

STRIKE NOW ON AT ELIZABETH CITY COLLEGE

N. C. Soldier
See "Big Blow"



Cpl. Robert D. Burton of Burlington, N. C., holds his M-1 rifle at the port arms position at Camp Desert Rock, Nevada, where he is participating in atomic maneuvers. A member of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment stationed at Camp Pickett, Va., Burton was to witness the seventh atomic explosion of the 1952 series from a trench on the Nevada Desert and then move out in a simulated attack near the impact area. The special training included an extensive indoctrination in atomic warfare. Corporal Burton, son of Mrs. Eliza Burton of 435 Fulton St., Burlington, is a 1946 graduate of Jordan Sellers High School. He entered the Army last January.

Tiny Tot Succumbs To Poison

RALEIGH—An 11-month-old baby was pronounced dead upon arrival at Saint Agnes Hospital here Tuesday night after having eaten a quantity of strychnine.

Coroner M. W. Bennett reported that Jerry Thompson, the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thompson, tenants on the Saul Farm in Panther Branch, Township, accidentally ate enough of the poison to cause his death. No inquest was deemed necessary.

According to reports, the baby was playing with his sisters and brothers when one of the children discovered the bottle of poison on a cabinet shelf. The baby reportedly played with the bottle for a while, then spilled some of the poisoned powder and proceeded to lick it up.

It was revealed that the Thompson family only recently moved onto the Saul Farm and that the bottle of poison, bearing a label indicating its danger, had been in the house when the family moved in.

Arrangements for burial had not been completed at CAROLINIAN press time.

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Churchmen Accept "JC" In Order To "Keep Peace"

N. CAROLINIANS AMONG GROUP ACCEPTING BIAS Group Shuns Better Hotel Despite Florida Protection Promise

MIAMI BEACH, Florida — (Special) — Several North and South Carolina churchmen were among those who — but for the sake of violating the tenets of their church — accepted violence — refused to register at an ocean front hotel here despite protection from threats of violence.

The churchmen ministers in the Church of God in Christ, International, and their wives, numbering 104, had reserved accommodations at the Betsy Ross Hotel on The Beach here, but failed to pick up their reservations even though they had been informed by local police and the FBI that they would be protected at the hotel if any of the threats of violence materialized.

The Church of God in Christ, in a session here includes in its tenets a provision calling for the avoidance of "any risk of violence," thus church officials cancelled reservations in the Betsy Ross Hotel.

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Fifth District Elks Stride Along



"Bills" and Daughters Elks from throughout the North Carolina Fifth District, I. B. P. O. E. of World swing along Raleigh's East Davis Street enroute to Crosby-Garfield School to attend the District's oratorical contest which was a feature of last Sunday's sessions held in the Capital City. Victor in the oratorical contest was Raleigh's Miss Geraldine Galloway, who defeated contestants from throughout the district in the talk-fest. Miss Galloway will represent the district in the state orating event.—Photo By SHIRLEY.

Candidates In At Durham, Chapel Hill, Greensboro; Others Fail At The Polls

Chapel Hill Victor Led Entire Ticket; Is Another "First"

CHAPEL HILL — Chapel Hill's victorious candidate in the race for the aldermanic board led the entire ticket in Tuesday's voting.

When counts were made Tuesday night, Hubert Robinson, Sr., had polled 571 votes in his quest for a seat on the six-man board. The next highest aldermanic candidate polled 560 votes.

Mr. Robinson, who is employed as a janitor at the University of North Carolina has long been the outstanding figure in civic affairs as concern Negroes here. Through his insistence, a group was formed to represent the Negro populace and it was through his leadership that this group was successful in



ATTORNEY TAYLOR
Loses At Raleigh

gaining certain concessions for Negro Navy musicians who were stationed here during World War II.

At one time the successful candidate worked for former University President, Frank R. Graham.

He was the third Negro to seek public office here.

R. N. Harris First Negro Elected To Council At Durham

DURHAM — Businessman R. N. Harris became the first Negro elected to public office here Tuesday as he soared to a smashing victory at the polls over Marshall T. Mangum, a white merchant.

Favored by the powerful Negro-

labor coalition in the Bull City, Harris received 4203 votes to Mangum's 3701 to take the city council seat from the predominantly-Negro-populated Third Ward.

The actual strength of the Negro-Labor coalition was demonstrated as its entire slate went into office with two of the veteran incumbents on the city council roster being lost along the wayside.

Harris, who had the support of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs, based his campaign on training, service to community, while his opponent, based his candidacy solely on the fact that was "a white merchant."

Harris is a graduate of the Virginia Union University and Northwestern University. In addition, he is:

Member, Board of Trustee, Lincoln Hospital.

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G. T. GRIGSBY
Defeated At Holly Springs

Victors At The Polls



R. N. HARRIS
Durham's First



DR. WILLIAM HAMPTON
Second Term Clinched

JUST BEFORE EXECUTION

Miller Says Bad Company, "Strong Head" Led To His Downfall And Death

GOLDSBORO — Lafayette Miller, 21-year-old Beaufort County youth who died in the gas Chamber at Central Prison, Raleigh last Friday — in an eleventh hour declaration — admitted that his own headstrongness and "keeping bad company" led him into trouble the result of which was his movement of the supreme penalty.

Miller declared that during his stay on Death Row at the Raleigh Prison, he often wished that he had been "spanked harder" when he "was a kid."

The youth, who spent most of his life in prison and spent the last 19 months on Death Row, made the admissions to his foster mother, Mrs. Hattie Ward, who lives here. He made the declarations in a letter written shortly before 10 a.m. last Friday morning, the time he was to be led to death in the lethal chamber.

In his letter, which was written in what might be termed a "good" hand and which illustrated few visible signs of the illiteracy usually associated with Miller, the youth further noted that he had "made peace with God" and that "He has washed away all my sin."

The complete text of Miller's letter follows:



LAFAYETTE MILLER

"Dear Mother,

"I will be gone when you get this letter, but I want you to know that I am dying with Jesus in my heart. I have made peace with God here on Death Row and He has washed away all my sins. So now I can face that life beyond with a smile on my face and know that I shall live forever.

"Mother, I am telling you this because I want your mind to be at rest about my last hours here on earth and to let you know that my last thought was of you. Please don't grieve after I am gone, because I am going to a better world where I am anxious that I shall meet you some day.

"And Mother, I want to tell you again that I am not guilty of the crime for which I must die, regardless of how many juries said I was. Please believe this in your heart, because that's all that means anything to me now, and I want you to believe it with all your heart. Give my love and last good wishes to all the family and tell them that I hope to meet them in heaven some day.

"Mother, I have thought of you often here on Death Row

and wishes a lot of times that you had spanked me harder when I was a kid. You did your best, but I was headstrong and keeping bad company, which finally has made me pay with my life.

"But I have one happy thought, that I have got Jesus and am ready to go. So don't shed any tears over me and come to heaven where I can lay my head in your arms again. God bless you, I love you with all my heart.

From your son,
Lafayette Miller."

PRINCIPAL FOR RALEIGH SCHOOL IS SELECTED

RALEIGH — Raleigh's new million-dollar Negro junior-senior high school will have as its principal the man who holds the distinction of having been first principal of the world's largest secondary school.

As revealed by Raleigh Schools Superintendent Jesse Sanderson Tuesday, the new J. W. Ligon School on East Lenoir Street will have as its principal Dr. William Henry Watson, Jr., who comes to the local school from Winston-Salem's famed Carver School, reputedly the largest school of its kind in the world.

Dr. Watson is scheduled to come to Raleigh late this summer following a month's study abroad. He holds a BS degree from Hampton Institute and a doctorate in education from New York University.

Men Beat Kidnap Rap But Must Face Trial For Beating Student

RALEIGH—Two local white men have "beat" a kidnap "rap" growing out of their alleged abduction assault of a Negro youth, but must face trial on charges of assault and battery as result of Grand Jury action here this week.

W. E. Howell and Rudolph Lancaster will be charged in City Court here on the above-noted charge for having forced a 17-year-old Negro youth, Tommy Wyche of Gill Street into a car with them on March 22 and threatening

Will Governor Name Race Man To Paroles Board?

RALEIGH — North Carolinians of both races are casting a wary eye toward the State Capitol here in general and the Executive Mansion in particular this week as the time draws near for Governor William B. Umstead to hand out his "political plums" in the form of appointments to various state boards and groups.

Especially being eyed is the decision the Governor will make relative to the 3-man Paroles Board which will come into existence for the first time this year.

It is expected that Governor will take under consideration the fact that Negroes constitute nearly a third of the state's prisoner population and that in view of this fact he will name at least one

Negro to the Paroles group. The practice of respecting the unincorporated Negro's "rights" as such was begun by ex-Governor Kerr Scott, who named the late Winston-Salem alderman and college professor Kenneth Williams to the Parole Commission Advisory Board.

Other appointments made to state boards by Scott and his successors include those of NC Mutual Life Insurance Company president W. J. Kennedy, Jr. to the Recreation Commission and St. Augustine's College president Harold Trigg to the Education Board. These two are expected to certain their posts following the governor's appointments, and it has been reliably reported that the

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Grand Jury Returns True Bill Against Watchman Who Shot Man 4 Times

RALEIGH—A Wake County Superior Court jury will decide what to do in the case of Peace College's "High-Thundered Night Watchman" as the result of a ruling made by a Wake Grand Jury this week.

The Wake Grand Jury in session here Tuesday returned a true bill of indictment against aging white night watchman S. F. Woodell of the local girls' school, making it necessary for him to stand trial on charges of inflicting serious injury with a deadly weapon

with intent to kill as result of the watchman's unwarranted attack on Cecil Cooke, Negro restaurant worker some three months ago.

Woodell admitted shot Cooke four times because he "thought" Cooke was trespassing on the college campus and was threatening him with a weapon. Investigation revealed that the victim neither entered the college campus nor possessed a weapon of any sort.

Date for the Superior Court trial was not set during the Grand Jury hearing.



DR. W. P. DEVANE
Misses Third Try