

Rousing Welcome Slated For Teachers' Delegates

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FIRE KILLS THREE TOTS-MOM HELD



MUTE EVIDENCE OF TRAGEDY — Several pairs of tiny shoes stand as mute evidence of a tragedy which last Saturday night claimed the lives of three children at Raleigh. The shoes, surrounded by the debris of what

was once their home, belong to Bobbie, 5, Goldie Mae, 3, and Maxine, 2, all children of Mrs. Lottie Perry of Walnut Street, who died when fire galled their three-room frame dwelling. Discernible also in the photo is a "used" whiskey bot-

tle, the mother of the three children was reportedly away from home drunk when the tragedy occurred. She has been indicted on charges of manslaughter in the three deaths. (STAFF PHOTO BY SHIRLEY)

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Beserk Man Shoots 3

'CRAZY MAD' MAN ASSAULTS THREE WOMEN

Man Spares Four As He Goes On Shooting Spree In Gate City

GREENSBORO (Special) — A man, described by his victims as having been "crazy mad" shot three women here last Saturday and successfully dodged police officers for three hours before being cornered and arrested.

Victims of the weekend shooting spree were identified as the assailant's wife and two friends of his sister. Present when the shooting occurred were another woman, a man and two children, who the beserk man spared. Robert Husband, 35, was arrested three hours after he shot his wife, Mrs. Mary Husband, in the face, Mrs. Ruby Summers in the stomach and Mrs. Roberta Brewer in the leg. The shootings took place at the home of one of the victims at 212 Whittington Street. Husband was arrested by two car-pools of police officers after having made good his escape to the home of his sister at 1226 Gray Street. He surrendered humbly when ordered to do so even though the officers had been alerted that he was carrying a pistol. Witnesses to the shootings say that Husband, "crazy mad" first shot his wife, then turned his pistol on the other two women. He reportedly just stared at the other- (Continued on page 8)



WHERE FOUR LOST LIVES — Hospital and police department workers above remove from a

Science Building laboratory at Howard University the bodies of one of four custodial workers who were killed when a chemical explosion rocked the build-

ing last Thursday. Shown in the picture are some of the more than 1,000 persons who gathered on the site of the blast. Included among them is Dr. Mort

Johnson, president of the institution. Investigation of the cause of the blast was still underway this week.

Widow Seeks \$30,000

RALEIGH — A local widow this week filed suit in Wake County Superior Court for \$30,

000 in an action growing out of the traffic accident death of her husband.

Filing suit against the Air-line Cab Company, Inc., local taxicab firm, is Mrs. Doll Baker, who resides at 518 East Martin street.

In her action, Mrs. Baker asks that she be granted the amount as damages growing out of the death of her husband, the late John O. Baker, a mechanic at State College here, who was fatally injured when struck by a truck owned by the taxi firm.

Mrs. Baker lists herself as administratrix of her husband's estate.

FORUM SANS PHOTOS

Truman Statement Found Confusin'

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following roundup of opinions was originally scheduled as the Carolinian's weekly Photo Forum feature. Photo-engraving difficulties, however, make it necessary that out usually used in the feature be omitted.



PRESIDENT TRUMAN Causes Confusion

BY SHIRLEY
RALEIGH — Confusion reigned supreme through the rank and file of the Democratic Party and the nation a whole week as it became more and more evident that President Harry S. Truman was not "talking through his hat" when he announced last week that he would not be a candidate for re-election to the nation's Chief Executive post. Interviews with a cross-section of the population of Raleigh revealed that North Carolina's Capital City, as well as other localities throughout the breadth of the country, concurred with the widespread belief that Mr. Truman's decision not to seek re-election leaves the Democratic Party and the nation as a whole in a whole of a mess.

Following are some of the answers given to the Carolinian's query: "What was your reaction to President Truman's statement that he 'shall not be' a candidate for re-election?"

CARL DEVANE, COLLEGE PROFESSOR.

The above question brings three responses to mind: First, it seems to be a wise decision for President Truman to personally make himself, as most of our presidents have either exhausted themselves in office or died in office making it necessary for someone else to carry on where they left off. Also, there is no telling the effect a strenuous campaign at this time might have on a man his age.

Due to his experience, President Truman could retire and with an arrested mind, be in the position. (Continued on page 5)

NINE SUCCUMB TO VIOLENCE

By Carolinian News Network
RALEIGH — At least nine Negro North Carolinians lost their lives through violence during the past weekend, a survey made by the Carolinian News Network reveals.

The biggest single tragedy was that involving three small children who burned to death at Raleigh while their mother, (Continued from page 1)



THE-VOTE CONFERENCE—The ordering of an entirely new registration in Raleigh and Wake County on May 20 is just one of the many reasons for the Emergency Registration and Get-Out-the-Vote Conference of N. A. A. C. P. Branches at the Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh March 22. If you can read and write, are 21 years old and have lived in North Carolina a year and in your precinct four months Conference officials em-

phasize you can register and vote in North Carolina. Present at the Conference and participating in organization of nine of the 12 North Carolina Congressional Districts were, left to right (front row): Charlie Jones of Meibohm, president of the Raleigh Chapter of the NAACP; Richard S. Hamme, southeastern regional director of the United Transport Service Employees, CIO, Jacksonville, Fla.; Kelly M. Alexander of Charlotte, pres-

ident of the North Carolina Conference of NAACP branches, sponsor of the emergency registration conference; and Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP. Left to right (second row) are: the Rev. W. F. Elliott, C. A. Lowman and Charles McLean. Left to right (third row) are John D. Williams of Spring Hope and Norfolk, Va., and Clifton Sible, treasurer of the Raleigh NAACP. (Photo by Shirley)

Four Killed When Chemicals Explode In University Lab

BY ALICE A. DUNNIGAN
WASHINGTON (ANP) — Four persons were killed and several wounded Thursday when two explosions ripped through the chemistry building at Howard university.

The dead were identified as Eugene Gough, superintendent of the custodial staff; James Clinton and Clinton Irvine Irvin of the maintenance staff, and Alfonso Smith, custodian.

The blast was caused by an accidental combination of potassium chlorate and sulphur while the custodians were moving jars of the chemicals from the basement according to Fire Marshal Ray Roberts. Police claim that another

batch of chemicals stored elsewhere in the basement apparently exploded first. Hearing this blast, James K. Williams, another janitor who was helping move the chemicals, ran to open doors as he had been instructed to do in case of an explosion.

It was then that the second explosion took place. It blew the basement door right out of Williams' hands.

Fire followed the blast, filling the five-story building with dense, acrid smoke. The smoke and fumes sent scores of graduate students to emergency exits and down fire ladders. Only custodians and graduate students were in the

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Aggie Boxers Into NCAA Tournament

GREENSBORO — For the first time in history, N. C. Negro athletes are participating in a National Collegiate Athletic Association boxing tournament.

The 2-day, 35-bout event starting Apr. 3 at Madison, Wis., will have A. and T. College boxers participating.

The Aggies who vie for wins are Art Statum, heavyweight who meets a Louisiana State boxer; Don Quarles who drew a bye; and Bill Stewart 119-pound performer, who will clash with Bob Hennessey of Wisconsin State.

MOTHER, SON VICTIMS IN FAMILY FIGHTS

Carthage, Enfield Scenes Of Deadly Family Arguments

BY STAFF WRITER

RALEIGH — Poison, knives and guns figured in two family arguments in North Carolina this week, both of which proved fatal to participants.

At Enfield, a man was killed by his sister, while reportedly protecting the mother and at Carthage, a mother was killed instantly as she attempted to protect her son from his sister, her daughter.

Being held on murder charges at Enfield is Mrs. Annie Mae Jones, 33, a wife of two weeks, who says that she shot and killed her brother, Herman Richardson, 27, when the man tried to knife her.

Mrs. Jones claims that her brother accused her of attempting to poison their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson, advanced on her with a knife and was shot by her with a .38 calibre pistol.

The entire incident was the "feature" of a drinking party which was being given the recent bride, Richardson allegedly took offense when the daughter tried to give her mother a dose of soda for an ailment and accused her of the poison attempt.

Site of the slaying was a tenant farmer's cabin where the three had lived. Witnesses to the slaying say that they saw no knife in the brother's hand. Investigating officers say that the wound inflicted upon the victim was more to the back than frontal, giving lie to the sister's story.

MOTHER IS VICTIM
At Carthage, Mrs. Sally Covington (Continued on page 8)

The State-In Brief...

Cop Assailant Faces Charges

OXFORD — Brought here from Virginia, John Seymour Clay, 28, has confessed the felonious assault upon Highway Patrolman W. T. Carter on the night of March 22.

He faces charges in court here of driving drunk, driving after revocation of his license, assault, interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty, and carrying a concealed weapon.

Emancipation Event Scheduled

LEAKSVILLE — The 89th anniversary of Negro Emancipation will be celebrated Saturday, April 5, in the Tri-Cities with parade featuring 270 band members, an afternoon auditorium program, a baseball game and a dance.

The parade will feature bands from Winston-Salem Teachers College, Washington High, Reidsville, Dreg High, Madison, Pleasant Plains, Burlington, and Douglas High Schools.

Bias Problem Not Sectional

GREENSBORO A New York attorney declared here this week that the leadership in the struggle for equal rights for the Negro must come from the South.

George K. Hunton, editor of the *Interracial Review*, told a mixed audience of more than 100 at the local YMCA that Northerners have not yet solved the interracial problem in the North. The problem must be solved by local leaders all over the nation, he said.

Man Faces Assault Attempt Rap

DUNN — Wilson Holliday, 22-year-old, is being held in the city jail awaiting a preliminary hearing on charges of breaking and entering and attempt to commit rape.

Deputy Sheriff Oscar Pearce arrested him on a warrant sworn out by the woman involved.

Holliday allegedly broke into the home of Henry Barnes and attempted to rape Barnes' wife. Her husband was in another room at the time. The woman's outcries frightened Holliday away, she said.

Stories Conflict; Mom Faces Rap

RALEIGH — A Wake County grand jury Tuesday returned three bills charging Mrs. Lottie Perry of 1265 Walnut Street here with manslaughter in the death of her three small children when their home was destroyed by fire about 9:30 Saturday evening. According to police reports,

the victims — Bobbie Joe, 5, Goldie Mae, 3, and Maxine, 2 — were locked in the bedroom while their mother was away from the house drunk, but when she returned to the blazing house 20 minutes after firemen had arrived she was arrested and has been con-

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