

Wilson TB Hospital Short Of Trained Nurses

Hit-Run Driver Kills Passenger

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Governor Umstead Bows To

State Head Tells Committee North Carolina Must Abide

Governor William B. Umstead, according to reliable sources, has no intention of having his special committee attempt to work out plans whereby the ruling of the United States Supreme Court can be dodged or evaded. The committee meeting in Raleigh Wednesday was instructed by him to study all of the proposals that have been offered, with firm convictions that it is the law of the land, and to find out how North Carolina can comply with this law.

The governor's office told the CAROLINIAN that it was only a matter of time and that no one knew how long it would take the committee to work out the matter so as to put it into effect in the state. The committee got its instructions from the governor at 11 o'clock in the morning and then went into executive session. The governor held a press conference at 12:30.

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Kinston Father Freed In Son's Sabre Death

Special to The CAROLINIAN

KINSTON (MIB) — A Lenoir County father was absolved of all blame here last week in the death of his son.

Coroner Raymond Jarman said here Friday that no inquest could be held in the death of James W. Harrison, who was fatally injured by a car on Saturday night, July 31st. Harrison died in a local hospital, Monday, August 2nd.

Crumple Harrison, father of the dead man, was arrested Tuesday, August 3rd by Deputy Sheriff Marvin Hill and S. B. I. Agent Bob Pope, near Richland, and held on a charge of murder. However, at the Recorder's Court hearing Thursday, Harrison was freed by Judge Albert Cowper, after the court found "no probable cause" in the charge against him. Judge Cowper said during the hearing it was disclosed the dead man's father struck his son with a slash in self-defense after his son began advancing upon him with a drawn knife during a heated dispute at their home in Neuse Township.

STONE CHUTE TAKES LIFE

GREENVILLE — A chute in which crushed stone was being unloaded proved to be a death trap for 35-year-old Isiah Edwards, construction company worker, who accidentally suffocated Saturday after falling into the chute.

Pitt County Coroner Griffin H. Rouse investigated the accident. According to workers on the job at the time of the fatal fall, Edwards was helping to unload a railroad freight car of crushed rock.

The man was standing on the railroad car which had been brought into the White Construction Company's rail siding for unloading.

When the chute doors releasing the heavy rock were opened by E. S. Tedder, company supervisor, the shifting rock carried the man down into the chute completely burying him under the heavy load.

Local firemen aided by volunteer workers dug the man from the pit partially and as soon as his head was free, the rescue squad began to feed him oxygen in an effort to revive him while other workers continued to dig him out from the load of rock.

Dr. Herker Hedley, summoned to the scene by the police department (CONTINUED ON PAGE 16)

\$600,000 Biology Bldg. Approved For NC College

DURHAM — The State Budget Bureau has "reapproved" plans to receive bids for North Carolina Colleges proposed new \$600,000 Biology Building in the NCC Administration Building at 2 p. m. Thursday, September 9.

George Watts Carr of Durham is the architect. The Budget Bureau's action followed an earlier "indefinite postponement" which was attributed to state budgetary policy by D. S. Coltrane, assistant director of the Budget.

Bascom Baynes, acting chairman of NCC's trustees, said authorization for the bid letting came at the direction of Governor William B. Umstead, director of the state budget.

The 1953 N. C. Legislature appropriated \$1,800,000 to NCC for three buildings for biology, romances, and education. The other two buildings are under construction now at estimated costs of some \$1,200,000.

President Alfonso Elder is now directing the final phase of a \$6 million dollar permanent improvement program



DR. SEABROOK

COUNTY CRASH CLAIMS ONE LIFE

LILLINGTON — One person was killed and three others were badly injured in an automobile accident Monday morning about 11:30, 12 miles west of Lillington on McDonald Road.

Killed was Edward Cole, 24, Olivia resident.

The injured men were identified as Jesse Leon Byrd, 48, of Baltimore, Md.; Fred McLean, 38, and Charles McLean, Broadway, Route 1. They were admitted to Lee County Hospital located at Sanford.

Assistant Harnett County Coroner Ed Black, Jr., of Dunn, who investigated, said the men were riding in a 1950 Chrysler. It had not been established as just who was driving the vehicle.

Black reported that the car apparently went out of control and turned over several times. He also said the car was traveling at a high rate of speed.

Cole was reportedly killed instantly.

State Highway Patrolman Herman Ward who assisted Black in the investigation, said there were no witnesses.

Assistant Coroner Black impounded a jury composed of George S. Souder, J. R. Baggett, J. R. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 16)



ONE-MAN JOB AGENCY — In early manhood, Harold Wallace, 36, of Grand Rapids, Mich., had twin ambitions for a medical and musical career; both of which were thwarted by a mysterious creeping paralysis. In 1957, doctors told him that he would never walk again, due to muscular dystrophy, but Wallace wasn't dismayed. Today he finds jobs for Negroes in all trades by canvassing employers over the phone, for which he accepts no fees. "By helping others of my race, life holds meaning for me," says Wallace, shown with his mother, Mrs. Augusta B. Wallace. (Newspress Photo)

GUILFORD COUNTY KILLER RECEIVES LIFE SENTENCE WITH NO MERCY

Special to The CAROLINIAN

GREENSBORO — William Bonner, 55-year-old Negro handyman, escaped the state's gas chamber when a 12 man white jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree with a recommendation for mercy, after a deliberation of more than 2 hours, late Thursday afternoon, in the Guilford Superior Court.

The jury convicted Bonner of slaying "with premeditation, deliberation and malice aforethought," his former sweetheart, Dolly Dimple Matter, age 29, on May 14th and added the phrase that saved his life "... with the recommendation that he spend the rest of his life in prison."

APPEALS TO SUPREME COURT

Bonner, who denied his guilt in the shotgun slaying, told the court that he planned no appeal. However, after Judge Allen Gwyn explained procedures, he said he wanted to enter an appeal to the State Supreme Court. Appeal bond was set at \$25,000.

The state charged that Bonner shot Miss Matter 3 times in the kitchen of her home on May 14. Dr. Girardeau Alexander, who examined the woman at L. Richardson Memorial Hospital, described 3 shotgun wounds in the body and bruises on the head. She died 5 days later in the hospital.

Eye witnesses to the shooting told similar stories of the Matter woman setting in a chair with her back against the drawn shade of a kitchen window when the shots were fired. After the shots a man identified as Bonner leaned through the window, snatched down the shade and began beating the fallen woman with (CONTINUED ON PAGE 16)

N. C. News In Brief

CHIEF RAGWELL INVESTIGATES

APEX — An automobile accident which had a twist of irony in it was reported by the Apex Police department Monday. A 27-year-old white woman of Columbia, S. C. was driving her sports car along US 1 when she was ploughed into a car driven by Miss Louise Polly Lanier. When Apex's Police Chief Sam L. Bagwell arrived to investigate, he had to call on the sheriff's department for assistance. "She put up quite a fight," Bagwell said of the red head. "She kicked and screamed, and had me" gun out of his holster at one time. Chief Bagwell charged the woman with drunk driving and lodged her in jail. The irony was introduced when it was learned that this woman was involved in another accident just two months ago, only one block away. On that occasion she collided with an automobile being driven by Miss Lanier's brother, Paul Watson Lanier. Brother Paul was found at fault in that one, however.

DIES INSTANTLY

ROXBORO — George Thornton, 26-year-old farmer of Route 1, Rougemont, was killed instantly Saturday night when a car in which he was riding went out of control and wrecked in the Mount Tabor section of Person County. Four others who were in the car were injured. They were Willie G. Bryant, 308 Fayetteville Street, was held under \$500 bond. Bryant is reported to have been connected with the dubious



FATAL ACCIDENT — A 1947 model automobile in which a Person County man was killed Saturday night lies on its side in a creek bottom. Inset at top

is the body of the victim, George Thornton, 26-year-old resident of Rt. 1, Rougemont. The accident occurred near Mt. Tabor. The auto failed to make

a sharp curve and plunged into the creek bottom. Four others in the car were injured. See story this issue.

Firemen Fight Fire As 2 Women Die

WHITEVILLE — Two women died in a burning house in the southeast section of Whiteville yesterday.

The women identified as Mary Parker, 39, of Sumpter, S. C., and Ruby Melvin, 34, of Columbus County were trapped in a house owned by Luther Meares and located near the city disposal plant. The structure was a complete loss.

In approximately three minutes after the alarm was set off, firemen were on the scene. Houses on each side of the crowded dwellings were found burning, but their flames were soon quelled.

At the time firemen were fighting the fire they had no knowledge of bodies being in the house.

However, when the fire was practically under control, a bystander informed them that two women might be inside.

An investigation produced two bodies, one near the front entrance and one at the rear entrance to the residence, practically under the bed.

It appeared that the latter might have attempted to shield herself from flames or smoke.

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ORDAINED — Rev. Lawrence P. Thornton, S. V. D., was one of 18 Divine Word Missionaries recently ordained at Techy, Ill., by Archbishop William D. O'Brien, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago. Father Thornton is

Tuberculosis Hospital Has Empty Race Wing

WILSON (MIB) — Inability to

secure four graduate nurses to serve as supervisors has left an entire wing of the new sanatorium idle since it was completed earlier this year.

Dr. H. F. Eason, Sanatorium Supervisor, says that if the wing could be put into operation it could accommodate all T. B. cases not yet admitted and waiting list cases now being treated in homes throughout the state.

120 beds of a two-story wing of Eastern North Carolina Tuberculosis Sanatorium here remained empty last week. In county home annexes in six eastern Carolina counties, 90 race tuberculosis patients are being offered no promise of when they might be admitted to the state institution for treatment.

The inability to find trained personnel is causing quite a dilemma in many counties. For instance in Wayne county because of the anticipation of closing the annex at the county home and sending all 13 patients to the sanatorium in Wilson, no funds were appropriated for the coming year. The same situation prevails in Edgecombe, Martin, Halifax, Johnston and Vance counties.

Many patients, like those in Wayne, face a desperate situation. Some counties where annexes were to have closed last month have appropriated supplemental

funds to carry on through August.

Dr. Eason said recently that he could give no definite answer on when patients might be admitted until personnel can be secured. The wing which has not yet been activated includes two floors of an eight story building, each having accommodations for 60 patients.

In an effort to alleviate this situation the N. C. Tuberculosis Association is advertising throughout the state for two graduate nurses as supervisors.

Vance County is one of the counties that was scheduled to move its patients to the new wing. There were citizens of the county who protested the removal and as a result Vance tuberculosis patients are still in the wing of the Jubilee Hospital that has been set aside for that purpose.

There is much concern over what will happen to the Vance County persons who need hospitalization.

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TRIAL IS SET IN MUSIC DEATH

CLINTON — The lone murder case to be tried in Sampson Superior Court is slated for Monday, August 16, in which a local woman, Miss Margaret Almond, 27, of the Faison community and her employer, Charlie Smith, 40 will be tried for the shotgun shooting of Amos Bell.

According to local law officials, the shooting occurred on Easter Sunday, April 11, of this year, at the "juke joint" operated by Smith where the woman was employed as a clerk.

She has been at liberty under bond of \$5,000 and Smith under a \$1,000 bond, since the time of the incident.

Testimony at the preliminary hearing by Clinton magistrate Carlisle Jackson found that the woman had actually done the shooting after Bell had allegedly attempted to go behind the counter in the store following a warning to stay out.

Smith is alleged to have refused to allow any of the bystanders to remove the body or to call for help for some fifteen minutes, and he was charged with aiding and abetting and allowing a man to die without the benefit of help of any kind.

Bell is said to have complained because the piccolo had failed to play three records which he had paid for and he had asked for the return of his money.

Witnesses are reported to have told officers that when the woman refused to turn over the money to him he became angry and attempted to retrieve it himself.

Judge Clawson L. Williams of Sanford is expected to preside at the trial.

Local Numbers Suspects Nabbed In Vice Raid

The hour of four proved a jinx to six persons who are alleged to be members of a "Numbers Racket" which is believed to have been going at a moderate speed here when officers pulled an unexpected raid on several suspected places and one white couple and four others were caught.

The raid did not net very much for the sleuths who claim to have carried on six months of detective work to catch those who are believed to be the brains behind the once lucrative business that is considered by the law to be illegal. The raid netted only \$1,800 in cash and a few odds and ends used in the carrying on of the business.

The two white people who were captured are said to be William Bell and his wife. They were reported to be the bookkeepers for the business. Bell was held under a \$3,000 bond while his wife was cited to appear in court when the case is called.

William Bryant, 308 Fayetteville Street, was held under \$500 bond. Bryant is reported to have been connected with the dubious

business for a long time and is known to have been an inmate at a Federal institution for dealing in ice business some years ago.

The North State Club, 126 E. Bargett Street, gave up the bulk of the money, \$1,131.00. Charles Neal, the manager, was taken and had to make bond of \$300.00. The owner of the club, James Taylor, was also arrested and had to make bond. Fred Bridges was the last of the quartet to be taken in. He was relieved of \$70 and required to make bond for his appearance.

The cases are set for trial August 19. The "Numbers" is known to have been a thriving business here a few years ago, and throughout the state. The arrests came as a surprise to many in view of the fact that it was believed that the persons who had carried on the business had either quit or had sought other times.

The raids were made simultaneously on the places named above. Those taking part were Detectives W. G. Maddrey, H. T. Bailey, R. L. Emms, R. A. Liles, G. A. Privette and J. H. Bowers.

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