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PLANNING PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST — Committee members of the statewide public speaking contest, sponsored by the N. C. Bankers Association met at A. and T. College last week to work out final details of 1954 program. Top officials attending the meeting included from left to right: Jesse Helms, Raleigh, executive secretary, N. C. Bankers Association; Dr. Joseph H. Wolfe, New York City, recently appointed deputy manager, American Bankers Association and J. H. Wheeler, Durham, chairman of the Public Speaking Committee, N. C. Bankers Association. Standing are S. P. Simpson, assistant supervisor, National Association Secondary Teachers and S. I. Fedrick, extension agronomy specialist.

White Speaks at Rocky Mt.

N. C. Raises $4700 In NAACP Rally

By J. R. Barren, Public Relations Chairman

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C. (Spec.) — [illegible] two days of Mt. Carmelite Zion [illegible] annual meeting of the Kelly Alexander memorial added more stars to its crown and further silenced its critics following the unanimous selection of practically all old officers and [illegible] at Union Hill. When it successfully crushed a White Whitaker the closing session of the convention at St. James Baptist Church here Sunday afternoon before a capacity crowd of approximately one thousand people who paid a [illegible] with several individuals paying $25, $10 and lesser amounts.

With the spacious church auditorium filled to [illegible] before the arrival of Mr. White, everyone was anxious to get a look at and see Mr. NAACP. As Mr. White is affectionately called over the [illegible]

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WALTER WHITE

K. Alexander Is Renamed State Prexy

By J. R. Barren

[illegible] the occasion for a Homecoming Football Game, the tenth annual session of the North Carolina Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People met [illegible] to an enthusiastic [illegible] with an official welcome from Mayor Jack Mardesen, following the presentation of a prepared-selling program [illegible] Sunday, October 25th as "Brotherhood Day" when Walter White, NAACP national secretary was scheduled to speak at the St. James Baptist Church where the conference was [illegible] president Kelly M. Alexander of Charlotte delivered the keynote address Friday night following the Mayor and an address by Herbert Wright, national youth secretary who is currently on a tour of leading white colleges throughout the South including

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Govt. Units Are Firm On Integration

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special) — A Veterans Administration spokesman said here Wednesday that no set-up was foreseen in the plan to integrate white and Negro patients at the Veterans Hospital at Oteen near Asheville.

The announcement of the federal government's intention to tolerate no segregation in VA facilities followed the protests of representatives of the so-called Patients Council.

The protests took the form of a wave of telegrams sent to President Eisenhower, VA Administrator H. V. Hester, and VA Medical Director Joel T. Boone.

Spokesman for the council is E. J. Sanders of Nashville, president.

Sanders claims that white and Negro patients at Oteen are seriously opposed to mixing the races in the hospital's wards.

D. L. Collins, manager of the 66 bed hospital at Oteen and the 94 bed division at Swannoa, told reporters at midweek the hospitals were proceeding with the "integration" policies of the Veterans' Administration.

CLAIM KIDNAPPING FALSE

AHOSKIE — Miss Julia Keene, 17, the daughter of an Ahoskie grocerman, was not kidnapped but went willingly with two men to Baltimore, Md., it was claimed last week. That is the story Solomon Harrell, Jr., 23, and William R. Wilson, 27, told Baltimore police when they were picked up on a complaint of North Carolina authorities.

"CON" MEN ARRESTED

Charge New GI Rape

FT. BRAGG — Another Negro service man at Ft. Bragg was charged with rape by a young married white woman last Sunday morning in a case closely resembling that involving a Negro officer scheduled to stand trial on November 3 for the alleged rape of a white woman whose husband, a corporal, was on guard duty last October 11.

Meanwhile, the mystery surrounding the case of the officer Lt. John R. Griffin, 28, of Memphis, Tennessee, increased with the arrest of the white officer. Lt. John C. Sloan, said to have been "out" on the back seat of the car during the alleged attack. Sloan has been charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

In the post stockade and charged with the rape of an unnamed white woman from Burlington is Negro Private David Hollinger, Jr., Company C., 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment. According to the story of two white women, they were accosted on the post shortly after 1 a. m. on Sunday by Pvt. Hollinger, who got in the car and ordered them at gun point to drive him to Fayetteville. Hollinger is said to have ordered the driver to turn off on a side road and

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"Flim Flam" Backfires On White, Negro

DURHAM — Two Negroes were involved in "flim-flam" incidents over the past week, and one came off second best while the other outwitted a white "flim-flam" expert.

Unsuccessful in his attempt at adding a new wrinkle to an old game was Golden Bell, 53-year-old Negro "smoothie" from Augusta,

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CORPORAL OSCAR ROBERSON WELCOMED HOME — The first Rocky Mount soldier to be liberated from the Communist prisoner of war camps was Corporal Oscar Roberson of Abermarle Avenue who spent approximately 33 months overseas in the POW camps. Altho Roberson was the first local serviceman to be released, he was the second one to come home thru some strange quirk of fate. However, Roberson and three white soldiers were all honored at the same time by local civic organizations led by the American Legion Post. Honored along with Roberson were Dan Wheeless, Charles Brantley and Dallas Barnes. Both, the white and colored soldiers were feted with a parade thru the business district, led by the white and colored high school bands. At night a banquet was given the POWS in the Racks Hotel where Roberson's parents dined along with the parents of the white soldiers and their sons also. Mayor Jack C. Murchison spoke words of welcome and an Army Major delivered the address. "Twas said no distinction was made because of race. A white citizen conceded that perhaps Roberson got a bigger "hand" of welcome than did the white boys. It is a fact, however, that more than one middle-aged white woman was seen to step out and shake hands with Roberson as the parade passed with each soldier riding on the top of the back seat of a convertible amid frequent applause.

Man Appeals Peeping Rap

DURHAM — Melvin Harris, 22, this week appealed an 18 months sentence handed him in Recorder's Court for alleged "peeping Tom activities."

Harris is charged with peeping into the window of Mrs. Peter Vurnakes of 703 Lakewood Avenue. However, Mrs. Vurnakes was unable to identify Harris positively as the man who peeped through her window.

Identification of the suspect was made by Patrolman T. A. Hick who says he recognized Harris as the man who escaped when he and another officer nearly caught him at the back of the Vurnakes home on the night (last May 20) of the alleged peeping incident.

Can't Find Body; Police Free 'Slayer'

BURLINGTON — Monroe "Dobbie" Allen, 57-year Negro, who confessed a murder will just have to produce a body, police say before they can lock him up.

The aged resident of Goat's Alley reported to Desk Sergeant L. L. Cravey at police headquarters last week and declared, "Lordy me sir, I done killed Bill Mathias." He then turned over to police the pistol from which four bullets had been fired.

Police went to the spot outside the city limits where the crime was supposed to have taken place but they found no body nor any trace of a struggle.

Back at police headquarters police questioned Allen, who told them that he and another Negro

UN Day Held At Bennett

GREENSBORO — An international atmosphere pervades the campus of Bennett College these days.

The cosmopolitan all-girls college observed United Nations Day last week and participating in the observance were these coeds: Miss Laura E. Elliott, the Bahamas; Shoko Yoshikane, Japan; Carmen

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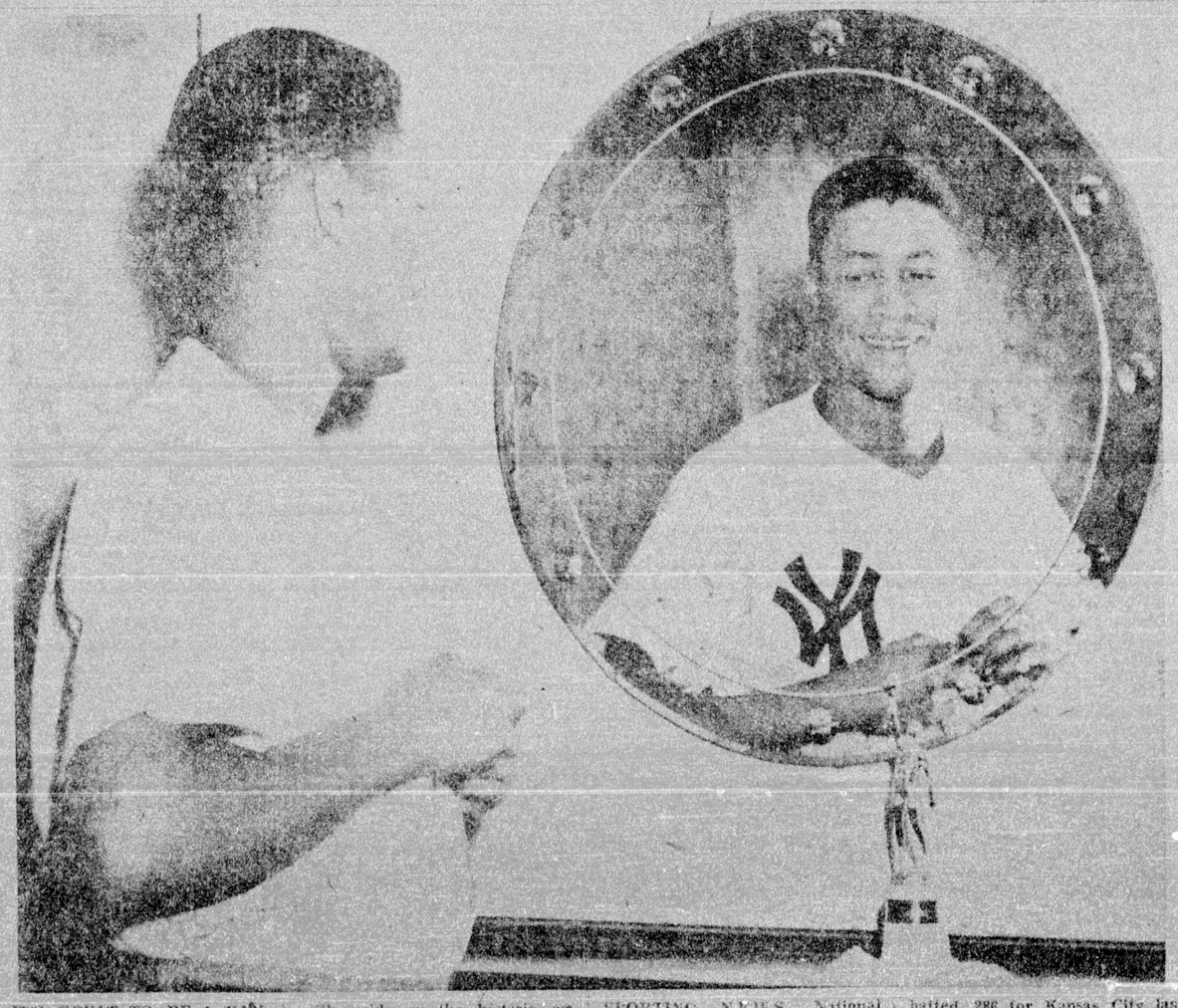

IT'S GREAT TO BE A YANKEE—The first Negro ball player ever to wear a Yankee uniform — Elston Howard—beams with pride on the historic occasion as he dons the shirt of the New York club at his home in St. Louis, Mo., for THE SPORTING NEWS, National Baseball Weekly. There are several Negro players in the Yankee farm system, but the names of Howard, an outfielder who batted .286 for Kansas City last season, and Vic Power, who led the American Association in batting with a .349 mark while also with the Blues, are the first to

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS IN BRIEF

SYMPHONY PLANS

CHAPEL HILL — More than 50 concerts for the 65 piece North Carolina Symphony Society are planned for the coming year, according to Dr. Benjamin Swalin, conductor.

Efforts will be made to present the orchestra under conditions that will allow more Negroes to hear the musicians this year, it is said.

In several localities Negroes have been invited to serve on the boards of local planning committees scheduling the orchestra's dates.

LABOR MEN IN RALEIGH

CHARLOTTE — Some 300 CIO representatives of the CIO state labor organization are expected to start a three day meeting in Raleigh beginning October 30 to establish a state-wide council.

MISS TC OF '53

WINSTON-SALEM — Miss Reba Thomas, senior, will reign as Miss Winston-Salem Teachers College during homecoming activities held in connection with the TC-Elizabeth City Teachers College football game at Bowman Gray Stadium on November 14.

TWICE SAVED FROM FLAMES

AHOSKIE — Mrs. Nellie Tetter, 87 year old Ahoskie resident, was twice rescued from a burning house here last week as she tried to save $2.17 in her purse. An in-

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Tan College 11s Among Undefeated

NEW YORK — Six Negro collegiate football teams were among the nation's unbeaten outfits at the close of last weekend.

Johnson C. Smith University of Charlotte was the lone Tar Heel team included in the select list. The Smith Bulls were among the

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Negroes Seek More Jobs

RALEIGH — Signs of unrest over the job opportunities for Negroes were evident on several fronts last week.

State NAACP President Kelley Alexander of Charlotte charged in Rocky Mount that North Carolina is doing nothing to help the economic condition of colored people. Alexander said a federal fair employment practices act was a logical answer to states that persist in refusing Negroes their economic birthright.

In Raleigh, a spokesman for the Citizens Committee said his organization would "press to the hilt" efforts to get Negroes integrated on a basis of equality with other groups in any industrial expansion that might come this way. A study is being made of legal possibilities, the spokesman said, fol-

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Ax Murder Highlights 'Bloody Oct.'

RALEIGH — James Mason, 42-year-old Rougemont man, died in a Durham hospital early this week from wounds inflicted by an axe to climax one of the bloodiest mid-Octobers in recent years.

News of Mason's death for which three persons are being held followed earlier reports of the violent deaths of other persons in Wallace, Clinton, Franklinton,

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White Man Claims Rights Violated

SHELBY — A new twist was given the controversial civil rights issue in this city last May 26 when a white GI, a veteran of World War I, claimed he had been deprived of his civil rights.

Obadiah Allen, the white man, charges that Gaston County Sheriff Hoyle Efird and Deputy Walter Cannon beat and kicked him in an altercation on last May 26.

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