

INSIDE THIS WEEK

Shorts columnist, former football great Fritz Pollard is of the opinion that Howard University should not have given an honorary degree to Branch Rickey for the role he played in integrating Negroes in Major League baseball. Pollard's popular "Closeup Sports" column, page 15, gives the reasons. Also inside: News from hometowns throughout the state.

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THEY WERE THERE

Carolinian reporters were on hand throughout the state this past holiday weekend to bring first-hand accounts of the manner in which the holiday was spent here and there. Staff Writer J. E. Hurren spent the July 4th holiday at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. His report on the pilgrimage by members of the IBPO of Elks to the John Brown Shrine appears on page 9.

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State Colleges Eyed As Site For Nursing School

RALEIGH — Gov. William B. Umstead's three-member committee recently appointed "to study establishment of a nurse training program at one or more

institutions" had completed a tour of three of the State's Negro colleges here over the past week-end.

State Senator Warren W. Williams of Sanford, chairman, with Miss Ruth Council, State Board of Health, Raleigh, and Reid Holmes, Winston-Salem, administrator of Bowman-Gray Hospi-

tal, last week visited the Agricultural and Technical College (A and T), Greensboro, Winston-Salem Teachers' College, Winston-Salem, and the North Caro-

lina College at Durham. Senator Williams said in Durham on Thursday his committee was charged with "judiciously spending the \$200,000 appropri-

ated by the legislature for this program." Miss Council emphasized that the committee was anxious to see that Negro nurses were "given every advan-

tage in facilities and opportunities. The program was originally authorized by the Legislature's of that group, charged with re-

porting directly to Gov. Umstead. It was hoped final recommendations could be completed by last week-end. If this hope is (Continued on Page 8)

RESIDENT OF RALEIGH IS DEAD AT 105



MRS. TEMPIE PITTS

Oldest Resident of City Succumbs

RALEIGH — Death claimed Mrs. Tempie Pitts, reportedly the oldest resident of Raleigh, last Monday morning at her South Tarboro Street home. At the time of her death, Mrs. Pitts was 105 years of age.

Born into slavery in Halifax County in 1848, Mrs. Pitts served the Wrights family of four acres until coming to Raleigh 75 years ago. She knew and worked for six generations of the family.

An able churchwoman until some few months ago, Mrs. Pitts held membership at the local First Congregational Church and took part in many phases of the church's activities. Only last fall on the occasion of her 105th birthday, Mrs. Pitts indicated no signs of feebleness and joined in with person wishing her a happy birthday in singing several hymns.

Mrs. Pitts is immediately survived by two daughters, Miss A. Irene Pitts with whom she has lived at Raleigh 75 years, and Mrs. Mamie White of Baltimore, Md. There is a sister, Mrs. Nannie Johnson of Halifax County and three grandchildren.

Impressive funeral rites were scheduled at the First Congregational Church here for 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with the pastor, the Rev. Howard Cunningham. (Continued on Page 8)

YOUNG BABY ABANDONED

RALEIGH — A colored male baby, four or five months old, was found on the doorsteps at 525 S. Wilmington Street by Mrs. Blanche Bunch of 19 E. Lenon Street on the morning of July 4. Police were informed that possibly a midwife delivered the baby, because the navel cord had been tied with "surgical cord," but it had not been tied by a Doctor. This information came from St. Agnes hospital, where the child was taken for treatment.

The baby was wrapped in a light blue blanket, officers said, and wore a white dress and other baby clothing. No note or feeding instructions were found near the child. About an hour before she decided to investigate, Mrs. Bunch said that she heard the baby crying. She said that she saw by the lights from passing cars, that a "white bundle" was on the darkened doorsteps.

It took her about thirty minutes to awaken Mrs. Charles Walker living at the house according to Mrs. Bunch and Mrs. Walker was at a loss as to what should be done with the child. It was at this point that Mrs. Bunch called the Police.

Nurse, Formerly Working At NC Hospital

JAILED ON DOPE RAP

Race Councilman at Odds With G'Boro Mayor; Says Mayor Would Be Dictator

GREENSBORO — Dr. William M. Hampton, Greensboro's popular first and only Negro city councilman, is none too popular in the eyes of local Mayor Robert H. Ezard this week after having taken sharp issue with the mayor's designs Monday and accusing the city chief of "seeking to be a dictator."

Indicating that he had drawn the mayor's fire by not "going along" with him on a previous matter of municipal management, Dr. Hampton told newsmen following a heated city council session Monday that the mayor "has been retribution against me" as a result of the initial disagreement. In Monday's council session here, Dr. Hampton adamantly refused to back the mayor's proposal that the mayor be allowed to personally appoint a planning and zoning commission, subject to approval of the council.



COUNCILMAN HAMPTON

Dr. Hampton, the only council member to vote against the proposal said "I am not interested in (Continued on Page 8)

NC NEGRO ORDAINED PRIEST

First Of Race From N. C. Ordained Catholic Father

GREENSBORO — The first Negro resident of the state of North Carolina was ordained a priest in the Roman Catholic Church last week.

The state's first race priest is Rev. Vance Z. Thorne, whose residence is Greensboro and who was ordained a Father during impres-

sive ceremonies held at St. Augustine's Seminary at Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi. The seminary is conducted by the Fathers of the Society of the Divine Word.

Father Thorne is the son of Mrs. Mary E. Thorne who lives at 915 Logan Street, Greensboro. Mrs. (Continued on Page 8)

Daring Duo Robs Raleigh Nightspot and Customer

RALEIGH — Katrina's Place, a night club, on North State Street was the scene of a daring holdup last Friday night. Two unidentified men walked into the place shortly before midnight Friday

and held the proprietor, Edward T. Winston at gun-point while \$30 were taken from the cash register.

Winston told investigation officers that two men came into the place around 11:55 p. m. and ordered two soft drinks. Minutes later, Winston said, one of the two pulled an automatic pistol and said "this is a stickup."

The other man walked behind the counter and emptied the cash drawer of its contents. The man with the gun, Winston said, stood beside the door and kept everyone "covered."

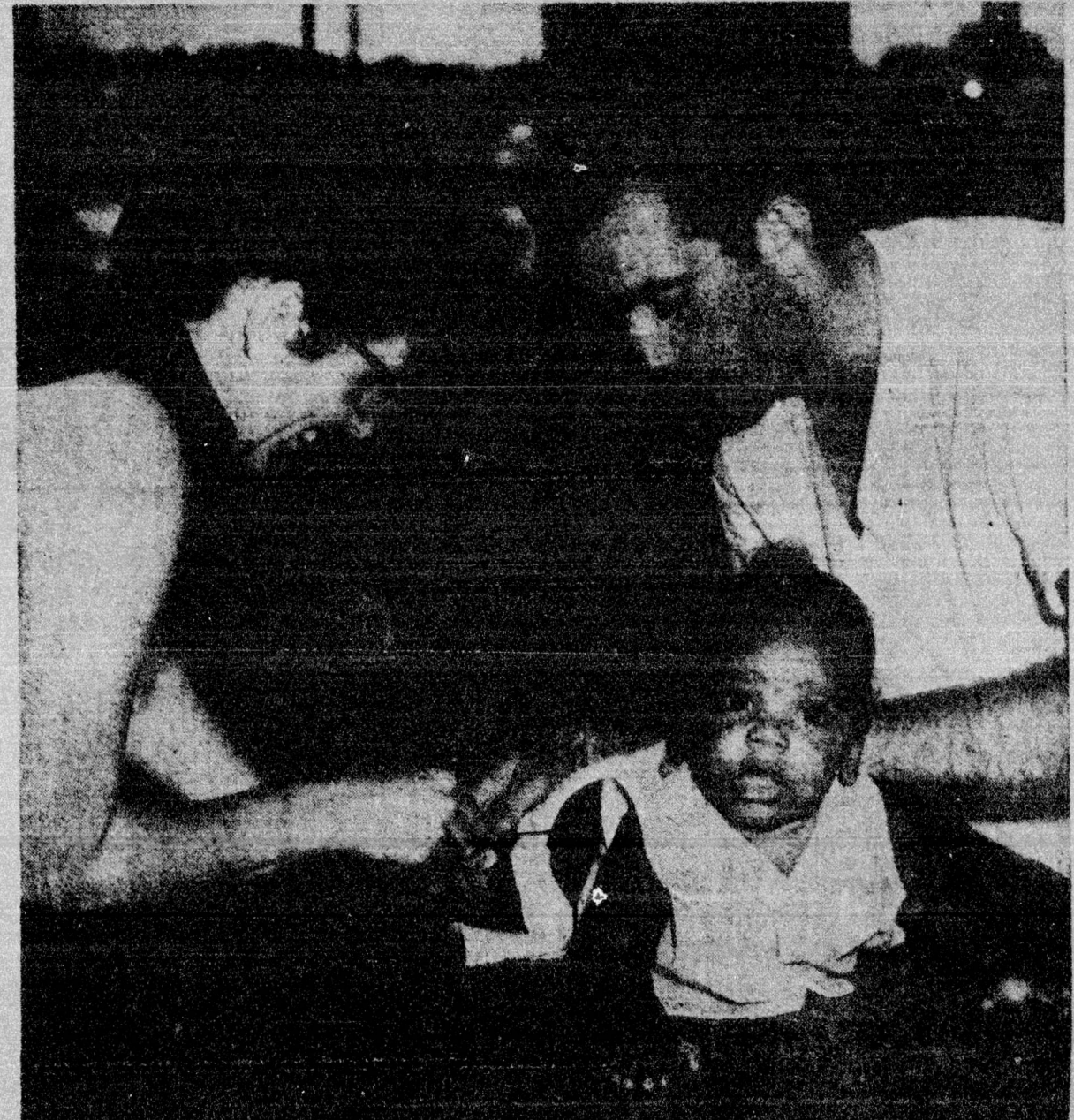
Troy Patterson, of 419 S. Haywood Street, who was in the place at the time, was robbed of his wallet which contained about forty dollars by one of the men.

The pair left in a red 1949 Mercury after the holdup. Raymond Wright of 118 Smithfield Street, was driving up to the place when the Mercury drove off. Wright told officers that he did not know what had taken place inside, but he had to stop for the Mercury as it was on the wrong side of the street, headed North, and almost hit him.

Wright also told officers that there were three men in the car and Winston said that the third man must have been in the car keeping the motor running, since the car roared away immediately after the holdup.

One of the men pulled the telephone from the wall before leaving. Winston described the two (Continued on Page 8)

In Effort To Prevent Spread Of Polio



The above scene in Montgomery, Alabama, last week, was repeated 8000 times in Caswell County, North Carolina, early this week as a full-scale drive to prevent the spread of a polio epidemic got underway with

children between the ages of 10 months and 10 years being inoculated with gamma globulin, new polio-preventative drug. Above, attaches to the Montgomery chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and the

American Red Cross administer the drug to little Julius Lynn Hargrove. No respecter of race polio has struck down white, Negro and Indian children in North Carolina's beleaguered Caswell County.

News of the Carolinas - In Brief

GAMBLERS GIVEN TERMS IN PRISON

GREENSBORO — Four men were convicted in Municipal County Court last week of butter and egg lottery conspiracy.

A fifth man, was given a six-month suspended sentence. He was also fined \$100 and costs on the conspiracy count.

Two of the convicted conspirators, Charlie Warren, 43, of 108 N. Clinton Street, and Felix Maynard, 43, of 113 N. Clinton Street, appeared active sentences and were bound over to Guilford Superior Court for trial.

MAN SAYS WOMAN "RAPED" HIM

COLUMBIA, S. C. — A soldier

stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., turned the tables in City Police Court on July 3 when he charged a woman with rape.

The soldier said that the woman "tured me up to her apartment, then pulled a razor and forced me to have intercourse with her."

At this point the courtroom spectators howled with laughter. The soldier added "She held the razor at my throat. I thought she was a nice girl," he said.

Although he said the woman also had taken about \$100 in cash from his pocketbook, he did not enter a grand larceny charge.

The woman steadfastly denied the morals charge. She admitted, however taking the soldier to her room.

The charge was reduced to disorderly conduct by Acting Recorder John W. Scholenberger.

MAN, 70 IS 1ST HOLIDAY FATALITY

RALEIGH — Wake County's first accident for the July 4th holiday weekend occurred Friday morning near Gresham's Lake on U. S. Highway One, between Wake Forest and Raleigh. A late model sedan bearing Michigan license plates crashed into a truck owned by the T-UP Bottling Company of Raleigh.

Killed in the accident was Lee Andrew Johnson, 70, of Oak Ridge Ferndale, Michigan. He was killed instantly, suffering a fractured skull and a crushed chest. Johnson was thrown out of the car. Those injured in the wreck were Mrs. Katie McKenzie, 33; Otha Lee Frinson, 6; and Trois Benson, 7; all passengers in the Johnson car.

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Where First Holiday Death Occured



— Pictured here is the remains of a late model sedan which plowed into a truck near Raleigh last Friday morning, killing one person and injuring three. Killed in the wreck was

Lee Johnson, 70. His daughter, Kate McKenzie, 40, his nephew, Trois Benson, 7 and his grandchild, Otha Lee Frinson, 6, were injured. All were colored and were residents of Ferndale,

Michigan. This was Wake County's first accident for the July 4 holiday weekend. STAFF PHOTO BY CHARLES R. JONES. A holiday weekend, and possibly the first in North Carolina.

BISHOP J. D. DIGGS IS FUNERALIZED

WINSTON-SALEM — Funeral services for Bishop J. D. Diggs of 1400 Wallace Street were conducted at 1 p. m. Tuesday at Fries Auditorium on the Winston-Salem Teachers College campus. Bishop Henry Harrison of Columbus, Ohio officiated at the service, followed by burial in Evergreen Cemetery.

The body lay in state at Union Mission Holy Church until one hour before the service hour at which time it was taken to Fries Auditorium.

Bishop Diggs, age 88, died unexpectedly at his home at 7:30 a. m. on July 1.

17-Year-Old Boy Drowns

HENDERSON — James Hargrove, 17 year old Henderson resident, drowned last Thursday in an arm of a lake just off the Henderson-Townsville Highway some six miles north of Henderson.

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GETS 3 YEAR JAIL TERM

TAMPA, Florida (Special) — A 21-year-old nurse who formerly worked at Duke Hospital, Durham, NC, and who was reported as having had one of the most brilliant nursing careers imaginable before her, was sentenced to a three-year prison term here recently.

Miss Mary Ellen Thomas was found guilty of illegal use of narcotics and was ordered to spend her term of imprisonment at Raiford. She was arrested earlier this year by FBI agents who found narcotics in her position when she went off duty at Tampa Negro hospital.

Described as a "most able" nurse, Miss Thomas finished her nurse training locally before she reached the age which would permit her to take the estate bond examination. In the interim, she worked at Duke Hospital, Durham, NC; the Lily White Hospital, Tampa, and Mercy hospital, St. Petersburg.

Sometime during her work at these three hospitals, testimony pointed out, the young nurse began to use dope. At the hospitals at which she worked, it was learned that narcotics were being mis-

appropriated and Miss Thomas' services were discontinued. Shortly after she began work at the Tampa Negro hospital, (Continued on Page 5)