

SCOTT ELECTED DESPITE RACE ISSUE

PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN HONORED



RECEIVES DEGREE — John B. Wheeler, Durham Bank president and militant lawyer is shown as he receives the LL.D. degree from Shaw University. Friends of Shaw University and admirers of Mr. Wheeler feet that it was one of the most deserving awards made during the current commencement season. It is to be remembered that Wheeler successfully prosecuted one of the school cases that have come up in this state and the fact that the award was made so close to the supreme court's decision makes it more significant. Dr. W. R. Strasser, Shaw proxy makes the award as Dean Foster P. Payne looks on.

The South Prepares To Face Integration



W. KERR SCOTT — who out-distanced 6 opponents in the race to meet Paul C. West, in the November election, for the seat made vacant by the death of Willis Smith.

Governor Umstead's decision to call a conference with educational leaders here Thursday to begin studying how North Carolina can meet the Supreme court's ban on segregation in the schools of the land is believed by many to be the starting point in assuring every child equal education in the state.

Greensboro led the way in the state when it decided that it would set the pace for proper integration in its vast school system by finding out how easily and quickly it could be done.

The state board of Virginia and Maryland have decided that they would start the 1954-55 year under the segregation practice, but left the door open to change as soon as they had a broader interpretation from the high tribunal.

South Carolina's Governor James F. Byrnes says that he will not take the responsibility to call a special session of the legislature to discuss the issue. He wants the board to decide what they want done.

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One Killed; One Hurt In Lumberton Gun Battle

LUMBERTON — Furman Freeman, 30-year-old resident of Saint Pauls, Route 1, died about 3 p.m. Sunday in Hixson Hospital, Fayetteville, from a wound received in a gun battle, earlier in the afternoon, on the Lee Townsend farm, about four miles east of St. Pauls.

Freeman was shot in the left thigh and apparently bled to death, according to investigating officers.

Curell Oliver, 46, of Hope Mills, Route 1, is in Robeson County Memorial Hospital with a bullet wound in the chest and is in "fair" condition according to hospital reports.

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Segregated Degrees At Ligon Among Teachers Criticized

The Rev. Paul H. Johnson, pastor, Martin Street Baptist Church, seemingly feels that the recent Ligon Junior-Senior commencement exercises lost some of its dignity and tradition when he reports on what he calls segregation of teachers because of degrees.

Below is a statement given the CAROLINIAN by him:

The Commencement Exercises for the Ligon Junior Senior High School would have been much more impressive if the members of the faculty had not segregated themselves into two distinct groups.

Only the members of the faculty who hold master degrees were allowed to march with the seniors, or only those with master degrees desired to march with the seniors. Those who didn't march were seated about in the auditorium while others gave out programs at the door. These people who have not as yet obtained the higher degree had to sit shamefully by, as their fellow faculty members paraded, their caps, gowns and hoods, down the aisle.

Isn't it true that those people

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Presbyterians Vote Integration

Jury Trial Denied, Judge

FREES BAGWELL

LENNON FORCES GIVE NEGRO VOTE TO SCOTT

By ALEXANDER BARNES

Even though Senator Alton Lennon did not concede that former Governor W. Kerr Scott had lobbied him from his Umstead-given senate seat in the Democratic primary on Saturday until Wednesday, there was no doubt in the minds of anyone that the Negro vote definitely went to the "Squire from Haw River" and it is the consensus that even the Negroes who claimed to have known the obscure Wilmington lawyer left his camp after his tirade on the race and the effort of his supporters to enrage opponents white votes by raising the

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ACQUITTED



CHIEF BAGWELL

CHURCH MEET BANS BIAS AT MONTREAT

By Alexander Barnes

MONTREAT — The battle that Rev. Charles Jones, erstwhile stormy pastor of a Chapel Hill Presbyterian church started seems to have been partly won by the liberals of the denomination meeting in General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church here Saturday when it was voted by 128 to 109 to adopt the following resolutions:

1. Open the doors of all its institutions of higher education to all races.

2. Strongly recommended the same to synods and presby-

SUFFOCATION CAUSED GAS VICTIM'S DEATH

Coroner Marshall W. Bennett ruled Thursday night that the death of 55-year-old James Privette, Sr., who died last Tuesday in Wake County Jail was caused by suffocation.

Bennett said that the autopsy report showed that the primary cause of death was asphyxia through "complete filling of the trachea and bronchi mixed with mucus secretions."

Privette died after a three-hour long gun battle in which he was finally subdued by tear gas. Police and sheriff's deputies fired several tear gas bombs into Privette's home at 806 East Davis Street.

The man reportedly fired several times at officers with a rifle.

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PRAISED BY LOYALTY BOARD



QUEZZED ON LOYALTY — United Nations Trusteeship director, Dr. Ralph Bunche, winner of the Nobel prize and many notable awards, spent 12 hours with the International Organization board during a review of alleged Communist affiliations held in New York last week. Dr. Bunche, who later journeyed to Washington to attend a dinner party given by Emperor Haile Selassie by President Eisenhower, would not reveal what line of questioning had been taken by this investigating committee. (Newspress Photo)

LAWYERS SAY CIVIL ACTION TO BE FILED

By CHARLES R. JONES

APEX — In a surprise move in the Apex Recorder's Court Wednesday, Solicitor Anderson refused to support Attorney C. J. Gates' suggestion that the court move the trial of Apex Chief of Police Sam L. Bagwell to the Wake Superior Court, thus bringing to pass the much postponed suit of the chief having kidnaped and attempted to criminally assault two teen-age girls of Near Apex, Mennie Lee Smith and her 18-year-old sister, Lucille Smith.

Apex Recorder's Court Judge Cunningham rendered verdicts of no probable cause against Chief Bagwell on a charge of kidnaping and a verdict of not guilty against the chief on a charge of assault on a female.

Attorneys for the 2 young girls who have accused the police chief of these charges, C. J. Gates and M. W. Johnson, have made statements to the effect that they will bring about civil action against Chief Bagwell.

Testimony in the case was heard for approximately four hours prior to the verdict.

Witnesses called to the stand by the state gave evidence that corroborated reports made earlier by the two young girls.

Chief Bagwell was charged with kidnaping the two Smith girls from their homes under the pretense of questioning them concerning a "cutting scrape" that had reportedly occurred at the Lucille Smith residence on the night of April 24, 1954.

The girls alleged that Bagwell not only kidnaped them but also made attempts to fondle them. Further reports stated that the chief was in a "drunken condition" at the time of the supposed incident.

Taking the stand in his own behalf

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CORRECTION

THE CAROLINIAN incorrectly printed a headline in last week's edition which read, "Rocky Mt. Negro Principal 'Not Ready' To Integrate." The headline should have read, "Edgecombe Negro Principal 'Not Ready' To Integrate." THE CAROLINIAN regrets the error very much.

State News Briefs

YOUTH JAILED

LEXINGTON — Police Chief V. C. Price said two 18-year-old Thomasville residents were being held in the Davidson County Jail on assault charges growing out of what he said was an attempt to pick up three white girls here Saturday night. The chief identified the youths as Hallis Pickett

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NAACP Pushes Housing Discrimination In South

NEW YORK — In its continued fight to eliminate racial discrimination and segregation in all phases of American life, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund filed two suits on May 21 involving discrimination in housing projects in the South. One involves a federally-aided public housing project in Savannah, Ga., and the other an FHA mortgage insured housing project in Shreveport, La.

In the Savannah suit the Public Housing Administration, the federal agency which administers the federal government's low-rent housing program, is made a defendant along with the local housing authority.

It was filed in the Federal District Court in Savannah and brought in behalf of 18 Negro families who sought admission in the Fred Weisels Holmes, a project built on the "Old Fort" — a traditionally Negro residential area.

Everybody living in the area

New Security Law To Assist Negroes

The passage of the expanded Social Security law by the United States House of Representatives, on Tuesday, was hailed by North Carolina Negroes as a "god send" to Negroes, especially to the aged.

The law calls for the increasing of the old-age benefits by as much as \$10.00 per month. It is to be remembered that many of the persons now receiving aid were too old to build up a stock pile in social security payments and have had to live off a meager sum. Should the bill become law, it will be highly helpful to many who now are receiving aid.

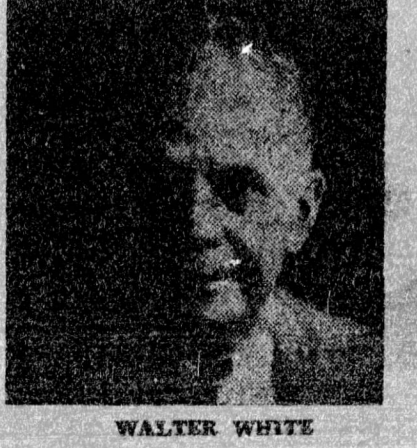
The new grants that will come to domestic meet with approval to those who work in the homes of North Carolina. This group of workers were left out of the picture and it was just recently that they were given the assurance, by the passage of legislation, that they would be given some consideration when they were unable to work. The passage of the law brought much from southern house wives and there have been many court cases to prove the validity of the law. The most recent case reported was alleged to be one from Mrs. Eugene Talmadge, wife of the fiery Georgia governor. She is reported to have lost in her fight to not pay social security.

The farmers have also been included in the bill and Negro farmers are believed to become the greatest beneficiaries of the law, due to the fact that so many of them are the victims of the nefarious share-crop system. . . .

Walter White To Speak In Durham

By J. B. HARREN

ROCKY MOUNT — Attorney Floyd McKissack, Durham attorney, who is chairman of the NC NAACP Conference's Fighting Fund for Freedom (4-F) drive, announced last week that plans were complete for the appearance in Durham of Walter White, noted NAACP executive secretary, whose militant speech in Atlanta several days ago was flayed by many Southern editors not in accord with the onward march toward "complete freedom," being wedged by NAACP, with the refrain being sung by many fraternal and religious groups, as well as civic governing bodies over the



WALTER WHITE



KING OF KINGS HERE — His Imperial Majesty, Emperor Haile Selassie I, of Ethiopia, is shown performing a military salute as he was greeted on his arrival aboard the s/s United States in New York. He left the next day for Washington, to be the guest of President Eisenhower. At left in the Emperor's son, Prince Salbe, and behind the Emperor, Manhattan borough president Hulan E. Jack, Richard Patterson, Jr. of the Mayor's Reception committee is at right. (Newspress Photo)