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NATIONAL GROUPS RULE

Durham Man 1 Of US's Most "Distinguished Citizens"

J. H. Wheeler
Is Accorded Recognition



J. H. WHEELER
distinguished

AARONSBURG, Pa. (Special) — John Harvey Wheeler, president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham, N. C., was selected by the Aaronburg Assembly Committee and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as one of America's most distinguished citizens. The Committee which was responsible for naming Wheeler was composed of the following individuals: Ralph J. Bunche, Felix Frankfurter, William J. Donavan, James R. Duff, Channing H. Tobias, Daniel A. Poling, Phillip S. Bernstein.

In accepting the honor, Wheeler attended the Aaronburg Assembly held in the village of Aaronburg, Pennsylvania and on the campus of Pennsylvania State College. The sponsors of the Assembly were the Aaronburg Committee and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The purpose of the Assembly was twofold:

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71-Year-Old Woman Wins ECTC Degree

ELIZABETH CITY — Among the 25 undergraduate students and in-service teachers completing requirements for a degree, was Mrs. Maria Newsome, 71, of Ahoskie.

For 39 years Mrs. Newsome has taught in the public schools of Bertie and Bertie Counties. She is the mother of four sons and daughters, and the grandmother of eight children. All of the Newsome children are college graduates. Three hold the master's degree, and one is now studying at Meharry Medical College.

Mrs. Newsome's daughter is the wife of H. D. Cooper, principal of R. L. Vann High School, Ahoskie. The Rev. Moses Newsome is past-

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It's A Fact -- Shaw U. Will Have Football Team In '53

EXTRA!

Miracle Surgery Proves Fatal

RALEIGH — It's a fact. Shaw University will indeed field a football team during the 1953 playing season, and the athletic department of the local Baptist institution has not only lined up a tough regular season schedule but has also inked a pact to play in a post-season classic that tends to be in the "rough-tough" category also.

Despite fears that the once formidable Bears of Shaw U. would never again take to the gridiron, following the "benching" of the entire team last season because of lack of funds, men and other requisites, Shaw Athletic Director James Lytle went right ahead with plans to put the Bruin group back afied.

Since late last spring when announcement was issued that Shaw would forego football competition for '52, Mr. Lytle, along with Head Coach Brutus Wilson, combed the field to find the funds and the fellows to guarantee Shaw a team for '53.

Even though Shaw will necessarily enter into competition with an untried team this coming season, the mentors at the local school have nonetheless lined up a schedule that even some of the most formidable competitors of the past year would not have tackled.

Shaw's grididers have selected their traditional "cross-town rivals", The Falcons of Saint Augustine's College here, to be their initial foes. Raleigh's Chavis Heights Field will be the site of that clash of Capital City greats on October 3.

Virginia State College, A. and T. College, Allen University, Mary-

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Lay That Pistol Down, Bub!

WENDELL — Charged with carrying a concealed weapon, Charles L. Watkins of Raleigh was given a sixty-day sentence, suspended upon payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The gun was ordered confiscated.

Highway Patrol Cpl. R. E. Sharpen of Raleigh testified that he found a .32 caliber automatic pistol on the defendant. The offi-

cer did not mention a broken rib

on his left side received during a scuffle with Watkins. It was necessary for the officer to handcuff Watkins in order to put him in the patrol car.

Watkins pleaded guilty to the charge of carrying a concealed weapon, but did not mention resisting arrest either.

Baptist Women End Sessions

RALEIGH — The Interracial Institute, which is sponsored by the North Carolina Baptist Women's Missionary Union and the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, came to a close at the University Church on Shaws West Campus Friday afternoon.

"We've A Story To Tell" was the theme of the program. Mrs.

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BLESS THIS HOUSE Baptists and laymen from throughout the state gathered last Friday at

1 p.m. for the historic ceremonies which marked the formal beginning of the new State Baptist Headquarters in Raleigh.

As this photo was taken, prayer was being delivered. STAFFOTO BY CRAS R. JONES

COURT RULES WOMAN NOT GUILTY; MAN TO FACE MURDER TRIAL



MRS. CORA MCPHAIL
not guilty

Wake County Wife Freed In Fiery Death Of Hubby; Deranged Man Fingerprinted As The Murderer

RALEIGH — A Wake County Superior Court Judge last Thursday upheld by Manuel Barber on the E. M. Johnson farm on the fatal day to "have a few drinks of wine".

The "wine-drinking" was going along at a merry pace, when suddenly Tommy McPhail, Mrs. McPhail's husband, put in an unexpected appearance.

A few words, reportedly were passed between McPhail and Dean and the two decided to fight it out. McPhail had a knife.

During the ensuing fight, Mrs. McPhail told the court, Dean picked up an axe and struck McPhail about the head. While McPhail lay dazed as result of the axe blow, "somebody", not identified by the witness, poured kerosene on the stricken man and set him afire.

His head crushed and cut by the axe blow, and his clothes blazing from the kerosene-aided fire, McPhail stumbled into the yard of Barber's house, staying there until an ambulance was summoned to take him to St. Agnes Hospital.

Enroute to the hospital, McPhail, testimony given by E. M. Johnson, declared that "Hubert" (Dean) had slapped him down with the axe and that "Cora" (Mrs. McPhail) (Continued on Page 8)

Man's Body Reduced To Ashes As House Burns

DURHAM (Special) — A 49-year-old man was cremated when a Sunday night fire destroyed the rooming house where in which he had made residence for the past five months.

The remains, mostly indistinguishable ashes, were sent to Clarkton, the man's native home, for burial early this week.

The victim of the Sunday fire was identified as James Stephenson. He died when fire completely destroyed the nine room Fayetteville Road dwelling he made his home.

MAY HAVE CAUSED FIRE
Preliminary investigation of the tragedy by Durham County sheriff's deputies and the Fire Department tended to reveal that the

fire might have been started by the victim.

The investigators found that the fire had its origin on the second floor of the two-story structure and damage was centered mostly in the area of Stephenson's room.

The victim shared a room with a brother-in-law, who was in another part of the house when the alarm was given. A passing motorist saw flames leaping from the house and 44 persons seated on the porch that the structure was afire.

All occupants of the house, including W. A. Jeffries, owner, and family and several other roomers, escaped injury. They shared the brother-in-law's opinion that the

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TWO N. C. WHITE MEN

Must Face Trial For Rape Attempt On Negro Woman

Meeting To Start NAACP Drive Sunday



REV. SISTER GARY
drive co-chairman

RALEIGH — Sunday, July 26th is a banner day in the history of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Raleigh.

Sunday is the day when a rally is to be staged at Manley Street Christian Church marking the kick-off of a mammoth drive in which the Raleigh NAACP branch hopes to gain 1000 members.

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Man, Wife Picked Up By 7 Men

MOCKSVILLE — Two 23-year-old Iredell County white men will have to face trial for the attempted rape of a 36-year-old colored woman here. Specifically the pair is charged with assault on the woman with intent to commit rape.

In addition, the two men, one of whom is an Army private, must face drunk and disorderly charges.

In all, seven white men were involved in the rape attempt. One is to be tried for operating an auto while intoxicated and being an accessory before the fact in the rape attempt. Three others were

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Twin City Golfers Seek Use Of City-Owned Links

Carolinian Photo-Story Gets Immediate Results

WINSTON SALEM — (Special) — Local Negro golfers have petitioned the city for permission to use city-owned Reynolds Park Golf Course.

Some 50 or 60 persons signed a petition handed the local recreational governing body by Richard Moss last week.

This petition noted the fact that Greensboro, Charlotte and Thomasville have given Negroes the right to utilize public-owned golf facilities.

Action on the petition will necessarily be made by the Reynolds Park Commission which directs the park.

Winston-Salem Negroes will soon have a \$75,000 public park which is to include a 9-hole golf course, city officials pointed out, yet the actual date of the realization of this park is questionable since no actual work has begun on the project.

The Rev. W. R. Crawford, local alderman and member of the recreation commission told the commission that local Negro citizens are interested in learning the game of golf before their course is completed. His stand on the issue was upheld by Clark Brown, also a member of the commission.

Rockingham Man Is NC's Top Farmer

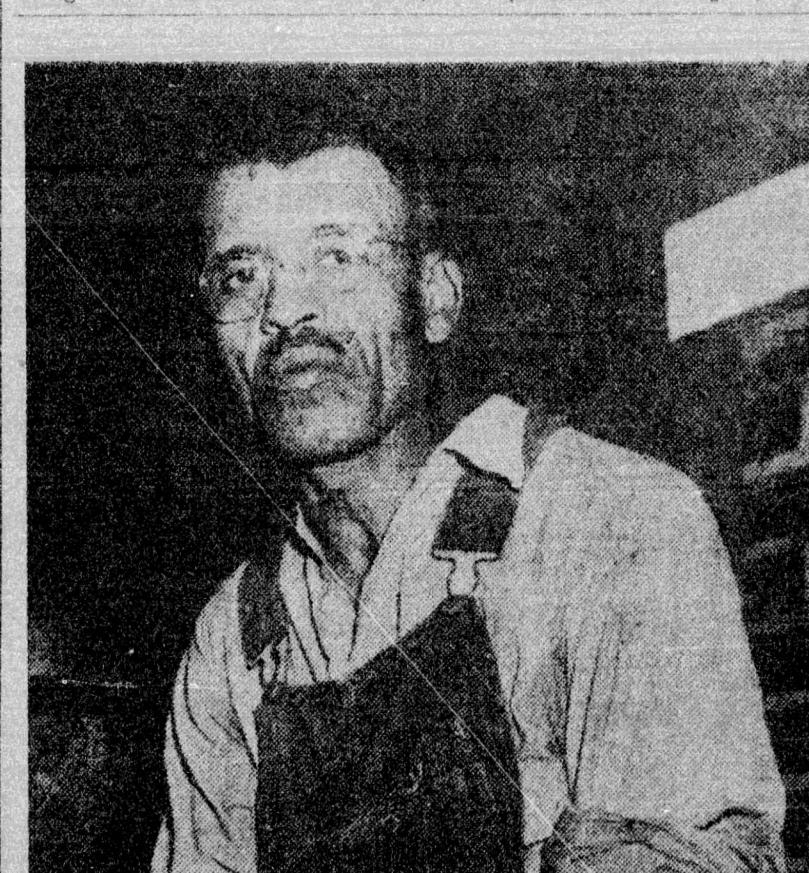
REIDSVILLE — Because his entire family worked with him, Eugene King of Rockingham County was named North Carolina's "Farmer of the Year."

This marked the second time in three years that a Rockingham County farmer received this national recognition.

Located in the Poteat Community near Oregon Hill, King's farm is an outstanding example of good profitable soil conservation farming and of what careful planning and hard work can accomplish.

T. D. Williamson, farm agent, points out that King's entire 214 acres are sowed into some growing or cover crop. Presently, 11 head of beef cattle, eight dairy cows and 13 baby calves roam the farm and add to the income.

Listed among the projects King carried out to win the "Farmer of the Year" award are: terracing of entire farm, wild life border, 22 acres of permanent pasture, eight acres of meadow strips, 9.3 acres of tobacco, one acre of cucumbers, ten acres of wheat, four and half acres of oats and barley and three acres of rye and all acre seeded to pines. Mechanization had a lot to do with King's receiving the coveted award. He has a cub tractor for row cropping and cultivation purposes; and a "Super C" tractor for all the heavy work. A bailer is one vital piece of rolling stock missing and the farmer-of-the-year says that it will be added if (Continued on Page 8)



FARMER OF THE YEAR — Eugene King, prominent Rockingham County farmer, was named "Farmer of the Year" for North Carolina recently for outstanding achievement in soil conservation. King has done a complete job on his 214 acres during the past year which will assure continuance of good soil on his farm for years and years to come. The lower photo shows an example of terracing with curving rows to prevent valuable top soil from washing away, just one example of several methods he uses on the farm.