

Tries To Chop Off Wife's Head, Kills Self



RALEIGH MAN MISSING SINCE APRIL 7—Robert Henry Morgan Jr., 1294 E. Edenton Street has been missing from his home since April 7 when he left home at the usual time to go to his job as a brickman. Morgan may be driving a 1954 blue Chevrolet pick-up truck bearing the license number 94-5929. He is 5 feet, 11 1/2 inches tall. Anyone having information as to his whereabouts are asked to contact Mrs. R. H. Morgan, 111 1/2 E. Morgan Street, telephone 53280.

Kills Self After Try At Killing His Wife

ROXBORO—Believing that he had succeeded in chopping off his wife's head with an axe, Hugh Hester, 47, a tenant farmer, ran 300 yards into a field, and shot himself fatally in the chest with a twelve gauge shotgun, early Saturday morning.

Hester, a tenant on a farm of Mrs. Himmie at Hurdle Mills near the Person-Orange county line, tried to kill his wife, Ruth, 45, by placing her head on a chopping block near the woodpile and striking her several blows with an axe.

Sheriff C. C. Holman said that the block and the surrounding area were splattered with blood and chunks of hair from Mrs. Hester's head.

DRAGGED FROM KITCHEN

Tracks on the ground showed that Hester had dragged his wife from the kitchen of their farm home to the woodpile and struck several blows at her neck in an attempt to kill her. By putting up a terrific struggle, Mrs. Hester caused her husband to miss his aim, the blows glancing instead of falling direct.

At Person County Memorial Hospital where she was taken, Mrs. Hester remained in a critical condition Tuesday, with a fractured skull, a severe and deep lacerations above the head and neck.

According to reports given Sheriff Holman, the couple had been arguing since about 2 a. m. and the attempted murder and suicide occurred about 5 a. m. Reports are that the couple had been having trouble for several months and Mrs. Hester recently (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)

Jervay Places 2nd In Wilmington Primary

WILMINGTON—T. C. Jervay, editor and publisher of the Wilmington JOURNAL made history Monday when he placed second in the city council municipal primary as he is the first Negro to reach a run-off in a municipal election in this city since the days of reconstruction.

With 6,940 people going to the polls in Monday's primary, Jervay gathered 2,464 votes while former mayor W. Ronald Lane polled 2,369.

In the early counting Jervay was leading, but slipped to second, third and fourth place as the counting progressed.

He was in third place when all but one precinct had reported in. Lane was second and Louis Latham placed third.

The vote was tipped in Jervay's favor by the third ward, second precinct. Hester had 2 votes in that precinct, putting him in second place.

Wilmington has 20,025 registered voters. A high percentage of this number are expected to cast votes in the run-off.

There were two openings on the Wilmington City Council. Veteran Councilman J. E. L. Wade was re-elected Monday by a margin of 438 votes. The remaining seat will be sought by Jervay and Lane. Latham is out of the running.

This is Jervay's first try for any political office. Lane has ten years past experience on the council.

Voting was light throughout most of the day, according to reports. It began to pick up in the afternoon, and the final hour found a "rush" to the polls to cast ballots.

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T. C. JERVAY

GASTON DEMANDS INTEGRATION NOW

STANLEY—The Rev. R. H. McDowell, president of the Stanley chapter of the NAACP, reported Friday that he had sent a petition to Gaston County school superintendent Hunter Huss demanding the end of segregation in the county schools.

The petition which demands that all of the county's white schools be opened to Negroes. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)

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Backyard Affair:



School Case Arguments End In D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Four days of oral argument before the U. S. Supreme Court on how to implement the May 17, 1954 decision which declared racial segregation in public schools in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment, ended last week with the following development:

Attorneys for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., representing the Negroes in the five school segregation cases asked that they be "forthwith" admitted to public school classrooms on a non-racial basis. September 1956 was suggested as the outside date by which this could be accomplished.

The U. S. Department of Justice took a middle road position suggesting that the five cases be sent back to the district courts with no "single formula" decree ordering immediate integration, but agreeing to go along with the Negro attorneys on a one-year time limit.

Attorneys for South Carolina indicated that the people of their state would not mix the races in classrooms until probably the year 2015. Any order by the high court calling for immediate desegregation would destroy the South Carolina public school system, they said.

Virginia, North Carolina and Texas see only trouble and chaos if they are ordered to desegregate their classrooms immediately. They also indicated that they would abolish the public school system. However, Texas admitted under questioning by the court that there are communities where integration can be accomplished immediately.

Delaware, Maryland and Arkansas reported integration. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)



A \$400 HAM—Walter Barnes, left center, Middlesex, won top honors in the Johnston County Ham and Egg Show held at Smithfield last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 13-15. He holds the Grand Champion ham which he produced. He received a cash prize of \$50 for showing it and the ham brought the amazing price of \$23 per pound, totaling \$368 at the auction which followed. Looking on is L. E. Johnson, Johnston County farm agent who directs the show in cooperation with the Smithfield Chamber of Commerce.

Prize Ham Sells For \$368 At Smithfield

SMITHFIELD—Walter D. Barnes, 32, a young farmer of Middlesex, Route 1, entered an 18 pound ham among the 266 exhibited at the 8th Annual Johnston County Ham and Egg Show Wednesday and walked away with top honors and \$368 for his choice piece of meat Thursday.

According to Barnes, "There is no secret to it. I just followed instructions in the curing."

The ham was auctioned off Friday afternoon and bought by the Smithfield Hog Market at an average of \$26 per pound. The prize ham last year, exhibited by Leonard Wiggan, Kenly, Route 2, (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)

Minister Is Forced Out Of Politics

By J. B. HARRIS
GASTONIA—This city's political pot has started boiling furiously following the withdrawal from the councilmanic race of the Rev. S. Hall, local pastor of Friendship Baptist church, and the last-minute filing of Louis L. McLaughlin, ice and coal salesman.

He will oppose incumbent councilman Nathaniel Barber, who was elected two years ago and became the first colored man to serve as treasurer of a large city anywhere in the nation so far as is known. A. M. Hasson, the first race man to serve as justice of the peace here a few years ago, and is now vice president of the local NAACP unit, almost became a candidate just before the filing deadline.

PRESSURE TOO MUCH

Consternation was thrown into the ranks of the backers of councilman Barber several days ago when the Rev. Mr. Hall announced that he was entering the city contest which, under the ward system, is voted on from a city-wide basis; that if each candidate is voted on by the entire city of more than 40,000 population.

The Negro population felt that Hall's entrance into the race was untimely since Barber had their general approval. Barber is treasurer of Gastonia's nationally-recognized Excelsior Credit Union, which is reputed to be worth near \$300,000. It was largely on this basis that he (Barber) was chosen as the city's first Negro treasurer when he "nosed out" his opponent in a close election in 1952.

It is known that pressure was brought to bear upon the Rev. Mr. Hall to cause him to decide this past week that it was "my call." (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)

Raleigh Man Raped Girl In Her Yard

By Staff Writer
Cleo Jackson, 41, 469 Tucker Street, charged with raping 11-year-old Virginia Spencer in her own backyard last Saturday afternoon, was bound over to Wake Superior Court Monday and is now languishing in the Wake County Jail without privilege of bond.

The defendant chose not to take the witness stand in his own behalf in City Court Monday morning.

He is accused by relatives of the girl of coming to their residence, 417 N. West Street Saturday afternoon, apparently with the prime purpose of having intercourse with Virginia.

Jackson is alleged to have lured the child from her duties in the house into her backyard which is partially hidden from Glenwood Avenue by a railroad trestle. He reportedly proceeded to remove the child's underclothing and rape her.

A neighbor, Mrs. Carrie Rogers, is said to have seen the act taking place.

Following the crime Virginia went into the house and told her grandmother, Mrs. Lola Hunter, what had happened.

Mrs. Hunter took the girl immediately to police headquarters. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)

MOTHER OF 2 SAYS WHITE YOUTH, 16, ASSAULTED HER

MARION—A preliminary hearing was held in the Recorder's Court here in which Michael Bloodworth, a sixteen-year-old white youth was charged with having assaulted Mrs. Joyce Wilkerson, mother of two children.

Mrs. Wilkerson testified that she was cleaning on the second floor of an apartment building, when she was suddenly and brutally attacked by Bloodworth.

She also requested a hearing before the county school board and asked that "immediate" (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)

Big Prizes Await Entrants In Carnation Baby Contest

Nothing to buy, no Uncle Sam stamps to send in—just fill out an entry blank and send it together with a "snapshot" of your baby to Carnation Healthy Baby Contest, Box 134, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Never before in our publishing experience have we seen a contest where the chances of winning cash prizes are so good. We want to remind all our readers once again that Carnation Evaporated Milk is sponsoring this contest just for your own (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)

TWO RALEIGH WOMEN CHARGE RAPE ATTEMPTS

Two Raleigh women charged rape attempts, both alleged to have taken place in Wake County in warrants drawn at police headquarters.

The first assault is said to have taken place Saturday afternoon when Vance Raybon, Jr., 22, prominent white Wendell merchant, is charged with attempting to have (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)

New NAACP Head Pledges End Of Segregation By 1963

NEW YORK—Roy Wilkins executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with a pledge "to finish the work to which" Walter White, his predecessor, "gave his life and to realize not later than 1963, the centennial of the Emancipation Proclamation, the abolition of all forms of racial discrimination and segregation."

Announcement of Mr. Wilkins' unanimous election to the top NAACP staff position was made by Arthur E. Spingarn, the Association's president, at a press conference following the NAACP board meeting on April 11.

Dr. Channing H. Tobias, board chairman, who because of illness was unable to attend the meeting, hailed Mr. Wilkins as "a man of unquestioned integrity, unusual ability and undisputed loyalty to the cause he is serving. It was only a question of whether he would be elected immediately or ultimately." Dr. Tobias asserted, "The board decided on immediacy. That has the advantage of saving the organization from political pitfalls. It is significant that the vote was unanimous."

In announcing the selection of the new executive secretary, Mr. Spingarn said that the board delegated to Mr. Wilkins "the position, responsibility and entire mantle of Walter White." The responsibilities of Mr. Wilkins' former position of administrator were merged with those of the executive secretary, the NAACP president explained. He further stated that the board has asked the new executive secretary to draw up a new (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)



'STATES NOT SINCERE'—The Supreme court is currently hearing lawyers for four states and the District of Columbia in arguments rising out of its historic May 17 decision outlawing segregation in the nation's public schools. A panel of NAACP attorneys (above) are opposed, attempting to show that the Southern states "have made no sincere move to advance constructive plans" as to how the decision should be implemented. Except for Florida and the attorney general of the United States, "no plan was submitted to the court as to how desegregation of the classrooms can best be accomplished." The NAACP lawyers advised the court. Shown here (left to right) they are: Oliver W. Hill, Spottswood W. Robinson III, Robert L. Carter, Thurgood Marshall, Legal Defense head; Jack Greenberg, George E. C. Hayes, and James Bevel. (Newspaper Photo)

News In Brief Around The State

NEW LIGON PTA PREXY
The Ligon Jr.-St. High School Parent-Teacher Association met in the cafeteria of the school Monday night and elected officers for 1955-56. New officers selected are as follows: Joseph Whitaker, president; Mrs. Janice Robertson, secretary and Mrs. Lillian Freeman, treasurer. These officers were installed by the Rev. G. E. Creek, Word of commandments were given by G. F. Newell and Mrs. May E. Ligon on behalf of the teachers. Rev. Leola De-

nam and Mrs. Ruth Rand congratulated the new leaders on behalf of the parents of the school. Refreshments were served by the social committee which was headed by Mrs. Rebecca Cooke. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Lillian Freeman, outgoing president. A 3-way tie was noted for the attendance banner. Having an equal number of parents present were: Mesdames V. E. Washington, E. D. Tools and M. Jones.

CONVICTED IN GIRL'S DEATH
GREENSBORO—Archie Lee Ruff was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter by a Guilford County Superior Court jury last Friday and was ordered to serve 18-26 months in Central Prison at Raleigh. The 44-year-old Winston Salem resident entered notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court. Ruff had pleaded not guilty to the charge that he was at fault (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)

N. C. Teachers To Visit Hammocks Beach April 30

The Negro teachers of North Carolina will make their annual pilgrimage to Hammocks Beach, Saturday, April 30. Past pilgrimages have drawn from two to three thousand teachers and their friends to the beach and the coming pilgrimage is expected to attract more because of new buildings to be seen and activities planned.

The Hammocks Beach property was given to the members of the North Carolina Teachers Association by Dr. William Sharpe, a noted brain specialist of New York City, for educational and recreational purposes. Several other organizations, who may make use of the property, are also named in the charter. The gift was made upon the counsel of Mrs. Gertrude Hurst, former teacher and employee of Dr. Sharpe, who might have received it as a personal heritage, but out of her humanitarian spirit and interest (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)