

HARMONY REIGNS IN MIXED N. C. CHURCH

BROOKFORD. — (AP) — The pastor of Brookford Baptist Church, who admits he was once prejudiced, he "refused to shake the hand of a Negro," is giving North Carolina an object lesson in integration.

Brookford has not a single Negro resident, but Rev. W. C. Lacey's church is completely desegregated. Some of his Negro

parishioners travel as far as 30 miles to attend services. Lacey invited Negroes to join his church 16 years ago, and has been backed up by the predominantly white congregation every since.

Leading a 36-voice choir including two Negro girls is Mrs. Bessie Wells Hickory, N. C., a gregarious, lively young colored

woman who received professional music training in New York and now works full time for the church.

There have been as many as 25 Negro church members, although only five are regular parishioners now, in a congregation of about 130.

Some of the young colored girls, attending the church

arrive in Brookford each Saturday and spend the night in the church. They sleep in an addition to the church built several years ago and eat their meals with white members of the congregation.

One of the girl's parents have not favored her activities. Geraldine Clark, 17, Shelby, N. C., said: "The first thing they said at

home was 'I don't want my boy would fall in love with me or I would fall in love with a white boy. They say it is a terrible sin to marry a white boy—but you don't join a white church to marry.'

"I find something here I don't find in my own church. It makes me feel like a real person. For the first time, I feel like a real

person."

Whites in the community accept Rev. Lacey's interracial project, although many object quietly.

Rev. Lacey spends a great deal of time preaching anti-segregation sermons from the pulpits of other white churches.

He says that "now the Negro" (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)



A "NEW DAY" — Integration instead of segregation became a reality in the schools of the nation's capital as they reopened for the 1954-55 term. Mrs. Marjorie Beach calls the roll of her kindergarten pupils at Burrroughs school, which was formerly all-white. (Newspress Photo)

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Knife Weilding



DR. S. E. DUNCAN

SHAW FACULTY TOLD OF EVILS IN TEACHING

"Today's events demand that we re-examine our educational program with respect to teacher training," said Dr. S. E. Duncan, supervisor of high schools, State Department, Raleigh, in his address to members of the Shaw University faculty recently at the annual faculty conference. Dr. Duncan's subject was "Some Implications of Beginning Teachers—With Implications For Teacher Training Programs." He stated that the college atmosphere should be conducive to good student adjustment because the teacher of tomorrow will be able to contribute effectively to the adjustment of their pupils. Some of the areas in which beginning teachers should overcome weaknesses are in Educational Philosophy. An inadequate philosophy, he pointed out, constitutes one of the major problems today in many schools.

The main questions of interest, he continued are: 1. Who should be educated? 2. How much education should one receive at public expense? 3. In what ends should education be directed? 4. What should be the content, and what techniques should be employed for realization of the designated goal. "Not only the Education Department, but the total college staff should assume some responsibility for the educational philosophy formulated by students who when imbued, should be able to contribute much to the establishment of sound educational purposes in the schools in which they teach."

Beginning teachers in general, he claimed are in need of more effective training in School-Community Relationship. There are only 115 one to four teacher schools for Negroes as a result of consolidation. The fact that North Carolina is one third farm, one third rural non farm and one third urban with the population increasing in urban centers, demands that teachers give increased attention to these and other factors and gear their instructional programs accordingly, to meet the needs of pupils who will reside most any where in America.

Speaking of the Discipline Problem, which he said exists in all schools, he advised that the pupil might have some part in the selection of punishment administered, and also the right of appeal from the teacher's decision to higher authorities in order of position in accordance with democratic government.

Another area demanding attention is that of helping teachers to acquire the techniques that will enable them to assist pupils in developing the ability to think critically.

The speaker was introduced by Dr. Nelson H. Harris, Director of the Department of Education at Shaw University. Opening re-

Female Defendant Saved In Stabbing Of Intruder

A 29-year-old woman was freed by a coroner's jury Tuesday in the fatal stabbing of a roofer in her home.

Mrs. Betty Kearney, who lives on a tenant farm near Knightdale, was justified in stabbing to death Clarence "Boll Weevil" Boddy, 42-year-old Negro man according to a Wake County coroner's jury.

The slaying occurred about 8 p. m. Saturday night at the residence of Jesse Kearney on the farm of Craven Hodge, Route 1, Knightdale.

During the inquest, which was held in the Wake County Court-house the woman testified that Boddy had been staying at the Kearney house helping to barn tobacco. She testified that he had been drinking Sunday night and that her husband had gone to Henderson to take some tobacco.

Mrs. Kearney said that Boddy told her about 8 p. m. "I am going to sleep with you or kill some body." She said she got a butcher knife from the kitchen to protect herself.

Corroborating the witness' testimony was Miss Betty Mae Kearney, who was in the house on the night of the shooting.

Deputies L. S. Covert and W. F. Watkins, who investigated the stabbing, testified that Boddy was cut on the left jaw, and that he was stabbed with the knife between the second and third ribs of his chest.

Boddy died at the house a few minutes after the stabbing according to a coroner's report.

The jury was out about one hour. It returned a verdict of "justifiable homicide."

Members of the jury were H. V. Bernette, Arnold I. Jacobs, W. J. Hudson, Charles W. Hollimon R. Lloyd Young, and R. G. Setzer.



SCOUTING AROUND — Newly appointed professional workers in local Girl Scout councils get together to relieve some of the experiences at the special training sessions in Lenox, Mass. Among the 75 new officers were (left to right): Mary Bathman of Little Rock, Ark., Barbara Clifford of Somerville, Mass., Mollie Brenda Lowe of Charlotte, N.C., and Margery Reed of Cheyenne, Wyo. (Newspress Photo)

NAACP TO MEET IN LUMBERTON

By J. B. HARREN, NAACP Public Relations Chairman

ROCKY MOUNT — Announcement from the office of State President Kelly Alexander in Charlotte and from O. C. Jones, Robeson County NAACP head, are to the effect that plans are rapidly going forward toward the arrangements for the 11th annual North Carolina NAACP Conference in Lumberton, Oct. 15-17, at the First Baptist Church where the Rev. E. Burns Turner is pastor.

THURGOOD MARSHALL Alexander states that he is making every effort to secure the noted Thurgood Marshall, affectionately called, "Mr. Civil Rights" to be the main attraction at the convention. North Carolina will be fortunate to get Marshall at this time, because South Carolina's NAACP is in session at that time and Marshall's time is much in demand over the nation as he appears before group after group of all races to receive awards for his outstanding service in leading the nation thru NAACP to the wonderful anti-segregation victory last May.

Alexander and treasurer N. L. Gregg are calling for all sixty-odd of the state branches to rally to bolster gains already made by paying their special assessments on or before the date of the conference.

Wayne C'nty Crime Wave Takes 1 Life; Wounds 2

BY HENRY C. MITCHELL

GOLDSBORO — (MIB) — In the rowdiest weekend of the year at Goldsboro, three people were shot here last week. One is dead and two others are in fair condition at Wayne Memorial Hospital.

John J. Parks, 39, of 429 Pecan Street, is being held in Wayne County jail for the fatal shooting of Willie Sun Jackson of N. George Street Extension. The shooting occurred early Saturday morning, Sept. 18th, at the Parks home on Pecan Street.

Lt. Shoon Hare and officers O. S. Coor and O. L. Jones, were called to the scene of the incident at approximately 2:30 a. m., where they found Willie Sun Jackson lying on the floor of the bedroom. He had been shot under the right arm with a 22 rifle they said. He died on the way to the hospital.

Parks, it is reported, came home and found Jackson arguing with his mother. He said his mother had a 22 rifle in her hands and was holding Jackson at bay, Jackson, he said, was holding in his hand, a butcher knife.

Parks said he told Jackson to get out of his mother's house, according to officers. Jackson, Parks said, told him that he was not going anywhere. Parks said he then grabbed the rifle from his mother and shot Sun Jackson.

James Worrell, 366 Newsome Street the only other person at the scene of the shooting told officers that he couldn't tell them anything. "He," Lt. Hare said, "told us he was drinking and didn't remember what part of the house he was in at the time of the shooting." He was arrested for forcible trespassing and assault with a deadly weapon. Lt. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)

PRISON DEATH CLOSES MURDER

The failure of Superior Court Judge Pead to heed the plea of defense lawyer R. P. Rouse in the Durham County Court last week that Rudy Fawcette was a sick man and should be sent to a medical institution resulted in death at the State Prison here Saturday night, from a heart attack.

Fawcette was admitted Friday after being sentenced to a term of 30 to 15 years for the murder of a Durham woman 20 years ago.

He was said to have been suffering from asthma when admitted and was given pills and treated shortly after being admitted. The attacks continued on Saturday and he was given more pills. He is reported to have said that he would be alright and laid down on his bunk at 10:30 p. m. His cell mate noticed that he was having difficulty breathing and (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)

New Farmers Of America To Meet In Atlanta, Ga.

ATLANTA, Georgia — More than 1,200 Negro farm boys from seventeen states are expected to attend the Twentieth Annual National Convention of the New Farmers of America to be held in Atlanta's Municipal Auditorium, September 28 to October 1.

The New Farmers of America is the national organization for Negro students of vocational agriculture in the public schools which operates under the provision of the National Education Act. It is an educational, non-political, non-profit, farm youth organization, designed to develop agricultural leadership, character, thrift, cooperation, citizenship, and patriotism.

National officers presiding at the convention will be Frances N. Thompson, Croom, Md., President; Gaston Gagne, Jr., Box 38, Raymond, Tex., First Vice-President; (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)

LOCAL TEACHERS ADOPT GUIDE

The adoption of a constitution for governing itself and the acceptance of reports of the Program, Social, Constitution, and Budget Committees highlighted the accomplishments of the Raleigh Unit of the North Carolina Teachers Association in its second business meeting held at the Washington School Tuesday, September 21, with president G. F. Newell presiding.

The program outlined included plans for the year, featuring two guest speakers of note professionally, the sending of delegates to the District and State meetings as well as to the annual meeting of the National Education Association at Chicago, Illinois, and extensive plans for social activities, featuring a reception for retired teachers.

In order to conduct the varied program suggested, the group voted to raise local membership dues to \$5.00 per member. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)

N. C. News In Brief

STUDY HEAD SEES UMSTEAD
 Tam Pearsall, chairman of a special committee studying the impact of the anti-segregation decision on North Carolina, conferred with Governor Umstead at length this week. Pearsall said that various phases of the matter were discussed but it was nothing of news value. Before entering the Governor's office, Pearsall said that he and the other 38 members of the committee are conferring regularly by mail and that he is filling them in on all material and information he can get in it's and other states.

WANTED FUGITIVE NABBED
 A Wayne County prisoner who ran from a North Carolina Prison camp 20 years ago has been found in a Battle Creek, Mich., jail. According to the State Prison Department, Ned Swinson was picked up in Battle Creek recently on a minor charge and identified from a description it

had filed with Battle Creek police. Swinson, a former Wayne farm worker, was sentenced in February 1928, to seven and one-half to ten years for assault and robbery. He was 25 at the time of his term and was scheduled to finish his term in 1934. He escaped in July of 1931.

ARREST FIVE IN LEAF FRAUD
 WHITEVILLE — The arrest of five Negro tenant farmers was brought about here Tuesday following sales of 3,000 pounds of tobacco on an allotment card for a half acre of leaf. The Columbus Bureau for Investigation's chief, Horace Shaw, said Deputy Sheriff Thurmond C. Butler had arrested the men, all of the Tabor City and Lewis S. C. area. They have been bound over to Superior Court on charges of conspiracy to embezzle tobacco. The quintet is composed of James Long, 66, and Cephus Marlow, 34, both of Lewis; Raymond Long, 26, Addison Smith, 25, and Henry Long, all of Tabor City. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)



VISIT WESTINGHOUSE PLANT—Pictured above are some 75 ministers who were guests of the newly constructed Westinghouse Meier Plant recently. Shown in the foreground addressing the group is J. W. Rabcock, plant manager. The clergymen inspected the plant, engaged in a question and answer session and were luncheon guests of Rabcock and his staff.

EDGEcombe TRIALS STIR TARBORO GROUP

BY J. B. HARREN

TARBORO — What started out to be a sensational "Negro Raped White Woman" case here early last week has apparently spent its fuse and fizzled out in so far as the "Negro angle" is concerned, according to announcements coming from the office of Police Chief Otley Leary, whose department spent considerable time calmly investigating all angles of the alleged attack, thereby preventing undue excitement on the part of "race-phobists."

NO CLUES

Chief Leary was quoted as saying that "no leads have been found as yet" when queried on the matter Friday (17th), despite "a thorough investigation" by his department. A white woman, Mrs. Ella Coker, age 25, and reportedly estranged from her husband, had told police that she was awakened about 3 a. m. Tuesday, Sept. 14th, by what appeared to be a Negro man, who allegedly held a knife to her throat and demanded that she submit to sexual relations. The staying of Mrs. Coker's six-year-old child disturbed the would-be-assailant and he commended the mother to (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)