



MOVED TO FORSYTH—Richard Scates, Greensboro garage worker, who police said has confessed to the murders of Dr. Bertha Cook and her 7-year-old daughter, Betty Marie, is shown being placed in police car before being whisked away to the Forsyth County Jail at Winston-Salem for safekeeping, following his arrest last Thursday. At extreme left, he held inside the car, is Lawrence Gaston, accused by Scates as being an accomplice but who was later freed when police were convinced of his innocence. E. E. Rogers, deputy sheriff, and Earl Thurman, chief of police, chief criminal investigation deputy in the sheriff's department, is at right. (Greensboro Daily News Photo)

GOLDSBORO — Mrs. Mary Sumner, a woman of the notorious Inn at Mt. Olive, and her three daughters received sentences totaling 42 months on a variety of charges, including prostitution, illegal sale of whiskey and running a disorderly house.

She and her three daughters were taken into custody after the arrest last November of Mrs. Janie Bell Weeks, 35-year-old white woman, who was charged with fornication and adultery after allegedly admitting having illegal relations with three persons in the Mt. Olive area.

She opened a County Court sentence and her case will be heard in Wayne County Superior Court next week. Shortly after her arrest, police closed the Inn.

In County Court this week, Judge Charles P. Gavlor, sentenced Mrs. Sumner to six months for running a disorderly house, her three daughters, Mrs. Helen Hobbs and Mrs. Delores Bryant each received a six-month sentence for having whiskey for sale. Another daughter, Mrs. Lingerie Reynolds, received a month for aiding and abetting prostitution. All filed appeals.

SMITHFIELD—A white man, who police say tried to burn down the home of a Negro tenant farmer, who testified against him in a case last November is being held without bond on charges of first degree arson.

He is Bruce Lassiter, 41, of Wilson Mills. Sheriff B. A. Henry reported that Lassiter attempted to burn the home of the Stancil children on the farm of Norman Johnson in Wilson's Mills township.

According to police, "hard feelings" existed for some time between Lassiter and Johnson. Stancil was a sister of Lassiter, who was convicted in the Stancil case on charges of violating the stock laws.

The arson attempt failed when one of the Stancil children, a boy 15, discovered a trash can filled with kerosene-soaked burlap bags on fire under the house and alerted other members of the family who managed to remove the cans from beneath the house before a conflagration broke out.

A series of radio interviews discussing the program and objectives of the NAACP and school desegregation began here recently in the form of a question and answer date on the popular "How the News" on Station WPTF.

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GOLD COAST FIRST—Sister Bertha of St. Monica's Convent, Ashanti-Mampong, identifies her name in the register during the convocation ceremony. The first nun to be admitted into the Gold Coast University college, she is to qualify as an associate member of the Institute of Education. (Newspress Photo)

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By STAFF WRITER

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of St. Augustine's College cleared up some of the mysteries that have surrounded the actions at the local institution since January 8, but it failed to tell the circumstances under which Dr. Harold L. Trigg tendered his resignation, and why, at its meeting on Tuesday.

The committee made it official that it had accepted the resignation and that the proxy would relinquish his duties on January 31st. The committee further stated that a committee, headed by Dean James A. Boyer, would have charge of the affairs of the college, until a successor could be appointed. Other members of the administrative committee are Reginald Lynch, D. C. Virgo, Rev. Samuel Rudder and H. E. Bay.

The appointment of Rev. Rudder to the administrative committee rules out the rumor and

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GREENSBORO—Dr. Channing H. Tobias of New York will be the principal speaker at the 15th annual meeting of the Hayes-Taylor YMCA to be held Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Building at Bennett College.

A feature of the meeting will be a report of the nominating committee headed by J. W. Snipes. Dr. G. H. Evans is chairman of the annual meeting committee.

By ALICE A. DUNNIGAN

WASHINGTON (ANP)—President Eisenhower last week issued an executive order establishing a Committee on Government Employment Policy, and at the same time, abolishing the Civil Service Commission's Fair Employment Board appointed by former President Truman back in 1948.

The New Executive order specifies the Administration's policy against any discrimination in civilian Federal employment because of race, color, creed or national origin.

In explaining the difference between the new Committee and the

GREENSBORO — Sampson County has been named as winner of the Clarence Poe "County of the Year" award for rural progress in the state during 1954. Dr. W. E. Reed, dean of the school of agriculture at A&T College, announced this week.

The \$500 award is given annually to the county in which the Negro rural population has made the most impressive contribution to the overall development of the county. It was established in 1952 by the publisher of a farm journal at Raleigh. Previous winners are Meriford and Orange counties.

It will be presented by Dr. Poe at a program to be held in the county later this month or early in February.

The winning county, the largest in the state by land area, with a Negro population of 18,600, in the unanimous opinion of the judges, has demonstrated the most impressive gains in agriculture, culture production and marketing, improved homemaking and family living, community improvement and development providing, opportunities for rural youth, cooperation of all agencies, organizations, groups, and the highest plane of interracial cooperation and understanding."

The Rev. George A. Fisher, speaking for the Raleigh Citizens Association, said here Tuesday that the method used by the nominating committee for the Wake County Hospital Authority did not meet the approval of many of the citizens and he predicted that the committee would be bombarded with protests.

He felt that a several organized bodies of the city should have had an opportunity to discuss this matter, or at least should have been consulted before the resolution was made. He was of the opinion that the committee ignored the Negro citizenry of the city and appointed J. E. Strickland, not knowing whether he was the choice of the white people for the fight for better hospital facilities.

He was not too critical of Mr. Strickland, but did say that he had not been active with any civic group and therefore could not be as well informed on the subject as some of the persons in and around Raleigh.

His chief complaint centered around the ancient belief of Negroes that any man selected, by a white group, to represent Negroes, was always between the devil and the deep blue sea. He pointed out that the very fact that he was selected by a white group made him subservient to that group. He hoped, however, that this would not be the case with Mr. Strickland.

He was quick to catch upon the idea that Negroes constituted almost one third of the population of Wake County and due to the fact that the survey pointed out that there should be 11 members of the board, he seemed to think it proper that there should be

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LUMBERTON—A two-room, contemporary style cottage, paid for by nearly 1001 local citizens, was turned over to Mrs. Lannoy Smith and her son on Sunday.

The Robesonian, local newspaper and radio station WAGR publicized the plight of the pair and generous citizens responded with enough money and materials to provide the Smiths with their first real home.

The townspeople also took care of Mrs. Smith's cow "Daisy," by providing her new shed stocked with hay and oats on the half-acre plot on which the new cottage sits.

By Staff Writer
The highly explosive desegre-

nation sue, seasoned political observers here say, is the real reason behind the intensive efforts to repeal the so-called "separate but equal" clause in the state legislature, although the question has been made of it in floor debates.

What is feared most by leaders in the General Assembly is that the newspapers and radio, if permitted to cover the hearings might "build up" the argument so obtained or describe the reactions of some solons in such a manner as to be embarrassing to them.

"Local option" bills already introduced in the House and the Senate would give local school boards the right to make over the assignment of pupils to the public schools. This would relieve the State Board of Education of any liability in any suits that may be filed and make it necessary for plaintiffs seeking relief to the suit to sue the local unit of the public school system had violated the law.

prevail, it will mean that all "hot" discussions and debates in committee sessions will not find their way to the public which is most concerned with what is going on and with what their elected representatives are doing.

Some legislators take the view that North Carolina should wait until the U. S. Supreme Court implements its ruling of last May 17 before
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The committee was given the authority to make inquiries and investigations and to advise the President concerning the conformity of department and agency personnel practices with the non-discrimination policy of the order.

It was also given the responsibility for advising the heads of departments and agencies on regulations to effect the policy of the order in their organizations, rendering advisory opinions to the heads of departments and agencies on cases referred to them under the provisions of the order.

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Despite the Supreme Court Decision outlawing segregation in the public schools, the big job still lies ahead. Read C. D. Halliburton's keen analysis in "Second Thoughts" on the editorial page.

GREENSBORO—The thine of a butcher knife with a six-inch blade in the backyard of the home of Richard Scaler, 26-year-old convict means that he is now there is 20 on trial here now. The man is charged with the slaying of his daughter, Betty Marie, last Wednesday.

Scaler, who had previously attempted to implicate his friend 26-year-old Lawrence Gaston as his accomplice in the murders, admitted shortly before noon Friday that he had had when he claimed that he had killed the little girl. Gaston, who had steadfastly maintained his innocence, was released by police.

Feeling Runs High
Both he and Seales had been held in the Forsyth County jail for safekeeping when it was reported that feeling was running high here shortly after the men had been taken into custody. Their arrests came less than 24-hours after the gashed bodies of the woman and her daughter were found by neighbors in the kitchen of the Cook home on rural New Garden road, six miles north of this city.

Arrest Gaston First

J. E. STEICKLAND

Robeson Sues Dulles For Passport

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Paul Robeson has filed suit asking the Federal District court in the District of Columbia to force the State department and its head John Foster Dulles, to grant him a passport for travel in Europe.

While the brief was being filed, Robeson, who is in the United States, announced that he has received an invitation to appear in concert at the National Opera House in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

The Prague National Opera is one of the most famous and historical in the world. It has produced many other great composers and introduced their works there.

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Brief

FATHER DILLON LEAVING

ST. MONICA'S
The Rev. John Dillon, who has served alternately as pastor and assistant pastor of St. Monica's School and Church here for the past 12 years has been assigned to a parish in New York. In commenting on his transfer, Father Dillon said that he had "spent many years here and will miss the amiable people with whom I came into contact while here." A native of New York City, Father Dillon attended the Catholic schools there and did his college work at Providence College, Providence, R. I. and the Dominican Houses of Study, River Forest Ill. The minister said that he would probably leave St. Monica's in the near future, assuming his assistant pastordship of St. Catherine of Siena, 411 E. 68th Street, New York, N. Y.

MAN'S SKELETON

DISCOVERED
GREENVILLE.—The skeleton of a 65-year-old man, missing from his home since February 9, 1932, was discovered here last weekend. The bones of Ernest Hardy of Greenville were found by a hunter in the Indian Well swamp near the S. O. Worthington farm in Swift Creek Township. The man had been missing from the home of a daughter, who lived nearby since February 9, 1932. He had been visiting and had left his residence and was never seen again. Mrs. Nora Hardy, the dead man's wife, made a positive identification, based on his teeth, a weather-beaten pair of shoes and scraps of clothing found at the site, along with the bones.

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ATLANTA—Legislatures in four southern states—Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi—are considering legislation that will permit them to circumvent the U. S. Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in the nation's schools.

At Columbia, the Gressette Committee has issued an interim report recommending no major legislative action until after the Supreme Court issues a decree to implement its May 17 decision. Arkansas is another state which is waiting to see what the high court does before taking positive action.

Both branches of the Georgia legislature are considering bills which seek to amend the

federal constitution to give the states complete control over their schools, with power to regulate, administer and operate them as they wish.

In Tennessee, a bill has been introduced in the Senate which would authorize all city and county school boards to assign all pupils to the jurisdiction to specific schools. Similar legislation is before the North Carolina legislature.

The Mississippi House has revived the Legal Education Advisory Committee and given it added power. The action must be approved by the Senate, however, before it can become effective.