



# AMEZ'S ELECT NORTH CAROLINIAN BISHOP

## Election Was "In The Bag"

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BROOKLYN, New York — The election of Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw, of Wilmington, on the first ballot in historic and spacious First AMEZ church here was virtually "in the bag" long before

A NEW BISHOP BEAMS — Wilmington's Dr. H. B. Shaw (second from right, back row) beams as he poses for official photo of AMEZ Bishops following his near-unanimous election at Brooklyn last week.

the over 400 delegates began casting their votes last Wednesday evening. T. H. WILMINGTON JOURNAL predicted his election, as did the influential NEW YORK

AMSTERDAM NEWS. There were several main considerations which resulted in Dr. Shaw's election on the first ballot, theory breaking a 50-year

## Asks Cigarette... Gets Gun-blast

WINSTON-SALEM — A man who asked for a cigarette here in "The Canal City" late Friday night was dead Saturday morning when the reply to his request turned out to be a gun-blast. Police here say that James Edward Witherspoon, 40, (Continued On Page EIGHT)

## Precedent Was Broken

old record (it was in 1900 when a man won election on the first ballot).  
Dr. Shaw's exceptional record as a general officer of the connection, as secretary of the Departments of Home Missions, Pensions and Ministerial Relief, the Wilmington man set a record for efficiency and honesty. (When he completed his annual report last Wednesday, the convention rose to applaud him immediately following this report, he was swept into office as bishop.) (Continued On Page 8)



## 17-YEAR-OLD YOUTH FACES FEDERAL RAP

CHAMERTON, N. C. (Special) — A 17-year-old small town furniture store delivery boy who read too many detective stories, found himself under arrest on an extortion charge here this week.

Sheriff's deputies and FBI operatives joined forces in tracking down the person who had threatened to kill the two children of the owner of the store in which the youth worked, and found to their surprise that it was the youth himself who did the threatening.

Bobby Anderson, who worked (Continued On Page 8)

WOE IS WOODROW — Ever since Raleigh City Court Judge Albert Doub decreed that he could no longer present his impromptu concerts (which consist of singing, talking and doing anything else he can think of) on the streets of Epworth Raleigh, Woodrow Montague, famed "Street Troubadour" of the Capital City, has felt down in the dumps. The concerts he is currently delivering have lost some of their "oomph," observers say. The editor of the Greensboro (N.C.) Daily News is one of the many North Carolinians who have mourned Woodrow's plight. (STAFF PHOTO BY SHIRLEY)

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# LEGION REVOLTS

## MEANEST MAN

WINSTON-SALEM — Mrs. Lena White who lives on North Cherry Street here, thinks the "meanest man in the world" is the one who took her baby's piggy bank containing over \$9.

Mrs. White says Joshua Graham, also of North Cherry Street was playing with the baby and that the bank disappeared when Graham did in a warrant sworn out here this week.



SHAW EVENT PRINCIPALS

Scheduled to play principal roles in the 57th annual class reunion to be staged in connection with a meeting of the National Alumni Association at Shaw University Monday May 26 are Prof. W. R. Collins, above left, president of the Association, Dr. C. B. Codrington, above right, treasurer and the Rev. O. L. Hairston at left, secretary. The Association session is scheduled to get underway in Greenleaf Auditorium on the University campus at 10 a.m.

## DURHAM POST REFUSES TO HOST CONVENTION; THORNTON TOLD

DURHAM — Ground-work is now being laid for what may be a state-wide movement through which the State's thousands of Negro members of the American Legion, beyond the State Legion Convention slated here June 7th through 10th... Leading in the pro-boyer movement is the local Weaver-McLean Post No. 175 which has accused the Durham white Legion post, playing host to the convention of totally disregarding the stand of the Negro group financially and otherwise.

The Weaver-McLean Post through its Commander, L. O. Funderburg, has asked E. A. Thornton of Goldsboro, vice-commander of Division Six (the Negro sector of the Legion throughout the State) to reveal its reluctance to play host of the Division and has also asked that Commander Thornton advise Negro Legionnaires of the futility of coming to Durham for the convention.



NOT SURPRISE MOVE

The action taken by the Durham legion post comes as no surprise to the many North Carolinians who have observed Legion actions during the past few years since and during World War II. Negro veterans have been accepted as simply "veterans" composed of former members in every major organization of the Armed Forces with the exception of the Legion in Southern States.

It is generally believed that the "younger blood" in the Legion is prompting actions which will give race veterans a fuller share of these organizations' activities.

FULL TEXT OF LETTER Following is the full text of the letter sent to Vice-Commander Thornton (Continued On Page 4)

# FIRE ROUTS 100

## ONE KILLED IN 1906 TRAGEDY

COLUMBIA, S. C. (Special) — An early Saturday morning fire routed the 100-plus residents of a downtown tenement into the chilly streets here causing \$100,000 damages.

During the holocaust, a resident of the building lost his life when he was trapped by flames while attempting to escape from the second floor of the dilapidated frame building.

The building occupied the heart of the 1906 block of Assembly Street, a block surrounded on its street faced by stores, warehouses and the like. The blaze spread to a Feed Store.

Heavy clouds of smoke rolled up from the burning wood, feed and sacks, enveloping several blocks of the city. A mail bus, kept the smoke from settling for long. Firemen struggled with the smoldering buildings for almost four hours.

## GIRL KILLED ON GRADUATION EVE

FAYETTEVILLE — An E. E. Smith High School senior who was scheduled to graduate this year, died on what may be called the eve of her graduation. Miss Opal Murphy was killed instantly Sunday when a pickup truck in which she was riding was struck by a car. Another rider of the truck, Fletcher Miller, was also killed. Miss Murphy was to have graduated June 3.

## Livingstone College In Best Condition Since Its Founding

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — Dr. W. J. Brent, President, Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C. in his Quadrennial report to the 34th Session of the General Conference, AME Zion Church, said here Tuesday that Livingstone College was in the best condition that it has been in since its beginning in 1866.

He stressed the work of Hood Theological Seminary and said that its facilities would be greatly expanded in order to meet the growing need for trained preachers. He said that the church had cooperated with the seminary's program greatly.



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## Doctor Must Face Trial On Charge Of Abortion

SOUTHERN PINKS — A physician of Southern Pines, Dr. W. H. Ross, Jr. is free under a \$2,500 bond this week after a Moore County Grand Jury returned a true bill of indictment against him on an abortion charge. The grand jury returned the bill Monday and Superior Court Judge Zeb V. Nettles set the bond. Dr. Ross was brought to

## NAACP Letter Protests Registrar's Negligence

ZEBULON — The Raleigh Chapter of the NAACP, in a letter to Mrs. Rhoda W. Gill, registrar for the Little River precinct at Zebulon, accused Mrs. Gill of failure to remain at her post in the polling place, thus preventing qualified citizens from registering. The incident in question occurred on Saturday, May 3, opening registration date, but it was not until last Saturday that NAACP officials got around to posing a representative at the polls to observe registration procedure, following reports that Negroes were being held up for almost an hour before and during the process of

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The annual graduation and capping ceremonies are to be held Wednesday night, June 4, with the Saint Paul's Church again as site. Principal speaker for the Wednesday night exercises will be Miss Miriam Daughtry, secretary of the North Carolina State Board of Nurse Examiners. Miss Daughtry will be introduced to the class and audience by Mrs. Emma Rose Monierette, director of nurses at the nursing school, who will also officiate in the capping ceremony.

Others scheduled to take part on the Wednesday night ceremonial, which will get underway (Continued On Page 8)

## NC WOMAN IS GIVEN HONOR BY U S DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special) — A North Carolina home demonstration agent was one of four Negroes receiving Superior Service awards from the United States Department of Agriculture here last Thursday.

Recipient of the award was Mrs. Carrie Wilson of Alamance County, who was presented the emblem commemorative of the honor at a special ceremony at which President Harry S. Truman was principal speaker.

Mrs. Wilson was honored "for her influence in bringing better diets, improved living conditions, and technical training to Negro families." The others honored last week were Paul C. Brooks, district extension agent of Oklahoma; Mrs. Josie Browne Dishman, technician in the mycology division of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils, and Agricultural Engineering; Miss Hazel O. King, and home demonstration agent of Creek County, Okla.



## Hospitalized Vets Need Your Blood



FT. BRAGG, N. C. — "I wouldn't be here if I hadn't received the blood," says Pfc. Bobby Williams of Roseboro, N. C., who was severely wounded while fighting with the Third Division in Korea. Private Williams' words point up the dire need for blood on the fighting fronts, but the young soldier also emphasizes the need for the life-saving fluid here at home, where many hospitalized wounded require frequent transfusions months after leaving the battleground. "Make sure that the blood is there when needed. Call your Red Cross today."

## PHOTO FORUM

QUESTION: Some churches permit their male worshiper the comfort of removing their coats during services in the hot summer months. How do you feel about this policy?

MR. HUBERT HAYES, SR., business manager, Raleigh: "I think that it is perfectly right, fitting, and even intelligent on the part of male and female worshippers to allow their male this comfort."

After all, the men seem to be most tolerant and thoughtful of ladies and their comfort in general, and I think as much thought and comfort is justly deserved by the men. Tradition is one thing, but I think there is no reason for the male worshiper to be too uncomfortable in church. (Continued On Page 8)

## REMEMBER... A VOTELESS PEOPLE IS A DEFENSELESS PEOPLE!

## Registration Campaign "Moderately Successful"

## NAACP Officials Say April, May Efforts Only First Round

RALEIGH — With more than 22,000 citizens of Raleigh Township and incidentally more than 1,600 in both predominantly-Negro Precinct 20 and Precinct 26 already on the books, NAACP officials regarded the April and May campaign to get Negroes registered for the May Primary as "moderately successful," and said it was merely the first round in a series of such campaigns. Plans are already under consideration by the Raleigh Chapter for contacting every registered voter and urging him to go to the polls and cast his ballot in the May 31 Primary, and definite plans for a similar campaign beginning about October 1 to encourage more Negroes to register for the General Election on November 4 are near completion.

## Shrine Gala Day Parade Elicits Glowing Comment

DURHAM — The parade which marked finale to public events in connection with the observance of Shrine Gala Day here last Saturday, has been described as the best Negro parade ever to be staged here by local residents. The parade, which got underway promptly at 11 a.m. at the Athletic Park here and wended its way through the heart of the city, then through the Hayti (Negro) area and onto the new Hillside School, a distance of three miles, was highlighted by the presence of Dr. Raymond Jackson, Shrine Imperial Potentate of Chicago. Eleven bands and drum and bugle corps groups, gaily-attired Shrine marching units and flag-bearers, some 500 Nobles and Daughters of Isis and beauty-talented queens, Misses Lucille McAllister of Durham and Clementine Weaver of Raleigh, also were in the half-mile long procession as were several fully-decorated floats. Included among the cities featuring marching units in bands, etc. were Durham, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Oxford. (Continued On Page 8)