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Judge Calls Jury Unfit For Service

Special to the CAROLINIAN

WINTON — By defying a "black belt" jury here and ordering a white rapist held for trial, Judge Henry A. Grady gave North Carolina justice a "new look" last week.

Not only did the jurist, whose home is New Bern, issue a bench warrant for a transplanted North Carolina white man held for trial on the capital charge of rape of a young Negro girl and perjury, he also told a Gates County jury that it was "unfit" for service.

In Superior Court here last Thursday, Judge Grady ordered the son of a North Carolina white tenant farmer placed in jail pending trial for the rape of a 15-year-old baby-sitter. The man, Frank Newsome, 45, is a native of Aulander, N. C., but has been running a business establishment in upstate New York.

Newton had been charged with picking Miss Mattie Hoggard up in his car on June 30 on the pretext that he wanted her to baby-sit for him while he and his wife attended a movie. Instead, the young girl said, Newton took her out to a rural district and ravished her five times.

A Gates County grand jury had already reduced the capital charge of rape against Newsome to one of carnal knowledge. The Superior court jury hearing the case, however, declared the man was innocent or even the lesser charge.

"The jury rendered its verdict after short deliberation," Judge Grady "blew his top."

"The verdict was an outrage based solely upon the fact that the prosecuting witness was a colored girl and the defendant a white man," declared Judge Grady.

"This is a disgrace to the white race, a disgrace to this country," said the judge. "No man who would render such a verdict on the evidence offered in this case is fit to serve on a jury."

FEEL VERDICT CORRECT — Judge Grady's remarks were unjust, jury foreman J. B. Horton, an Ahoskie fish salesman, said. "We feel our verdict is correct."

Another juror, J. P. Wheedbee, said "The judge and the solicitor advised us along the lines of the law and we followed their advice. No other verdict could have been reached."

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THIS IS NO LAUGHING MATTER—Even though the children pictured in the above photos seem to be having the time of their lives, residents of Raleigh's South Wilmington Street do not consider the inundation of their porches by muddy water a "laughing matter". Improper drainage and the construction of a highway through the sector causes the residents to be "flooded out" in rainy weather and "dusted under" in fair weather. He above photos show various stages of flooding in 500 through 1100 blocks of S. Wilmington. Note knee-deep water where sidewalks should be. Observe the waters flowing onto porches. Also be advised that no action has been taken on many protests made by the "victims."

Special Courses Set In September

GREENSBORO — The State's first Air Force ROTC program for Negroes, one of four such programs in Negro colleges throughout the nation, will begin at A. and T. College in September. Approximately 400 students are expected to enroll. President Bluford has revealed.

Major Elmore M. Kennedy, Jr., as professor of air science and tactics, said that a staff of four officers and five enlisted men has been authorized. Major Kennedy will be assisted by Maj. James P. Goss, who will report here August 27 after completing service with the ROTC program.

Dr. Bluford, program at Boston University. "No flying training will be conducted at A. and T. College," Major Kennedy said.

When classes begin in September, students assigned to Air Force ROTC training will be placed in either first, second, or third-year courses, depending upon the advanced training they have had in regular ROTC. A fourth year course will be added, soon.

Selected students who complete the first two years of basic Air Force ROTC training will be accepted as advanced Air Force Cadets and will be eligible for reserve commissions as second lieutenants, he said. Certain students receiving reserve commissions will be recommended for regular commissions also.

The establishment of the Air Force ROTC program at A. and T. (Cont. on page 8, this section)

for Kennedy said "The men who eventually go into flying will be trained at an Air Force flying school after graduation here."

Since male students at A. and T. are required to take two years of ROTC training, the Air Force ROTC trainees will be assigned on a quota basis, he said.

When the summer session of the Air Force ROTC program at A. and T. (Cont. on page 8, this section)

58 Receive Degrees In Summer Finals At Shaw

RALEIGH — Commencement exercises will be held in Greenleaf Chapel of Shaw University Thursday morning August 16 at 10:30 o'clock, marking completion of the summer session of the 89th academic year. The commencement address will be delivered by Dr. H. L. Trigg, president of Saint Augustine's College, Raleigh. President W. R. Strassner will award diplomas to the graduates. There are 58 candidates for degrees, including 45 aspirants for the bachelor of arts and 13 for bachelor of science degrees. There are 24 public school teachers in the class.

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Martin County School Jimcrow Is Under Attack

SPECIAL TO THE CAROLINIAN WILLIAMSTON — In unprecedented action here this week, citizens of Martin County marched on quarters in which the County Board of Education was holding session and demanded that the county abolish segregation in county schools.

TAYLOR SPOKESMAN — Spokesman for the Martin county residents who preferred the action Monday against the school officials was Raleigh Attorney Herman Taylor, who read an eight-page complaint against the group. The charges specifically stated that discrimination is being practiced by Martin County officials in the distribution of funds for white and Negro schools.

NOT CONFINED — In the petitioning complaint, Attorney Taylor noted that discrimination was not practiced solely in Martin County but throughout North Carolina. He intimated that court action would follow if the complaint goes unheeded. CHARGES STUDIED — Martin officials made no immediate comments to the charges.

They were listed on a petition signed by more than twenty Parmele and Robinsonville residents. The group, however, revealed that it will take the complaint under consideration and prepare a reply during a consequent session.

NAACP HEADS TO CONTINUE SCHOOL FIGHT

By J. B. HARRIS CHARLOTTE, N. C. — The group of 35 State NAACP leaders, including many attorneys who met here August 2 with Kelly M. Alexander, state president and Spotswood Robinson, 3rd, of Richmond, Va., pledged a continuing fight against discriminatory school practices in the state. INTENSE INTEREST SHOWN (Cont. on page 8, this section)



NET ACES IN NEW JERSEY—Tennis Star Althea Gibson at Orange, N. J., with Tony Trabert, left, and Dick Savitt, both members of the U. S. Davis Cup team. The trio is participating in the eastern grass court championships, with Althea a heavy singles favorite.

Carolina Klan Head Blasts Jews; Negroes

LAKE CITY, S. C. (AP) — A leading racial segregationist was being pushed by the Zonah Jews of America." scathing by Thomas L. Hamilton, grand dragon of South Carolina's Ku Klux Klan at a Klan rally here last week. Hamilton is also influential in North Carolina Klan activities.

He said that Negro leaders (Continued on page 8, this section)

N.C. Native Nominated For Philadelphia Post

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Rev. Marshall Shepard, a native of Oxford, N. C., and recorder of deeds in the District of Columbia, was nominated by an overwhelming majority as a candidate for recorder of deeds in Philadelphia last week.

He has served as recorder of deeds in the District of Columbia since being appointed to this post on (Cont. on page 8, this section)



UNWELCOME GUEST — Standers-by look over the wreckage of an automobile which paid an unwelcome "visit" to the residence of Raleigh minister, Rev. E. L. Monroe late Saturday night. Alert CAROLINIAN cameraman D. Hinton photographed the scene just as the auto was removed from the side of the Monroe home at 919 Fayetteville Street. The car, driven by John Page, white, of Angier ploughed into the home wrecking furniture and glassware and tossing a child from his bed. Damage has been estimated as "the hundreds of dollars". Rev. Monroe pastors a church in Durham.

New Orphanage Head Is Son Of Former Student

OXFORD — The son of a former student will become superintendent of North Carolina Colored Orphanage here September 1. Rev. T. H. Brooks, native of New Bern and pastor of the First Baptist Church here was named for the post last week.

Dr. E. E. Toney, chairman of the board of trustees of the orphanage, announced the election of Rev. Brooks from a large field of applicants. He succeeds the late Superintendent T. A. Hamme, who died last March in Charlotte after completing 10 years in the post.

D. O. Leatherberry, acting superintendent since Hamme's death, is to return to his former post as assistant superintendent when Rev. Brooks begins his duties. Rev. Brooks is graduate of Shaw University. He attained the rank of major while serving as a chaplain in World War II. He was pastor of First Baptist Church at Sanford for six years prior to coming to Oxford for years ago. His mother was a student at the orphanage from 1919 to 1917.

Prostitution, Blackmail, Murder In Background of Case Involving Lawyer

Second In A Series (Reproduction of any portion of this series without express permission of the writer and/or the CAROLINIAN forbidden)

By LIN HOLLOWAY FAYETTEVILLE — "Lawyer Taylor was trapped and was whipped before he got started" Robert Womble told this reporter here last Friday following revelations that prostitution, blackmail extortion and maybe even murder laid groundwork for action now being pressed by the State Bar and charging the Raleigh civil rights attorney with unethical legal practices.

Mr. Womble, a former student at Wilberforce University and a well-traveled person, has complained to the State Bar that Attorney Taylor was unethical in the handling of a case in which Womble sought to contest the will of his father, the late N. Y. Womble. Specifically, Taylor is charged with conduct unbecoming an attorney in failing to perfect an appeal of the will contest before the State Supreme Court. What was learned from various persons here, in-

cluding Mr. Womble himself, the writer gathered a story that tends to make fact appear even stranger than fiction. The story is as follows: ALLEGED PROCEDURE — N. Y. (New Year) Womble was a well-known personality in Fayetteville two decades ago. A retired electrician, Mr. Womble was married to one of the city's most popular school teachers, and from every appearance, was a fine, upright citizen. Appearance, it was found, were misleading, however. N. Y. Womble was a shrewd, calculating man (Cont. on page 8, this section)

Three Will Be Honored At Rocky Mount Banquet

ROCKY MOUNT (Special) — Three persons will be honored at an NAACP banquet to be staged here on August 15. Honors will be accorded Prof. W. C. Chance, Farmers' school principal who recently won a suit involving discrimination of Negroes by the Atlantic Coastline Railroad company; George Mercer, local railroad fireman who is the first Rocky Mount citizen to hold a \$100 membership in the local NAACP branch; and Miss Ethel Marie Terry, a student at the local Booker T. Washington High school and winner of sectional honors in the annual Elks oratorical contest. Prof. Chance is to be principal speaker at the event, and Miss Terry is to present her prize-winning oration before the group. She is to represent the Southeastern Elks a district in national oratorical sessions to be held at Buffalo, N. Y.