

'WHITE LEGION' INVADES N. C.

Parents Held For Poisoning Baby

THE CAROLINIAN

10c Per Copy *North Carolina's Leading Weekly...* Worth More

VOLUME IX WEEK ENDING SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3, 1951 RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA NUMBER 52

SCHOOL BID PROMPTS ACTION

Football Results

NCC 7-Tenn. State 6
A. & T. 36-Morgan 6
Howard 26-Shaw 12
W. Salem 26-J. C. Smith 13
Hampton 7-Lincoln 3
Navier 29-Tuskegee 19
Fisk 19-Alabama State 0
Fla. A. & M. 28-Bethune-Cookman 13
Va. Union 13-Va. State 6
Clark 12-Morehouse 0
Del. State 14-St. Paul's 0
W. Va. State 17-Bluefield 7

IT Happened IN Carolina Road Fatality

LUMBERTON — Amos R. Chapman, 25-year-old man of Fort Bragg, died Sunday at 11 a. m. in the crash of the car in which he was riding as a passenger. The accident occurred near Lumber bridge on N. C. Highway 20.

According to Harry B. Ray, State Highway patrolman who investigated, the car struck a slick spot on the rain-wet road and skidded.

Family Trouble

DARLINGTON, S. C. — LeRoy Jackson, Darlington County man, is being held in the Darlington County jail this week on a charge of attempted murder.

The man is accused of endangering the lives of his five children and his wife, with whom he had been separated for a short time, by putting Paris green in the flour at his wife's home and arsenate of lead on the table and window sills.

He is alleged to have crawled into his wife's home Sunday night, and to have put the poison out the next day. The sister of the man's wife discovered the Paris green in the sack of white before it was used. The children narrowly escaped putting their hands into the arsenate of lead, which was scattered in one of the rooms.

The ages of the children range from a baby to 14 years of age. They live in the Syracuse section of Darlington County.

Eight Die By Violence During Week

RALEIGH — A CAROLINIAN survey reveals that during the past week at least eight Negroes lost their lives in violence in the state.

The greatest tragedy during the week was the one in which a mother and four children died in a fire which destroyed their home at Statesville. Victims in that holocaust were Mrs. Frances Murray, 28 and her children, including a one-year-old baby.

Other incidents are as follows: Edward Brown, 25-year-old Wake County man was shot and killed by his brother as he tried to grab a .32 caliber pistol with which his brother was reportedly gunning for another man.

Alton Lee Sheppard, 20, was stabbed to death with an icepick near Williamston Sunday morning. Police said he was killed by a woman he had attacked.

Amos R. Chapman, a 25-year-old soldier of Fort Bragg, died when his car hit a tree near Lumber Bridge Saturday.

Walter Hughes, 46, of Washington, D. C. died when his auto ran off a road near Elm City and overturned Saturday.



Traffic Desire

WILSON — Because he had a liking for beautiful, glittery commodities, Jesse Atkinson must spend five or ten years in prison. The beautiful, glittery things Atkinson so admires were jewels and they belonged to the owner of a jewelry store he was found guilty of entering and burglarizing.

Atkinson, who was found in Smithfield in possession of jewels identified as those pilfered from a local store, first told police that he had come in possession of the gems during the course of a gambling game. He later admitted his role in the burglary.

"Five to ten years" said Superior Court Judge W. H. S. Burkwyn.

EACH A QUEEN — Each of the lovely ladies shown here is a queen in her own right. They are Misses La Vie Griggs and Lucy Henderson. Miss Henderson, who hails from Elkton, Ky., reigned as "Miss Tennessee

State" during homecoming event at North Carolina College last Saturday. Miss Griggs, a sophomore at the Durham college, has the distinction of being "Miss N. C. College" of 1951.

Four North Carolinians Among Baptist Leaders In African Pilgrimage

(Special To The CAROLINIAN) NEW YORK — Included among the 26 churchmen and lay workers from six states and the District of Columbia who boarded a Pan-American Airline here last Friday on an African pilgrimage

and trip to Europe sponsored by Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention were four North Carolinians.

The persons from North Carolina in the African and European



PROTEST BAKER BIAS — Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, takes his place in line with scores of notables who picketed New York's ultra smart 'Stork Club' in protest of a slight to French singing star, Josephine Baker. Miss Baker and Mrs. Charles Buchanan (wife of the manager of the world-famed Savoy Ballroom) were refused service of food in the club. Legal action followed the official protest.

\$1 MILLION IN BUILDING BIDS LET IN RALEIGH

Groups Start Plans For Ceremonials Related To School

RALEIGH — The letting of bids for Raleigh's proposed "million dollar" Negro junior-senior high school here early this week prompted several local groups into the action of planning groundbreaking and other ceremonials for the institution.

The Raleigh School Board of Trustees let the contracts calling for expenditure of \$1,144,244 during a call meeting Tuesday just some few hours following receipt of authorization to construct the edifice from the National agency concerned with disposition of vital building materials.

The proposed edifice, which will be located on East Lenoir Street, just east of the Clavis Heights Housing Project, is to be a two-story building.

On the ground level will be a cafeteria, kitchen; gym, with showers and dressing rooms; general shop classroom; auto mechanics and drawing classrooms; a trowel trades classroom; eight regular classrooms; auditorium, with stage, choral and band rooms; dramatics room; two home-making classrooms; students' activities room; and two regular classrooms.

On the top floor will be:

HUNGER MAD KILLER GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE

(Special To The CAROLINIAN) BALTIMORE, Md. — A 22-year-old native of Henderson, North Carolina, has been sentenced to spend the remainder of his life in prison because he killed a man in a fit of anger growing out of knowing hunger.

David Lee Evans, native of the North Carolina town, pleaded guilty to the murder of the night manager of a restaurant in which he worked when the manager refused to give him food.

Evans told Judge Joseph Sherbrow, who sentenced him, that William Hinton, 56, the victim, refused for several hours to allow him to eat. Evans said that the elderly man taunted him about his hunger.

In a signed statement the North Carolina youth repeatedly stated that he lay in wait for his victim for more than two hours because the manager working the same shift that he was "wouldn't give me no food."

Saint Agnes Hospital's Board of Trustees Still To Name Administrator

RALEIGH — Despite "grapevine" rumors here last week that the board of trustees of Saint Agnes Hospital had already named another white man to succeed William Acton as administrator of the institution, the CAROLINIAN has learned that selection of a successor to Mr. Acton has not and will not be made until an official meeting of the board is held and recommendations from a committee set up to choose a successor studied.

The rumors came to fore early Thursday following the publication of a story in the CAROLINIAN contending that the hospital board may appoint a Negro administrator, who would become the second member of his race to be so employed.

The rumors were said to be false Wednesday morning by J. C. E. Eringhaus, III, attorney for and member of the board.



ILL TELL YOU WHEN — The above artist's conception of former mighty Brown Bomber Joe Louis, indicates the wreck the Bomber's ambitious comeback battle has made of him. This comeback try was dramatically ended last Friday when Rocky Marciano scored an 8-round knockout over the former heavyweight kluggin at New York.

Following the fight, when asked of final retirement plans, Louis was non-committal, except to say that he would have a decision upon return from Japan where he will engage in a series of exhibition fights. Louis' ambition had been to become the first heavyweight champion to regain his crown.

Violence Hinted As Mom And Four Children Lose Lives When House Burns

STATESVILLE (Special) — That violence may have been involved in the death of a mother and four children in a fire which destroyed their home here last week, has been indicated but not proven at CAROLINIAN press-time.

Local investigators are still making tests and searching for clues which may prove the

deaths of Mrs. Frances Murray, 28, and her four children non-accidental.

RESCUE ATTEMPTED — Mrs. Murray and the four children died in a fire which totally consumed their four-room frame house here at the height of a mock atom bomb raid last Tuesday night. Would-be rescuers, con-

(Continued on page 8)

Department of Defense Official Praises Role Of Military Integration



MR. EVANS

DURHAM — The role that the Armed Forces' new policy of non-segregation of units is playing was highly lauded by a Defense Department official speaking before a local college assembly this week.

HELPS MORALE — James C. Evans, civilian assistant to Secretary of Defense Robert M. Lovett, told a forum discussion at North Carolina College Monday that the abolishment of segregation in the armed services has served to produce good results in both morale and battle.

Speaking on the college's fall term forum series which has selected as an overall theme "Integrating Minorities into American Life," Mr. Evans showed the results of the trend of integration in the armed forces, citing the armed Executive Order 9801, the "residential proclamation and other military directives aimed at the employment of Negro manpower

(Continued on page 8)

RED SPRINGS — Two local young parents have been jailed and face charges in the poisoning death of their four and a half year old son last July 13. Local officials contend that Robert Leach and his wife, Mrs. Mattie Leach killed their child for monetary gains.

According to investigation which was climaxed here this week when Leach and his wife were placed in jail at Lumberton, the child's body, which was badly disintegrated, contained a lethal dose of arsenic.

The body was ordered disinterred after local police chief Norman McRaney, along with county sheriff M. G. McLeod and the State Bureau of Investigation noted the many recently bought insurance policies covering the child's life.

In June, the month before the child died, Robert Leach allegedly bought life insurance policies totaling \$2500. They were in the amounts of \$1000; and three \$500 policies, all drawn on different companies.

On July 13, the child became deathly ill and was taken to a Red Springs physician who revealed an upset stomach and pre-

(Continued on page 8)

NORLINA SITE OF INVASION BY NEW GROUP

Group Opposed By Negroes; Officials Call It "Pranking"

NORLINA — Fires of intolerance are smoldering precariously in the predominantly-Negro North-east section here as it becomes more and more apparent that attempts are being made to "white-wash" the recent invasion of a new and sinister force called the "White Legion."

The White Legion obviously an outgrowth of the infamous Ku Klux Klan which fostered but did not "officially" participate in the race riot here which in the early 1920's threatened to have a telling effect upon future interracial relations throughout the state is formed by officialdom here to be composed of a group of youngsters having fun.

In the tightly concentrated Negro district here, the feeling is altogether different, and efforts are being made to forestall the invasion of the White Legion, which made its appearance much in the manner of the Klan in the state recently — by use of hand-bills.

Hand-bills heralding the arrival of the White Legion were first noted when a deluge of such bills were poured upon the Negro sector in the northeast here Monday night October 22.

CONTENT IT'S GEORGIAN — These bills, of two types, mimeographed and about six inches wide and nine inches in depth, contained two messages:

The first declared: "We are from Georgia and we're here tonight. The next time we come we're coming with the torch and the rope."

A symbol of a hooded figure and a cross emblazoned the hand-bill.

(Continued on page 8)

SAY PARENTS KILLED CHILD FOR INSURANCE

Father Buys Four Policies Month Before Child Dies

RED SPRINGS — Two local young parents have been jailed and face charges in the poisoning death of their four and a half year old son last July 13. Local officials contend that Robert Leach and his wife, Mrs. Mattie Leach killed their child for monetary gains.

According to investigation which was climaxed here this week when Leach and his wife were placed in jail at Lumberton, the child's body, which was badly disintegrated, contained a lethal dose of arsenic.

The body was ordered disinterred after local police chief Norman McRaney, along with county sheriff M. G. McLeod and the State Bureau of Investigation noted the many recently bought insurance policies covering the child's life.

In June, the month before the child died, Robert Leach allegedly bought life insurance policies totaling \$2500. They were in the amounts of \$1000; and three \$500 policies, all drawn on different companies.

On July 13, the child became deathly ill and was taken to a Red Springs physician who revealed an upset stomach and pre-

(Continued on page 8)



HONORARY DEGREE AWARD PRINCIPALS: Retiring Mayor Alexander P. Shaw of the Lumberton district of the Methodist Church, left, and Dr. David D. Jones, president of Bennett College, Greensboro, right, were principals in ceremonies held at Bennett Tues-

day morning during which the college awarded the retiring prelate the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Also awarded an honorary degree during the 78th annual Founder's Day observance at the college was Bishop C. Bromley Oxley of New York.