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Carolinian Staffers Escape Injury

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N.C. Numbers Racketeers Sentenced

WOMAN EYEWITNESS ASKS ... Did Death Of 2 Men In **Gas Chamber Really Pay** Their Debt To Society?

(EDITOR'S NOTE: As far as could be determined, the "coverage" of the executions of Raleigh Speller and Clyde Brown in the lethal chamber at the Central Prison, Raleigh, marked the first time that a Negro woman reporter has accepted such an assignment in the State of North Carolina or elsewhere in the nation, Women have been spectators at

executions, but in all cases for which records were available, they were either relatives of the "victims" of the person or persons facing execution or were persons merely manifesting a curiousity as to the processes and proceedures involved in the taking of a life by legal means. The following coverage was assigned)

By Shirley Delany

RALEIGH - Was society actu-faced his doom. ally paid a penalty as the lives of "The prison attendants then estwo men were snuffed out in the corted 22-year old Brown -- simi-Lethal Chamber last Friday morn- larly clad -- into the execution champer. With his eyes cast uping at Central Prison? That is the question that ran ward as if in constant prayer ne through my mind as, with twenty- was strapped to the chair which four other witnesses, I observed designated his death in payment the execution of Raleigh Speller for the crime to which he had conand Clyde Brown, convicted ra. lessed Masks, that left only Continued on Page 8 pists.

Although Brown had made a clean confession of his goilt, Speller maintained his innocence to the end. It was Speller who was first led into the execution chamber cled only in white underwear shorts, and strapped to one of the two large oaken chairs that stood side by side in the small otherwise empty room. To his body was taped a stethoscope that was to later record his weakening heart beat.

Surprisingly relaxed, and obvicusly long since resigned to his fate the condemned 51-yr.-old man managed to nod his head in recognition of one of the spectators as h



Their Vigil Was Also Hopeless

Women Also Draw **Stiff Penalties, Fines**

SPECIAL TO CAROLINIAN | term, then the judge added GREENSBORO - As trials for other 2-year term to her sentence persons arrested and charged with all of which is to run concurrentparticipation in the "butter and ly with a 2 and a half year term eggs' numbers lottery got under- the woman already has to "pull" vay here Monday. Federal Middle for her part in perpetuating the District Court Judge Johnson J. Jumbers racket in the area. Hayes was indistriminate in met-ing out his terms. He handed was handed the two-year raps

One woman was given a 2-year

He Waited

In Vain

and Judge Haven ordered them into effect at the completion of a 2 1-2 year still Mrs. Dye alwomen just as stift sentences as

ready faced as the result Guilford County Superior Court action. A male companion of Mrs. Dye's John O. Martin, 51, was also given a two year term, Both Martin and Mrs. Dye are High Point residents

952 and charged with being a "turn-in" man for the writers. His Continued on Page 8





Pvt. RALPH L. GATTIS

These three North Carolina

Hillsboro

soldiers were among the 3,000

handnicked men who watched

the most awe-inspising specta-

cle of the atomic age - the

firing of an atomic cannon --

last week at Desert Rock, Neva-

da. The cannon has been de-

scribed by North Carolina Con-

gressman Carlyle as being so

Priest Welcomes Negro Worshippers

powerful that it lould cause the | rence lists his next of kin as his

Youth Tries To Run Down Lensman

NO ONE HURT

Children Fire **Kitles**, Pistol At Press Crew

By STAFF WRITER NEWTON GROVE-Two photographers of The Caroinian staff-one a womanand an accompanying writer, assigned from the same newspaper to "cover" the merger of a Negro Catholic church congregation with a white one nere last Sunday narrowly escaped serious injury at the hands of local white residents, purportedly "Catholics" angered by the order to integrate the two church congregations. Carolinian staff reporter. James A. Shepard, and reporter-photographers Mrs. Shirley Delany and Charles Jones, were, each, at one time or another during their short stay here Sunday either shot at with BB rifles or pistols or were victims of attempted run-downs by auto-



Persons and groups representing the NAACP, an affiliate never came. Brown and Speller union of the American Federa were executed - on schedule . tion of Labor, and the Quakers Friday morning. At upper right world peace movement waited at North Carolina State Capitol at Raleigh last Thursday night and Friday morning for news of tol steps Thursday morning in executive clemency announcing protest of the executions. Above stays of execution for Raleigh is a group from Durham which

Speller and Clyde Brown which er, officer of an AFL-affiliate union. The Durham group staged a midnight march on the Capiis the Rev. David Andrews of tol in an effort to urge Gov. W. B. Umstead to stay the execunear Greensboro. Quaker minitions. Others in the Durham ster, who took vigil on the Capigroup are Mesdames Barnes and Turner, Frank Turner, and Mrs. is a group from Durham which Rosemond Wagstaff. ipcludes Nathanlel Barnes,

their ill-fated game here Tuesday is accused of having taken his life. Willie James Johnson, five year old son of Mrs. Willie NAACP officer and Jesse Turn-Mae Johnson of E. Washington Street was shot and killed with a .12 guage rifle reportedly fired by 10-year-old Franchot Dillard, his neighbor as the two played cowboy with the young victim as the "star" in the game and the older boy as the outlaw. The shooting occurred early Tuesday morning

in the Johnson home at 1005 on E. Washington Street.

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Blast As Rifle

Is Discharged

GREENSBORO - A five-year-

old would-be "cowboy" hero is

dead and his 10-year-old next-

door neighbor and companion, who played the part of "the crook" in

News Of The Carolinas In Brief

LONG SENTENCE IS GIVEN MAN

federal Middle District Court here RALEIGH-Marshall Adams, 23, this week. sentenced to from eight to ien Elon College told presiding Judge J. H. Wheeler was principal speak. of 736 Fayetteville Street here gas years in Wake Superior Court Johnson J. Hayes that he paid or at the dedication of a swim-Tuesday. Adams was convicted of back \$101.25 proceeds from use ming pool for Negro use here armed robbery and assault with bonds. The Judge fined the "re- Tuesday and admonished the resia deadly weapon with intent to deemed" minister \$300.

kill. He was charged with shoot-ing R. Cliff Bagwell, 25, in the lower part of the stomach on line night of May 9 while robbing a store at which the victim was employed. Adams was identified it the assailant by Mrs. Lillie Pearce at 907 S. Blount St. However, Adams steadfastly denied his guilt.

NCM PRESIDENT NAMED TO GROUP

the persons inside who were just DURHAM--W. J. Kennedy, Jr., about to begin another day's work president of the N. C. Mutual Life Volunteers were able to save Insurance Company here has been hearby properties, but efforts to named a member of the board of salvage any of the school's possesdirectors of the United Fund of sions from the fire proved futile. Durham.

The occasion marks the fir." time that a Negro has been named to the executive committee of the group The Fund is newly organized in the city.

MINISTER REPENTS. MISSES SENTENCE

GREENSBORO-A minister who

LENOIR-Durham banker-lawyer The Rev. Booker T. Howard of dents of the area to "live in such

a way in which you must have PUPILS ESCAPE AS lived to make such a gift possi-FIRE HITS SCHOOL

Highway near here and warned

Execution

Sidelites

and a "change of heart" and re-

turned monies received when he stole and forged five \$25 defense

bonds was let off with a fine in

Mr. Wheeler, president of the Mechanics & Farmers Bank of GREENVILLE, S. C .- Sixty pu- Durham and Raleigh noted that th. who operates the Friendly Grocery pils escaped injury and with their pool was a portion of the Broyni at 907 S. Blount St. However, Ad. three teachers passed in an order Recreation center, a tract accord

ementary School on Old Piedmont

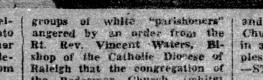
LISTS SESSIONS

GREENVILLE-According to am numcement made by D. D. Gar-rett, president, the sixth annual sessions of the North Carolina Ne-

gro Business League will be held in Greenville June 29 and 30. The tentative program includes the meeting of the State Housewive's League and a business session on Monday night.

BY SHIRLEY On Tuesday morning unfinish-RALEIGH - The other assign- ed busiess will be pursued. Durment I had at Central Prison here ing Tuesday afternoon a business was not nearly so "confining" as clinic and election of officers will at Newton Grove Sunday dethe one Friday. Here last year, be held A mammoth talent show Continued on Page 8 is to be held Tuesday night

unidentified priest An welcomed Negro worshippers into the Church of The Redeemar spite threats and jeers from



and that of the St. Renedict Church (Negro) should merge in acceptance of the true princi-ples of the Catholic Church, -STAFFOTO BY SHIRLEY.

Pvt. CALVIN LAWRENCE Pvt. THOMAS BYERS Halifax end of the Korean War in just parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawtwo days. All three of the men ence of Rt. 1, Halifax. Pvt. Bypictured here are members of ers, who was a barber before the crack 3rd Armored Calvary entering the service, is the son Regiment which is stationed at of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Byers of Camp Pickett, Viginia. Each of 419 W. Glendale Avenue, Mi. them has had extensive indoctri-Holly. - US ARMY PHOTOS.

nation in atomic warfare. Pvt.

Gattis is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

Gattis of Hillsboro. Pvt Law-

ists. Charles Jones narrowly escaped serious injury when a teen-aged driver attempted to run him down in an automobile as he (Jones) was photograhing the Saint Benedict Negro Catholic Church.

"Pot-shots" were fired at (Continued on Page 8)

DESPITE RACISTS **Newton Grove Incident** Marks Victory For True "Christian Democracy"

Staff Writer

Mt. Holly

hop of the diocese had ordered

NEWTON GROVE-Even though an end to church segregation in attempts were made to run down Newton Grove and was on hand to a photographer and to scare an- see how his order would be obey-

other, this writer, and the Bishop ed. of the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh away from the scene, a weak, but Negroes of the Newton Grove secneverteless clear-cut victory was tion worshipped with the whites made by Christian Democray here in the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Newton Grove. The Nelast Sunday.

For it was in this small farming gro Catholic dead were buried in community in the northern sector the church cemetery behind the of Sampson County that a Catho- church. However, both the worlic Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Vincent ship services and the burials fol-Waters braved the threats, curses lowed the well worn path of segand jeers of a crowd of angry regation. In the church, the Mewhites to say three masses to an groes sat in the left, the whites unsegregated congregation. Even while the holy services ministered to the whites first, the were going on inside the church. Negroes last and the Negro dead the "Christians" were gathering to- were buried in the back end of

gether in small groups on the out-side planning harm to the Bishop It could not be learned with any when he left the church. certainty just what caused the when he left the church. The bishop was not harmed bod- cnurch hierarchy to build a sepily although his spirit must have erate church for the Negro Oathbeen crushed by what he saw, but plics in Newton Grove. Some say his escape from physical harm was the whites grew tired of looking due only to the protection given at Negroes in what they called him by two deputy sheriffs and a "their" church, others contend it, small corps of priests who threw was the Negroes who wanted a themselves in front of the mob church where they would not be that was shoving, pulling and segregated. A combination of lise pushing to get to the bishop. two thoughts caused the erection two thoughts caused the prection All of this show of "Christian-(Continued on Page 8)

the Redeemer Church (white)

ly manner out of a school which had caught fire here Tuesday. A passer-by noticed flames on the roof of the Bakers Chapel E2-NC BUSINESS GROUP

BANKER HEARD AT

PGOL DEDICATION