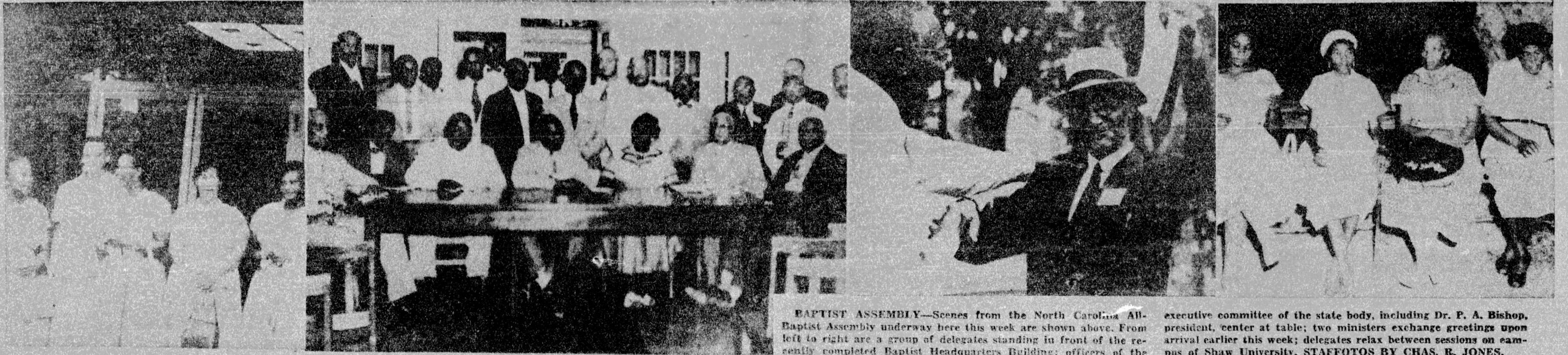


WAR DECLARED ON LOCAL PRINCIPALS



BAPTIST ASSEMBLY—Scenes from the North Carolina All-Baptist Assembly underway here this week are shown above. From left to right are a group of delegates standing in front of the recently completed Baptist Headquarters Building; officers of the executive committee of the state body, including Dr. P. A. Bishop, president, center at table; two ministers exchange greetings upon arrival earlier this week; delegates relax between sessions on campus of Shaw University. STAFFOTOS BY CHAS. R. JONES.

N. C. All-Baptist Assembly Denounces

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Citizens Committee Takes School Grievance To Board

Rev. C. A. Fisher, spokesman for the Citizens Committee of Raleigh, told THE CAROLINIAN that the committee succeeded in laying some of its gripes before the School Board this week. The militant leader said that the committee is much alarmed at the system now being used by all the principals of the city, with one exception. He exempted Leonard Haywood, Oberlin from this group of school heads who, according to his version, have a feeling that neither the teachers, the students, or the parents have a right to be considered in administering the affairs of the schools.

are being taken out of the standards that hold up the educational banner. He cited the fact that teachers are made to quake and tremble with the sight of the principal and that they are in constant fear that the big axe may fall on them at any time.

The Board was told of the alleged practice of principals to have informants and "stool pigeons" who spy on the teachers at almost every waking hour and make their biased reports to the principals who in turn put their acts into an oral record, which is eventually used in their salaries.

are caged up like sheep and dare not bleat out or they will be shown of their jobs.

The Committee is said to be tired of this practice and promises to prosecute to the fullest extent a program that will relieve the situation. The Committee, through its spokesman, claims to have enough support from top persons in the city and state levels to do something about it. Rev. Fisher says that the pressure of the principals have become almost unbearable and the citizens of Raleigh are rising up in protest and plan to use every means at their disposal to relieve the situation.



REV. J. STRICKLAND

VETERAN BAPTIST PASTOR PASSES

LOUISBURG—Baptist leaders from four counties gathered at Walnut Grove Church here Sunday to pay the last respect to Rev. James Strickland who died at the Franklin County Hospital Thursday.

The rites were presided over by the Rev. McKinley Hawkins. He was assisted by Revs. J. S. Spruill. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)

Granville County Farmer Confesses In-Law Death

GREENVILLE — Henry Marvel Harper, 72-year-old Grifton resident, was being held in the Pitt County jail here without bond earlier this week, charged with the slaying of his son-in-law, Matthew (Maho) Harper, 36.

The incident is alleged to have occurred last Saturday night in a grocery store at Grifton.

The elder Harper, who was arrested by police officers at his home in Grifton shortly after the shooting, admitted the shooting following his arrest.

Mrs. Ruth Harper, wife of the slain man, is the operator of the store in which the affair took place. The younger Harper was shot twice with a .32 caliber pistol, once through the heart and once in the side. His death is said to have been instantaneous.

Police stated that there were several witnesses to the shooting, but they were not able to obtain much information relative to it at the time THE CAROLINIAN went to press.

Officers stated the shooting apparently culminated a long standing argument between the two men.

Mother Dares Blaze, Saves Children In Fire

FAYETTEVILLE — A race woman suffered second degree burns early Sunday morning near here as she risked her life to save her small children from what appeared to be certain death in their blazing home.

Mrs. Dorothy Elliott sustained burns on her hands, shoulders, face and other

areas of her body when she rescued her children from their Atlantic Coast Line section-house home at Beard's Station.

Except for being scared, the kids showed no ill effects from their ordeal in the flaming structure.

Fayetteville firemen said the blaze apparently started from a cook stove about 2:10 a. m. Sunday morning. The section-house was almost a complete loss.

Fire also destroyed a barn that was filled with high quality leaf tobacco. This barn was located near the scene of the home fire, and the fire took place shortly before noon Sunday. No connection was made. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)

EDITOR'S NOTE

In this issue of the CAROLINIAN is a word and picture story of the farming industry as it affects Negroes in Robeson County. It is being printed on the eve of the opening of the Border Bell Tobacco Market. It is our salute to the farmers of that section and also a sales promotion job for the merchants and firms listed therein.

The CAROLINIAN is grateful to S. T. Brooks, County Farm Agent; H. G. Thompson, Assistant County Agent; Miss Mollie S. Hughes, Home Demonstration Agent; Miss Alma Baccot, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent; R. H. Robinson, Earl Quick, Benjamin Curran, Bruce Gargroves, Ralph Sawyer and E. R. Cause, Agricultural Teachers; Miss Eleanor B. Hendricks, 4-H Club secretary; most of the ministers in the county and the Robesonian newspaper.

It is our aim to put a copy of this edition in the home of every Negro in the county so that it will not only be educational but also a source of information. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)

MINISTER IS WINNER IN COURT FIGHT

WILSON (MIB)—There isn't anything in the Bible which is the only book ever written that tells the truth—there's nothing there that says it is wrong to plow a graveyard of the dead who have already gone on.

These were the words of Rev. Eddie Williams, self-styled preacher, as he represented himself to general county court here last week. He was on trial for removing tombstones from a graveyard, and planting cotton in its place on the farm of J. T. Ellis.

The farm is located in the Spring Hill township. After declining to put his hand on the Bible and take the oath, Rev. Williams was permitted to. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)

Kinston Man Killed In Meat-Money Fight

KINSTON (MIB)—Willie Williams, 30, of 410 East Bright street, died instantly from a gunshot wound inflicted by Frank Whitfield, age 41, of 106 East Bright Street, following a quarrel Friday, July 16th.

Whitfield surrendered to Kinston police about 8 P. M. Friday and is being held on a murder charge.

The men continued the argument at the home of a cousin of Whitfield's at Lowery's Alley and were asked to leave the premises. Following this they went to Whitfield's home and started to eat supper. At this time the dispute waxed hot again and securing his gun, Whitfield began cursing Williams and saying he was going to kill him. Williams begged for mercy and Dorothy Doris Dawson, a woman resident of the home, got the gun shells and hid them.

But within a few minutes, the angered man found the shells and shot Williams one time in the mouth. Hiding the cocked and loaded gun in the rear of his home the slayer then fled until about 8 P. M. when he gave himself up.

Officers relate details of the killing as follows and say they are verified by an eye witness: The dead man, Whitfield, along with a third man, went to Moss Hill to collect \$10 due from tobacco crop wages and to purchase a slab of smoked meat. During the return trip a quarrel arose between the two concerning the money spent.

GENERAL BAPTIST PREXY FLAYS RACE HATERS

BY ALEXANDER BARNES

The All-Baptist Assembly in session here July 26-30, joined the many democratic agencies that are anxious to have democracy reign in America, through its general president, Dr. P. A. Bishop, Tuesday night when he proclaimed the memorable decision of the Supreme Court and called upon the more than 2,500 persons who filled the Memorial Auditorium to join hearts and hands to make the decision work.

Dr. Bishop was interrupted many times by listeners due to the lusty applause that came from the Baptist leaders. This is believed to be the first Negro church to acclaim the decision in the state and to say that the law should be carried out to the letter.

The Assembly, representing every phase of the Baptist Church, began its sessions on Monday when most of the boards met in executive session and planned their program for the week-long meet. The Monday night session heard Dr. W. R. Strassner, Shaw University president welcome the visitors to the college and give them an insight into the work of their school.

Mayor Fred B. Wheeler welcomed them on behalf of the city. The Rev. Nilous Avery, Asheville, gave the Theme Address, "One In Christ — Our Goal." The Rev. K. O. P. Goodwin, Winston-Salem, delivered the sermon.

The sessions begin at 9 o'clock (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)



CITIZENS CHALLENGE RECREATION BODY—A group of Raleigh citizens are pictured above exhibiting defects of the local Community Center to the Director of Parks and Recreation. A tour of Chavis Park and the center was conducted last week at which time numerous defects were found by the group. From left to right are Jimmy Chambers, city official; H. C. High, Sr., Rev. Paul H. Johnson, Howard Pullen, Rev. G. A. Fisher, Dr. C. B. Middleton, Wilbert Sanders, and Ralph Campbell, chairman of the group. The children in door-way are unidentified. STAFFOTO BY CHAS. R. JONES.

Raleigh Group Threatens To Move To Pullen Park

BY CHARLES R. JONES

Last Thursday a group of Raleigh citizens inspected Chavis Park and its facilities, along with Jimmy Chambers, Director of Parks and Recreation, Howard Pullen, of the division of Negro Recreation, and the Rev. P. H. Johnson, pastor, Martin Street Baptist Church, a newly-appointed race member of the Recreation Commission.

The purpose of this inspection was to point out the many inadequacies existing there and the failure to care for present facilities. The citizen group consisted of Dr. C. B. Middleton, Rev. G. A. Fisher, Ralph Campbell, Sr., chairman, Wilbert Sanders, and H. C. High, Sr.

Among the many deficiencies found was the dilapidated condition of the swimming pool, and the adjoining bath house; the inadequate supply of life guards; the poor housing facilities for the community center; poor picnic areas and general conditions of the park.

Chambers, who made notes of the conditions pointed out by the citizens, assured them that he would make immediate improvement on some of the complaints, whereas others would run into long range jobs. The committee was informed that there are still available funds from the bond issue which have not been spent and which are being held for the purchase of more land for the disposal of the Recreation Board.

Although the bond money has been used to some extent the group contends that nothing has been done to supply adequate housing for the Negro division of the recreation department, nor

for the Chavis Park Community Center.

Citing the rules which regulate the merry-go-round operation so that it is in use only a small part of each day, Ralph Campbell, along with other members of the protesting group has threatened to take advantage of the facilities of Pullen Park, which is the white counterpart of Chavis Park, unless considerable improvements are made to the division.

The citizen's charge that the condition of Pullen Park is superior to that of Chavis Park was submitted to the Raleigh Recreation Commission at its meeting on July 27.

The Raleigh Recreation Commission, Raleigh, N. C. Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned citizens of Raleigh, wish to petition the Commission to correct the miserable condition of the Chavis Park Recreation facilities which we list below.

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M. L. (Curly) THOMAS

M. L. THOMAS BURIED HERE

Persons from all walks of life were deeply touched here Monday when the word came from St. Agnes Hospital that Milton Leroy (Curley) Thomas, 51, had succumbed after a short illness.

Curley, as he was known to most of his friends, was stricken at his home on Coleman St. on Sunday about 2 p. m. and was rushed to the local hospital where he failed to rally and stayed until the end came.

He was born in Method and spent most of his early life there. He attended Berry O'Kelly School. He is known to have conducted several businesses in Raleigh and was one of the best thought of personages to be found in the city. He spent much of his time on Hargett Street and that is where he gained the

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WARREN MAN ESCAPES DEATH

WARRENTON — Mr. John Burchette of Baltimore, Md., formerly of Warrenton and brother of Miss Lee Burchette and Mrs. Dora Robbins here had a harrowing experience recently.

Early on Thursday morning, July 15, Mr. Burchette and a group of friends left Baltimore on a fishing trip to Bowers Beach in Lewes, Del.

The group had good "fishing luck" and caught more than 200 fish, some more than 18 inches long.

But, then their luck "ran out" and the yacht "ran aground" on a rock. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)

N. C. News In Brief

GOES BERSERK, DESTROYS HOME

DURHAM — "The whole place was in a shambles." That's the way race Police Patrolman W. M. Barnes described the duplex residence of Exell and Louise Jones of 118 Elizabeth Street Tuesday after a neighbor apparently went berserk. Barnes, who with Officer B. H. McClary went to the scene after receiving a disturbance call, at about 3 p. m., subdued and placed under arrest, Clay Len Walker, 51, who resides on the other side of the duplex house, Walker, who Officer Barnes said threatened to kill everybody, "including Judge

A. M. E. Zion Bishop Dies In Alabama

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama — Death invaded the circles of the official family of the A. M. E. Zion Church for the first time Tuesday when the distinguished pastor, Dr. James G. Taylor, died in a local hospital as the result of a heart attack which he suffered on the porch of the parsonage of the Metropolitan Church, pastored by Rev. T. C. McTurkey.

The CAROLINIAN learned that the pastor was in Birmingham attending to episcopal duties most affected by distress. He was the presiding officer of the annual general district, which comprises all Alabama conferences. This is the second time that death has removed the presiding bishop from this area in eight years. The

late Bishop Buford F. Gordon was over this district when he died in the early part of the last quadrennium.

James Taylor was born in Cambridge, Mass., and was born in the ministry by Dr. J. N. S. Tuss, prominent character in the church. His first pastorate was at Meridian, Miss. He left the New England Conference and took the pastorate of the St. James A. M. E. Zion Church, Goldsboro. It was there that he won the distinction of being one of the classical pastors of the Church. From Goldsboro he went to Salisbury, N. C., where he made an enviable record. He left Salisbury and went to Patterson, N. J., where he fol-

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WILSON YOUTH FILES SUIT

WILSON (MIB) — A Wilson county teenager who was hit on Highway 264, six miles east of Zebulon, on June 2, 1953, by a car driven by Wilbert Eric Schroder is suing an Iowa Corporation and its agent for \$50,000.

In a complaint filed recently with the clerk of Superior Court, Matthew Thompson, age 16, through a friend, is suing the Corn Hybrid Service Equipment Company and Wilbert Eric Schroder, company agent for injuries sustained in an accident young Thompson says that left him "mentally unbalanced."

Through his friend, A. C. Owens, the youth says that on the above date around noon he got out of a truck near his home after looking both ways and walked toward a dirt driveway leading to his home.

He says he was about two feet off the highway when the Schroder's driven car, which had skidded about 120 feet, hit him knocking him through space for approximately 31 feet.

Young Thompson contends that Schroder was operating his convertible at a highly dangerous rate of speed with complete disregard for the rights and safety of others.

He further complains that he was taken to the St. Agnes hospital in Raleigh and remained in (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)