

Tragedy Strikes Severe Blow In Wayne County

SUES RAILROAD FOR \$100,000



MISS NCC HOMECOMING QUEEN CHOSEN — Miss Gail Mack, extreme left, senior Spanish major at the North Carolina College at Durham, was elected Miss NCC Homecoming for 1953 in campus-wide balloting last week. Pictured with Miss Mack are her attendants, Miss Betty Redding, center, Oxford, N. C., sophomore, and Miss Helen Wall, right, Wagram, N. C., junior. Miss Homecoming during gala festivities on NCC's O'Kelly Field October 31, when the Eagles meet the Tennessee State University Tigers in a 2 o'clock football game. Miss Mack is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mack of 812 South 11th Street, Wilmington, N. C. Miss Redding is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Redding of Route 2, Box 45-B, Oxford, and Miss Wall is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Wall of Route 1, Box 44, Wagram, N. C.

Fired Fire Water Fires W-S Woman

WINSTON-SALEM — Miss Lily Ross, according to police reports, is a lady who likes firewater or fire.

Miss Ross, after allegedly drinking heavily of fire water, reportedly admitted setting fire to the home of one Jack Renick after Mr. Renick refused to give her a drink of whiskey. Enraged when the fire department was called, the heavily charged Miss Ross threatened Miss Maybelle Moss, from whose home she got a can of kerosene, and tried to strike Miss Moss with a knife. However, the weapon glanced off a fireman's leather jacket and Miss Ross was taken to jail to await further questioning when her firewater died down.

COURT DUCKS CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES RULING

RICHMOND — The U. S. Court of Appeals affirmed a lower court decision awarding \$251 compensatory damages to John Douglas Williams last week.

Williams complained he had been wrongfully removed from a bus at Rocky Mount for refusing to change his seat.

Although the court upheld the findings of the lower court, the court did not elect to pass any opinion on the constitutional issue of segregation of passengers by race in interstate commerce.

Williams' lawyers, Martin A. (Continued on Page 8)

Protesting S. C. Whites Routed By Policemen Over New Navy Policy

CHARLESTON, S. C. (Special) — Shipped police at the Charleston Navy Yard here dispersed a crowd of "picketing" whites who protested the Navy's new non-segregated policies at the base dining hall here early this week.

Acting under special directives from the Secretary of Defense, Captain T. T. Dantzier is understood to have issued orders regarding the former practice of segregating Negro workers from whites in the dining room.

Although orderly, the scene of the "protest" which one observer described as "skin to picket", resulted in only 400 persons eating at a place that ordinarily accom-

Rocky Mount Mayor Orders Brotherhood Day

ROCKY MOUNT — For the first time in the history of NAACP in North Carolina, a mayor of a city has seen fit to recognize the efforts of the NAACP on behalf of world brotherhood and true democracy and has issued a Proclamation setting aside Sunday, October 25th as "a day of brotherhood" and has asked "all our citizens, our churches, our civic clubs and other organizations to observe the day with prayers for the cause of human dignity and freedom."

The full text of the Proclamation by Mayor Jack C. Murchison of Rocky Mount where the 19th annual State NAACP conference meets October 23-25th is as follows:

"WHEREAS, our nation was founded upon the principles of freedom and equality and

WHEREAS, the welfare of our nation and of the world depends upon the preservation for all men of the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, our various religious doctrines are all united in teaching us that all mankind, regardless of race, color or creed, is one in the eyes of our Lord;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Rocky Mount, and upon the occasion of the 19th Annual Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to be held in our city, I do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 25, 1953, a day of brotherhood, and do urge upon all our citizens, our churches, our civic clubs and other organizations the observance of this day by prayers for the cause of human dignity and freedom, and by the exercise of a true spirit of good citizenship to the end that our community shall continue its progress in the realm of human relations."

(Signed) Jack C. Murchison Mayor

Mayor Murchison himself an attorney, is familiar with the aims and accomplishments of NAACP by the issuance of this proclamation on behalf of NAACP has signified his belief in a truly democratic principle of government — equality to all men.

Charlie Jones, Rocky Mount NAACP president, Mrs. Hattie Glover, Louis Phippen and J. B. Harter, conference public relations man, composed the committee which visited the Mayor in the interest of the proclamation. Walter White is to deliver the closing address of the conference Sunday afternoon.

C'BORO NEGRO SOUGHT IN RAPE ATTEMPT

Greensboro Police are on the lookout for a Negro said by a white woman to have entered her home last Saturday morning and attempted to force her into sexual relations.

The incident occurred in the 100 block of Tate Street an area which also sustained two break-in attempts during the same night. Police were seeking to determine whether there was any connection between the alleged rape and three break-in attempts.

According to the woman whose name was withheld, a Negro entered her home through a window

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Man Freed, Now Held On Charge of Murder

RALEIGH — Last week 65 year old John Dunn, 2325 Wade Ave., was declared by the County Coroner to have been justified in his

shot gun killing of Hubert Debban, 37 of 1305 Oberlin Road.

Dunn's "justification" was short lived however because before the week was over, he had been arrested by the Raleigh police and lodged in jail with a first degree murder charge hanging over his head.

Dunn waived preliminary hearing before police Court Judge Albert Dobb this week and was lodged in the County Jail to await a Superior Court trial of the murder charge.

The affair is shrouded in mystery, gossip, lies, half-truths, charges and counter charges, but the sinister trail of blood weaves a sinister trail from beginning to end.

Debban was killed by Dunn when according to Dunn, Debban was forcing his way into the Dunn home by way of a window.

It is significant however, that the window through which the shot gun blast was fired shows no sign of damage other than the holes in the glass made by the shots from Dunn's gun.

Dunn's story is that Debban came to his home on the night of the killing and was refused admittance. According to Dunn, Debban then attempted to break in by way of the front door, knocking down the door.

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HONORED ON NINETY-EIGHTH BIRTHDAY — Mrs. Rebecca Andrews, second from left celebrated her ninety-eighth birthday on Thursday evening, October 15, at her home 1318 Oberlin Road. Many friends and relatives attended a party that was given in her honor. Shown with Mrs. Andrews are her children. From left to right they are Fred Andrews, 70, of New York; the honoree, Mrs. Bessie Wright, 75, New York; and David W. Andrews, 73, of Raleigh. William E. Andrews, 77, another son who was not present when picture was taken.

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FAILURE TO SUPPORT NAACP BRINGS RAP

BALTIMORE, Md. — The Failure of Negro college youth to join the NAACP was scored here Wednesday by Dr. Channing Tobias, president of the National NAACP's Board of Directors.

The former United States alternate delegate to the UN spoke at an assembly program at Morgan State College, which kicked off the institution's annual NAACP membership drive.

"Lauding the achievements of the NAACP in fighting for freedom and rights for all citizens, Dr. Tobias declared it shameful that 'support should be given to it so begrudgingly.'"

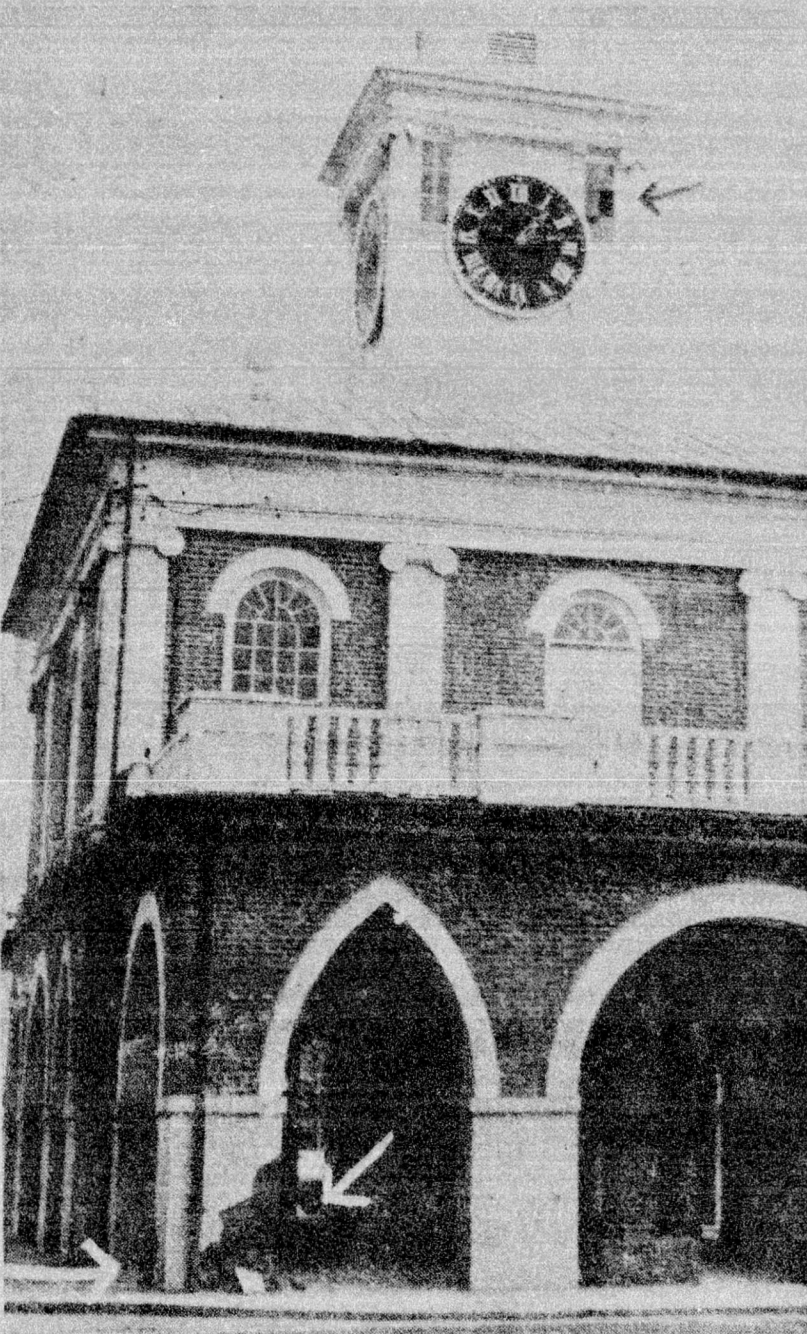
He pointed out that the University of Texas has a larger NAACP membership than any Negro college in the country.

To illustrate the importance of the organization, the former Phelps-Stokes Fund director cited three instances in which representatives of the NAACP have pleaded successfully with three different Presidents of the United States.

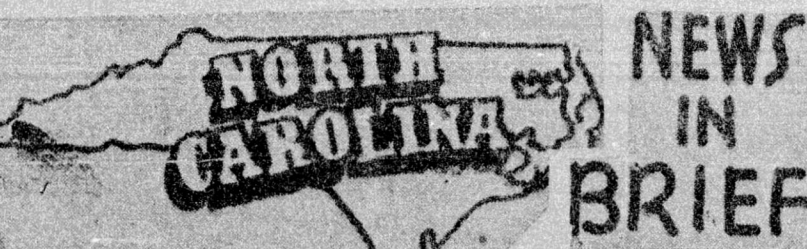
One instance cited was the meeting of NAACP delegates with President Franklin D. Roosevelt to protest segregation of Negro soldiers returning to the U. S. after World War II for redistribution.

Another was the meeting of NAACP representatives with President Truman, who later enunciated a policy of civil rights. The third instance was a recent meeting of the organization's executive secretary, Walter White, and other representatives with President Eisenhower.

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LANDMARK BLAST — The outlived usefulness of this old landmark, known as the Old Market House, located in the heart of Fayetteville, almost came to an end Sunday morning when unknown persons threw or placed a bomb in the northwest corner. The arrows show the points where the bomb had its contact. Very little damage was done.



THREE FLEE PRISON — Three men made a successful try for freedom from a Duplin County Road camp last week. They were identified as John Askin, 23, Wilmington; Robert Williams, 24, Fayetteville; and Henry Roberts, 20, Dunn.

DUDLEY HIGH HONORED — Greensboro — Dramatic students at Dudley High School here won second best photo honors for their interpretation of "Legend of the Lake" in a contest sponsored by the Bow, Peterson Publishing Company, recently. The prize was \$40.

INTEGRATED NURSES' MEET — CHARLOTTE — Several Negro nurses are among the more than 1,000 professional and student nurses attending the 51st annual convention of the North Carolina State Nurses' Convention here this week.

The sessions are being held in connection with the fourth annual convention of the Student Nurses Association of North Carolina.

PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL OPENS — SALISBURY — A new Veterans Hospital that will eventually accommodate 1,000 neuro-psychiatric patients was opened here last week. Seventy-five patients were brought here from Augusta, Ga., to become the first inmates. The (Continued on Page 8)

CAR RUNS THROUGH HOUSE, BOY, MAN DIE

GOLOSBORO — Two cars, one tractor, and one shot gun figured in the death of two persons and the near death of four other in Wayne County last week.

Robert Swinson, 60 year old farmer, was killed around 10 o'clock October 17 when his tractor

EDUCATION IS KEY TO INCOME SURVEY SHOWS

Want assurance of a respectable income?

The best assurance, according to a survey made recently by the Bureau of the Census, is through acquiring a college education. The study shows that the man with the higher education is usually the man with the higher income.

Figures show that among men over 25, those with four years or more of college work averaged \$4,400 a year in 1950. Those with a high school education averaged \$2,250; while those with only four years in elementary school averaged less than \$1,500. The breakdown is shown below:

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MILLIONS HELD PENDING COURT ACTION IN NC

RALEIGH — A responsible source on Capitol Hill here this week admitted \$25 millions authorized in the recent \$72 million school bond issue had been earmarked for use to "help bring Negro schools up to standard" pending a ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court on segregation in public elementary schools.

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Startling Disclosure Due In Fort Bragg Rape Case

FORT BRAGG — An air of mystery and the promise of sensational disclosure surrounded the case involving Lt. John R. Griffin of Nashville, Tennessee, accused of raping a white woman at Fort Bragg recently.

The iron-clad curtain of secrecy which descended shortly after Lt. Griffin's arrest remained solid despite numerous attempts by reporters to ascertain facts in the case. Nevertheless, Negro soldiers from Ft. Bragg and civilian personnel report an uneasy tension mounting at the military installation ever since the 25-year-old wife of a white enlisted man accused the Negro officer.

Griffin was reported by local papers to have denied all comment on the grounds that "this case is very involved and all the facts have not been made clear as yet." He has already been given

PORTER CLAIM BRAIN INJURED

GREENSBORO — A veteran Negro porter who was beaten by a Southern Railway Company station master last March, estimates the damage received at \$100,000 and is demanding this amount of the company and his assailant.

The porter, Frank Spencer, who has worked at Southboro for 10 years, filed suit in Greensboro last week for \$100,000. He is asking \$75,000 actual damages and \$25,000 punitive.

The incident which occurred last March 13 attracted nationwide attention.

Spencer said the station master, W. M. Ketchie, inflicted grave injuries upon him without cause as he was about to board a north-bound train at the Salisbury station on March 13. Ketchie called him into the station and upbraided him about his work. Spencer (Continued on Page 8)

Man Held In Grudge Killing

WINSTON-SALEM (Special) — Mrs. Lucina Parker, 25, died here last week from injuries resulting from a 12 gauge shot gun blast fired by the same man who killed her husband, Cael Parker, 23, on May 21, 1949.

Charged with the murder is Willie Parker Eichelberger, 44, who is accused of emptying the shotgun in the back of Mrs. Parker's head.

The record shows Eichelberger was charged with Parker's murder, but later release after he pled self-defense.

Arraignment was scheduled for the accused slayer early in the week. He reportedly shot Mrs. Parker on the street around 11:15 Friday night.

It was believed Mrs. Parker provoked Eichelberger against whom she had been nursing a grudge since he was convicted of killing her husband.

Eichelberger was held in City Jail without bond pending his arraignment.

Greensboro College May Admit Negro Girl; Students Favor Change

RALEIGH — Century-old Guilford College of Greensboro is presently considering opening its doors to Negroes, and if student reaction to a debate on the subject is any indication, the decision will end discrimination at the church related school.

News of the application of a Negro girl to enter Guilford came to light last week in a debate by nine prospective delegates to the annual Student Legislature which will meet in Raleigh next month. The announcement was made by Jim Lomax of the Guilford College community.

The part of delegates in preparation for the debate was a warm-up on the subject of the conference before the student body. The routine session developed into a heated debate, however, as students defended pro and con positions outlined their arguments. Debate was punctuated repeatedly by applause from the audience, and one unofficial spokesman from an upper class at Guilford stated the majority of students favor "flinging wide the gates."

According to reports, Ed Brown of Murfreesboro received the heartiest round of applause when he declared the only solution is that Negro students be admitted to Guilford "very soon". Brown had said earlier that a church related college would be the logical place for an interracial education plan to begin in the South.

Jim Lomax, a Quaker, argued that all men are the same in the eyes of God and that "it is impossible for man to draw a line." Another student, Joyce Hunter of Pleasantville, N. Y., reminded the students that "nothing happened" last year when the A. and T. choir and a YWCA group visited and were feted at Guilford College.

The lone panel member taking the negative approach argued that the admission of Negroes would mean a reduction in enrollment and a pay decrease to professors with the result that some may leave and hurt the college's academic standing.