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THE BIGGEST YET

"SHOP IN RALEIGH DAYS" annually entail the "Biggest Bargain Event" in the city, but the 1953 observance, set for August 13, 14, 15 and 17 tends to be the "biggest" yet. The annual Raleigh Merchants Bureau promotion this year offers free bus rides and free parking space in the uptown section to shoppers. Inside this week's Carolinian, see advertisements of the many bargains available during "SHOP IN RALEIGH DAYS."

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THE INSIDE STORIES

CAROLINIAN READERS WANTED TO KNOW the complete stories involving a footless man who was recently sentenced to a prison term and a 111-year-old man who last week became a bridegroom for the "fifth or sixth" time. Beginning on the front page this week, The Carolinian gives its readers the full inside stories on these two personalities—plus other on-the-scene coverages.

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Western North Carolina School Suit Cites Bias

Race Man To Gain Post On Labor Group

WILMINGTON — (Special) — From this time hence, a Negro shall be elected to at least one place on the nine-member executive board of the North Carolina Federation of Labor. Such was the content of a resolution passed by the Federation (AFL) during its regular session being held here this week. The resolve to name a Negro to the executive group comes as an anti-climax to a resolution passed during the annual session of the federation in 1952. That resolution made it permissible, but not mandatory to have Negro membership on the Federation's governing board. The executive group is composed of the federation's president, first vice-president, secretary-treasurer, an at-large district vice president. Nominations for posts were being completed at presstime this week.

"THE TRUTH WILL OUT..."

Inmate - Writer Tells True Story Of Footless Convict

EDITORS' NOTE: The best place to get an "inside story" is, obviously, from "the inside," and the story which is reprinted here is from the inside of the Central Prison at Raleigh and was written by a staff writer for "The Inner World", inmate publication of North Carolina's major penal institution. The story of the re-arrest of Robert Barnes, footless Charlotte man, was published in THE CAROLINIAN (issue of July 13) and drew comment from many sources. The story behind the story of Robert Barnes, however, is most fully related as written beneath the caption "Robert Barnes Returns To Central Prison" and under the by-line of Charles M. York and reprinted here from the August issue of "The Inner World". Mr. York's story follows:

Robert Barnes is back in prison again. The prison bus from Mecklenburg County brought him through Central Prison's castle-like gates on July 20, 1953. Persons investing faith in Darwin's assumption of the body adjusting to its enforced environment should see and talk to Robert. He'll tell you that his two stumped legs haven't grown an inch. They still remain in the status quo of six inches below each knee, where they were amputated by a prison surgeon in 1935. He walks on pads of ripped-up blankets, tied above his shrunken knees. He is eighteen when his legs were taken from him, and now, at thirty-six, his philosophy is rather matter-of-fact and strangely unbiting. He has hobbled a about for eighteen years on state-provided artificial legs, sustaining life through a beneficial state "pension" of twenty dollars a month. Yes, Robert Barnes is back in Central Prison again, and I rather wonder where we should place the

Funeral Rites For Rev. C. F. Pope Set For Thursday

RALEIGH — Funeral services for the Rev. C. F. Pope of Raleigh, pioneer minister-educator, who died Sunday in Washington, D. C., while vacationing there, were to be held from the First Baptist Church here Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Burial was to follow in the Mount Hope Cemetery.

For 25 years, the noted minister was principal of the High School in Burgaw bearing his name, retiring in 1940. He held pastorates in Liberty and in Hertford County. For the past two years he had lived with a niece in Mount Olive.

Asheville — A suit preferred by a group of Negro parents in county court here Tuesday asks a "permanent injunction" against the McDowell County Board of Education "forever restraining and enjoining" the board from providing better school facilities for white students than are provided for Negro students.

The Raleigh law firm of Taylor and Mitchell represents 50 parents who filed their action for 53 school children as "next friends."

The suit expressly asks that the school board be restrained in its alleged action of discriminating against three individual colored school children and other Negro children similarly situated.

Specific violations are charged in the schools in and around the town of Old Fort near here.

The parents say that "the defendant (Board) has established and maintains in McDowell County several strategically and conveniently located accredited elementary and high schools for the education, convenience and use of white school children, while willfully and unlawfully failing to maintain similar facilities for Negro children of the county."

The action points out that all of the plaintiff-children are of legal school age — from six to 21 years of age — and all the parents are taxpayers of the county. It also points out that all the plaintiffs are Negroes and are bringing this

suit in their own behalf, claiming (Continued on Page 7)

Gets Kappa Post



H. H. Holloway, Durham native and currently business manager of St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, has been named the first national executive secretary of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. The fraternity plans to set up national headquarters in Philadelphia where Mr. Holloway will likely make his office.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS IN BRIEF

Assault Try With Mule Fatal

DUNN — Robert Sanders, 33-year-old Harnett man was shot to death Saturday afternoon when he allegedly tried to assault his sister-in-law with a mule in one of Harnett's most unusual homicides of the year.

Rooming - House Owner Shot

DURHAM — James Lilley, 53-year-old local operator of a rooming house at 1004 Pine Street was in critical condition in Lincoln Hospital Monday night as the result of a bullet wound in the chest inflicted by one of his roomers.

Vance Tobacco Needs Rain

HENDERSON — Tobacco in Vance County is still desperately in need of rain. Some observers feel that unless there are soaking rains within this week the crop will be so far toward maturity it will be unable to benefit from

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Hospital attendants described Lilley's condition as "very poor" and said the bullet passed into the chest cavity near a lung.

When McQueen was arrested, he still had the .25 caliber automatic pistol on his person, officers said. The prisoner admitted shooting Lilley, police reported because "he hit me with a stick". Officers arrested McQueen shortly after the shooting.

Will Probe Death Of Convict

Greene County prison camp said the accident happened on a road project between Tarboro and La-Grange.

Records showed Herring was sentenced at Recorder's Court in Farmville, April 14 to a six-month term.

111-YEAR-OLD MAN IS WED; THE BLUSHING BRIDE IS 22

City Renews Bid For Race Officers

WASHINGTON, N. C. — (ANP) — Negro leaders of this city last week made further moves to get the city to appoint Negro police. The effort is spearheaded by the Civic League, composed of leading Negro citizens.

500 NC Elks, Daughters To Attend Grand Lodge

By J. B. Harren, N. C. Elks - Publicity Chairman. ROCKY MOUNT — Approximately five hundred North Carolina "Bills" and Daughters of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order Elks of the World (BPOE of W) will begin a "victory march" through Georgia on August 21st when they start arriving in Atlanta via car, bus, train and plane to attend 54th annual Grand Lodge of Elks with the Honorable Robert H. Johnson of Philadelphia serving as Grand Exalted Ruler.

Other key state officials expected to attend include Dr. Nora E. Bailey, Rocky Mount, second vice president of the Temple, D. Lenora Baird, Asheville, financial secretary; Dr. Rhonema Brown, Washington, Treasurer of Temple;

Dr. Robert H. Johnson, "The Grand"

H. R. Haywood, Raleigh; Cartel Mock, High Point, second vice president of state association; S. T. Enloe, Shelby, third vice president; W. E. Davis, Kinston, financial secretary.

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COMING NEXT WEEK

—THE CAROLINIAN PRESENTS A FULL PHOTO-BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF DR. J. B. DAVIS, NOTED N. C. PHYSICIAN (PICTURED BELOW) WHO DIED AT HIS FUQUAY SPRINGS HOME TUESDAY.



Dr. Judge B. Davis, noted physician in North Carolina for some decades, died at his Fuquay Springs clinic Tuesday after a lingering illness. Dr. Davis is pictured above in a role for which he gained repute throughout the state — as speaker at a civic event. The late physician-

civic leader was a staunch supporter of Shaw University, his alma mater, and activities of the NAACP in the state. Funeral services are scheduled to be held from Main Street Baptist Church at Lenoir, N. C. Sunday afternoon. The Rev. D. P. Lewis is pastor of the church.

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Bridegroom Said Father Of Forty-Six

GRIMESLAND, N. C. (Special) — After driving almost 150 miles, having gone to New Bern and then back to this small Pitt county village we finally found the ramshackled shack which Alexander Ogman (some say "Ogburn") calls his home; to which he last week brought his brand new 22-year old bride, which reports say is his "fifth or sixth" wife.

MAYBE TWENTY WIVES. Ogman told this reporter that the "white folks" however credited him with about twenty wives. Perhaps this was because the same white folks have counted up his children which they find reaches the staggering total of 46 for the African native who says he was one hundred and eleven years old born on a slave ship enroute to this country about twenty years before American slaves were freed.

FATHER NEVER SUBMITTED. Alec says his father — Neal Ogman — never did submit to slavery, altho he had no real refuge. Neal was the father of three children by Alec's mother, but always ran away into the woods where he'd remain many weeks until recaptured by the whites (Continued on Page 8)

A & T Plans For Nurses' Training OK

GREENSBORO — A school of nursing will definitely open at A. and T. College with the beginning of the Fall session according to an announcement released early this week by Dr. D. Bluford, president of the college.

Full details of the official opening were worked out in a conference held last week in Raleigh which included Dr. S. Coltrane, assistant director of the State Budget Bureau of Raleigh; Warmoth T. Gibbs, dean of the college's school of education and science and Dr. Bluford.

Governor William B. Umstead had decreed just two weeks before that nursing would begin at the Greensboro institution just as soon as 20 or more students had qualified to begin the first year of training. He also instructed the A. and T. administration to proceed with the employment of a director of the school.

The governor had acted with the authority given him by the last Legislature and with the unanimous recommendation of a committee named to help him decide how a \$200,000 biennial appropriation for the purpose should be spent.

According to Dr. Bluford, the nursing school will be operated in cooperation with L. Richardson Memorial Hospital and others in the community. A four year course, granting the bachelor of science degree and a three year course for the training of registered nurses, will be available to the first enrollees who begin their training with the opening of the Fall quarter on September 14. He expressed confidence that the requirement of a minimum of 20 students will have been met far more than that number have already filed application.

The president stated to reporters in answer to a query concerning the procedure for applying for admittance, "Applications should be mailed immediately to C. R. A. Cunningham, Register here at the college."

Announcement Of Prisoner Releases Joyfully Met By Relatives In State

By Carolinian News Network. RALEIGH — Throughout North Carolina this past weekend and this week, reports that loved ones were being released from Communist prisoner of war camps in Korea continued to be met with joy and elation.

Here, briefly are the names of North Carolina colored servicemen who were freed by red forces during the first few days of soner returns. Returnees included: CPL. ROGER STATEN, 23, of 227 Coulter Avenue, Newton, N. C.; MAJOR JOHN C. HARLAN, formerly of Shaw University, Raleigh, now of Institute, West Virginia;

SGT. PRESTEE DAVIS, of 201 Walton Avenue, Durham; and SGT. JAMES J. BROWN, Jr., of 213 Corporation Street, Durham.

Several other North Carolinians were among the first Americans released from red camps during the weekend and week's activity. The processing, however, was not completed in time to indicate the race of the releases.

JOY REIGNS SUPREME. Announcements of repatriation were received with varying degrees of visible emotion. Here at Raleigh, N. C., persons who had been familiar with Major John Harlan during his tour of service at Shaw University, recounted many anecdotes from the fifty-ish Major's adventure-packed career as an Army man. Major Harlan was one of the first top-ranking Negro officers to be captured during the recently-terminated Korea struggle. His capture was widely heralded in the race and daily press some four and a half years ago. He had been assigned to duties in Korea following tours of service with Reserve Officers Training Corps at colleges in North Carolina, District of Columbia and West Virginia, as well as other states. Shortly following his release last weekend at Pannunjon, Major Harlan noted that American army officers had been tried by their red captors on charges of "obstructing the peace."

The Major was not available for further comment.

WAS COUNTY'S FIRST. A Negro soldier, Cpl. Staten, was the first Catawba County citizen released in Operation Big Switch.

The 23-year-old soldier, whose wife, Mrs. Mae Staten awaits him at their Newton home, volunteered for service with the Army in August, 1949. He was shipped to the Far East in November, 1949, with the 24th Infantry Division, and a year later was reported missing in action. He was reported a prisoner of war by the communists a month later, in December, 1950.

SHOT WHILE CAPTIVE. Cpl. Staten, who was able to write to his wife every two or three months, told her in one letter written while he was imprisoned that he had been shot in the hand.

In his letters, Mrs. Staten revealed, the Corporal reported that he had been receiving good treatment. Whether he said this to quiet her fears for his well-being has yet to be earned, however.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. George Staten, of South Davis Avenue, Newton, Cpl. Staten is the oldest of three sons and one of the five children in the family. He has another brother, O'Neil in service and stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Cpl. Staten was awarded the Bronze Star before his capture for meritorious service.

THOUGHT SON WAS DEAD. Julius Davis, aging Durham resident, was "almost certain" that his son was a sergeant in the Army and prisoner of the communists, was dead, before receiving announcement last week that the son was very much alive and was being freed in Operation Big Switch.

Speaking of his son, Mr. Davis, of Walton Avenue, Durham, said "I had made sure Prestee (Sgt. Prestee Davis of the 24th Regiment) was dead."

US ARMY PHOTO

Army Cpl. Leroy Webb of Pikesville, N. C., is congratulated by Gen. Lewis T. Heath, commander of the 25th Infantry Division, after receiving the Silver Star, the nation's third highest combat decoration at a recent ceremony in Korea. Corporal Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Viola Webb, Route 2, Box 180B, was cited for gallantry in action. Holder of the Combat Infantryman Badge, he entered the Army in August 1952 and arrived in Korea in March. In civilian life, he was employed by a construction firm in Charlotte.

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