

# Clinton Man Held For Rape Of 9-Year-Old

## AGED CITIZEN DIES AS HOME BURNS

### Angry Elders Disturb Communion

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### Drunken Mother Exclaims: My Son

# AS GONE TO HELL



OFFICIALS WERE BAFFLED — As to the cause of Willie Johnson's death as this photo was taken Sunday. No visible marks of violence were found on the victim's body. Later, however, an autopsy ordered by Coroner M. W. Bennett and performed by Dr. C. T. Wilkinson of Wake Forest, revealed that the man was the probable victim of a blow in the region of the head. — STAFF PHOTO BY CHAS. R. JONES.

## Wake Forest Man Loses Life In Sabbath Brawl

WAKE FOREST — "He was drunk and is gone to hell," were the sobbing words of Mrs. Mamie Johnson over the body of her son, Willie Johnson, who was killed in a drunken brawl here Sunday.

The slaying marked the end of a drinking party that raged in the home of Mrs. Johnson, located on the Wake Forest-Durham highway, two miles from town, and about 12 others, including the dead man had been drinking for sometime. There came a time when the two brothers and Keith got into an argument. It was then that Willie is alleged to have been struck in the temple by his brother.

At this juncture it became a free for all. Keith is alleged to have been hit in the head, but was able to leave the scene. He was traced by a trail of blood that he is supposed to have left as he fled the scene. He is being held in jail along with William Hicks and McCoy Johnson.

The officers were baffled to ascertain the cause of Willie's death and Coroner Bennett ordered an autopsy. The body was ordered removed to the Rostler Funeral Home where Dr. C. T. Wilkinson (Continued on page 8)



LOCAL TRAGEDY — Pictured above are the remains of the residence of 83-year-old Exum Taylor, of 2211 1-2 Van Dyke Avenue, who was burned beyond recognition in an early morning fire on Friday. — STAFF PHOTO BY CHAS. R. JONES.

## Roving Worker Faces Rape Charge on Child

CLINTON — Diston Butler, a 53-year-old Negro of the railroad section of Clinton, is being held in the Sampson County Jail awaiting the August term of Superior Court on a charge of attempting to rape a nine-year old girl.

The victim, who is the daughter of Mrs. Sarah Lewis Williams of Ferrell Street, was enticed by Butler to accompany him into a nearby cornfield near the residence of Mrs. Annie Marshall, who was holding the child while her mother was away working in the tobacco fields.

At about 6 p. m. Mrs. Marshall who was attending the girl, became alarmed because the child had been away from the house for several hours. She sent the child's younger brother to look for her.

In a few minutes the boy returned crying. He told the women that his sister was in the cornfield with a man.

At this point Mrs. Marshall is said to have proceeded to the corn field where she found the scared child and saw a man walking away.

Several people quickly congregated at the field. One of them recognized Butler and called his name but he failed to cease walking.

Newly sworn in Negro police officers were notified of the incident and within fifteen minutes they had arrested Butler on Pine Street, near the child's home.

The man was given a preliminary hearing before Mayor A. P. Winfrey, Jr. and he is being held for trial in Superior Court here.

Butler is reported to have been away from Clinton for about 25 years and to have spent the past eight years working as a cook in Myrtle Beach, S. C.

## LOCAL CITIZEN MEET DEATH IN HOME FIRE

An aged Raleigh resident, who lived a hermit's existence in the Oberlin section for many years, was burned beyond recognition last Friday morning.

Eighty-year-old Exum Taylor, perished in a fire which completely destroyed his three room frame house at 2211 1-2 Van Dyke Avenue.

According to a report by Wake County's Coroner M. W. Bennett, the elderly man was burned to death before he could be reached by neighbors and firemen.

An alarm was turned in by a neighbor at 1:05 a. m. Capt. J. G. Harrison of the Raleigh Fire Department said that the old frame house had burned almost to the (Continued on page 8)

## Fatally Burned



EXUM TAYLOR

## Crying Baby Sounds Fire Alarm In Greensboro

By PEARLINE FOSTER  
GREENSBORO — The hungry cries of Brenda Ann Brooks, age 5 months, of Suggs Street here, saved the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Brooks and their two other children and possible destruction to the house next to theirs, when their four room frame house was completely demolished by fire early Saturday morning.

Mrs. Brooks, waking for the baby's early feeding, noticed the strong smell of smoke in the house and roused her husband. A quick search revealed the beginning of fire in the attic of the house. Choking with smoke, the couple grabbed their other two children, aged 16 months and 3 years and the baby and rushed out of the house.

CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
REVISED HELD  
The house, located on Suggs St. is approximately 100 feet from the city line. Knowing from past experience that the fire department will not come outside the city limits, the couple began to arouse neighbors for help. Water from the electric pump in the house was cut off when the wiring in the attic burned out first.

Repeated calls to the City Fire Department, substantiated the fact that the firemen would not come outside the city limits. (Continued on page 8)

## STATE BAPTISTS SLATED HERE JULY 26-30

Baptist from every section of North Carolina are expected to converge on the Capital City July 26-30 for the historic Baptist Assembly which will be held under the auspices of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

For the first time the delegates will get a look at the new and ultra-modern Baptist Headquarters Building located on South Wilmington Street, which will house the convention.

The structure cost approximately \$75,000 and is made of brick. It was dedicated at impressive ceremonies last January.

Raleigh is singularly honored in having this new building, as it is the first such edifice of its kind among Negro Baptists in the United States.

This facility is said to symbolize the multiple ministries of the General Convention and its auxiliary bodies while it serves as a clearing house and a unifying influence for the various denominational activities.

In addition to providing office space for the executive and service personnel of the convention, the building houses a spacious, fully stocked book store which serves the general public.

The assembly will stress all of the objectives of the General Convention including home and foreign mission, benevolence, Christian education, evangelism. A special report will also be made by the various local churches, associations and district conventions.

## AXE WEAVER DRAWS TERM

By HENRY C. MITCHELL  
WILSON (GMD) — Levester Cromatic, 49 of Wilson, was given a two year road sentence in Recorder's Court last week by Recorder Wiley L. Lane, Jr. for hitting his wife with an axe two weeks ago.

The wife beater, of 204 Pender Street, had been charged with assault with a deadly weapon as the result of grabbing an axe and striking his wife Emma, behind the left ear Sunday, June 30th.

Mrs. Cromatic has been a patient at Mercy hospital since the assault took place, and for several (Continued on page 8)

## NAACP Urges March On Nation's Capital

DALLAS, Tex. — Restriction of the federal loyalty and security program to "security-sensitive departments" of the government, repudiation of "McCarthyism" which "aims to lead the nation to fascism," and an annual civil rights mobilization on the nation's capital were among actions called for at the 45th annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People here.

The 766 delegates from 40 states and the District of Columbia adopted a lengthy list of resolutions ranging in subject matter from international affairs to racial and religious tensions in the U. S.

The contemplated civil rights mobilization, described in a resolution as sponsored by the NAACP would have as its objective such measures as a federal FECP with strong enforcement powers, federal legislation to abolish the poll tax, strengthening of the civil rights section of the Department of Justice, initiation of a government program of education in race relations at all levels, amendment of the Rule 22 in the Senate to end the filibuster, and other action to bring equal rights and opportunities to both races in the fields of housing, education, public accommodations and health services.

The statement on the present government loyalty program charged that under Executive Order 10450 a federal employee who is accused as a "security risk" is denied the right of appeal to a loyalty review board.

"There should be set up some method of appeal with in the government from an adverse decision by a department head," the resolution urged. "Furthermore, every government agency should be required a give back pay to any employee accused wrongly and suspended under the security program." The statement asked that the security program be restricted to security-sensitive departments such as the Defense and State Department, the Atomic Energy (Continued on page 8)

## Rocky Mt. Churchmen Walk Out On Communion

BY J. E. HARRIS  
ROCKY MOUNT — All Rocky Mount is talking about looking and bending an ear in the direction of Mount Pisgan Presbyterian Church, (GSA) where, on Sunday, July 4th — Independence Day — two of the elders, followed by members of their families, are reported to have walked out of Communion Services being administered by Rev. J. A. Brown and two deacons whom Rev. James W. Barnett, another elder and two deacons whom Rev. Mr. Barnett had "drafted" for the occasion, allegedly, prior to the late arrival of the elders who "walked."

## ZION CHURCH IN DISTRICT MEETINGS

Church School leaders of the Fayetteville and Raleigh Districts of the A. M. E. Zion Church, presided over by Revs. J. A. Brown and G. F. Madkins, respectively, held very successful Church School conventions at Oak Grove Church, near Erwin and St. Joseph, Oxford, last week and the reports show that the meetings were the most successful ever held.

The Fayetteville District Conference opened on Wednesday and closed on Friday night. Persons who directed the work of the conference, included Rev. J. A. Brown, Elder (Continued on page 5)



INSIDE VIEW — Shows a portion of the congregation attending the annual Sunday School Convention of the Fayetteville District of the A.M.E. Church held at Oak Grove Church, Erwin, last weekend. The yearly affair attracted a record crowd and, according to presiding elder J. A. Brown of Henderson, was "The finest convention held in many years." — STAFF PHOTO BY CHAS. R. JONES.

## News Of North Carolina - - - In Brief

"NEVER DISPUTE A WOMAN" — Walter Horton, 34-year-old Zebulon man, was being treated at St. Agnes Hospital earlier his week for head wounds allegedly inflicted by his wife. Horton is said to have been struck with a glass tray from a refrigerator. Twenty stitches were required to close the wound. He lost considerable blood, officers said, and had a transfusion of three pints at the hospital. Horton's wife is quoted as saying that she struck him because he was "after me" during a domestic squabble. No charges were preferred pending Horton's outcome.

SCHOOL TEACHER CLEARED HERE — Charged with issuing a worthless check, Mrs. Hazel Long Sorrell of 2404 Bedford Avenue was cleared of the count in court here Wednesday. It was brought out in testimony that Mrs. Sorrell had made the check good. The woman, who is a former resident of Weldon, was arrested for cashing a \$48 check at Brittain, Inc., drawn on the Bank of Halifax, where officers said she had insufficient funds to cover the check.

DIES IN BURNING CAR — KINSTON — Elias "Buck" Coward, 48, Kinston, Route 5, was purged to death Tuesday when his car flipped over after hitting another car and burst into flames. Coward died in the flaming wreckage while passengers tried unsuccessfully to remove him. Highway Patrolmen reported that Coward was driving a long a rural road, struck one of two parked cars and overturned. The gas tank exploded before the man could free himself.

INFANT GOES TO JAIL — SMITHFIELD — A seven week old baby was taken to the County Jail here this week, but not through any fault of its own. Its mother was the offender, Helen Berry, 27, was jailed Wednesday on a charge of public drunkenness. The woman was trying to get in a door of the closed Colonial Store when arrested, Chief of Police Bill Horton said. Shortly afterwards, the woman's mother came to jail and told police officers that it was time for her baby to be fed. Officers proceeded to the home and found a younger sister taking care of the child. Both were carried to jail where still another sister happened to be confined. This sister took the baby to its mother to be nursed. Later the officers carried the infant and the younger sister back home. The mother was released when she became sober again.

STABBED IN HEART — NEW BERN — Donald Gibbons is being held here for grand jury action following a Craven County coroner's inquest into the June 28 slaying of another resident, George Dawson.

Gibbons allegedly stabbed Dawson in the heart while the two were walking along Queen Street, in the early morning hours, with a Negro woman, Lillie Mae Williams. The Williams woman took (Continued on page 8)

## Guilt-Stricken Man Confesses Old Killing

DURHAM — Rudy Faucette, 54, ended the police in solving a murder which took place here in 1917, when he walked into the police station and told them that his conscience had whipped him so until he became homesick and upon getting back, decided to tell the truth about the shot gun slaying of a 21 year old woman, Mrs. Battle Patterson, at 511 Elbert Place, 16 years ago.

The confession sent the officers into the files and after dusting for sometimes, they found that the crime had been committed and that they had written it off as unsolved.

Faucette told of how the woman kept cursing he and his wife. He said they occupied separate sides of a 2-family house at the Elliott Place address, there had been a drinking party at the house and the Patterson woman began cursing Faucette and his wife. Faucette says he got tired of the cursing and got his trusted shot gun and aimed at the woman. She fell mortally wounded and Faucette took off.

He told of how he took a freight train away from Durham and (Continued on page 8)