

SCHOOL HEAD 'MUM' ON BURGLARY RAP

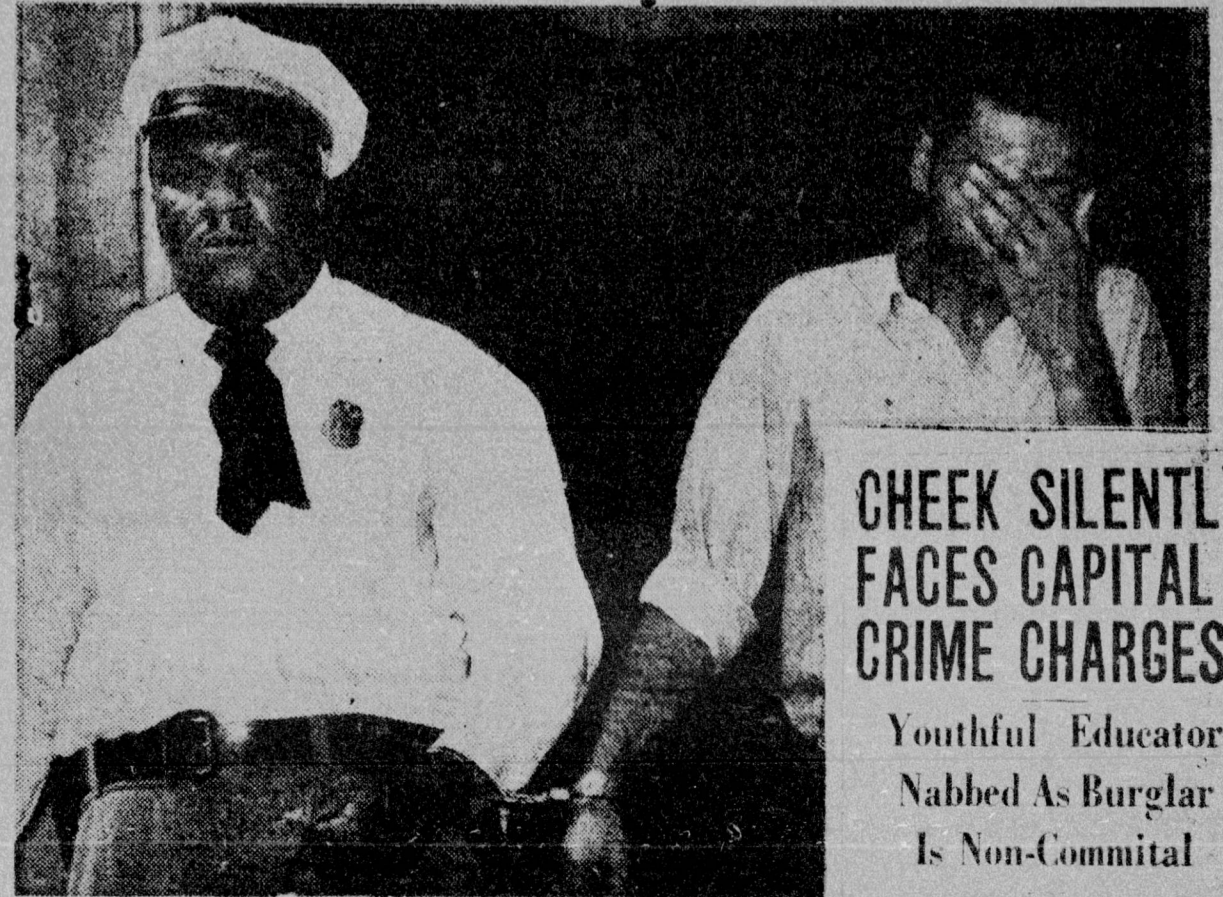
NAACP Split Rumors False; Plummer "Reneging"

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CHEEK SILENTLY FACES CAPITAL CRIME CHARGES

Youthful Educator
Nabbed As Burglar
Is Non-Committal

By LIN HOLLOWAY
RALEIGH — A nervous and tense young elementary school principal told the CAROLINIAN Wednesday morning that he has "no statement" to issue to the press regarding capital charges of first degree burglary now being prepared against him.

Charles Alvin Check, 22-year-old head of a Wake County 3-room schoolhouse and, according to his superiors in education, a "quiet, neat and well-mannered" person, has been lodged in the Wake County jail since he was apprehended early Saturday morning in the home of a white woman, one of his alleged burglar victims.

Following preliminary investigation of the burglary, said in committal at the time of Check's arrest, the youthful educator was deemed by local police officials to be a "quiet" individual, for a series of burglaries which began early in January.

ARRESTED BY FOUR
Check, who stands six feet and weighs about 148 pounds, was apprehended by four police officers at 4 A. M. Saturday morning in the home of Mrs. Annie Gosnell at 120 Herrington Street here.

WOMAN HAD "HUNCH"
He was found crouching in the closet in the woman's bedroom, officers relate, after the woman had a "hunch" that the person who allegedly took a purse from her bed earlier in the night might have made a "return trip" to the site of the previous theft.

LONG INVESTIGATION
Check's arrest was the result of lengthy detective investigation of the series of burglaries. It was learned reportedly on the trail of the perpetrator of the thefts, Patrolmen Pearce and Willford early (Continued on page 8)

Man's Head Sawed Off

SAW-MILL SITE AS MAN'S HEAD IS SEVERED

Worker Is Hurl'd Into The Path Of Razor-Sharp Blade

EXCLUSIVE

LOUISBURG — A saw-mill worker's head was cut completely off his body at the Bumgardner Saw Mill at Centerville near here on Tuesday afternoon.

Charles Bullock, a 25-year-old resident of Louisburg, Rte. 5, was victim in the freak mishap which occurred when a board being sawed by the man caught in saw and threw him into the machine.

Bullock, a carriage rider at the saw mill, was performing his duties when the board caught. His head was totally severed from his body by the rapidly spinning razor-edged blade.

A witness to the mishap was Samuel Harris, who is employed as a sawyer on the machine involved in the fatality.

Bullock is described as a "family man". Employees of the mill, however, were unable to clarify this denotation.

Funeral arrangements are being made by a local mortician.

Alexander Says NAACP Split Rumor Is False; Plummer Denies Role

By Staff Writer

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is vigorously denying any rupture in its ranks, and a Warrenton farmer, who first gave indication that such a rupture existed, is doing his all to "straighten him self" with N. C. citizens, it was learned here this week.

REPORTED NOT MEMBER
Kelly Alexander, president of the state NAACP group has asserted that there has been no controversy in the "NAACP family" through the state. Alexander further says that J. E. Plummer of Warrenton, who claims to have withdrawn from the NAACP in stories highly publicized in the daily press last week, is not a member of the state organization of the NAACP, did not attend the recent state convention, and "according to the report" from the Warrenton County Branch NAACP, "is not a member of the Branch in the section of the state that he says he represents."

REFUTING STATEMENTS
Plummer, described as a college graduate and a successful farmer of Warrenton, N. C. reportedly has been "stumping" Eastern Carolina in an effort to secure refutation of certain statements published in volume in the daily press and attributed to him.

Raleigh residents report that Plummer visited the Capital City during the past week and early this week declaring that he (Continued on page 8, this section)



ROCKY MOUNT MAN \$100 NAACP MEMBER

George W. Mercer, veteran Atlantic Coast Line railway fireman, above purchases the first state membership in the Rocky Mount branch NAACP. J. B. Harren, right, member of the state NAACP board, accepts the membership while Mrs. Harren, an official of the Rocky Mount branch, looks on. Mr. Mercer has consistently advanced his NAACP membership rating from \$5 through \$16 to the present \$100 rating. He urges membership in the association lauding its actions which have resulted in elimination of job opportunities and the breakdown of segregation in travel.

Watery Grave Claims Two Tots In Pond, Youth, 16

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT
RALEIGH — Watery death this week has claimed the lives of three youth in North Carolina. Ages of the victims range from 3 through 16 years.

At Burlington Sunday, 15-year-old Melvin Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Rogers was drowned when he fell from the inductance on which he had been floating in Sharpe's Pond. Burlington firemen arrived on the scene a short time after Rogers went under water and began a search for the body with grappling hooks. Sheriff C. Hallie Moore also assisted with the funeral arrangements were not complete at CAROLINIAN press time.

BROTHER, SISTER DIE
The Rope Mills sector, some few miles from Fayetteville was the locale of a drowning incident which claimed the life of a 5-year-old girl and her 3-year-old brother.

Victims were Mary Madge McDougal, of Hope Mill and her brother, Floyd Junior, 3. The children drowned Sunday in Hope Mills Pond No. 2.

Parents of the children are Floyd and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth McDougal. (Continued on page 8)

Plans Made For Annual Negro Citizens Day Fete

RALEIGH — A committee of Negro citizens, representing a cross-section of the state's population, met in Raleigh to make plans for the annual Negro "Citizens Day" program that is to be presented in connection with the showings of The Lost Colony at Manteo, Friday July 20.

President S. D. Williams, Elizabeth City State Teachers College, presided and outlined plans for this event. Advertising, transportation, and living accommodations were discussed by the members present. Speaker for the occasion was also selected.

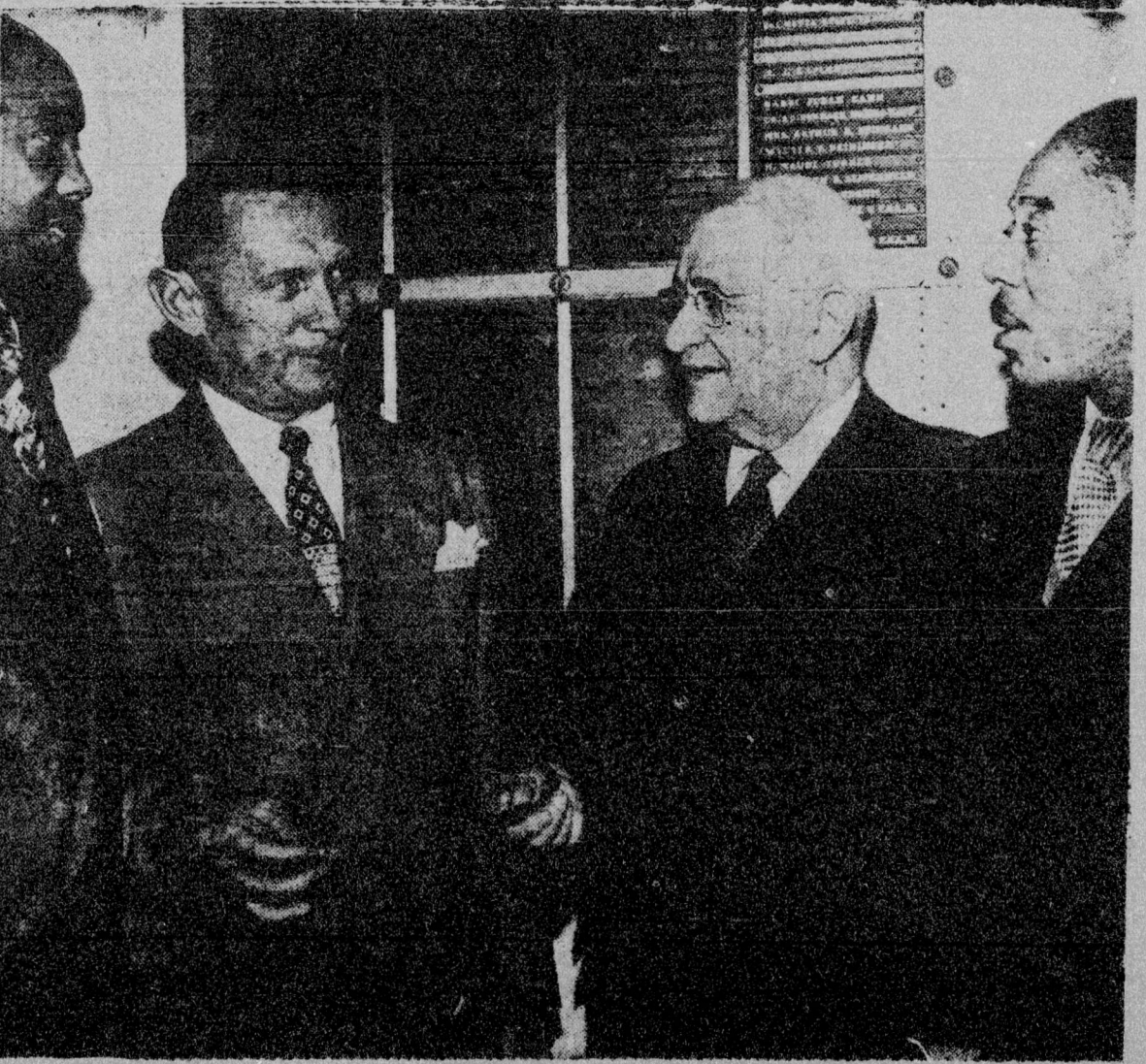
Bears Joe Louis, Ez Charles, Mrs. FDR

DILLON, S. C. (SPECIAL) — Joe Louis, Ezzard Charles and Eleanor Roosevelt were born to a woman here last Saturday night.

Joe Ezzard and Eleanor were the names chosen by Mrs. Lottie Mae Johnson for the triplets she bore near midnight.

Mrs. Johnson, wife of tenant-farmer Sandy Johnson, in addition to the new arrivals, has nine other children, making the total number of "little Johnsons" an even dozen.

"Joe Louis" Johnson was the first child delivered, and according to the attending physician, came into the world with his fist closed. Ezzard and Eleanor were born in that order.



VICTORY FOLLOW-UP IN TRENTON SIX CASE

Horace Wilson (right), one of the four defendants acquitted in the famous Trenton Six case, looks on as Odell Clark (left), assistant manager, and Louis Simon, manager of the Laundry Workers' Joint Board, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, CIO, presents check for \$1,000 to Arthur B. Spingarn, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The check was a contribution to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. for legal work involved in the Trenton case. NAACP Attorneys defended Wilson and John McKensien who was also acquitted.



PREDICTS END TO JIMCROW

Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on Monday predicted before the 42nd annual National convention of the NAACP at Atlanta the abolition of segregation throughout the South within the next decade.

YOUTH, 19, IS GRANTED STAY OF EXECUTION

(By LUCAS JONES, EDITOR, THE CAROLINIAN)

WINSTON-SALEM — (Exclusive to The Carolinian Newspapers) Doomed to die in the gas chamber of the Central Prison for criminal rape of the seventeen-year-old daughter of a white radio shop operator and a Reynolds High School coed June 15, 1950, a sexual offense committed in the father's radio shop, according to evidence.

Clayton Brown, 19-year-old Winston-Salem youth, was dramatically given a "zero-hour" stay of execution Thursday, June 21 one day before Brown's scheduled death June 22.

The order was signed by Federal District Judge Donald Gilliam less than 24 hours before the scheduled execution, the action being caused by Atty. Hossa V. Price, legal counsel for Brown, who presented a plea for a writ of habeas corpus, which charges that Brown has been deprived of his liberty without due process of law as established by the Legislature of the State of North Carolina.

NEW HEARING GRANTED
Judge Gilliam ordered a new hearing Thursday, July 4, in Raleigh. This intervention by Atty. Price, delayed from Gov. James M. Hunt's office, the news of deciding whether Brown should die. A petition with more than 2,000 signatures had been presented to the Governor, asking that he commute the death sentence to life imprisonment.

Attorney Price requested that the delay, also Commissioner T. C. Johnson told him early Thursday that his recommendation to the Governor would be to let the death penalty stand as the Fourth Superior Court presiding judge, Dan K. Moore, had advised.

JURY EXITS CHARGE MADE
The stay of execution continues. The stay of execution continues. The stay of execution continues. (Continued on page 8)

IT HAPPENED IN CAROLINA

Doomed Man Freed

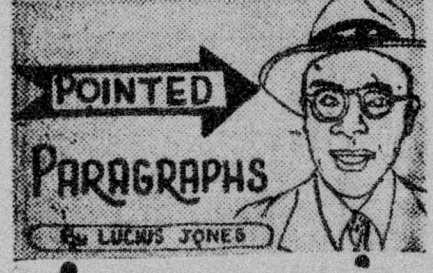
RALEIGH — A 45-year-old Bertie County man who was sentenced to Central Prison here nine years ago to die in the lethal gas chamber, left Raleigh this week a free man.

Gaither Watson, 45, was convicted in the Bertie Superior Court in 1942 of first degree murder. He was sent to await execution. After legal delays, his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment in 1943. In 1948 the sentence was commuted to a 40-year-term. He was granted a parole recently when several persons including the judge who presided at the trial and eight juries decided that the man was not guilty of first degree murder.

Appeal Hearing

ASHEVILLE — The appeal of Mrs. Annie Hawkins, a local school teacher, from a sentence of five months' imprisonment on conviction on charges of contempt of court, was slated for hearing here in the U. S. Court of Appeals Wednesday.

Mrs. Hawkins was sentenced by a Federal district judge after she was seen talking to a juror in a case in which she had been a defense witness. That case, which ended in a mistrial involves nine persons charged with conspiracy to defraud the Federal Government of liquor tax money, has been set for July 23.



POINTED PARAGRAPHS

By LUCAS JONES

NEGROES SHOULD GIVE MORE SUPPORT TO THEIR OWN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

It is a fact that in many of the key marking cities of the South, Negro people are spending the majority of their payroll money with white department stores and other enterprises of white businesses which, in many cases, employ no colored people on their entire staff. Many of these businesses, making heavy profits off colored trade, will not even advertise in colored newspapers.

In those minor cases where Negroes are employed in department stores, banks, and other big stores of Dixie, they are holding menial jobs like elevator boy, janitor, watchman, porter, messenger, butler, chauffeur, gardener, or some other low-paying job. WHY NEGROES WILL SPEND the majority of their money with businesses that won't employ Negroes in dignified jobs and why they do not spend more substantially with the businesses operated by their own people... is a deep mystery.

It also is a noticeable fact that Negro business, for the most part, never improve or expand. They don't do any promotion to amount to anything tangible... and they have a disdain for advertising in their hometown colored newspapers. They shun giving to organizations like the NAACP and they hate to pay their church dues... and they don't even buy anything but white daily newspapers which, for the most part, carry only unexciting news in a jim-crow section of the newspaper, while the colored newspapers are championing their causes in every crisis.

NEGROES WANT EQUAL RIGHTS and opportunities — on a silver platter — but how can they attain any racial solidarity, perse if they do all the things thoughtless white hold back the race? The so-called "Big Negro" who owns a home and a big model automobile is the hardest worker socially in the whole community to get to get a Negro enterprise. He imagines his social position is maintained by his position as a white man, who, when he is on the daily streets, is surrounded by white men and white women, and those that adhere to the "social code". NO WHITE MERCHANTS will ever fail to smile and give good customer service when the Negro comes colored folk who spend their money in the stores owned and operated by the said white merchants.

There is nothing wrong with Negroes, certainly, while, but people that spend a colored dollar on the same basis as white businessmen and white men, and white women, and white men, and those that adhere to the social code. (Continued on page 8)