

ANXIETY SHROUDS SCHOOL DECISION

Scribblings

BY DWIGHT HILLIS WILSON

Editor's Note — The CAROLINIAN proudly introduces to its readers Dr. Dwight Hillis Wilson who is joining the staff as a columnist. Dr. Wilson, considered one of the top writers in the country, served for a number of years on the faculty of Fisk University, and is at present on the staff of the Bureau of Archives at Washington, D. C.

If this column sees print, it will be a testimonial to the patience of the editor. He has awaited its appearance for something near two months. However, it was too much to sit down to a typewriter with October's "bright blue weather" spreading a mantle of aloofness over Autumn's splendor and enchantment. Just to be out watching the leaves shrouded in raiment splendor was to be on the road to euphoria — to have the feeling of being on top of the world. Besides, I became a year older last month, and I have to take things more slowly. But I boast that:

I keep myself in condition. Yet still I don't happily grin. There'll be no mystery. If you ever should see The sort of condition I'm in. Now the melancholy days are come. With November the glory departs, the rains fall, and the hills arrive. Bills for new school clothes, fuel bills, winterizing the car, early Christmas shopping bills. Bills to the right of every bill in the left of your head. Into the valley of debt we ride like six hundred.

For years people have been used to drinking milk from contented cows, but now comes news that you will be eating ham, bacon, pork chops and chitterlings from happy hogs. We can look forward to laughing lambs, cheerful chickens, turdunders, ribbed ribs, hits, delectable ducks, friendly fish and sweet-tongued steers. Sweetness and light will be the order of the day for all animals except the ones who pay for the groceries. That last thought made me decide to go out and buy a smiling soup-bone for some old-fashioned vegetable soup. And to think I remember the time when you got soup-bones free — with the right to curse the butcher if he didn't hand out one that suited you. Right here it is. It is well to stop and explain the title of this column. According to the dictionary, "to scribble" means to scribble or to scribble. I hope, from time to time something of worth will appear here. The editor invited me to write whatever comes to my mind. Little did he know that nothing ever comes to my mind. I have to go out and drag it in.

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Drunk Driver Fished Out, Then Jailed

SMITHFIELD — After searching a lake for more than an hour for four apparently non-existent women, police decided Willie Earl Mitchiner, 20, was "all wet", but not too much so to stand trial for drunken driving.

The youth, whose mother says he seems to have hallucinations when drinking, is said to have lost control of his '52 Studebaker while under the influence of liquor. The car zipped several times across the road before running into the right side of the bridge. Mitchiner was thrown out of the car and into the lake.

By the time policemen arrived, he had been fished out by a truck driver and was lamenting the "drowning" of four women along with him. Police began an immediate search for the women.

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DEDICATORY SPEAKER — Dr. J. W. Seabrook, president of the Fayetteville State Teachers College, will deliver the dedicatory address at the Dedication Ceremonies of the newly constructed John W. Ligon High School. The dedication services are set at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Ligon Auditorium.

Politicos Opposed To Integration

HOT SPRINGS, Va. — Plans to circumvent the U. S. Supreme Court's decision in the event of an unfavorable ruling for the South in the school segregation cases were understood to have been discussed here this week during the annual Southern Governors' conference.

Governors Herman Talmadge of Georgia and James F. Byrnes of South Carolina are among the outspoken foes of integrating the elementary schools for whites and Negroes.

Governor Talmadge was quoted as saying the elimination of Jim Crow schools would be "disastrous" to the progress of the South. Governor Byrnes declined public comment to reporters, but he is understood to have told friends privately he believed he could resist.

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Pair Doomed

Bennie and Lloyd Ray Daniels, convicted of the 1949 slaying of taxi driver, Benjamin O'Neal, appeared to be headed for the gas chamber in Central Prison on Friday as the governor refused to intervene in their behalf earlier this week. Their case has been carried through the state courts and to the U. S. Supreme Court several times.

Violence Flares Over State

DRUNK CRAZED MAN KILLS WIFE

Found Hiding Behind Sofa After Crime

RALEIGH — A drunk-crazed man who allegedly cut his wife's throat and later fled to his mother's home to hide behind a studio couch contributed to one of a series of violence reported at the start of November.

Ezra Whitaker, 23 year old Englishman, has been accused of slashing his estranged wife's throat with a pocket knife. Whitaker's first story allegedly claimed Mrs. Whitaker, 23, tried to cut him. This account, however, was disputed by eye witnesses.

Whitaker was slated for arraignment Monday night at 7 p. m. At about the time Whitaker was reportedly slaying on Mrs. Whitaker's throat with a pocket knife, James Bethea, 42 year old Durham man, was charged with the murder of James Mason, also 42, who was allegedly hit on the head with an ax two Sundays ago. Both men were residents of Durham.

Elsewhere over the state last week, these things happened:

Two manslaughter cases and a "whispering voice" offender were involved with scenes with law enforcement officers in Clinton. The voice was believed to have been taken into custody after allegedly whispering lewd suggestions to telephone operators.

Sherman Parker of Clinton was scheduled to receive a hearing in the death of a nearby Fort Bragg soldier. Another man, Isaac Lamb, was reported ready for trial in the case of his hitting a woman in her yard.

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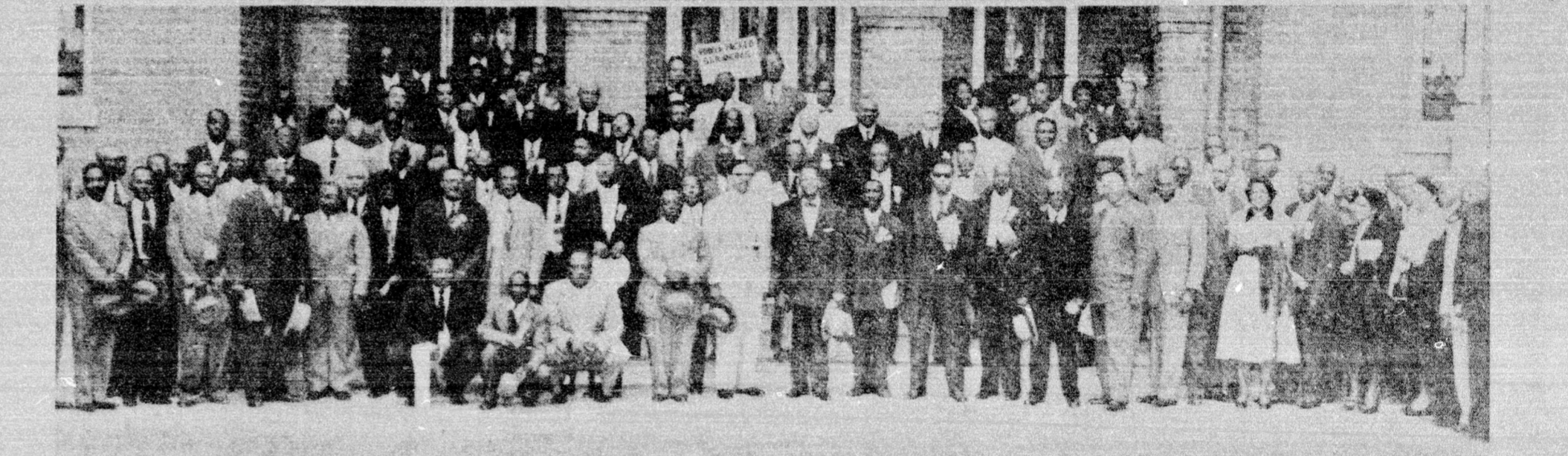
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Turpin Held

Dr. Robert Turpin, charged with the slaying of his wife, was held in New York City today. He was held on a charge of slaying his wife, Adele, in New York City. Turpin was arrested by Miss Daniels, nurse that he beat her three times before the Olson fight and four times afterward and is now awaiting trial in New York.

White Officer Mum On Rape Case



GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA — Shown are a majority of the ministerial and lay delegates attending the 56th Annual Sessions of the North Carolina General Baptist Convention in Rocky Mount October 27-29, 1953. Seated, behind parking sign is the Rev. S. R. Johnson of Salisbury, Public Relations for the N. C. Baptists. The Rev. Rufus W. Underwood, Mt. Zion Baptist Church was the exclusive host to the convention. Rev. O. L. Sherrill is convention secretary.

Cross Burning Was No Prank, Alpha Prexy Says

LAWRENCE, Kansas — Negroes in Lawrence, Kansas, were in an up roar last week over a cross burning incident following the initiation of a white student at Kansas University into Alpha Phi Alpha, first Greek letter organization among Negroes. But after an investigation, police said the incident was probably the work of a prankster.

James R. Strickland, Alpha Phi Alpha chapter president rejected this explanation and said he believed the cross burning was the direct result of the white brother's decision to move into the predominantly Negro fraternity house on the university campus.

Strickland also said he regretted the publicity given the action of the white student, Roger Youmans, as two other white students have pledged to the fraternity at Kansas University but they did not move into the chapter house.

Alpha Phi Alpha has initiated a number of white students throughout the country but mostly at predominantly white schools in the northeast.

Race Doctor Featured In Look Magazine Story

NEW YORK, N. Y. — Dr. Rupert Searcy, one of ten Negro doctors who have completed their medical education under Mississippi's plan for training physicians for local practice, is featured in the current issue of LOOK magazine (out Nov. 3). Dr. Searcy, a native of the state, now practices in Cleveland, Miss., in an area where Negroes outnumber whites two or three to one.

The doctor is prospering according to LOOK. He owns a new home and a bright new sedan car. This is partly due to the fact that Negro patients pay their bills more faithfully than whites — a point on which doctors of both races agree, LOOK says.

His wife, a former classmate at Aiken College, helps him as an accountant and receptionist in his new, well-lighted doctor's office. She also takes care of their three children.

The Mississippi program for educating country doctors not only has completed the training of ten Negro doctors, but has 21 more Negro men in medical school or entering ill hospitals throughout the state. The state loans money for medical school to qualified students who want to become doctors, on the provision that they will set up practice in rural areas. If they move to town or decide to specialize, they must pay back the money with 4 per cent interest. But if they stay in the country for five years, the loan is cancelled.

Dr. Searcy served four years in the Air Force in World War II and received his medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville. He also takes care of their three children.

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Lieutenant Denies Rape Story

PAYETTEVILLE — The secrecy that has kept rumors flying fast and furiously around here and Port Blight since the arrest of Lt. John Griffin for the alleged beating and rape of a woman is still light, but it was less reliably reported that Lt. Richard Sloan, who was reported to have been in the car when the assaults were made, has now changed his story.

The first report noted the woman as saying that the white officer was in the car but had "passed out." Upon questioning by army officials, Sloan is alleged to have said that he was not unconscious. Speculation had it that he would shed some light on the matter and aid justice in the solution of the case.

On the eve of the case being called for trial by a military court on Thursday it was learned that not only has Sloan said that he was unconscious but that he in all probability will not be called when the case is tried.

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N. C. Mutual Leads Other Race Insurance Companies

CHICAGO (AP) — North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company of Durham, N. C., leads all of the 26 Negro companies in total insurance in force, according to rankings by the National Underwriter which evaluates all insurance firms.

The largest colored firm on the basis of capital value, however, is Atlanta Life Insurance Company of Atlanta, Ga. This firm rates second in insurance in force, North Carolina Mutual is second in capital value.

Although the colored firms are at the greatest height in their history, they do not feel they are adequately covering their market by any means. According to J. G. Ish, Jr., who a month ago completed his term as 27th president of the National Negro Insurance association, the two basic questions facing these companies are the finding of alert qualified personnel and the acquainting of the public with what these companies have to offer in insurance.

Ish, who is an official of Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Company, gave his interpretation of the problems facing Negro insurance firms at the annual convention held recently in Miami, Fla. during his presidential address. He cited as problems the following:

1. The recruiting, selecting and training of better and more capable personnel. 2. Increased competition (from non-Negro firms). 3. Giving better and more efficient service. 4. Better advertising methods geared to reach the greatest number of Negroes through media which will let them know what the companies have to offer, and 5. Establishment of scholarships at top Negro colleges to young people interested in insurance as a career and having aptitude for life underwriting careers.

Basically, his solution is collective action by the Negro firms through NNIA. Work through the NNIA, he said, can be done only through an adequate budget, not only to carry out administrative needs, but to cover scholarship funds, advertising, publicity, good public relations, and success of The Pilot, the NNIA publication.

Ish also recommended NNIA membership in the National Negro Business League, the NAACP, the

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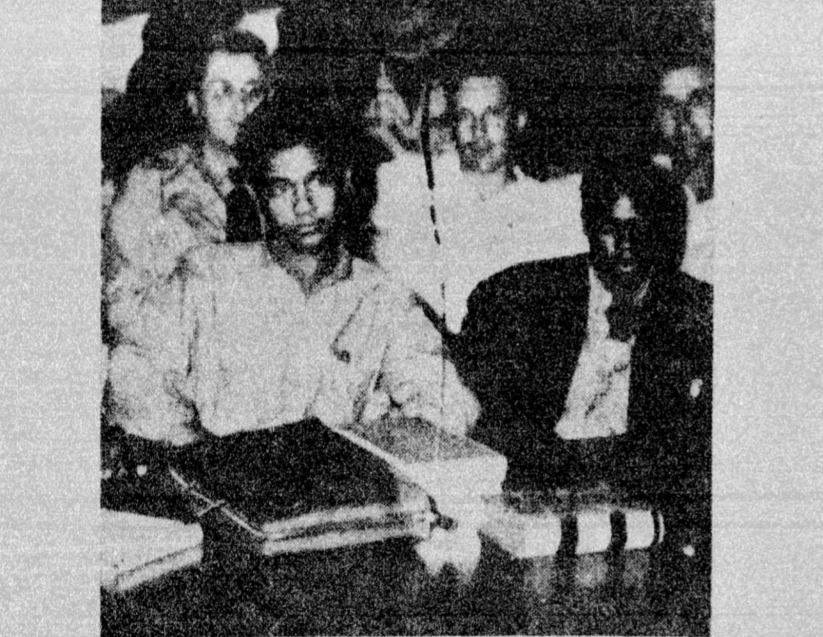
Dr. Shepard Praised As "Pioneer" By N. Y. Minister

DURHAM — The late Dr. James E. Shepard, founder and president of the North Carolina College at Durham, was typical of the American pioneers in his "sturdiness of character," a prominent Albany, N. Y., pastor said here today.

Dr. Charles E. Stewart, former president of Kittrell College and now pastor of the Israel AME Church of Albany, N. Y., praised Dr. Shepard along with several noted Negro and white pioneer citizens who laid the foundations of modern Durham in NCC's sixth annual Founders' Day Convocation. President Alfonso Elder of NCC introduced the speaker and presided at symbolic rites lighting the torch for the college's motto of "Truth and Service." Elliot B. Palmer, student leader; J. T. Taylor, national alumni head; the college choir; and Rev. Fred Huntley, the Rev. E. T. Brown, and Dr. Miles Mark Fisher participated in programs honoring Dr. Shepard in B. N. Duke Auditorium and later at Beechwood Cemetery.

"1910 was a day of dreamers who saw in their dreams visions of a new tide of racial possibilities in Durham which would inspire the nation to an action hitherto unknown among the people. It was

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AT END OF THE ROAD — The long bitter struggle for the Daniels case will come to an end Friday morning for the Daniels cousins, Bennie and Lloyd Ray, shown above in an early trial at the courthouse in Greenville. The Daniels boys are slated to enter the State's lethal gas chamber at 10:00 Friday morning for the 1949 slaying of a Pitt County white man. Attorneys for the cousins admit that no further steps can be taken to save the boys, whose case has gone several times to the State Supreme Court and three times to the U. S. Supreme Court. Governor Unstead has stated that he will not stop the execution.

25 Churches In Harnett Meet

DUNN — Delegates from 25 churches will be present Thursday morning, November 12, 1953 for the 66th Annual Session of the Conference of the Churches of the South.



REV. G. D. McNEIL, JR., Conference Secretary

Participation In Education Talked At Teachers Confab

GOLDSBORO — The third annual meeting of the Coastal Plain District of the North Carolina Teachers Association was held here at Dillard High School and East End School, Friday, October 30.

The general theme of the session was "Participation in Educational Progress."

F. R. Dargatzis, principal of West Street School, New Bern, is president of the CP District. Other officers are: Joseph E. Belton, principal, Douglas High School, Warsaw, vice president; Mrs. M. N. Lettaw, Sampson Elementary School, Kingston, recording secretary; Miss E. S. Smallwood, supervisor, Jones County Schools, corresponding secretary; S. J. Howie, principal, Pembroke Elementary School, Wilmington, auditor; and L. L. Thompson, Dillard High School, registrar.

The morning session from 10 to 11:30 a. m. and the afternoon session from 2:30 to 4:30 p. m. will be held at the Harnett Training School this week. The project cost \$500,000. Program participants in addition to Coltrane, were P. R. Brown,

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NUMBERS RACKET IN DURHAM

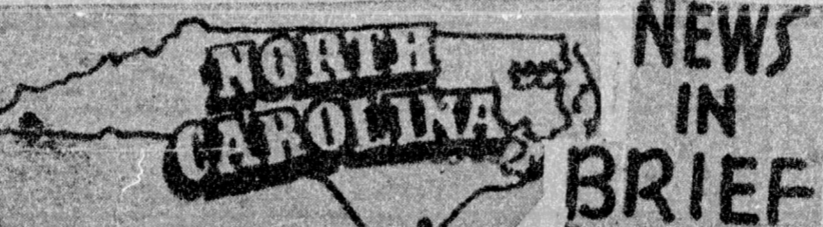
DURHAM — Mrs. Carrie Smith's alleged numbers racket was a short-lived business here last week, Durham Detective Captain W. E. Gates said he arrested Mrs. Gates with two pads under a cushion in her chair. Mrs. Davis was quoted as saying she had been in business only one week.

superintendent of the school; Samuel E. Leonard, assistant commissioner of correction; the Rev. S. R. Lomas, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Rockingham; J. W. Hank, Richmond County; T. C. Auman, state board of corrections; and Dr. J. H. Barnhill, State Department of Oral Hygiene.

RECEIVES TYPEWRITER

OXFORD — The Oxford Lions Club recently gave James Hobson, 20 year old blind freshman at the North Carolina College at Durham, a used typewriter as a gift to help him in his classwork. Tom Speed, chairman of the committee on work for the blind, introduced the gift.

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VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE PRESIDENT HEADS LAND GRANT GROUP — Dr. Robert E. Daniel, second from left, president of Virginia State College, Petersburg, receives the compliments of retiring Land Grant Colleges President Rufus E. Clement, Atlanta University, Atlanta, during recent 31st meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Negro Land Grant Colleges in Washington, D. C., at which Dr. Daniel became head of the group. Witnessing the informal ceremony are, left to right, Dr. C. V. Troup, Fort Valley State College, Georgia, Conference assistant secretary; Dr. F. D. Bluford, A. and T. College, Greensboro, N. C., chairman of the executive committee; Dr. A. T. Atwood, Kentucky State College, Frankfort, secretary; and Dr. E. G. Clark, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, treasurer. All of the educators are presidents of their respective institutions.