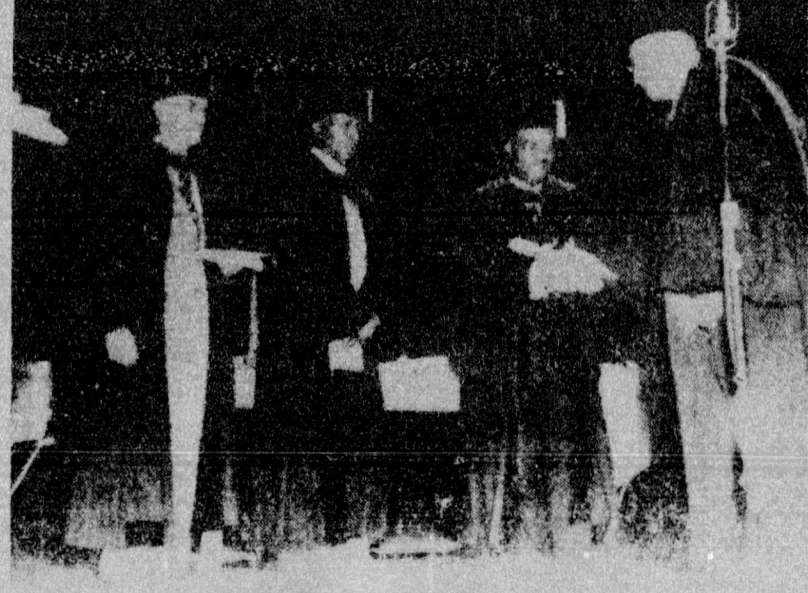


# "No Reason" Advanced In Brutal Axe Murder



LAST FEW STEPS — Pictured is a portion of the academic procession which preceded commencement exercises at Saint Augustine's College Monday morning. The procession is shown entering Taylor Hall where 58 degrees were awarded graduates in impressive rites.



PRESIDENT HONORED — Shaw University honored Pres. William R. Strassner Monday by presenting him an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. The presentation of the honor degree is pictured.



SOLEMN DUTY — Officials of Shaw University, its alumni association and honored guests solemnly went about their duties during the University's 97th annual commencement last Monday afternoon. The procession is enroute to the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium (Sherard Photos)

## School Discrimination Seen Costly

# SEEK BIAS SUIT DAMAGES

### KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES FEATURE

AS A PUBLIC SERVICE to the voters of the State, the CAROLINIAN is this week offering a full page of thumbnail biographical sketches and statements of principles of the candidates for various local and State offices in the Democratic Primary Saturday, May 31st.

It is not to be construed that the CAROLINIAN endorses the candidacies of the persons noted in this feature, which is published on Page 2, Section 2, this issue.

The CAROLINIAN simply urges each eligible voter to vote his or her own convictions on Saturday.

### SHAW U. AWARD HONOR DEGREES DURING FINALS

RALEIGH — Honorary degrees of Doctor of Divinity were conferred by Shaw University Monday upon the Reverend Alton Bernard Johnson, minister, Mount Bright Baptist Church, Hillsboro, First Baptist Church, Selma, and Good Hope Baptist Church, Knightdale; the Reverend Rufus Walter Underwood, Sr., minister, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, and the Reverend William Russell Strassner, president of Shaw University, Raleigh.

Dr. Johnson was cited as a faithful and successful minister, outstanding educator, and tireless worker in programs of Christian education and fellowship.

Dr. Underwood's citation termed him as a successful minister, outstanding church builder and organizer, inspiring religious leader, respected educator, faithful supporter of Christian missions and Christian education, and dynamic civic leader.

Dr. Strassner was referred to as an experienced minister of the gospel, persistent and courageous community leader, experienced teacher and director of the religious life of college youth, and an efficient college administrator.

**DOCTOR OF LAWS**  
The degree of Doctor of Laws (Continued on page 8)

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## 'Legion Not Split' — Thornton

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### PHOTO FORUM

By Shirley

**QUESTION:** There have been numerous Negroes outstanding in many fields. What name comes to mind when speaking of "Great" Negroes?

**MR. JOHN W. KAY,** teacher, Raleigh:

When I think of great and famous Negro men, I often think of the late Dr. Charles Drew, who discovered that human blood could be banked and kept indefinitely, to be used later to save human lives.

Dr. Drew has not been given full credit in the "White World" for his great work. He was recognized internationally as the foremost authority on preservation of blood plasma for emergency transfer. His work on British Blood bank projects served as the guide for the United States and Allies during World War II. He was director of the Medical Division of the British Blood Plasma Project.

An eminent surgeon, he devoted his professional skill and ability to the training of young doctors in surgery. He was head of the surgical staff at Howard University.

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**ONLY TWO IN STATE —** J. V. Graham, top, of Winston-Salem, and J. S. Latham, bottom, of Charlotte, are the sole Negro Veterans' Employment Representatives in North Carolina. Both attended a fact-finding conference at Raleigh this week. Working in cooperation with the U. S. Employment Service and the State Employment Service, they deal in placement, referral, counseling, rehabilitation and other veterans' problems. This week's state conference was called to bring representatives up to date on plans for veterans of the Korean war. —Staff Photos By Shirley.

## Minister - - Called Liar Collapses In Courtroom

### PREACHER WAS ON TRIAL FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

**GREENSBORO —** An aged minister, who — in a way of speaking — was called a liar by a Superior Court judge here Tuesday, collapsed during a trial in which he faced embezzlement charges.

The Rev. William H. Hall, on trial with two other persons for embezzling more than \$17,000 from a local theatre, was given emergency treatment in the city jail before being removed to a local hospital following the collapse reportedly resulting from a heart attack.

The 53-year-old former theatre ticket-taker, collapsed after Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., ordered him from the witness stand during the trial charging him with telling "many untruths."

Rev. Mr. Hall, along with Madams Florine Davis Blackman and Cornelia Mary Johnson, was being tried for embezzling \$17,000 from the National Theatre where all three were employed over a long period.

The three were charged with the embezzlement while Rev. Hall worked as ticket taker and the women served as cashiers. Testimony showed that Rev. Hall would withhold some tickets and return them to the cashiers for resale. The three were arrested February 2.

After the state rested its case, the defense changed its plea of not guilty to no contest. Reverend Mr. Hall took the stand and, during cross examination, Judge Pless suddenly said, "I've heard all I want to from this witness, Mr. Solicitor."

The judge said he had set (Continued on page 8)



**AT WORK IN THE EAST —** A veteran of service in Korea, Cpl. Amos L. Griffen of High Point, N. C., operates the switchboard in his unit's communications room on Okinawa. The

North Carolina soldier, communications chief for the 71st Chemical Smoke Generator Company, served with the 9th Infantry Regiment in Korea before coming to Okinawa in March, 1951. (US ARMY PHOTO)

## Rumored Legion Split Is Local--Division Six To State Session--Thornton

**RALEIGH —** "There is no split in the Negro ranks of the American Legion," Vice-Commander E. A. Thornton of Division Six, Department of North Carolina, announced here this week as he revealed that the Negro Division of the Legion will be represented at the coming convention.

Commander Thornton, commenting on action taken by the Weaver-McLean Post No.

173 at Durham which announced that it would not serve as host to Negro Legionnaires during the State Convention set June 7-10, says that the situation which the Durham post has initiated is "strictly locally."

Commander Thornton, who as vice-commander of Division Six is the leader of Legionnaires throughout the state, further said that the Durham affair "was brought about through misunderstanding with the two Posts (No. 7, white) and the Weaver-McLean Post No. 173 of Durham (colored)."

### POST FACTION CHIEF

Commander Thornton noted that it was solely a faction of the Durham Post which refused to host the convention because of what appeared an apathetic attitude on the part of Durham's white Legion post.

The commander said "Division Six, with the cooperation of a committee composed of members of the Weaver-McLean Post, will be represented at the convention."

**THORNTON STATEMENT**  
In a prepared statement, Commander Thornton further said: "While appreciating the reasons (Continued on page 8)

## Sunday Tragedy Claims Life Of Raleigh Mother



MRS. MAURICE COPELAND, Axe Victim  
Alleged Wife-Killer Waives Hearing

**RALEIGH —** Exhaustive efforts by CAROLINIAN staffpeople this week failed to unearth a single "reason" why a 48-year-old local man attacked and bludgeoned his attractive 40-year-old wife to death with an axe last Sunday.

Interviews with relatives, neighbors and friends of Albert Copeland, charged with the murder of his wife, Mrs. Maurice Copeland, in City Court this week, failed to reveal any semblance of provo-

caution the slightly-built, greying city streets department worker might have had for the ghastly deed. The tragedy came to light about 2:30 Sunday afternoon when Detectives Peebles and Privette of the local bureau answered a call to the Copeland's 133 Fisher St. address and found one of the couple's four children, Wadell, 12, seated on the front-porch steps of the duplex residence sobbing that (Continued on page 8)

## The State-In Brief...

**Officers Vindicated In Slaying**  
HENDERSON — High-ranking local police officers have been cleared of all blame in the fatal shooting of a Negro near here recently.

The Henderson City Council in session this week deemed no further investigation necessary in the death of Howard Cousins, who was raked with a cross-fire by police officers when he barricaded himself in a house some few weeks ago.

The City Council group had been asked to investigate the case in a resolution from the Vance County Ministerial Association.

**School Promotion Event Set**  
RALEIGH — The Eighth Grade Promotion Exercises at the Oberlin School were scheduled to be held at 8 p. m. Thursday night, May 29.

A skit entitled "America's Graduates of Today" was listed as a featured portion of the exercises.



**"TARHEELS" WITH FEAF —** Two Raleigh, N. C. area airmen get together at this combat bomber base as Airman Third Class Gary F. Singleton, (left) of Raleigh, issues a weapon to Airman First Class Joe N. Sanders (right) of Clayton, as the latter prepares to go on patrol of this combat bomber base. These two "Tarheels" work together with the common goal of providing security for the base, its personnel and the FEAF Bomber Command Superforts operating from here against the Korean Communists. (US ARMY PHOTO)



**CONGRATS TO CAROLINIAN** — PFC, James L. Jones (right) of Winston-Salem, N. C., receives congratulatory from Col. William T. Moore, 15th Infantry Regiment commander, after being awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroism in action in Korea. The South Carolinian soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah W. Jones of 107 Belo St., is serving as a light weapons man in Company A of the 19th Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. (US ARMY PHOTO)

## 600Gs Damages Asked As Martin Parents File Suit

**WILLIAMSTON —** A school discrimination suit filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina last Friday, May 23rd, launches what may turn out to be a telling blow to discrimination in the provision of school facilities for Negro and white children in the State of North Carolina, and may well make such discrimination costlier to school

authorities than heretofore. In the suit, filed on behalf of nineteen Negro school children and their parents against the Board of Education of Martin County and the State Board of Education, the plaintiffs, after alleging general and specific acts of discrimination and requesting the court to enjoin said acts permanently, as has been the usual procedure in such cases,

thereupon in their request for relief, asked the Court for one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) compensatory damages against the defendants, and five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) punitive damages, upon the ground that the discrimination against Negroes over the years has been willful, wanton and malicious. This case marks the first in (Continued on page 8)