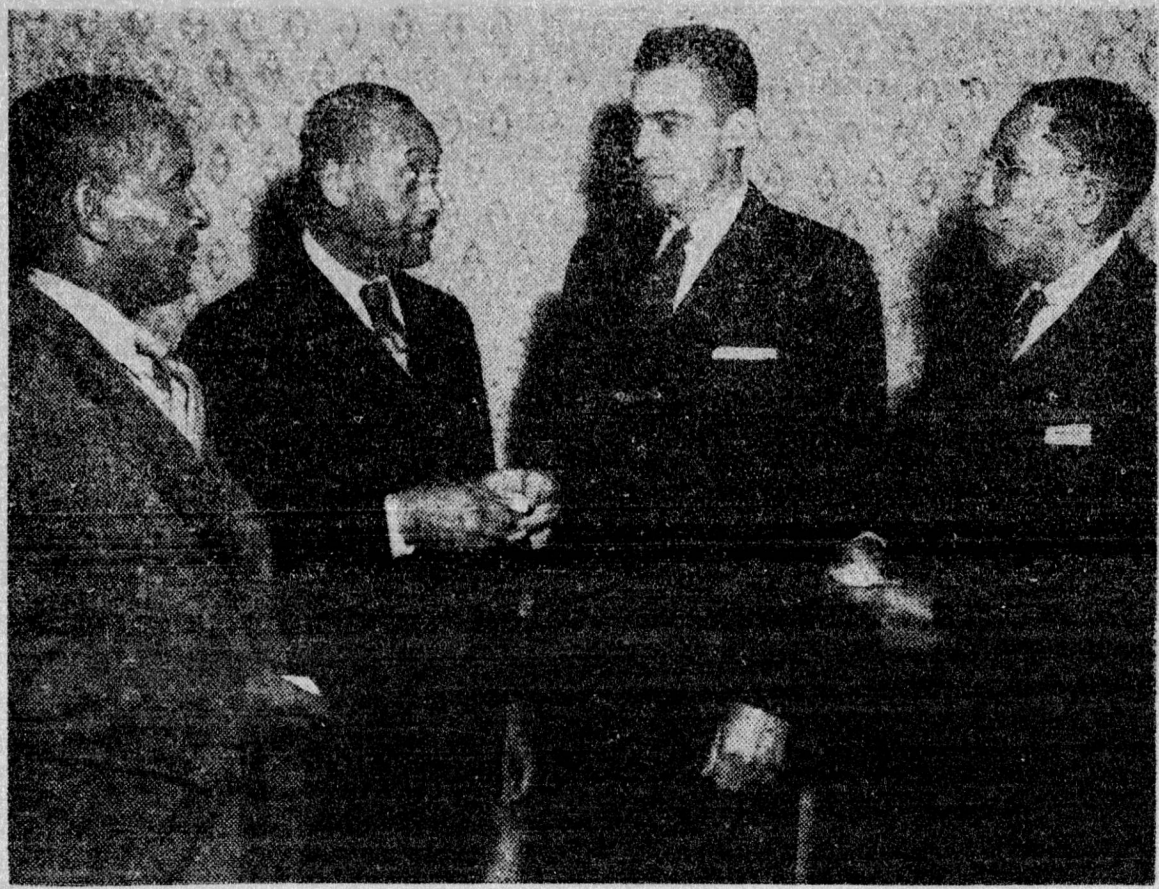


# Shaw University Gets Quarter Of Million \$\$\$



RED CROSS OFFICIALS RECEIVE AWARDS—Three Rocky Mount Volunteer Workers, who have given unstintingly of time and energy for fifteen years, a massing together, a total of more than 7,500 hours service are

shown as they received Red Cross pins in recognition of their meritorious work in the community. Giving the awards is Tom Winters, chairman of the Nash-Rocky Mount Red Cross Chapter, under which the colored auxili-

ary functions. Left to right are: Prof. Boyd L. Ancrum, A. W. Holland school principal; Dr. J. W. Black, dentist and civic leader; Winters, and Prof. Charles T. Edwards, principal, Lincoln school. — Kellibrew Photo, courtesy Rocky Mount Telegram.

## Dying Mother Exclaims

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## News Shows Wave Of

# CRIME IN N.C.

## Gun Blasts Prove Fatal For Mother

BY J. B. HARRIS

ROCKY MOUNT (Special) — The tragic death by a shotgun blast, allegedly wielded by her husband, left four small Nash County children motherless and lodged the husband, 32-year-old John Ed Richardson, Sr., in jail at Nashville on a charge of murder, following what little seven-year-old John Ed Richardson, Jr. described to Sheriff Glenn Womble as a "cussin' and fussin'" at the wife, Mrs. Nancy Richardson prior to the shooting which Richardson claimed was "accidental" while the two "tussled over the shotgun".

JOY A HERO  
Young John Ed Richardson, apparently keeping his head in the

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## LOCAL COLLEGE RECEIVES GRANT

A total of \$240,299.66 was received in 1953 by Shaw University from the United Negro College Fund. It was announced today by Dr. William R. Strasser, president of Shaw. The money will be used for both current operating and capital improvement purposes. Dr. Strasser stated:

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## Goldsboro Asylum To Get Buildings

BY HENRY C. MITCHELL

GOLDSBORO (Special) — North Carolina State Hospital's general business manager, Roy M. Purser announced recently that a tentative decision had been reached on location at Goldsboro of a \$4.5 million dollar mental institution for Negro children. It will be the first of its kind for Negro children in North Carolina.

Purser, with other representatives of the Board of Control, visited Southbury, Conn., just before Christmas to study a similar nationally famous training school there. It is hoped the school will set a pattern rather than follow one.

Need for a Training School for Negroes comparable to the Caswell School for whites, was first emphasized some 10 years ago when state Senator O'Berry made a state survey on "pauperism." In gathering this information he discovered that many Negro children who needed custodial care or treatment

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DR. BUNCHE PRESENTS CARVER AWARD—Dr. Ralph Bunchie is shown presenting the 1953 Gold award of the George Washington Carver Memorial Institute to Paul G. Hoffman (right), chairman of the board of the Studebaker corporation. The award is given annually by the institute for outstanding contributions to the betterment of race relations and human welfare. Presentation was a highlight of Carver Day ceremonies at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York recently. (Newspress Photo.)

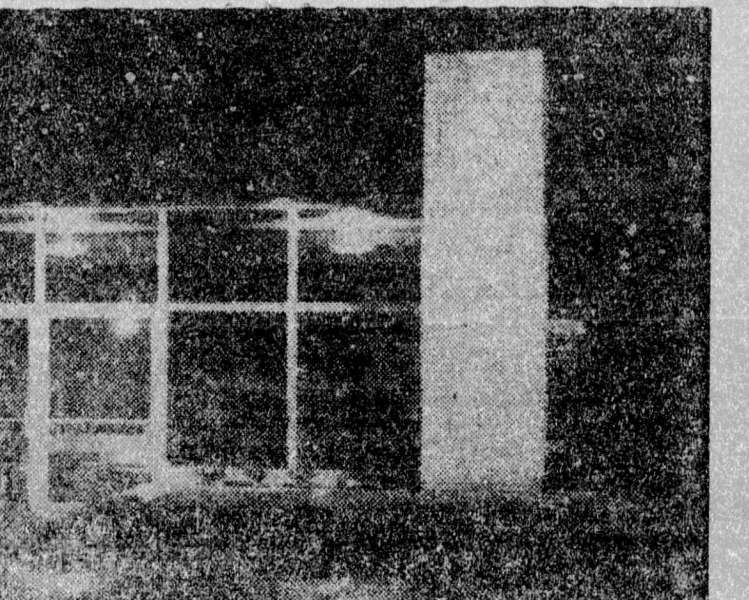
## N. C. News In Brief

YOUTH 6, KILLED BY CAR  
HAW RIVER — Little six-year-old James Lewis Vincent met his death on Highway 40, six miles south of here, Saturday, January 16 when he is said to have run from his home, directly in the path of an oncoming car.

Highway patrolman June R. Jones arrested Bobby Gene Ledbetter, 21 of Shelby for the death. He is being charged with manslaughter. The driver was released under a \$1,000 bond.

## RACE CENTER DEDICATED

BURLINGTON — The \$30,000 Burlington-Alamance County Negro Community Center was formally opened Wednesday night. Dr. A. E. Weatherford, III professor of physical education at North Carolina College, Durham, was the guest speaker. Dr. Weatherford, who is also field representative of the North Carolina Recreation Society, has been a leader in the promotion of recreation for Negroes of the state for many years. The Community Center, a brick



\$38,000 BRANCH BANK BUILDING — Shown above is the new Fayetteville Street Branch of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham, which was recently constructed at the cost of \$38,000. The officers of the bank held open house for patrons and friends last week. This brings the total of branches operated by the institution to two. The Raleigh Branch is located on East Hargett Street. The McDougald Terrace will be glad to note that the bank will remain open on Friday until 4 p. m. Shown at the left of the building is J. H. Wheeler, president and on the right is I. O. Funderburg, cashier.

## Raleigh Citizen Leaves Money For Worthy Help

The news that Attorney Edward A. Johnson, native of Raleigh, and New York practitioner, had remembered two local projects in his will was received with much joy this week.

The benefactor is known to have left two-thirds of his \$76,000 estate to the blind members of Wake County and to the First Congregational Church, Manley and South Streets.

The announcement was made by City Attorney Paul F. Smith at a meeting held by the body. Smith told the Council that he had received a document from New York which told of the bequests and that all income from a trust fund of \$42,000 dollars had been made available to the city of Raleigh for the two agencies.

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## Youth Uses Hammer To Murder Man

GREENSBORO — The recent North Carolina crime wave struck here Saturday night and left John Cecil, 78 year old, Monroe Township carpenter in its wake, as the result of a confessed hammer murder, by John Anderson, 19, of Brown Summit.

The confession shocked the community when the arresting officers made public the confession. Anderson was picked up when he was reported to have been buying clothing rather freely in the community.

The confession began by Anderson saying that he went to Cecil's home about 12 noon Saturday to borrow some money. Upon arrival, he got into an argument with Cecil over some past due rent. Anderson, at one time was a tenant on the dead man's farm. The confession told of how Cecil, enraged, grabbed a gun and threatened Anderson's life. Anderson further alleged, in the confession, that he started out of the house and Cecil followed. After he got outside, Cecil said, he picked up a hammer and chased Cecil around the house, finally catching up with him and striking him over the head, with the hammer, two times, to defend himself against the attack. The confession relates: He did not relate what Cecil did next, but he picked up the gun and carried it back in the house.

Anderson is quoted as saying that he took \$2.00 off of the man and then went into the house and got \$15.00 out of a drawer. He admitted the free spending spree and having exhibited silver dollars during the spending.

He is reported to have gone back to the house to see what had really happened and to call an ambulance about 4 p. m. It was then that he found that he had killed the 78 year old man. He was driven to the home by friends, whom he told to wait a distance from the house.

Cecil's brother told of going to the house and finding a gun which he took home with him. The body was found Sunday morning near the side of the house, about 20 or 30 feet from the front door. Anderson was held without bond in the county jail. He will, in all probability face a charge of murder and robbery at the next term of court.

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## United Church To Hear Benjamin Mays Monday

B. F. Carter, general chairman, 15th Annual Institute of Religion sponsored by the United Church said here Wednesday that church leaders throughout the state had expressed a desire to hear Dr. Benjamin Mays, world church leader and president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, when he appears in the second of its current series, which is now being held at the

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## Husband Loses Life In Triangle Love Affair

BY CHARLES R. JONES

RALEIGH — A local Joe Louis Park resident blamed whiskey and another woman in the fatal stabbing of her husband here last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Rosa Ragland, 45, faces a charge of first degree murder in the death of Ernest Ragland. The tragedy occurred at the home of Ragland's alleged "girlfriend", Tille Green of Best Street here. According to information obtained from Lieutenant R. A. Liles of the Raleigh Detective Bureau this reporter learned that Ragland and his wife had been on a drinking spree throughout the day. Late in the afternoon, Ragland went to the home of the Green woman and was in the act of drinking a cup of coffee when his wife entered the house. An argument reportedly ensued and Ragland is said to have reached into his pocket as if searching for a weapon. At this point, Mrs. Ragland stabbed him with a small paring knife which entered in the area of the heart.

Ragland, who did not realize

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## Raleigh Host To Older Boys Confab Jan. 31

The annual meeting of the Executive committee of the N. C. YMCA Older Boys Conference will be held at the Bloodworth Street YMCA, Raleigh, Sunday, January 31 at 11:00 A. M. It has been announced by E. L. Raiford, director. The purpose of the session is to plan the 1954 conference to convene at the West Charlotte High School, Charlotte, April 23, 24, 25. Attended annually by around 200



J. H. WHEELER  
... President

## Scribblings

BY DWIGHT HILLIS WILSON

DISCLAIMER  
I was quite surprised to find an expose of my life in THE CAROLINIAN. They certainly must have some good research people, for nobody asked me anything about my past. The picture I did know about. The publisher wrote asking for one, so I promptly went down to the postoffice and swiped a picture of one of the FBI's ten most wanted men. Pious looking cuss, wasn't he.

## ADDENDA

While the article read better than a good obituary, now I feel hurt that the nosy reporter who dug the material up didn't add that I also belong to some top-heavy organizations. Namely: International Council on Archives; American Historical Association; Society of American Archivists; American Association for State and Local History; Manuscript Society; Bibliographical Society; Academy of Political Science; American Association of University Professors; and Omega Psi Phi. I am also a member of the National Association of Cut-Throat Pinchle Players; and the only reason for my not belonging to Truman's Poker Club or that other Dwight's Golf Club is that I don't feel at ease with Secret Service men hanging around. It must be admitted that I was expelled from the Southern Division of the Clam Chowder and Marching Club because of my preference for oyster stew and sitting.

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## Fayetteville Worker Dies In Burning House

FAYETTEVILLE — The charred body of 58 year old, A. J. (Monk) Jernigan was taken from the smoldering ashes of a one room house here last week, and the flames had subsided enough for would-be-rescuers to examine the house.

Jernigan is said to have lived in the house alone. The fire was discovered by Thomas Harice, who lives across the street. He told officers that flames were leaping from the house when he discovered the fire and that he feared for Jernigan's life, due to the lateness of the hour.

Firemen were unable to determine the cause of the fire, but said that a two-burner oil stove with a burst tank on it is believed to have been the cause. The failure of the firemen to stop the blaze accounted for the fact that it was hard to determine the cause.

The coroner said that the body would be examined to determine whether Jernigan had fallen or suffered any injury, either trying to escape, or due to foul play. The idea of foul play was almost ruled out, but the investigation was thought to be necessary in order to clear up any doubt.

## Local Resident Missing

Mrs. Dorothy Clements, 23, has been reported missing from her home since last Tuesday morning, the City Police's Detective Division reports. The woman's disappearance was reported by her mother, Mrs. Mary B. Brown, 324 Common Street, who said the last home at 9 a. m. Tuesday enroute to her job. The woman failed to appear at the residence and has not been seen since, officers said. Mrs. Clements is described as being five feet, five inches tall and weighs one hundred and sixty-five pounds.