

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 curiosity as to the processes and procedures involved in the taking of a life by legal means. The following coverage was assigned)

By Shirley Delany

RALEIGH — Was society actually paid a penalty as the lives of two men were snuffed out in the lethal chamber last Friday morning at Central Prison?

That is the question that ran through my mind as, with twenty-four other witnesses, I observed the execution of Raleigh Speller and Clyde Brown, convicted rapists.

Although Brown had made a clean confession of his guilt, Speller maintained his innocence to the end. It was Speller who was first led into the execution chamber clad only in white underwear shorts, and strapped to one of the two large wooden 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 obviously long since resigned to his fate, the condemned 51-year-old man managed to nod his head in recognition of one of the spectators as he

placed his doom. The prison attendants then escorted 22-year-old Brown — similarly clad — into the execution chamber. With his eyes cast upward as if in constant prayer, he was strapped to the chair which designated his death in payment for the crime to which he had confessed. Masks, that left only the

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Their Vigil Was Also Hopeless



Persons and groups representing the NAACP, an affiliate union of the American Federation of Labor, and the Quakers world peace movement waited at North Carolina State Capitol at Raleigh last Thursday night and Friday morning for news of executive clemency announcing stays of execution for Raleigh

Speller and Clyde Brown which never came. Brown and Speller were executed — on schedule — Friday morning. At upper right is the Rev. David Andrews of near Greensboro, Quaker minister, who took vigil on the Capitol steps Thursday morning in protest of the executions. Above is a group from Durham which includes Nathaniel Barnes,

Women Also Draw Stiff Penalties, Fines

SPECIAL TO CAROLINIAN GREENSBORO — As trials for persons arrested and charged with participation in the "butter and eggs" numbers lottery got underway here Monday, Federal Middle District Court Judge Johnson J. Hayes was indiscriminate in meting out his terms. He handed women just as stiff sentences as men.

term, then the judge added another 2-year term to her sentence, all of which is to run concurrently with a 2 and a half year term the woman already has to "pull" for her part in perpetuating the numbers racket in the area.

Mrs. Maggie Mills Dye, 47, was handed the two-year raps and Judge Hayes ordered them into effect at the completion of a 2 1/2 year stint Mrs. Dye already faced as the result of 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.

Martin was nabbed in November, 1952 and charged with being a "turn-in man" for the rackets. His

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He Waited In Vain



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Child, 5, Playing 'Cowboy' Killed By The 'Crook', 10

Rifle Slug Marks End To "Game"

Child Struck By 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 their ill-fated game here Tuesday is accused of having taken his life.

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Carolinian Staffers Escape Injury

IRATE NEWTON GROVE GROUP ATTACKS RACE NEWSMEN, WOMAN

Youth Tries To Run Down Lensman

NO ONE HURT

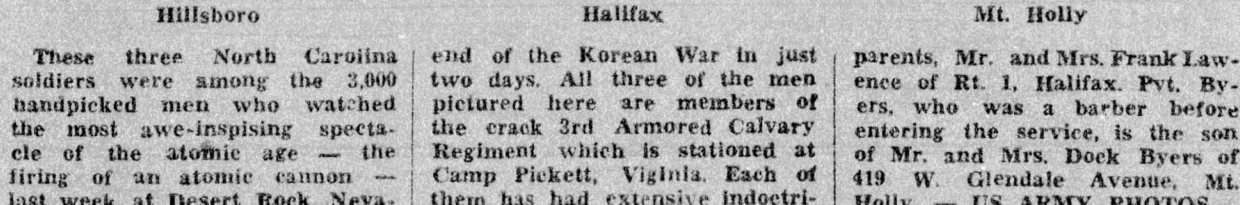
Children Fire Rifles, Pistol At Press Crew

By STAFF WRITER NEWTON GROVE—Two photographers of The Carolinian staff—one a woman—and an accompanying writer, assigned from the same newspaper to "cover" the merger of a Negro Catholic church congregation with a white one here 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-

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

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



Pvt. RALPH L. GATTIS Hillsboro Pvt. CALVIN LAWRENCE Halifax Pvt. THOMAS BYERS Mt. Holly

These three North Carolina soldiers were among the 3,000 handicapped men who watched the most awe-inspiring spectacle of the atomic age — the firing of an atomic cannon — last week at Desert Rock, Nevada. The cannon has been described by North Carolina Congressman Carlyle as being so powerful that it could cause the

end of the Korean War in just two days. All three of the men pictured here are members of the crack 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment which is stationed at Camp Pickett, Virginia. Each of them has had extensive indoctrination in atomic warfare. Pvt. Gattis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gattis of Hillsboro. Pvt. Lawrence lists his next of kin as his

Priest Welcomes Negro Worshippers



An unidentified priest welcomed Negro worshippers into the Church of the Redeemer at Newton Grove Sunday despite threats and jeers from groups of white "parishioners" angered by an order from the Rt. Rev. Vincent Waters, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh that the congregation of the Redeemer Church (white)

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

By JAMES A. SHEPARD Staff Writer NEWTON GROVE—Even though attempts were made to run down a photographer and to scare another, this writer, and the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh away from the scene, a weak, but nevertheless clear-cut victory was made by Christian Democracy here last Sunday.

For it was in this small farming community in the northern sector of Sampson County that a Catholic Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Vincent Waters braved the threats, curses and jeers of a crowd of angry whites to say three masses to an unsegregated congregation. Even while the holy services were going on inside the church, the "Christians" were gathering together in small groups on the outside planning harm to the Bishop when he left the church.

News Of The Carolinas In Brief

LONG SENTENCE IS GIVEN MAN

RALEIGH—Marshall Adams, 33, of 736 Fayetteville Street here, was sentenced to from eight to ten years in Wake Superior Court Tuesday. Adams was convicted of armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. He was charged with shooting R. Cliff Bagwell, 25, in the lower part of the stomach on the night of May 9 while robbing a store at which the victim was employed. Adams was identified by the assailant by Mrs. Lillie Pearce who operates the Friendly Grocery at 807 S. Blount St. However, Adams steadfastly denied his guilt.

NCM PRESIDENT NAMED TO GROUP

DURHAM—W. J. Kennedy, Jr., president of the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company here has been named a member of the board of directors of the United Fund of Durham.

MINISTER REPENTS, MISSES SENTENCE

GREENSBORO—A minister who

BANKER HEARD AT PCOL DEDICATION

LENOIR—Durham banker-lawyer J. H. Wheeler was principal speaker at the dedication of a swimming pool for Negro use here Tuesday and admonished the residents of the area to "live in such a way in which you must have lived to make such a gift possible."

PUPILS ESCAPE AS FIRE HITS SCHOOL

GREENVILLE, S. C.—Sixty pupils escaped injury and with their three teachers passed in an orderly manner out of a school which had caught fire here Tuesday. A passer-by noticed flames on the roof of the Bakers Chapel Elementary School on Old Piedmont Highway near here and warned the persons inside who were just about to begin another day's work. Volunteers were able to save nearby properties, but efforts to salvage any of the school's possessions from the fire proved futile.

Execution Sidelites

BY SHIRLEY RALEIGH — The other assignment I had at Central Prison here was not nearly so "confusing" as the one Friday. Here last year,

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NC BUSINESS GROUP LISTS SESSIONS

GREENVILLE—According to announcement made by D. D. Garrett, president, the sixth annual sessions of the North Carolina Negro Business League will be held in Greenville June 29 and 30. The tentative program includes the meeting of the State Housewives League and a business session on Monday night.

Execution Sidelites

On Tuesday morning unfinished business will be pursued. During Tuesday afternoon a business clinic and election of officers will be held. A mammoth talent show is to be held Tuesday night.