

AFTER STATE MEDICS' CONFERENCE PROMINENT MD DIES ON WAY HOME FROM MEET

GREENVILLE — Impressive funeral services were held from Saint Gabriel's Catholic Church here Monday for Dr. James Alexander Battle, prominent local physician who died as a result of a heart attack suffered last Thursday night.

The 60-year-old physician suffered the fatal attack while returning to Greenville from Rocky Mount where he had attended sessions of the Old North State Medical Association of which he was a noted member.

According to reports, Dr. Battle had been on his automobile on the highway a short distance from Rocky Mount and had written a note requesting ambulance service before he succumbed.

A native of Wilson, Dr. Battle began his medical practice here 12 years ago, following his graduation from the Leonard Medical School at Shaw University.

Battle, thirty-nine years ago, he married the former Miss Della Mae Plummer at Waverdon from which union was born a daughter, Mrs. Ella Elizabeth Beckel of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In addition to professional pursuits, Dr. Battle was also known as a leader in civic and religious affairs locally and through the state. He was active at Saint Gabriel's Church and was a member of the staffs of both Saint Agnes Hospital, Raleigh, and Piney Point Memorial Hospital, Charlotte.

Dr. Battle also held memberships in the Rocky Mount Medical Academy (Assoc.), the Old North State Medical Association and the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

His body lay in state Sunday at his newly completed office Monday prior to removal to the funeral home.

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DR. J. A. BATTLE
heart attack victim

For Allegedly "Slandering" Elks N. C. MINISTER MAY BE SUED

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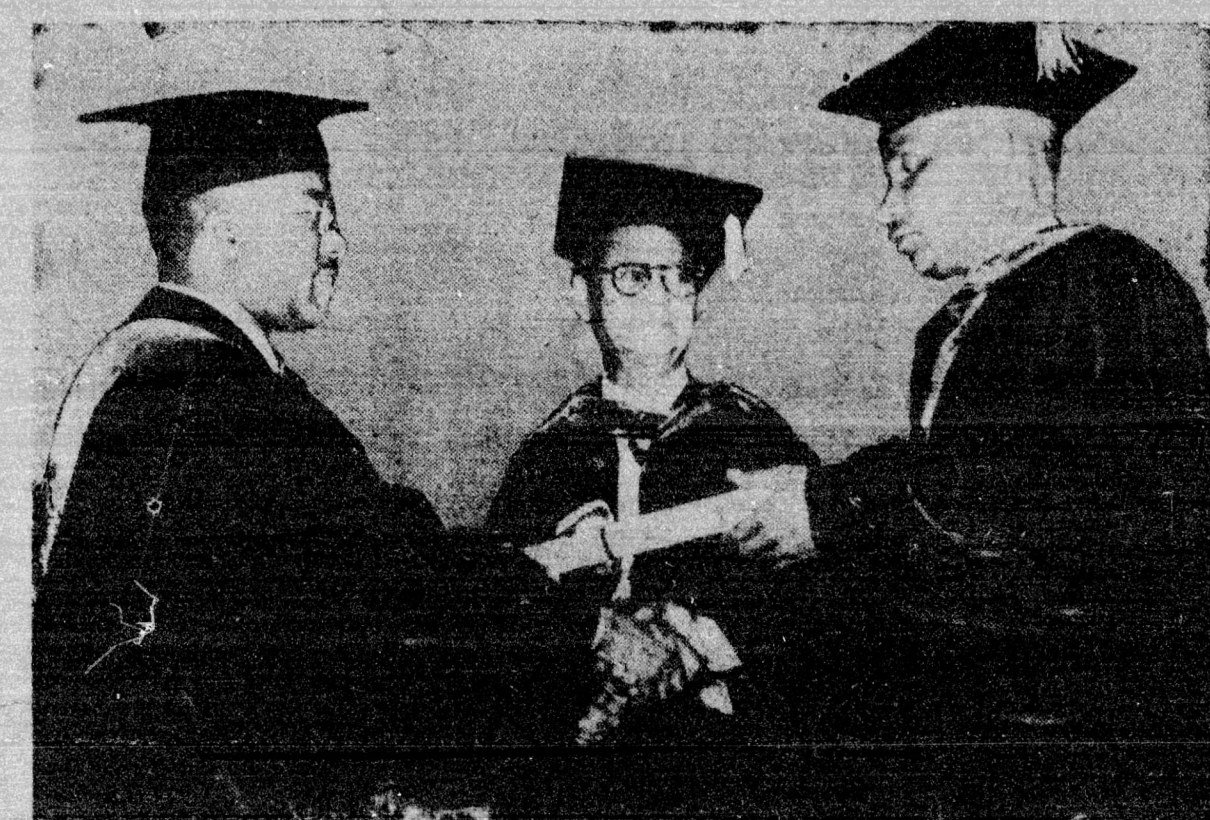
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Gambling Charges Fail To Stick Against Seven Men

N. C. Educator Is Accorded Honor

Roundup Is At Raleigh

Evidence Missing, City Judge Rules



IT'S AN HONOR — Dr. William R. Strassner (left), President of Shaw University (Raleigh, N. C.), congratulates W. L. Greene, executive secretary, North Carolina Teachers association, who has just been presented with the degree of Doctor of Laws by Dr. L. E. McCauley (center) a Shaw trustee. This was the highlight of the 88th annual commencement exercises at Shaw last week, where 174 candidates in the college of arts and sciences and the school of religion received degrees. (Newspress Photo)

RALEIGH — Seven local men arrested after having allegedly been "fingered" by one of their number with whom they had purportedly been gambling — were freed in City Court here Tuesday when the presiding jurist ruled that there was not sufficient evidence presented in the case to prefer a gambling charge against them.

The seventh man, accused of doing the "fingering" in the case — failed to show up for the hearing.

City Court Judge Albert Doub heard testimony from Detective Sergeant F. W. Pollard which indicated that Charles Clyde Moses of the 1100 block of East Martin Street, instigated the wholesale roundup of alleged gamblers when he was apprehended one day last week.

When arrested, Detective Pollard said, Moses was in possession of a large amount of loose change. When questioned as to where he had gotten the change, Moses reportedly said he had been gambling with a group of men and had either won or lost. He then began to name the men and addresses of his alleged gambling companions.

Picked up by police officers were Spurgeon Yancey of Ross Street, who was acquitted on a charge of operating a gambling house. Others who were nabbed all Raleigh men, were:

Tommy Weeden of the 300 Block Fowler Street; Rabbi Dunn, Lightner's Funeral Home; Emanuel Swindell of the 400 Block of Cannon St.; John Agges of John Peace and Railroad Street.

In turn was acquitted of gambling charges in the City Court hearing.

Rocky Mount Pastor Irks Area's Elks

Minister's Remarks At Funeral Cause Threat Of Suit

BY J. B. HARRIS
ROCKY MOUNT — A letter described as "very strong" has been sent to the pastor of a local Baptist church which intimates that "legal action" in the form of a suit — will be forthcoming if the pastor does not retract statements which members of the area (BPOE) lodge feel slanderous and derogatory to their order.



REV. R. W. UNDERWOOD

Members of Twin County Lodge No. 237, BPOE of W. (Elks), are displeased because of certain alleged derogatory remarks made by the Rev. R. W. Underwood, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church here while conducting a funeral for a deceased Elk member June 7.

The minister is said to have declared from his pulpit that the deceased Elk member of many years standing had declared to him (Underwood) that "the Elks were going to hell" if they "didn't change". This was allegedly repeated to the congregation during the funeral by the pastor.

WIDOW DENIES STATEMENT
The widow of the deceased is said to have denied that her husband made any such statement, even though she was sick a long while. She is quoted as saying "It's a lie," according to Exalted Ruler Fletcher Westry of Twin County Elks.

The "very strong" letter was sent to the minister by the lodge demanding an apology given publicly to the Elks.

It is recalled that another preacher here was required to apologize for a statement which proved to be false several years ago, officials said last week. The Elks Court hearing.

Violence Claims Lives Of Three During Week

RALEIGH — Death by violent means is still laying claim to Negro residents of North Carolina, surveys conducted by the newspaper indicate.

During the past week, at least two North Carolina persons died as a result of highway mishaps and during the same period at least one homicide was recorded.

AUTO DEATHS
Sampson County's 12th highway fatality of 1953 occurred last Saturday afternoon in Dismal Township.

A 60-year-old woman, Mrs. Helene O. Williams, sustained fatal injuries when a car operated by Isaac McLamb, 19, of Route 1, Salem, failed to make a curve on a road near Kirby Hall's store, swerved into a field, struck a tree and glanced off and struck her. She was taken to the Royal Clinic at Staenburgh but was dead on arrival.

McLamb told investigating patrolmen that a post had struck the victim but witnesses testified that it was the car causing the injuries.

McLamb was indicted on a charge of manslaughter and placed under a bond of \$2,500.

David Jacobs, 35, became Robeson County's 15th highway fatality, about 9 o'clock Sunday night when he was struck by an automobile 250 yards southeast of the intersection of Highways N. C. 83 and U. S. 501 six miles south of Maxton.

The driver of the car, C. C. Parks of Laurinburg, stated he was meeting a car and the second car's lights made it impossible to see the pedestrian.

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In First Broadcast



The Most Rev. Joseph O. Bowers, S. V. D., Bishop of Aceris British West Indies, will make his first radio network address on CBS Radio's "Church of the Air" Sunday, June 21. The broadcast will emanate from the campus of St. Augustine Seminary, Bay St. Louis, Miss. where Bishop Bowers studied for the priesthood and was recently consecrated as bishop by Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York. (AP)

Man, 23, 'Blows His Top'; Defies Police, Shoots 3

BURLINGTON — A 23-year-old local resident who suddenly "blew his top" last Saturday, held police officers of bay with a shotgun and then walked up the street and injured three people with a single blast from his weapon.

He is being held in jail here on various charges and observation pending the suit some of the condition of his victims.

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Well, Your Honor, He Treated My Dog So Mean

HIGH POINT — Local residents are parodying singer Bob Brown's hit tune "Mama, He Treats Your Daughter Mean" with the lyrics "Your Honor He Treated My Dog So Mean" here this week as a local restaurant faces trial by jury on a charge of cruelty to animals.

Tom Davis, who lives at 116 Harrison Street, has been freed on \$200 bond pending the next jury trial here after being charged with "wounding, maiming, torturing and killing a dog by beating it to death with a stick." The charge was preferred by Davis' neighbor, Raymond Parker who said his mistreated dog was valued at \$75.

The Municipal Court judge granted Davis' plea for trial by jury.

DURING GREENVILLE MEET Business League To Give First Progress Citation

GREENVILLE — The memory of the late Dr. C. C. Spaulding, Durham business pioneer, will be honored during annual sessions of the North Carolina Negro Business League to be held here Monday and Tuesday, June 29 and 30.

A citation award, named in honor of Dr. Spaulding, founder and late president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company — as well as the League — is to be presented for the first time to the North Carolina Negro Business League which has realized the most progress during the past year.

The citation will be awarded as a feature of Tuesday night's mammoth banquet which will mark the end of the two-day sessions.

The gathering gets underway Monday when members of the

Negro Business League descend upon the hospitality for their annual business sessions. A meeting of the executive committee of the League is also scheduled Monday to include executive sessions in which a new slate of officers will be considered and place and date set for next year's meet.

Selection of the Spaulding Progress Citation will also be made.

Public sessions and general meetings will be on the agenda Tuesday with the talent show and presentation to be the final feature.

Among the members of the League's executive body are D. D. Garrett, Greenville, current president of the state group; J. J. Henderson, Durham, chairman; Ed

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Rev. Wiley Head Shaw U. Alumni

RALEIGH — Rev. J. W. Wiley, class of 1930, was elected president of the National Alumni Association of Shaw University in their June annual meeting, held at the University.

The Reverend Mr. Wiley, having completed his high school training at Palmer Memorial Institute, his A. B. from Shaw University, his S.T.D. from Howard University, his M. A. degree from Columbia University and with further study on his D. Ed. degree, is well qualified for the new position. For eighteen years he has been one of North Carolina's top high school principals, and for twenty years a successful pastor.

There were twenty-four clubs and chapters represented at the June annual meeting. The association, for two years, under the leadership of Prof. W. R. Collins principal of the Johnston County Training School, has made tremendous strides in the organization of clubs and chapters. The National Association has also in-

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McKissick Of Asheville New Legionnaire's Head

WILMINGTON — E. B. McKissick, post 41, Asheville, was elected vice-commander of Division Six (Negro) of the North Carolina American Legion for 1953-54 at the annual state convention which met in Wilmington Thursday through Saturday of last week. He succeeds F. A. Thornton of Goldsboro.

Approximately 300 Legionnaires and members of the Legion Auxiliary and guests were in the city for the sessions which were held at Wilston Industrial High School.

A highlight of the convention was the mammoth parade through downtown Wilmington on Friday.

The parade was integrated. Negro delegates appeared about half way in the procession, and they received much applause. Troops from nearby camps were Negro and White, with marching units and bands completely mixed. These troops received an enthusiastic ovation.

The convention banquet was held at Club 301 Friday night, with Dr. H. A. Eaton, prominent physician, as principal speaker.

Go-Getters banquet was held Thursday night at Club 301.

Winner of the State Oratorical Contest was Miss Geneva Johnson of Wendell.

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First Negro Given Univ. Of Va. Ph. D.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Walter Nathaniel Ridley of Petersburg, Virginia, was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Virginia's commencement exercises last Monday.

Ridley, who is head of the department of psychology at Virginia State College, Petersburg, was the first Negro ever to receive a Doctor's degree from a Southern State University.

In every subject which he pursued, Ridley received straight A's except in one subject his grade was B-plus. Ridley studied at the University for a period of two years.

Dean L. J. Stiles of the university's school of education said of Ridley: "He has demonstrated the highest qualities of leadership and gentlemanliness we expect of University of Virginia Students."

President Colgate W. Darden, Jr. said of him: "His excellent record leads me to believe he will reflect credit upon the University and upon the Commonwealth."

Goldsboro Man Is Hero

As the honor guard stands erect behind him, Army Sergeant First Class Marsden R. Everett, Goldsboro, N. C. remains at attention after receiving a Silver Star in Germany. The decoration third highest U. S. combat award, was conferred for gallantry in action in Korea. Everett is now a surgical technician with the 79th Evacuation Hospital near Baumholder, Germany. His wife, Mildred, and his mother, Mrs. Lillie R. Everett, live in Goldsboro.



News Of The Carolinas In Brief

RALEIGH NAACP TO MEET ON JUNE 28

RALEIGH — A mass meeting will be staged by the Raleigh branch NAACP at Martin Street Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, June 28 for the purpose of raising funds to defray expenses involved in the branch's successful prosecution of a white youth charged with raping a young colored girl here recently. Attorney Herman Taylor was engaged by the branch as special prosecutor in the case and the defendant was given a life imprisonment sentence.

The local NAACP group is still seeking additional members. Memberships may be acquired by contacting Charles Jones, president of the branch, or Charles Irving secretary.

TWO DUNN SCOUTS GET EAGLE RATES

RALEIGH — Raymond Coddington, 13, and Thomas Ferguson, age 13, troop 124, sponsored by The Harnett County Training School, Dunn, N. C. recently received their Boy Scout Eagle at the school's commencement program. Robert K. Corbett is their Scoutmaster and Prof. F. H. Ledbetter, D. N. Howard, Field Executive of the Oconeechee Council, congratulated the Scouts and presented the badges to Mrs. C. B. Coddington and Mrs. Ferguson, mothers of the Scouts, who planned

YMCA WILL STAGE BOYS' DAY CAMP

RALEIGH — During the summer months the local Bloodworth Street YMCA will sponsor a boys day camp with a varied schedule of youth activities under the direction of Leslie Wright, boys work secretary. Mr. Wright is a graduate of A. and T. College where he specialized in physical education and was a member of the football team.

Activities to be conducted include: softball games on the Shaw University athletic field; swimming classes at Chavis Park and recreational department, table tennis, checkers, billiards, weight lifting, horseshoes, punching and striking bag drills, movies, talent shows, devotional services.

Boys who desire to attend the day camp are invited to register any day at the "Y."

CHILDREN LEARN TO TALK, HEAR

DURHAM — A speech clinic for children who have trouble talking and who are hard of hearing opened at North Carolina College Saturday, June 13.

According to Dr. Marcus H. Boulware the clinic will provide

SOCIOLOGIST IS AN ANTHORITY

DURHAM — Several recent sociology textbooks have carried extracts from studies conducted by Dr. Charles E. King, sociologist and authority on marriage problems at North Carolina College here.

Among the authors who have used Dr. King's findings in their works are R. A. Schermerhorn, J. H. S. Boggs, and Alfred McCung Lee.

Several of the references to the NCC sociologist's work are to a study entitled "The Burgess and Cottrell Method of Measuring Marital Adjustment Applied to a Non-White Southern Urban Population." The article appeared in "Marriage and Family Living" last November.

Dr. King received his undergraduate training at Paine College, Augusta, Ga., and the master's degree from the University of Michigan. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago in 1951.

Burlington Gets First "Rec" Head

BURLINGTON — The City of Burlington this week employed its first full-time director of Negro recreation.

A 21-year-old 1953 graduate of North Carolina College, Durham, went to work at the job Monday.

Bill Johnson, who just last week received a bachelor of science degree in physical education from the Durham institution was employed by local Recreation Director Joe Davis on the approval of City Manager E. C. Brandon and the local Recreation Commission.

Johnson is a graduate of Eastman High School in Enfield, his hometown. While at North Carolina college, he minored in biology, and was for three years a member of the varsity baseball team.

School's Out Drive Slow!!

State Dental Group To Meet On June 23 and 24 Greensboro Site Of Sessions

RALEIGH — The Old North State Dental Society will meet at Bennett College in Greensboro, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23 and 24. A very interesting program is being planned according to Dr. B. W. Barnes, chairman of the convention committee.

On Tuesday, the Society will register at 10 o'clock. The meeting officially open at 11 o'clock Tuesday with the dentists and the Dental Auxiliary participating. A clinic will be conducted Tuesday afternoon. Other dental clinics will be held Wednesday morning and evening.

The Old North State Dental Society was founded by pioneers in dentistry in the state. It was organized in Wilson in 1919.

Officers of the Society are Dr. M. W. Butler, Asheville, president; Dr. C. B. Jones, Elizabeth City, president-elect; Dr. M. L. Watts, Raleigh, secretary-treasurer.

Ms. M. L. Watts of Raleigh is president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Society.