

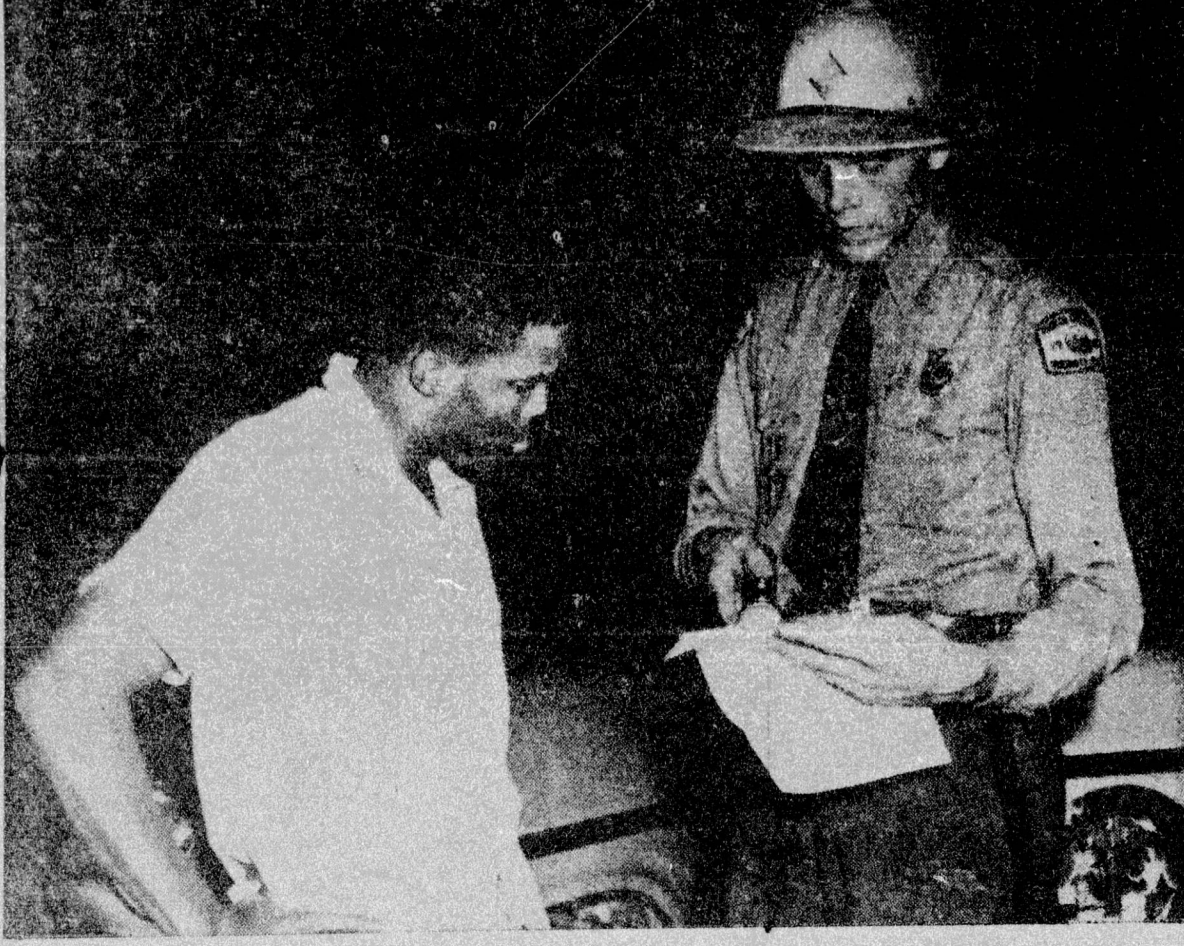
Sudden Death Claims Two Wake County Educators

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RITE HELD FOR PRINCIPAL, TEACHER

R. L. Best, principal of DuBois School at Wake Forest for 18 years, died suddenly Saturday afternoon at his home here. Here in Raleigh, one of the most well-known former school teachers in the city, Mrs. Fannie Greene Fuller, was also claimed by death on Sunday. Mrs. Fuller had a record of 47 years as an instructor in the public schools of Raleigh and Wake County to her credit. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at DuBois School auditorium at 2 p. m. for Mr. Best, with Rev. G. A. Fisher, of Raleigh, officiating. Burial followed in a Wake Forest Cemetery. (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)



MIDNIGHT SHOOTING—Robert McCoy, left, 25-year-old resident of Raleigh, Route 3, is shown listening to a warrant being read by Highway Patrolman L. H. Kirby charging him with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill following a shooting scrape in which

four men, all white, escaped serious injury. The affair grew out of a near accident on Highway 15-A South last Wednesday at midnight. McCoy is alleged to have been racing with another car when he came upon a large truck bearing the four men. His auto forced the truck

Fate Visits Stricken Family

AS WAKE HOME BURNS

Winston-Salem Robber-Murder Faces

Winston-Salem — Robert S. Connor, convicted robber-murderer, faces the death chamber for the murder-robbery of Langston Roberson, on May 28, in a store located at Third Street and Cleveland Ave. The trial was one of the swiftest ever to be held in the local Superior Court. It began with the selection of the jury, which took more time than the presenting of the evidence. The task of selecting the jury was made harder when it was found that there were many



CAN HE DO IT?—The big baseball pose on everyone's tongue this season is "Can Willie do it?" Willie, of course, is the amazing New York Giant outfielder, who is ahead of the timetable set up by Babe Ruth in blasting a record of 60 home runs in one season. The "Say Hey" kid has passed the half-way mark and is shown looking at the sluggers who tried to equal the record of the Herculean Ruth (center). Top, Jimmy Fox and Hank Greenberg; and bottom, Ralph Kiner and Hack Wilson. (Newspress Photo.)

Fate Deals Farm Family Another Blow; Home Burns

ZEBULON — An exploding oil stove has been found to be responsible for a fire that visited the residence of a Wake County tenant farmer Sunday and left him and his family homeless in its wake. The family of Robert Pretty, living about five miles northwest of here on lands owned by prominent Raleigh physician, Dr. J. M. Proctor, was left destitute when the residence went up in flames at approximately 3 p. m. Pretty's wife is said to have narrowly escaped serious injury in the blast. The fire is reported to have quickly spread through the dwelling and three pairs of trousers were the only possessions saved by the family of 15, except for the clothing that they were wearing at the time of the fire. Furniture and other possessions were destroyed. Pretty has worked for W. E. Bunn and Company, local wholesalers, for the past 21 years. His family, including three grandchildren, farmed while he commuted to his job here. Mrs. Bunn said Sunday night that efforts were being made to obtain a place for the family to live, and also to collect clothing that they might be able to make use of. AB-out efforts have been launched whereby the family might be able to receive aid. Several local as well as outlying areas reported responses began pouring in immediately following the ordeal. Crops on the farm were damaged by the recent hail storm, and Pretty had to obtain some of the surplus foods distributed from stocks of the federal government for his family. That food was de-

stroyed too. Local firemen were called, but when they arrived the building and its contents had burned to the ground. The trial was one of the swiftest ever to be held in the local Superior Court. It began with the selection of the jury, which took more time than the presenting of the evidence. The task of selecting the jury was made harder when it was found that there were many persons who were opposed to capital punishment. The jury was picked from a regular panel of 23 and a special venire of 55. Three Negroes were among those chosen to listen to the evidence, one of them being a woman. The case hinged on an alleged confession by Connor, which was reported to have been given to the arresting officers. The confessed killer is alleged to have arrived in Winston-Salem on the morning of the killing and going directly to the store for the purpose of robbing it. The weight of state's evidence, based on that confession, was presented by Capt. W. R. Burke, Sgt. J. H. Lantz, Sgt. S. C. Cable and Sgt. C. E. Steyers, all of the Winston-Salem Police Department. Sgt. Steyers and Sgt. Cable told of Connor's arrest on Burke Street about 4:30 p. m. the day of the shooting, and corroborated details of the confession outlined by the other officers. Twice defense counsel attempted to crack the testimony under cross-examination. "Didn't Connor tell he was drunk and that he'd taken some white pills before the robbery?" Attorney McClain asked Sgt. Lantz at one point. "He said he'd had a drink out that he wasn't drunk, the witness replied. "Nothing was said about any white pills." Witnesses also denied that Connor had said his first shot was accidental, though they quoted him as saying he didn't know the victim was hit. He saw him slumping over a meatblock at the rear of the store. The only contradiction showing up in the testimony was the amount of money involved in the robbery. First accounts indicated \$100 or more was taken. Connor insisted, officers said, that he got only \$14 or \$15. (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)

Camel City Jury Says Guilty Without Mercy

BY ALEXANDER BARNES
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ROBERT S. CONNOR

Police Rescue Man From Burning Bed

HIGH POINT — Local police officers might have a good instance for the saying "never put a man in a burning bed" if no place to continue a snooze in. It happened here Monday morning when patrolling officers passed the Modern Sine Shine Parlor, located on East Washington Street, about 2 o'clock. They are said to have spotted smoke and got out of their car to investigate. Their nose led them to the place where shoes are made to look better. Convinced that the smoke was not coming from the strokes of the shine boy, they decided to investigate further. They tried to awaken the occupants, but to no avail. They finally forced the door open and found Robert Robinson, 42, asleep on a burning bed. Robinson quickly protested their coming into his place of abode and even after the fire had been extinguished, he wanted to remain. The officers not only did not listen to his protests, but hustled him off to jail to answer to careless and negligent charges of setting fire to the premises. Robinson was not particular about completing his nap in the morning and posted \$100 for his appearance in Municipal Court. (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)

Mental Parolee Drives Wild Car, Escapes Jail

MILTON — A new twist in driving came out in Danville, Va., when Warner H. Brandon, 45, a parolee from the Central Institution, Petersburg, Virginia, drove out of a parking lot at the alleged rate of 35 miles per hour, went through traffic, came in damaging contact with two cars, crossed the Main Street bridge and succeeded in straightening out a curve that landed him in a tree. The twisted driver was arrested and placed in the Danville jail. It was expected that he would have to face charges for driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages, hit and run driving and reckless driving. The officers were ready to testify as to how the driver acted and how much damage he had done. One woman is known to have been treated for shock when the searing crazed auto hit a car in which she was riding. This

LOCAL GROUPS PLAN TO STUDY INTEGRATION

Meeting Wednesday evening a group of citizens voted "to study and plan ways in which the community of Raleigh can respond to the decisions of the United States Supreme Court with respect to segregation." Representatives of twelve organizations were present at the first meeting, held at the Y.W.C.A. Reports were presented on other communities' steps to comply with the decision on segregation in public schools, and on Cincinnati's efforts to integrate teaching staffs. It was decided to invite representatives from additional organizations to a meeting for setting up definite goals of study and action. Present were persons from the Fellowship of Southern Citizens, Human Relations Committee of Y.W.C.A., United Council of Church Women, Ministerial Alliance, Citizens' Association, Council on Human Rights, United War Mothers, Raleigh Progressive Business League, Friends Meeting and Unitarian Fellowship. The petition, requested that a fire station be placed east

Wake & Johnston 4-H Clubs Plan Calf Show At Saint Augustine's

Wake and Johnston county 4-H Clubs will hold a New Farmers of America Dairy Show here at the Athletic Field, St. Augustine's College, Wednesday, August 4, according to W. C. Davenport, Wake County agent of the State College Extension Service. This will be the second of such shows to be held by the two counties and will bring to the local scene the best in thoroughbreds to be found. The members of the 4-H Clubs and the NFA have vowed that this will be the best show ever staged. Plans for the show were completed at the Bloodworth Street YMCA a few days ago when interested persons from both counties met. The show is staged by the Raleigh Merchants of which G. Wesley Williams is the secretary. The show is not only staged to show the prize calves that are being raised in the two counties, but serves to create interest in the industry and to show the many advantages that can be derived from engaging in it. The committee is composed of W. C. Davenport, Negro county agent; B. T. McNeill, assistant Negro county agent; J. T. Locke, YMCA a few days ago when interested persons from both counties met. The show is staged by the Raleigh Merchants of which G. Wesley Williams is the secretary.

High Point Kin Killer Denied Bond

HIGH POINT — The prime suspect in a killing here that upset the usual quiet routine of this small city, a 21-year-old bakery worker, is being held without privilege of bond following a shooting that claimed the life of his cousin, late Monday afternoon. Olin Roscoe Goodwin was formally charged with murder after his cousin, Woodrow Brown, a 40-year-old furniture worker, died en route to a local hospital as a result of a wound inflicted by a 22 calibre pistol. Police said Goodwin, who lived at the same rooming house on Fairview Street as the victim, (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)

55-Year-Old Wayne Man Breaks In To Rape Girl

F. Henry C. Mitchell, GOLDSPRING (MID) William Early, 55-year-old odd job worker, of Davis Street, is in Wayne County jail without privilege of bond as a result of charges of raping a nine year old girl Saturday, July 10th. The victim, who is the granddaughter of Mrs. Pattie Sasser, told Detective T. W. Garrie, that the man pushed his way in the front door of her grandmother's house on South George Street and offered her money to be with him and when she refused,

Bus Travel To Be Aired

WASHINGTON — Hearings on a comprehensive case of concern with compulsory segregation in interstate transportation will be held by the Interstate Commerce Commission here on July 27. The case, brought to court by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, deals with segregation of interstate passengers by railroads, railroad stations, and restaurants in railroad stations. The NAACP filed the complaint with the ICC on Dec. 14 last, asking that "after due hearing and investigation, an order be issued commanding" the railroad companies named in the case "to cease their discriminatory practices against Negro passengers in violation of their constitutional rights." The railroads against which the complaint is filed are the St. Louis-San Francisco, Louisville and Nashville, and Chesapeake and Ohio. (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)

Citizens' Petition Draws Results In Tobacco Hub

As a result of a petition signed by 1,000 local citizens and presented to the Wilson Board of aldermen requesting a fire station east of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad tracks, the Wilson Board of aldermen voted last week in favor of the project. The action was the result of a petition that was presented to the Board several weeks ago. The petition, signed by 1,000 colored citizens, was prepared by a citizens' committee representing many colored organizations. It was presented to the Board by Rev. T. A. Wilkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church. The petition, requested that a fire station be placed east

Breast-Loving Bee Frees Woman Driver In Accident

GREENSBORO — Hard boiled police officers have listened to many stories about speeding, drunken driving and accidents, but local highway patrolmen had to accept a bee story from Mrs. Pearl Fox here Tuesday, when she told of how a bee had taken refuge in her clothing and caused her to lose control of her car at Ido's crossroads on the Jamestown-Guilford Road. When officers reached the scene of the accident they were not only confronted with the fact that the woman swerved from her lane and collided with a car driven by Will James, white, but that there were two persons injured in the mishap Henry Mitchell and Michael White, who had to be treated for minor injuries at the High Point Memorial Hospital. They began their routine line of questioning. The frustrated woman lost no time in telling them that she was driving at a moderate rate of speed and giving strict attention to what she was doing, when suddenly a bee, certainly suspected of being the stinging kind, flew into her window, and found no better place to take refuge than down the front of her dress and into her brassiere. The flight of the bee changed her plight and she no longer gave attention to her driving, but immediately decided to rid herself of the unwanted visitor. She began disrobing so as to not suffer in undue pain from the much feared insect. From the results of the wreck she might have been tagged by the bee, but it is definitely known that she tagged the other car. The officers took a look at the woman and after a conference decided that no charge would be placed against her. The 46 year old woman went on her way convinced that inside her brassiere is no place for a bee.

ESCAPE ARTIST BACK IN PRISON

GREENSBORO — Judge Allen H. Gwynn proved here this week in Guilford Superior Court that justice can at any time be tempered with mercy even with a defiant violator, when he sentenced Cassie King, self acclaimed, professional escaper, to eight years in the Central Prison and to two years in the Guilford County jail, with the understanding that should King prove worthy he might not have to serve the two years. This happened Tuesday afternoon when King was being sentenced for receiving stolen goods at the July term of court. King sat in the witness chair for the first time in the witness box. Dr. G. K. Butterfield, the city's Negro alderman, who backed the petition all the way, stated that the move was long over due. (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)

N. C. News In Brief

WOMAN BEATEN, MATE SOUGHT
DURHAM — Mrs. Algenia Shepherd, of 406 Canal Street, is in serious condition at Lincoln Hospital following a beating allegedly inflicted by her husband, Horace Shepherd, earlier this week. Shepherd, who Monday afternoon, was acquitted in Superior Court of a charge of non-support, is alleged to have beaten, kicked, and choked his wife. A warrant charging him with assault and battery on a female, resulting in serious bodily injuries, has been issued by police.

MURDERER PAROLED
MEX. — Detavilla Currenton, 23-year-old woman convicted of killing her husband in Richmond County five years ago, was among several prisoners whose paroles were announced Monday. Mrs. Currenton was sentenced in August, 1949 to 15-20 years for second degree murder for the killing of her husband, Russell Currenton.

HUMAN SKELETON FOUND
WILMINGTON — Workers digging a ditch on a construction project here this week unearthed a human skeleton which a physician said apparently had been buried for many years. "It is possibly the skeleton of an Indian or Negro," said Dr. Fred Coleman, coroner. Traces of hair were found upon the skull. Workers found it at a depth of about four feet. (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT)