

KILLS WIFE, THEN BLOWS OWN BRAINS OUT

Integration Is Simple At This Age



Two pals, Jimmy Thomas 4, white, and Tommy Osebold, 3, stayed away from their parents who were shopping in Detroit and landed in a police station. Too young to know anything about the weighty problem of desegregation now before the U. S. Supreme Court, they are supremely happy just to be members of the human race, free from prejudice and intolerance. Why not keep them that way? (Newspress Photo)

Hold Lumberton Woman In Killing Of Husband

State News Brief

EASTER PARADERS INJURED

The Easter parade here Sunday was marred in the eastern section of the city by an accident in which two local pedestrians were injured. At approximately 4:30 Sunday afternoon, Thomas and Lena Perry, local business, were struck down at the corner of E. Davis and Swift Streets, when a car driven by one of the "Evans boys" of E. Davis Street swerved into them in order to avoid a collision with another auto headed east on Davis Street. The two victims were rushed to Saint Agnes Hospital where they were released after treatment.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

The Raleigh Chapter of the Needlework Guild of America is observing the first anniversary of its Shoe Sale here by seeking to engage 20 women volunteers to work in an effort to buy new shoes for needy children in this area. Interested persons are asked to contact Mrs. N. E. DeVane, secretary, at 3-5158 or Mrs. M. F. Burns, president, at 2-8131.

HANGS SELF IN BARN

MEBANE — Roney Fuller, Route 4, Mebane, was found dead Monday morning in a barn on his farm where he hanged himself around 9 o'clock. Fuller, 60, lived on the Dickie Mill Road, Route 4. The death was ruled as a suicide by the County Coroner. Fuller was found by his son, Thomas, II, in the left of a feedbarn on the farm which he owned. Members of ... (CONTINUED ON PAGE 16)

LUMBERTON—The old defense of "accidental shooting" was given to officers by Mrs. Essie McMillan for the Easter Sunday morning slaying of her husband, Charles B. McMillan, in their home here.

She told officers that they were arguing over the shotgun when it went off and hit her husband in the temple. Officers said that Mrs. McMillan called them about 7 in the morning and told them that he had been shot. The officers related how they found the dead man lying on the floor with both hands in his pocket and the gun beside him.

The report did not give any cause for the argument between the husband and wife. The woman will await an inquest. Coroner D. W. Blass chose a jury but has not set the date for an inquest. Members of the jury are J. C. Duncan, T. S. Hall, Stanley Sutar, W. E. Parker, Charlie Johnson and Earl Britt, all of St. Pauls.



NAACP HEAD—Roy Wilkins, NAACP Administrator, who this week was elevated to the position of Executive Secretary. Mr. Wilkins succeeds the late Walter White whose passing the country mourned last month.

National Elk President To Raleigh For 35th Confab

Members of Fidelity 277 and Capital City 310 Lodges, are completing plans for hosting the 35th Annual Meeting of N. C. Elks which will be held here for the first time since the early thirties. The date of the convention is May 15-19.

Activities during the 5-day confab will include a dance at Memorial Auditorium (Elks Ball), for delegates, visitors and others; a baseball game, a parade, which will feature approximately 13 bands. The parade will chart its course at the Old Soldiers Home and proceed down Fayetteville Street and end in the vicinity of the Elks Home.

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LUCKY AUTO OWNER
The lucky car last week was the one bearing the tag number, K54-605. If the owner of that car took it to Dunn's Esso Service, corner Cabarrus and Bloodworth Streets, here in Raleigh, he received a free grease job.
This will happen every week. Watch for your tag number. If it follows the asterisk, you will get the grease job. The license number will be taken from any car bearing a C.C. license.
The numbers this week are: 383-832; X551486; 66-181; 90-416; 24-405 and X59-184

States Stalling On School Mixing

A Human Torch:

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Irate Lover Kills Woman; Shoots Self

By ALEXANDER BARNES

DURHAM—Believed to be insanely jealous and vowing definitely that he would not permit the woman he loved to quit him, Leroy Pitts startled the west end section of this city when he emptied a shotgun load into the temple of Mrs. Helen McClain, reported to be his common-law wife, Sunday night, and then blew his brains out at 1117 1-2 Jackson St.

Pitts is said to have come between the house in which he and the woman lived and another house with the gun in his arms. Persons sitting on the porch of the other house told officers that they saw him with the gun but did not see Mrs. McClain until the shot was fired.

She is reported as having been sitting on the porch and that McClain gave no warning but shot her soon as she came into his view. He then is said to have reloaded the gun and then emptied this lead into the left side of his face below his ear.

When officers arrived they are said to have found the woman sitting in the chair dead and Pitts' body was lying on the ground with his feet on the porch. Officers opined that Mrs. McClain never knew who shot her, due to the fact McClain shot so quickly. Her two sons, asleep in a room in the house, did not know that their mother had been slain until awakened by interested persons.

The double killing was related to be the most gruesome that Durham has witnessed in a long time. Persons who visited the scene said the two bodies were spattered all over the place.

The two people are said to have lived in the house as man and wife. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 16)



KILLS COMMON-LAW WIFE, SELF—Leroy Pitts, above, is pictured with Mrs. Helen McClain, both of Durham, in happier days. The man is alleged to have blown the woman's brains out Sunday night after declaring that he would not let her quit him. Pitts is charged with shooting the woman without provocation as she sat on the porch at 1117 1-2 Jackson Street, where the couple lived as man and wife. Officers are alleged to have found Mrs. McClain sitting on the porch dead. Pitt's body was found on the ground with his feet on the porch. (Photo Courtesy Carolina Times)

SOUTH STALLS FOR TIME ON DESEGREGATION

Assistant Attorney General of North Carolina, I Beverly Lake, told the United States Supreme Court Tuesday that the continued existence of the North Carolina public school system and harmonious race relations in the state will "may depend upon the decrees about to be issued."

"I speak in the interest of a State which is conscious of no wrong doing and which is proud of her record in Negro education," he continued.

Thurgood Marshall, general counsel for the NAACP, was the first speaker. Mr. Marshall brought the suits decided last May.

Marshall said that he had "no doubt whatsoever that South Carolina and North Carolina will comply once the law is made clear." He said that North Carolina has decentralized so that districts which want to desegregate may do so.

The attorney asked the court to order integration next September 1 with the "outside limit" of September 1, 1956.

Efforts of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Florida to stall on desegregating their public schools in line with the U. S. Supreme Court's decision and insistence of NAACP counsel that desegregation become effective everywhere by next September featured early hearings before the court in Washington this week.

The unprecedented hearings on the "mechanics" of school integration began on Monday and are expected to continue all week. The four states, through written briefs and oral arguments, all followed the same pattern.

Attorney General J. Lindsay Almond, Jr. of Virginia, warned the ... (CONTINUED ON PAGE 16)

Local Man Lives After Burning Self

By CHARLES R. JONES

The dim light silhouetted the figure of a man—a big man—weighing 6 1/2 feet tall, swathed in bandages from his neck down, the victim of some unexplainable self-destruction plot, flung by the quick thinking of an associate.

It was late Tuesday night when a reporter entered the men's ward of Saint Agnes Hospital to interview Fred Wilson, 43, of 411 Dover St., who is alleged to have poured kerosene all over himself and then struck a match and set himself afire.

The reporter asked Wilson if his intentions were to commit suicide. The man said that taking his own life was farthest from his mind. He advanced no other motive for his actions, however.

A drinking and singing party is reported to have taken place at the Wilson home most of Saturday afternoon. Detective R. L. Ennis charged Wilson, Miss Eula Sanders, and Johnny Parker were supposedly "having a good time" when Wilson apparently became very despondent. It could not be ascertained as to whether whiskey or song prompted the actions which were to follow.

Picking up a can of kerosene, Wilson is alleged to have said that he was going to do away with the woman and himself. He turned the can of fire-provoking fluid on the woman, soaked her in it, then proceeded to give himself the same treatment.

Parker said that Wilson then armed himself with some stick matches, struck one and headed for Miss Sanders. The woman is said to have rapidly vacated the scene before the fire lit her wearing apparel.

Apparently unruffled in his attempt at self-destruction, Wilson is said to have placed a burning match to his clothes and to have gone up in a blaze.

Parker credited himself with stripping the shirt from the human inferno. Following this act of mercy, Wilson ran to the bed and started rolling in an effort to extinguish the flames.

Successfully in putting himself out, the mattress caught fire and Wilson ran from his home into the street. An ambulance was then summoned by an unidentified party.

Wilson was taken to Saint Agnes Hospital where he is being treated for second and third degree burns.

The man informed a reporter that he was having difficulty getting his breath. He appeared to be in great pain.

JEFFREY'S GROVE MAN KILLED BY PASSENGER TRAIN

By ALEXANDER BARNES

Ernest Bailey related to the CAROLINIAN one of those drama-stacked movie stories as to how he escaped death when an on-rushing crack Atlantic Coast Line train killed James Leathers, on a trestle which spans the Neuse River, three miles south of Smithfield, Friday morning.

Bailey said that both he and Leathers were members of a night-away crew that was clearing underbrush along the track. They had finished on the northside of the river and were starting to go southside. The entire crew had settled on crossing the ... (CONTINUED ON PAGE 16)



JAMES LEATHERS

Integration Timetable

Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Missouri, West Virginia, Delaware and Kansas, all border states, have begun or completed desegregation in 89 of their 129 counties. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 16)

State's Beauticians To Convene Here

CARNATION BABY CONTEST OFF TO GOOD START HERE

With entry blanks pouring into this newspaper from all over our city and suburbs, Carnation's second Annual Healthy Baby Contest is off to another successful start in its very first week. A Contest advertisement with a free entry blank appear elsewhere in this paper. Extra entry blanks are available at our editorial offices.

All babies in this area, three years of age or younger, are eligible. They will be judged on healthy appearance, as well as cute, appealing personality. The Healthy Baby Contest is limited to readers of this newspaper who live in this city and its suburbs. The Carnation Company stresses that "this is a local Contest, not a nationwide one." Twenty healthy babies and their parents in this area MUST win the twenty cash prizes.

Beauticians from every nook and corner of the state will converge on Raleigh April 24-27 to attend the annual convention of the N. C. Cosmetologists and Beauticians Association, Inc.

The confab will be launched with a public program, slated for the Saint Matthews AME Church, 806 E. Davis Street, at 3 p. m. Sunday afternoon. Mayor Fred B. Wheeler of Raleigh will welcome the delegates to the city.

Raleigh Attorney Herman L. Taylor will deliver the keynote address to the Sunday session. He will be introduced by Mrs. Nora ... (CONTINUED ON PAGE 16)



TWINS ENTER CARNATION BABY CONTEST — Mrs. Lina Mae Sanders of J-15 Washington Terrace, is pictured above shortly after she entered her twins, Marilyn and Myron Sanders in the Second Annual Carnation Healthy Baby Contest, which was launched here last week. The healthy looking Sanders twins are regular users of Carnation Evaporated Milk. STAFF PHOTO BY CHAS. R. JONES.

2ND MAN FILES FOR GREENSBORO CITY COUNCIL

GREENSBORO — Following the announcement by Dr. William H. Hampton, this city's first Negro councilman, that he would not be a candidate for re-election, Clarence M. Winchester, local business man, filed as a candidate last week.

Mr. Winchester, president of the Greensboro Citizens' Association which is backing his candidacy, says that he has no axe to grind but is "here to serve all the people, if the people so desire."

He is the second candidate to file, the Rev. Julius T. Douglas having filed on March 28.

WOMAN DRIVER GETS 5 YEARS IN AUTO DEATH

GREENSBORO—A sentence of three to five years in Central Prison was meted out here Wednesday to Mrs. Marian Lyle Smith, 32, who was returned here from Ohio to face manslaughter charges growing out of the death of Lynell Bowman — who was killed in March 1954. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 16)

Raleigh Again To Name "Family Of The Year"

A contest to select Raleigh's "Family of the Year" among Negro citizens has been announced by the Family Service Society. A similar contest last year resulted in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinton, 814 Cotton Street, being chosen for this honor.

In announcing plans for the second annual contest, Samuel R. Leager, local attorney and 1955 president of the Family Service Society, said entry blanks may be obtained by visiting, writing or telephoning the Family Service office, 310 S. Dawson Street, P.O. Box 9273, phone 416284.