

Durham Names State's First Police Lieutenant



IN PRODUCTION AT N. C. COLLEGE — Beautiful Renata Strauss plays the role of Jessica Shylock's daughter, in the Barter Theatre production of Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" which is to be presented in the B. N. Duke Auditorium on the campus of North Carolina College at Durham on Thursday night, December 13 at 8:15 P. M.

Groveland Protest Meeting Staged

DURHAM — "Fair" attendance was noted at a Groveland Memorial Protest Meeting staged at a local church last Sunday.

About 100 persons, many of them attired in the regalia of various fraternal and social organizations attended the meet held at White Rock Baptist Church for the purpose of raising funds with which to underwrite action in the infamous Groveland, Florida

case in which one Negro prisoner was killed and another critically injured by a county sheriff in an alleged escape attempt.

Notice of the meeting was given through mimeographed folders distributed here bearing the challenge "Samuel Shepard and Walter Lee Irvin shot Down Like Dogs On A Roadside In Florida. . . . Let us stand up and protest as human beings. . . ."

The folders further noted the "violent beginning" of the Groveland case in July, 1949 when three young Negroes were arrested and a fourth shot to death after a young (Continued on page 8)

TWO ALSO MADE DETECTIVES BY DURHAM FORCE

DURHAM — Durham last week became the first city in the State to promote a Negro policeman to an officer's rank and to employ Negro detectives.

Veteran Durham Policeman J. B. Samuels is the first Negro in the State to hold a rank of second lieutenant and former patrolman (Continued on page 8)



LT. J. B. SAMUELS

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FIRES CLAIM 7

MAN KILLS SISTER'S ATTACKER

Six Children, Blind Man Are Victims In 3 Fires

By A Staff Writer
RALEIGH — During the past week, fires have claimed the lives of at least seven North Carolina Negro residents.

In three distinct instances, six small children and one aged man succumbed to the flames and flames, in a case where the cause of the fires could not be determined.

DIE IN "THREES"

In fires at New Bern and in Guilford County, the six children lost their lives in "threes". In each instance, the dead were brothers and or sisters.

NEW BERN TRAGEDY

A New Bern Monday fire claimed three small children in the

second floor of their frame-built home killing them before the blaze could be brought under control.

Plastic efforts by an older sister and neighbors to reach the children failed. The rescue attempts were made from a lack of available ladders after efforts to purchase the stairs leading to the second floor of the house by blocked flames.

Dead in the tragedy are: Jesse Nino Jones, 4; Bernice Marie, 3 and Leroy, 13 months, all children of Mrs. Frances Jones, who was at work at the time of the tragedy.

Joint funeral services were arranged.

GUILFORD HALOCAUST

Guilford County was visited with tragedy when a Saturday night

fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julie Bass of Brown Summit and took the lives of 3 of their four children.

The fourth child, Morris, escaped death by leaping from a second floor window. His brother Morris, died in the fire.

According to investigators, Julie Bass and his wife, Mrs. Lulu Bass were visiting relatives when the tragedy occurred.

The fire seemed to have started in the downstairs portion of the house where two of the younger children were sleeping and to have spread upstairs to where Morris and Morris were in bed.

The victims are listed as Morris Bass, 7; Terry Bass, 4, and Lorry Bass, 2.

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Brother Slays Man Held For Raping Sister, 15

WILMINGTON (Special) — A man who set himself on fire and died in a hospital after being held for the rape of his 15-year-old sister, was shot five times by a brother who was with him at the time of the shooting.

Harris, who had been arrested on a charge of criminally assaulting Dixon's 15-year-old sister, resisted the alleged assault.

SHOT FIVE TIMES

Harris, handcuffed between two officers at the scene of the attack, was shot five times at close range with a .22 calibre rifle. He had been returned to the scene to face jail in Haveland Dixon, 3, who produced the crime when the shooting occurred.

The two officers to whom he

was manacled were unarmed, but were unable to apprehend the assailant, whom they saw jump from a window and run, because they were handcuffed to the dead man.

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NAACP CHRISTMAS SEALS — National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Christmas Seals for 1951 are endorsed by Mrs. Memphis T. Garrison of Gary, West Virginia, who inaugurated the NAACP Seal campaign in 1927. Looking at the seal, red and white stickers with Mrs. Garrison is Ruth W. Smith, NAACP director of fund-raising and director of the 1951 campaign. The seals are on sale nationally.

IT Happened IN Carolina Fatal "Game"

WILMINGTON — A 17-year-old youth is being held in jail in lieu of \$1000 bond on a manslaughter charge growing out of the fatal shooting of a young girl here Sunday.

Officers have preferred the charge against William David Brown in the pistol shooting of Miss Irene Neil.

Brown said he was "just playing" with Miss Neil when the gun he was holding went off blasting a hole in the girl's face.

Editor Ordained

RALEIGH — The Rev. Otis L. Hairston, editor of the Baptist Informer, journal of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina since 1941, was ordained a second minister in special services of the First Baptist Church on South Wilmington Street here Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Dr. J. T. Hairston, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church of Greensboro and father of the candidate, preached the ordination sermon. Dr. O. S. Bullock, pastor presided.

Rev. Mr. Hairston graduated from Shaw University here in 1940 and has been associated with the General Baptist Convention since.

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DEATH PICKED UP THE COUNT — Referee Gladstone Moore counts out Battling Roberts, knocked out in the 9th round of a 12 round middleweight championship fight in Lagos, Nigeria. But death had already dealt the knockout blow when 22-year-old Roberts was felled by Blackie Power in Glover Hall. Roberts became West Africa's first ring fatality when he succumbed without regaining consciousness in a local hospital. An investigation cleared Power of criminal intent.



PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AT N. C. COLLEGE — Senator Robert Taft, Republican presidential candidate from Ohio, extreme right, is shown in the B. N. Duke Auditorium at North Carolina College in Durham last week where he spoke under the auspices of the NCC Social Science Club. Pictured with the senator are Chester Gregory, LaGrange Junior, who is president of the Social Science Club and center, and Prof. Caulbert A. Jones of the NCC Department of History. (See Story Page 4, Sec. Two.)

1,000 Delegates Attend Resources-Use Sessions

DURHAM — The fifth annual Piedmont Resource Use Education Conference was held at North Carolina College here November 30. The theme of the Conference was "Using The State's Resources To Meet Today's Needs."

More than a thousand supervisors, principals, teachers, parents, and students from twenty counties in the Piedmont region attended the Conference. Dr. Sylvester Green, executive vice-president, Medical Foundation of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, spoke from the theme.

The speaker declared, "We must avoid the mistakes of other nations, we must encourage our people to start more businesses and unfold for ourselves a richer and a more beautiful life." In conclusion he said, "There is not a single need that North Carolina cannot supply out of its natural human, technological, and social resources."

Dr. Green was introduced by Dr. J. H. Taylor, chairman, Division of Social Sciences, North Carolina College. The presiding officer was F. G. Burnett, principal, Leon Park School, Durham. Musical selections were rendered by the G. C. Shaw High Choir of

Stovall, under the direction of Miss Emma J. Fields. G. H. Washington of Warren County Training School, Wise, gave the invocation. The Lincoln High School band of Chapel Hill, under the direction of Jasper Bell entertained the Conference with several selections.

The guest speaker for the second general session was Dr. John D. Messick, president of East Carolina College, Greenville. Dr. Messick was introduced by Dean George Kyle of the Graduate School.

Dr. Messick told 1000 delegates from twenty counties, "The teachers have a great responsibility in conserving and using wisely the five major types of resources — the human, social, technological, natural, and capital resources." Dr. Theodore R. Spigner, director of the Bureau of Resource Use Education at N. C. C. and area chairman of the Piedmont Resource Use Education Conference, was the presiding officer for this general session. The G. C. Hawley High School Band of Creedmoor, played.

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CONSULTANT TO HIGH SCHOOLS IN N. C. NAMED

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Public School Bulletin, official publication of the State Department of Public Instruction has announced that Ray Thompson, counselor-trainer at North Carolina College, will serve as a guidance consultant for Negro High Schools of the State as a part of the work of the Guidance Services division of the Department of Public Instruction.

Dr. Gordon Ellis of the University serves the white schools of the State in this capacity.

Mr. Thompson received his undergraduate training at Alabama State College, and his professional training in guidance at Teachers College, Columbia University. He has worked as a teacher in the public schools of Gadsden, Alabama, and on the summer school staff of Alabama State College. He has worked in in-service training programs for teachers, career planning programs, and other teen-age activities.

His office is located on the campus of North Carolina College, at Durham.



RALEIGH MARINES PROMOTED — Two Raleigh Marines, Paul B. Turner, left, and Leroy McNeil, right have recently been promoted to the rank of Marine Privates First Class. The promotions came upon their completion of boot training at Parris Island, S. C. Pfc. Turner is 17 years of age and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Taft Turner of 217 S. Tarboro Road. Pfc. McNeil is 18 and the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ferris of 217 S. State Street. (Marine Corps Photos)

County Plans To Appoint First Two Race Tax Listers

GREENSBORO — When Guilford County names two Negro list takers for the January tax listing period, it will be creating a "first" in the county and a probable first throughout the State.

According to Tax Supervisor W. F. Bester, the two will be appointed within a few days. The appointments are subject to approval by the county board of commissioners at a special meeting slated December 21, he revealed.

Fight Hatred-Buy NAACP Christmas Seals