

# PREACHER IS JAILED

## Minister Draws Term In Vance Assault Cases

HENDERSON — A 50 year old preacher, Frank Parrish McKeever of Fuquay Springs, was handed a 12-month road sentence in Vance Superior Court, Monday after being convicted of carrying a concealed weapon. He also received three six-month road terms for forcible trespassing.

McKeever is alleged to have accosted several white women in South Henderson last January 2, and tried to induce them to take a ride with him in his car.

The defendant waived the charges of assault on a female, using vile and lewd language, through his attorneys W. B. Oliver and N. F. Ransdell. He also tendered a plea of guilty to the count of forcible trespassing.

Solicitor E. R. Taylor accepted these pleas. McKeever also pleaded guilty to the charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

Judge Walter B. Bones pronounced sentence on the man. The four terms have been ordered to run concurrently.

At approximately 7 o'clock on the night of Jan. 2, McKeever was arrested in the southern section of Henderson after reportedly accosting three white women. All three of the women testified against McKeever.

One of the witnesses declared that he had remarked to her "Come with me. I'll give you \$20. I'll treat you nice". This witness, Mrs. Judy Tharrington, said that she ran to the home of a neighbor and called the police. Mrs. Mahley Tharrington said that she ran to McKeever's car in her car and said, "Lady, I'll give you \$50."

She said she ran to her house and locked the door.

Another witness stated she was walking on Harriett Street when McKeever drove up to her and told her, "I'll give you \$20 to go with me." At that time, she stated the car was parked near her home.

According to officer D. M. Pendleton, he and two other officers went to South Henderson and picked up the man in his car. He said that when McKeever was arrested at the police station, only one dollar and a few cents were found on his person.

However, a black jack was found under the front seat of his car as well as a bottle of whiskey, part of a bottle of gin, crackers, eggs, sardines, two cans of beer and one empty beer can.

At the time McKeever would not answer yes or no to the questions put to him by the police regarding the alleged molesting charge. He did say, however, that if he

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GUARDSMEN TAKE CHARGE — North Carolinians got a glimpse of real social flavor when the Guardsmen took charge of the activities in Durham, during the 9th annual CIAA tournament. Scenes like the above were common throughout the festive season. Mrs. Thelma Wood, Baltimore and Mrs. Herbert Harden, Philadelphia, wife of the national president, seated to her left, are enjoying an affair in the Jade Room of the De-nut Shoppe.



DENIES 'RED' TAG — Mrs. Annie Lee Moss, veteran employee at the Pentagon in Washington, reads newspaper accounts of recent testimony before the Senate, which branded her as a card-carrying Communist. Ex-FBI undercover agent, Mrs. Mary S. Markward, said that the 43-year-old widow had access to the Defense Department's secret coding room, although it was known about her Red sympathies. In her Washington home last week, Mrs. Moss denied the allegations. (Newspress Photo.)

## Salisbury Mother Sets New Record

SALISBURY — When Della Mae Barnes, 11 years old, gave birth to a 5 pound baby boy in the Rowan Memorial Hospital Tuesday, she is believed to have beat the county record for giving birth at such an early age.

Dr. Ted Harris who delivered the baby termed the birth as being uneventful and one which could be termed as ordinary, even though the mother was of such a young age. Hospital authorities anticipated that the delivery would pose a problem and were surprised when everything went off in a normal

manner.

The birth sent county health personnel into the records to see if there had been one any earlier and from what they found it was the earliest in the history of the county. Her age could not be authenticated, but records showed that she could not be more than 11 years old.

The mother and baby were doing nicely and Della Mae showed no ill-effect of having gone through the ordeal. Last week a Macon county white girl, 13, gave birth to a daughter. Della Mae is known to have beaten her record.

## N. C. Republican Meet Must Face Race Issue

Whether the Republican party intends to go after the Negro vote in the forthcoming election will be determined at the state convention which will be held in Charlotte on Saturday.

State leaders are known to be in the throes of many problems, with the Department of Justice side stepping Herbert F. Sewall for Middle District solicitor, the wounds of the Taft-Eisenhower nomination fight not quite healed,

the fight for patronage control between Jim DeLapp and others could take a back seat at the convention if the party faithful get into a scrap over the proper integration of Negroes.

This fight is expected to

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# LABOR BOSS URGES FEPC LAW

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### "DISCRIMINATION MUST GO", SAYS MRS. OVETA HOBBY

## Southern Cabinet Officer Flays Bias In Address

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Texas born, newspaper publisher and Secretary of Welfare, Oveta Culp Hobby, lashed out against discrimination in any form in the Charter Day celebration of Howard University, here Tuesday.

She termed discrimination because of race, color, or creed as fundamentally wrong and morally unjust. She brought the matter home to the university when she said, "Although this institution was founded as a university in which learning would be accessible to all — regardless of race, color, sex or economic circumstances, most of its students are Negroes."

She saw tomorrow as a day when an individual would not be judged by such tests as race or color, creed or sex, but according to his intrinsic worth.

Mrs. Hobby is known to have been the center of a controversy in her department that saw Mrs. Jane Spaulding resign last year. There were no indications in her speech that she was not for complete integration.

The ceremonies were held at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel on the Howard campus, and began at 10:30 a. m. The annual Charter Day banquet, at which the recipient of the 1954 Alumni Achievement Award were honored, was held in the Baldwin Hall dining room at 8:00 p. m.

Mrs. Hobby, a native of Killeen, Texas, is the first secretary of the new governmental department. She was appointed to the position April 11, 1953 when the depart-

ment took over the duties of the defunct Federal Security agency.

A journalist by profession, Mrs. Hobby has been active in public affairs for nearly 30 years. She served as parliamentarian in the Texas House of Representatives from 1926 to 1931 and again in 1939 and 1941. It was in 1931 that she began her 20-year affiliation with The HOUSTON POST, a daily newspaper, as research editor. She was serving as assistant editor in 1941 when appointed chief of the Women's Interest Section of the War Department's Bureau of Public Relations.

In 1942, Mrs. Hobby was appointed director of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, and, in 1943, commanding colonel, Army of the United States, and director of the Women's Army Corps. She was released from active duty in 1945 and returned to The HOUSTON POST as executive vice-president.

At the time of her appointment as Federal Security Administrator in January, 1953 Mrs. Hobby was editor and publisher of The HOUSTON POST and director of Stations KPRC-AM, KPRC-FM, and KPRC-TV.

Three Howard University alumni received the annual Achievement Award for distinguished post-graduate service. They are Dr. Edwin B. Henderson of Washington, Julius A. Thomas, Jr. of New York City, and Alexander P. Tureaud of New Orleans, La.

Dr. Henderson, a 1930 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts, is

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CAUSE TO BE HAPPY — The Union University basketball team is shown as they received the championship trophy, as the winner of the 9th Annual CIAA Basketball Tournament. The Panthers won by one point from the defending Winston Salem Rams, in the last 10 seconds of the tilt. Both teams had the support of a strong cheering section and when rushed on the court to acclaim their heroes. The award committee had to plead for an opportunity to present the trophy.

## CIO PREXY CITES SIX REASONS FOR FEPC PASSAGE

WASHINGTON — Walter P. Reuther, president of the CIO and of the United Automobile Workers, in testimony prepared for delivery today (Tuesday) before the Senate Labor Welfare Committee, cited six reasons why the need for federal fair employment practices legislation is "greater and more urgent now than it has ever been in the past."

Mr. Reuther, testifying for both the CIO and the UAW-CIO, called for support of S. 892, introduced by Senator Irving Ives (R. N. Y.) and 19 other Senators from both parties.

In testimony prepared for delivery, Mr. Reuther listed the six reasons as follows:

1. Because the spread between the incomes of white and non-white families, which had narrowed during the wartime FEPC, has widened again since;
2. Because since 1947 the number of states having enforceable FEPC laws has increased from 4

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### To Speak Here



Rev. Charles M. Jones, nationally known liberal minister of Chapel Hill, N. C. will deliver the address at the annual meeting of the Bloodworth Street YMCA, Tuesday, March 9, 8:00 p. m. It has been announced by E. L. Raiford, general secretary, C. A. Haywood, chairman, Board of Management will preside.

Reports of activities sponsored by the Association during 1953 will be given and five members will be elected to the Board. Special music for the occasion has been arranged.

The planning committee for the annual meeting is composed of J. A. Mann, R. H. Toole and C. R. Frazier of the Board of Management.

The Rev. Mr. Jones is a native of Nashville, Tenn. and a graduate of Maryville College, Tenn., Columbia University, New York City and Union Seminary, Richmond. He is a former pastor of the Presbyterian Church and at present pastor of the Community Church, both of Chapel Hill. He is noted for his liberal interpretation of the Scriptures and is an outstanding advocate of a practical application of Christianity in the solution of social problems.

## State Seating Statute Upheld In Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C. — North Carolina's separate seating law got a boost from the Interstate Commerce Commission here Tuesday with the request of Miss Sarah Keys, Wac. to have the Carolina Coach Company pay her \$25,000 for damages, due to her failure to take a back seat, while a passenger on one of the company's vehicles.

The decision was reached on a law requiring railroads to pay damages for such supposed injustices, but the commission said it was without its power to invoke the law on motor carriers, under the existing statutes.

Miss Keys, stationed at Ft. Dix New Jersey in 1952, in her complaint set forth the fact that she purchased transportation to Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and expected a safe and unobstructed trip, not only as an American citizen, but as a member of the country's uniform. She further set forth that she was ordered to take a back seat in or near Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. She refused to take such a seat and was not only

refused further transportation, but was arrested and fined \$25, for disorderly conduct, in the North Carolina town.

She brought suit for the alleged mistreatment and asked that she be awarded for same. The Commission went into consideration the facts in the case and sent it back for investigation. It could not be determined what magnitude the investigation would take and what it would consist of. The case gained much prominence when it was first brought into focus. Civil rights supporters could not say what would be done to bring the motor carriers within the purview of the carrier statutes.

**Scribblings**

BY DWIGHT HILLIS WILSON

**INTRODUCTION**

As promised, Mrs. Wilson is taking over this column this week while the Scribbler takes time out to plug up some of the holes in his head, Mrs. Wilson.

**SOMETHING WONDERFUL**

is going on here, is a sign that hangs on every tree, ready to be seen by anyone who stops and looks. For example, every tree, even the smallest, has a hydraulic pump which enables it to circulate gallons of water every day. And you are forced to admit that there are more things in this world than you dreamed of in your philosophy when you discover that a tree can turn air into wood in a matter of ten short minutes. Then there are the various ways in which trees scatter their seed. Most interesting, to me, is the witch-hazel which developed jet-propulsion long before man had even thought of inventing wheels. The witch-hazel has a pod containing two foot-ball shaped seeds which it shoots ten feet or more when cold weather arrives.

**INTEREST IN THE NEWS**

Are always of interest. The Dodgewood, North Carolina's

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## N. C. News In Brief

**WOMAN FACES HIT-RUN RAP**

KING — Mrs. Rebecca Dearman, 20 of Plinnacle was charged with hit and run driving and manslaughter Tuesday in the traffic death of Mrs. Joan R. Beasley of King.

State Highway Patrolman S. B. Williams said that the charges were filed after Mrs. Dearman admitted she was driving an automobile which "hit something" in King, North Carolina. She posted a \$5,000 bond for her appearance in Stokes Superior Court, FBI laboratories in Washington will compare fragments of shattered headlights from the death scene with those from the Dearborn car.

**BROTHERS JAILED IN SLAYING**

CLINTON — Police have jailed two brothers, Ralph, 17, and Her-

man Highsmith, 12, in a fatal stabbing near Delway recently. The men are being questioned in connection with the death of Lloyd Ward, 30, also a Negro. According to police reports, Ward was killed at the home of Theodore Cowan after an argument with the Highsmith brothers. A third brother, Wade Highsmith, was questioned and released. Shortly after the stabbing, a 2 week old baby of the Cowan's was found smothered to death in bed in the house. No apparent connection between the two deaths have been established by police.

**A AND T STAGES TWO PLAYS**

GREENSBORO — Two top productions, "The Miser" by Moliere and Shakespeare's "Othello" were presented at A. and T. College.

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## Child Killed By Father's Car

PRINCETON — One of the most heartbreaking experiences that can happen to a father was enacted here Sunday morning when a father's car ran over his four-year-old son, marking Johnston County's first highway fatality for the year.

Theodore and Sallie Everette, of Theodore Everette, Jr., son of

Route 1, Princeton, was run over by a car driven by his father in the back yard of the Everette home.

According to information the child was riding his tricycle in the front yard when his father and his father's brother, Jack, got into the Ford car and start-

ed to back it out the yard. The little boy is said to have rode his tricycle into the back yard and into the path of the car.

Following the fatal accident, the child was rushed to Wayne Memorial Hospital, but was pronounced dead on arriving there.

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## Shaw U. Veterans' Club In Program

The annual program given by the Shaw University Veterans' Club was held in the Greenleaf Auditorium Monday (March 1).

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