tribunal, the University of North Carolina, through its president, Gordon Gray, has given notice that it is not satisfied with the decision and will seek redress.

President Gray announced from Chapel Hill that he will seek to enjoin the Board of Trustees of the University to appeal the decision. In a prepared statement, the University head said in part:

"In view of our conviction that the State of North Carolina has, in complete good faith, attempted for more than a decade to provide equal legal educational opportunities for our Negro citizens at the North Carolina College in Durham, Gray announced in a statement, 'I will strongly urge the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina to request the U. S. Supreme Court to review the decision of the Court of Appeals reversing the District Court.'"

The University Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet April 4.

PARADOXICAL
Mr. Gray's attitude has been viewed as "paradoxical" in view of the recent announcement by the board's executive committee that admission of qualified Negroes (Continued on page 8, this section)

Attorney Herman L. Taylor Will Enter Raleigh City Council Race

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37-YEAR-OLD YOUNG

ASHEVILLE — A local resident, who received freedom from slavery at the tender age of ten, marked her 97th birthday here this week recalling the past.

Mrs. Roxanna Linberger, who lives with her children here, says that she is hale and hearty despite her advanced age. She points out, however, that she can't hear as well as she once did.

FAMILY AFFAIR

MEMPHIS — A 24-year-old resident of near here is being held for trial on charges growing out of the shotgun killing of his 15-year-old cousin.

Scheduled to receive preliminary hearing Friday in the slaying of Jeff Bullock, Jr., Easter Sunday is Gilbert Bullock. The two, according to reports, engaged in an argument, parted, and then met again to argue. During the second argument the fatality occurred.

The two men live in the Drevy section. The younger man died in a local hospital shortly after being admitted.

DEAD TO DO IT

CHARLOTTE — Whether he plans to return from the dead could not be learned, but Effers Polk, (Continued on page 8, this section)



WILL SLEEK POST — Attorney Herman L. Taylor this week announced that he will offer as a candidate for a seat on the Raleigh City Council during the approaching city elections. Attorney Taylor is noted as an advocate of civil rights. (See Story This Page).

LAST RITES ARE HELD FOR MRS. MAMIE LIGHTNER

RALEIGH — Impressive final rites were held from the First Congregational Church here Sunday for Mrs. Mamie B. Lightner, wife of the noted Raleigh mortician and businessman, C. E. Lightner, Sr. Officiating at the services was the Rev. C. A. Kearney, pastor of Davis Street Presbyterian Church. (Continued on page 8, this section)

NOTED ATTORNEY WILL OFFER FOR MUNICIPAL POST

Council Aspirant Is Well Suited For Post; Was Former Teacher

RALEIGH — Herman L. Taylor, well-known local attorney, this week announced that he will offer as candidate for a seat on the Raleigh City Council. The announcement was made following a series of conferences in which the noted civil rights attorney was asked to consider the offering by representatives of several local organizations and individuals.

A barrier of national repute by virtue of his tireless fight for equalization of educational opportunities throughout North Carolina, Attorney Taylor has many other qualifications which make him a formidable aspirant for the municipal post.

IS EXPERIENCED
Holder of a Master's degree in commerce, the lawyer taught business administration at Virginia Union University for a 3-year period and has also had experience as a law instructor, being affiliated with the North Carolina College Law School for two years.

He attended public schools in Richmond, Va., and Virginia Union University of that city before earning a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University's Business School and later completed courses at Law School of the same University. (Continued on page 8, this section)



YOUTH HELD IN CHARLOTTE AS FIERY ROBBER

Former High School Student Held For Setting Six Fires

CHARLOTTE — A young Negro high school youth, termed "Phantom Bandit and Firebug," has been apprehended here and has confessed the extent of his activities to police officers.

The youth, 15, whose name has been withheld by officials, recounted to local officers a three-month one-man crime wave which has included at least 21 burglaries and the setting of fire in six local places of business.

The youth, according to local Detective Lieutenant W. A. McCall, is a former student at the Second Ward High School here, and also added self-acknowledging to his exploits.

FEARED CAPTURE
Because he feared apprehension, the detective explained, the youth began setting fire to places after entering them for robbery purposes. (Continued on page 8, this section)

ON EDUCATION BOARD — J. H. Wheeler, noted Durham business, attorney and civic leader, last week was appointed to the Durham Board of Education. The appointment of Mr. Wheeler followed action by the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs which demanded appointment of a Negro citizen to the education group. Ironically, Mr. Wheeler, who is vice president-cashier of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, led in the litigation of a recent suit in which Durham officials were adjudged practicing discrimination against Negro school children.

ALL WHITE OFFICERS

Twin-City Fire Station Heads Set

WINSTON-SALEM — Three white men who volunteered to serve with the city's first Negro firemen have been named officers of the No. 4 Fire Company on Dunleith Avenue.

The Negroes, now nearing the end of a six-week period of training, are all attached to the newly-organized company.

The officer appointments, which become effective Sunday, were announced last Thursday by Fire Chief M. G. Brown, who said the three named had volunteered to join the new unit.

R. A. Overoy a veteran of almost 10 years' service with the fire department was named to the company's captaincy. E. L. Hatcher was appointed lieutenant and G. W. Solcomb was named sergeant and truck driver.

Chief Brown said four more white men including two more sergeants and drivers will be assigned to the company by time it began operation which will not be until the eight Negroes complete the remaining two weeks of their training.

It will take at least three years before any of the Negroes become officers. A man has to be a fireman that long before he can become a sergeant, four years before he can become a lieutenant. (Continued on page 8, this section)



COLLEGE DANCER — Barbara P. Kelly, of Troy, N. C., turned in a sparkling performance when North Carolina College's dance group presented its annual recital in Durham, N. C., recently. Barbara is shown here in a Caribbean play dance. The North Carolina College dance group is directed by Alayeta Hulse, one time performer with the Katherine Durham dance group.

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Man Has Occasion To Kill; To Cure

DURHAM — It's seldom that a person has occasion to attempt to kill and to cure within a short span of time, but that's just what happened to an 18-year-old youth here this week.

Robert Torain found himself in the dual role Sunday night when he offered to give blood to a man who just minutes before he had with a brutally termed "intending to kill."

According to local Negro Police Patrolman O. Claiborne Johnson, Torain and Otto Meeks, 23, started a Sabbath night argument to see how much each should donate to the purchase price of a bottle of whiskey.

In an argument following the argument, Meeks broke a bottle over Torain's head, Torain retaliated with a knife, inflicting serious wounds about his assailant's head.

neck, shoulders, wrists and hands.

At Lincoln Hospital here, Torain was treated for his head wound. (Continued on page 8, this section)

MAN RETURNING FROM WAKE SEES DEATH BY FIRE

Two Tots Among Four Victims; Frame Home Reduced To Ashes

SPARTA — North Carolina's leading menace — Death by Fire — has struck again, this time leaving four as victims.

This latest tragedy, which brings a CAROLINIAN survey figure to a total of 22 dead within a three-month period, claimed the lives of a 21-year-old mother, and her three sisters aged two, six, and thirteen.

The four were found dead by relatives returning from a wake at the home of a relative. The fire-ravaged frame house in which the victims were sleeping was reduced to a charred ruin.

OTHER VICTIMS
Local officials theorize that the house owned by Dean Gambill and located five miles east of here was set afire by an overheated stove.

The victims were Aline Gambill, the young mother; her daughter Caroline, 2; a sister Angeline, 12; and another sister, Brenda Lee, 6. The children, left in the custody of the older girl, had recognized in "leave a nice fire" for their parents who left the house to attend stay-up services over the body of a family friend.



N. C. G. I. IN AIR EVACUATION FLIGHT OVER KOREA — Wounded United Nations soldiers being evacuated by 15th Air Division (Combat Cargo) of the U.

S. Far East Air Forces receive the very best of care from air evacuation nurses. 1st Lt. Janice Albert, 1355 Peabody Street, NW.

Washington D. C., is assisted by medical technician Cpl. Herbert Watkins, Stovall, N. C. as she ministers to an evacuee in a C-54 Skymaster.

Lawyer Proves To Be Authority On How To Deprive People Of Homes

WINSTON-SALEM — The controversial move to change the tenancy of the Park Terrace Apartments from white to colored is guided by Malcom P. McLean, but the man who has had the responsibility of liquidating all opposition to it is a small, slightly-graying attorney named W. Dennis Spry.

Mr. Spry has gone about his task with the air of the confident lawyer, and, at this point, appears headed for a complete legal triumph.

He has, in fact, been so imminently successful that most observers feel certain that by the end of April whites will have occupied the 355-unit development in which Mr. McLean, head of a local trucking concern, holds the controlling interest.

It has been Mr. Spry who has represented Mr. McLean in the cases of the Park Terrace tenants who were

hailed before Justice of Peace E. A. Penny for failure to comply with eviction notices.

While amply serving the interest of his client, Mr. Spry has shown a friendly attitude towards the renters, appearing willing to help any who can find new quarters do so. Perhaps he would like to call his attitude "brotherly," for he has the habit of addressing colored men, including the tenants' lawyers, with the title of "Brother." It has set some to wondering if he is avoiding use of "Mister."

The easy-smiling Mr. Spry became a figure in the housing skirmish after a number of Park Terrace tenants announced they would oppose efforts to have them move.

Although the aggrieved tenants hired lawyers, it was acknowledged in most quarters that the tenants did not

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