

ROOT DOCTOR HELD



A FRIEND INDEED — Mrs. Elizabeth Roman, 28-year-old widow of John Andrew Roman, Lexington, N. C. furniture factory and ice plant worker, found friends indeed in her mother, Mrs. Marie Thomas, South Carolina tenant farm wife, and

Lexington mortician J. L. Crump as she attempted to make arrangements for her husband's funeral. Threatened with the loss of insurance benefits incurred in her husband's death, Mrs. Roman found Mr. Crump an able advisor. — STAFF PHOTO BY SHIRLEY.

Takes Good Planning To Make It

ROMAN FAMILY EXISTING OFF WELFARE AID

\$89 Welfare Check All Roman Family Possesses

LEXINGTON — Every month, a Welfare Department check for \$89 payable to Mrs. Elizabeth Roman is delivered either to the Roman residence on East Third Street here or to the grocery store where Mrs. Roman "trades".

That monthly check is the sole income of the widow of John Andrew Roman, 29-year-old Lexington furniture factory and ice-plant worker who was executed in the gas chamber at Central Prison, Raleigh, June 6 for alleged rape-robbery and murder.

With the check, Mrs. Roman is expected to buy food for herself and her four children, aged six through nine years, pay rent, buy wood, coal and other fuel, buy needed clothing for the children, and generally take care of herself and her family.

Before she began receiving the \$89 check a month or so ago, Mrs. Roman received a Welfare Aid check for \$74 for a couple of months. Before that time, she needed no checks from anyone. She was working and her husband was working.

She worked as a servant in the home of a middle-class white family here, and her husband, John Andrew Roman, worked days at a local furniture factory and nights at a local ice-plant.

And John Andrew Roman had reported for work at the ice-plant on the day he allegedly raped, robbed and murdered an aged white spinster. That same day, Elizabeth Roman had gone to her job.

A few days later, however,

everything was different. John couldn't go to work. He was being held in jail in a nearby town without benefit of bond. He had been arrested and charged with the crime and "shocked" the area and led to the calling out of the bloodhounds by groups of local white citizens intent on "tracking down the man who did it."

Elizabeth Roman also was unable to report to her job. She had no job to report to. The family for which she had worked some two years found itself unable to "use" her any longer when her husband was arrested.

The next few days were trying in more than one way to Mrs. Roman. Not only was she disturbed because of her husband's arrest, but she was also disturbed because of the loss of her job and her failure to secure another. Even the employment office was unable to secure a job for her.

That left the alternative of "going on relief."

When she first "went on relief," Mrs. Roman learned that in order to obtain groceries for herself and the children, it would be necessary that she allow the grocer with whom she traded to cash her Welfare check when it was delivered monthly. She also learned that it was next to impossible to support a family of five with what she received, and, after re-

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EX-SLAVE CLAIMS 106: BELIEVED TO BE OLDEST IN NC

ROCKINGHAM — Doc Broadnax can boast 106 years of life and experience as Rockingham County's oldest citizen.

Residing on a farm, near the Mount Hermon Church, that he and his son, Philip purchased some 33 years ago, Doc recently celebrated his 106th birthday in his modest farm home.

Born in the slave quarters of the Governor Glenn farm, June 19, 1846, old Doc has been a hard worker all his life. Active on his farm until he reached passed the century mark, he still did various light chores until a little over a year ago when he suffered a severe attack of neuritis. His legs having been affected, Doc Broadnax makes himself content sitting at home in his favorite chair watching outside activities from the front porch of his home.

A well-preserved man for his 106 years, with few wrinkles to show for his many years, Doc is

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Baseball Barriers Eased ROUND-UP NETS 5

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Negro Says Candidate Unfit

RACE MAYOR TO KEYNOTE G'BORO MEET



GOLDSBORO — On Sunday, June 29, the Negro Democratic Club of Guilford County will present its Seventh Annual Good Government Program at 2:30 p.m. at the Trinity AME Zion Church.

The principal speaker will be Hon. Benjamin A. Green, Mayor of the all Negro Town of Mound Bayou, Mississippi. Mayor Green has the distinction of being the first child born in Mound Bayou. The Mayor is a graduate of Fisk University and Harvard University Law School, and has been admitted to practice in both State and Federal Courts in Mississippi. During World War I, he served in the Judge Advocate General's Department and was honorably discharged in 1919. On his return from the army he was elected mayor and has served in this capacity ever since.

Under his administration the city has grown, having its own oil press, cotton gin, school, post office and express office. A number of persons of both races will appear on this program. Music for the program will be furnished by the Silver Trumpet Choir and the Sky Larks Quartet.

TOP PROBLEMS ARE AIRED BY RALEIGH GROUP

BY JAMES A. SHEPARD

At the June meeting of the Raleigh Citizens Association, held at the Blodsworth Street YMCA, on Tuesday evening, June 10, it was decided that the July and August meetings would be suspended and the next meeting of the Association was set for the second Tuesday in September. This action was taken because during the summer months, so many people who belong to the Association are out of the city, it was deemed advisable to try to carry on with the greatly reduced number.

The June meeting was marked by reports from different committees and the introduction of new items to be investigated. The two items seeming to merit immediate attention were both local school matters. It was brought to the attention of the group that although some of the white elementary school libraries are being kept open this summer for the benefit of children living in those school areas, all of the Negro school libraries have been closed for the summer and Negro school children desiring library facilities must go to the Richard B. Harrison library no matter in what part of the city they live. The fact was also brought out that pupils at the Washington High School who had enrolled for art study during the school year 1951-52, lost the credits they might

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CANDIDATE SAID UNABLE TO READ BY CHALLENGER

Leader Objects To Once-Convicted Man Seeking Public Post

GREENSBORO, N. C. — A Greensboro Negro Democrat has challenged the right of W. A. Manley to ask for a run off in the Moorehead Township constable race to hold office.

L. R. Russell, the Negro leader charged in a notarized statement that Manley has lost his citizenship because he had been convicted of manslaughter or murder and because he cannot read or write.

Manley declared that he lost his citizenship when they got me in a crowd during a Winston-Salem race riot in 1918. But that was thirty-two years ago. He also said that he was not an educated man but he had learned to read and write and that he could serve a warrant and know what he was serving and that he had served as constable for years.

He registered in 1912 under the grandfather clause and did not have to read the constitution to become a registered voter.

George C. Hampton, Greensboro chairman of the Guilford County Board of Elections, has ordered a hearing before the county board Monday June 23 at 10 a.m.

The challenge brought by Mr. Russell, an executive committee member of the Colored Democratic Committee stated:

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BODY IS FOUND IN YADKIN RIVER

The body of an unidentified Negro woman was found in the waters of the Yadkin river Tuesday morning about 9 o'clock on the Davidson County side of the river.

Investigating officers said that the body was weighted down with a heavy instrument, probably a piece of iron. Medical officials gave no indication as to how long the body had been in the river.

The body was fully clothed minus the shoes. Deputy Keiffer Morris said the report of the body came from the office of Deputy Joe Hague at Lexington.

Youth Shot At Raleigh Park



ALEXANDER EDWARDS

Chavis Park Bath-House Worker Killed; Police Launch Round-Up

Tragedy visited Chavis Park Sunday afternoon in the form of an accidental shooting. The victim, young Alexander Edwards 15, of 301 E. Davis St. was shot thru the shoulder, near the neck.

John H. Curran of 6 Hyde Terrace in Chavis Heights, who was arrested as a result of the shooting has been released on \$500 bond and charged with criminal negligence to appear before the Juvenile Court. He is also 15.

According to police, the fatal shot was fired from an Owl Head 32 revolver which had been discarded and found by Harold Boykin 11, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Boykin of 601 E. Lenoir Street.

Curran who was working in the locker room at the time, with Alexander put a cartridge in the chamber and spun the chamber beyond the firing pin and began pulling the trigger. Police said that the cartridge slipped in front of the firing pin before young Curran realized it and as he pulled the trigger for the last time the cartridge tore into the body of Edwards and killed him almost

instantly. As a result of the shooting, Capt. R. E. Goodwin of the Raleigh Police Department revealed that several youths in the area were picked up for carrying weapons.

Among those arrested were Al Lucas, 18, of 48 Watson St. who is also a life guard at the Chavis Park swimming pool. He has been indicted for carrying concealed weapons.

Also Harold Boykin, and Harry Cooper, 15, of 644 South Boundary St. who were turned over the juvenile authorities.

This was the first accidental death since 1943 when a youngster was drowned. The park has been in operation since 1926. Funeral services took place Tuesday afternoon from the Martin Street Baptist Church with the Reverend P. H. Johnson officiating. Burial took place in Chapel Cemetery in Wilson.

The victim is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards and his sister, Blondell.

The State-In Brief...

Man Robs Inmate

APRIL — Clarence Jones of Greensboro was tried in the superior court as a result of an accident, which was suspended on appeal on highway 64 near here. Jones is charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license and was found guilty of reckless and careless driving. He was convicted of reckless and careless driving at \$500.

Man Appeals Sentence

WHITEFIELD — Joseph Wheeler of Smithfield has been placed on a charge of larceny from an inmate at the County Home. Wheeler who has a long criminal record was sentenced to work at the County Home several months ago. After he had completed his term he became employed at the tuberculosis sanitarium.

He then began to court Miss Viola Finch and gave her a money bag to keep her money in. Miss Finch declared that she loaned Wheeler, and subsequently too the money from her.

"Root Doctor" Nets \$750 Before Law Cracks Down

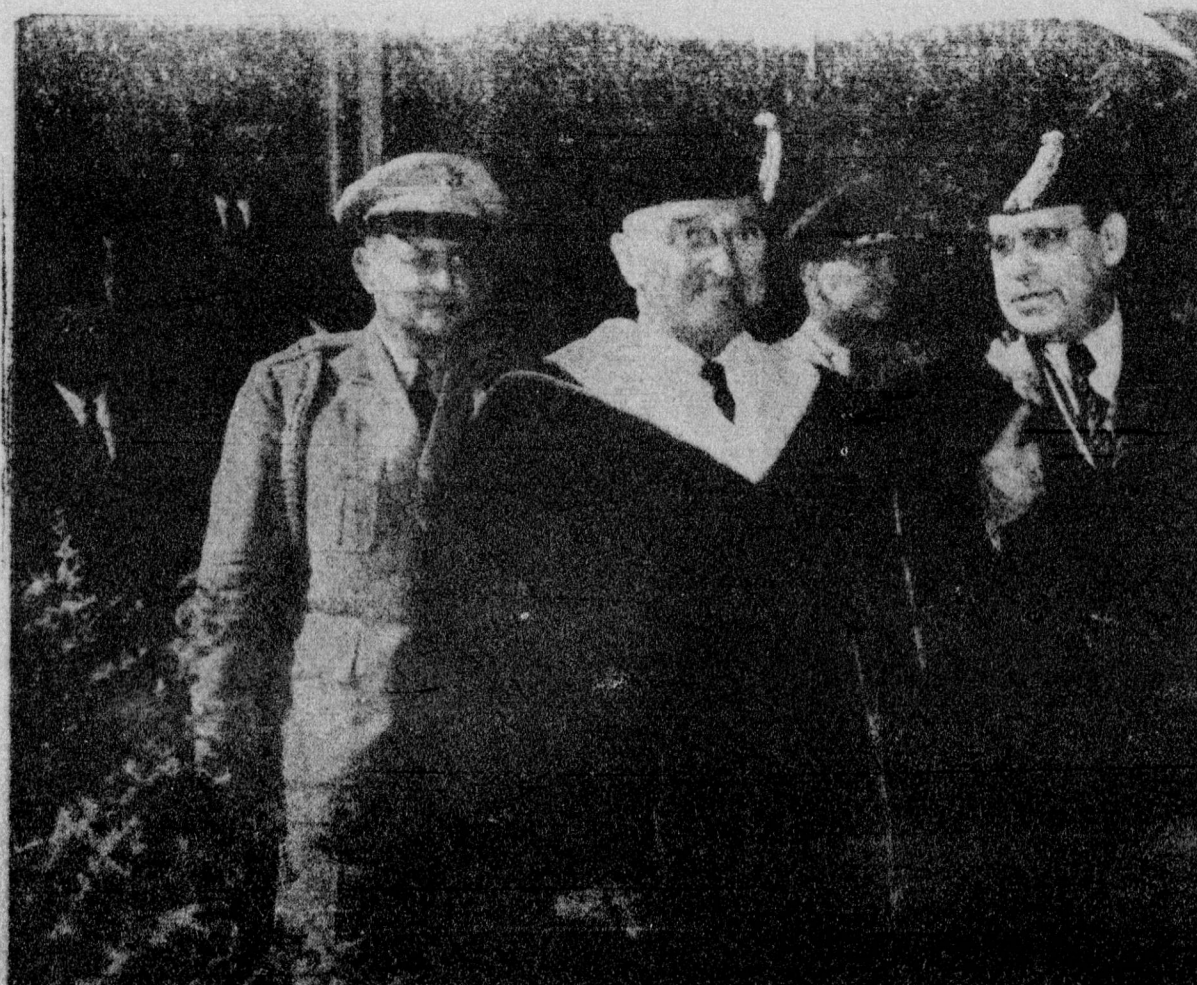
WILLIAMSTON, N. C. A fifty year old "root" doctor Johnny Simmons landed in jail this week because he allegedly duped 18 persons into giving him \$750.

Police Chief Julius Roebuck said that warrants have been sworn out by the victims, charging that the alleged witch doctor with obtaining money under false pretenses.

The people who had been fleeced of their money said that Simmons threatened to "hex" their husbands or wives if they refused his demands for money.

The alleged root doctor told police that he was able to cure rheumatism — in fact, just about any disease that anyone could name. Police chief Roebuck said that the Simmons had cast a "spell" on two Williamston girls and as a result of the "hex" they refused to return to their homes.

Although Simmons claims to have supernatural powers he has not been able to conjure himself out of his cell at Williamston, nor has he been able to cast a spell over his guards.



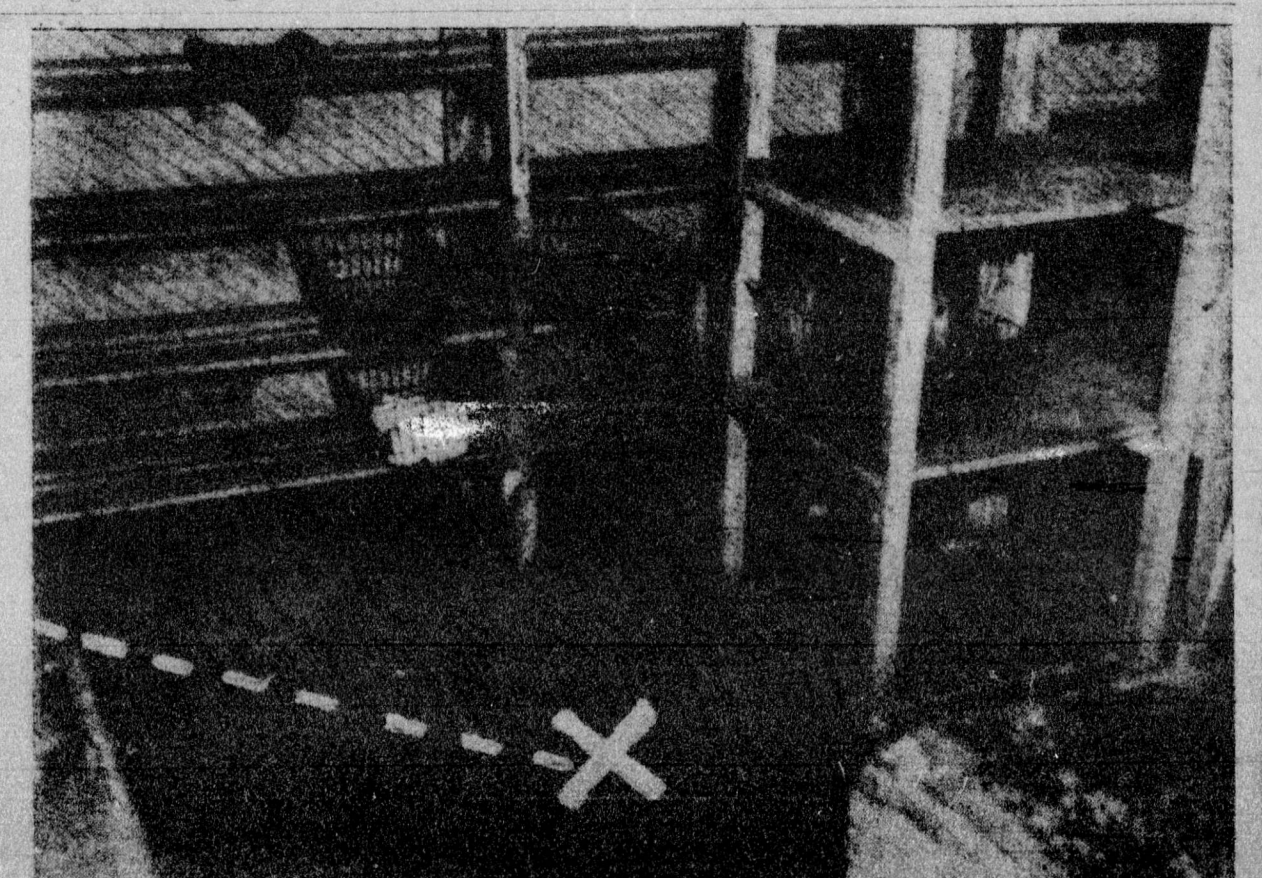
HOWARD FINALS PRINCIPALS — President Harry S. Truman is shown with Dr. Mortimer W. Johnson, President of Howard University, during the graduation procession of the Uni-

versity's 54th Commencement Exercises, Friday, June 13th. President Truman told approximately 18,000 people — including 691 graduates — of the need of a civil rights program backed by the full force and power

of the Federal Government. Honorary degrees were conferred upon former Federal Judge J. Waties Waring and Architect Paul R. Williams during the exercises.

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'X' MARKS THE SPOT — The 'X' in the above photo marks the spot where Alexander Edwards, 15-year-old employee of the bath-house at Raleigh's Chavis Park was found wounded and bleeding after being accidentally shot by a pistol wielded by a teen-aged fellow-worker, John Curran, also 15. The dotted line leads to a stool (not pictured) on which Curran is reported to have been sitting when the 32 calibre Owl Head pistol with which he was playing was discharged. — STAFF PHOTO BY SHIRLEY.