

VIOLENCE TAKES HEAVY WEEK-END TOLL



MRS. CAROLINE WOODS AND GREAT-GRANDSON,
C. JEROME WOODS

A Mother's Reward:

Mrs. Caroline Woods, 89, Attributes Age To Faith

BY CHARLES R. JONES

Sunday is Mother's Day. Millions of Americans everywhere will be dedicating their lives to the honor of one of God's most precious gifts—mothers.

Here in Raleigh, Mrs. Caroline Woods, a great-grandmother, celebrated her 89th birthday on May 1st with an inspiring philosophy for long life: "strong trust in the Almighty and hard work."

Mrs. Woods, a native of Raleigh, who is the oldest living member of the Maple Temple Christian Church here, lives at 514 E. Hargett Street with her daughter, Mrs. Odell Woods. She is the mother of four children. Her husband died 35 years ago and she was left with the re-

sponsibility of providing for the family. All of the children were quite young and her meager earnings, she recalls, "had to stretch a long way to feed and clothe four kids. I don't know how I did it, but my children were as well cared for as any."

Mrs. Woods seemingly defies the laws of nature regarding old age. She related to a reporter that she trimmed some grass in her front yard Monday afternoon. She is remarkably agile for her age, has all of her original teeth, hears and sees well. She is quite proud of the fact that she is able to cook three meals a day, but refuses to conform to the modern culinary convenience of (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)

Propose New State Bldg. In Negro Neighborhood

A bitter debate is in progress here between city and state officials over locating a State office building on the Confederate Soldiers' Home property facing New Bern Avenue.

Describing the property as an integral part of our recreation program, city officials told the State Friday that they want to continue using the area for a playground and recreation spot for Negro children.

A bill, recently passed in the House of Representatives, authorizes the Board of Buildings and Grounds to construct on the property now owned by the State, situated on the corner of New Bern Avenue and South Tarboro Street, known as the Old Soldiers' Home property, an office building.

City Planning Director Herbert Stevens, showed the State officials several sketches worked out by his department depicting plans for State building lay-outs.

He emphasized that the State should locate its buildings so that they would be easily accessible to persons who wish to transact business in several State buildings in just a short while. The building proposed for New Bern Avenue would require driving or walking approximately half a mile.

Much concern is reported to be manifest by race citizens in that area over the proposed structure. The question is alleged to have been advanced as to whether the State would be satisfied with just one building in that area or whether property would be placed in jeopardy by the request for more State-owned buildings, thus requiring many residents to vacate their homes.

The Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee, composed of State Treasurer Gill, Secretary of (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)

Sigmas Honor Seven During 'Better Business Week' Here

The "Bigger and Better Business Week" observance, sponsored by the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was concluded here Friday with a testimonial reception at the Bloodworth Street YMCA honoring Dr. J. Thomas Hamlin named "Sigma Man of the Year" and seven leading business men and women who had "cently entered business or had significant progress during the year. E. L. Raiford, chairman of the committee, presided. Other committee members included: C. A. Haywood and A. J. Turner.

newspaper publisher; Mrs. Berta Phillips, bakery; and Clarence Davidson, jeweler and watch repairman.

They were presented by: Dr. L. E. McCauley, A. B. Williams, A. J. Turner, Rev. O. L. Sherrill, Dr. W. L. Greene, Rev. O. L. Hairston, and Atty. F. J. Carnage respectively who presented achievement awards.

Other features during the week included the presentation of the fraternity award to a Ligon High School male student chosen by the faculty as the outstanding student.

The award of a savings bond went to Thurmon Davis and was

presented by Atty. F. J. Carnage. Also during the week R. C. Foreman, assistant controller, N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company spoke at a public meeting held at the First Baptist Church on Sunday evening. Rev. Grady Davis spoke to the Shaw University students and C. R. Frazier to the St. Augustine's College students. The theme used at all meetings was: "Promoting Inter-Group Understanding and Economic Progress Through The Medium Of Business."

The major cultural event of the week was the presentation of the West Virginia State College band in concert on Wednesday evening at the J. W. Ligon High School.

Honorees at the reception were presented by members of the fraternity who discussed briefly highlights of their careers and major achievements. Those honored included besides Dr. Hamlin, a pharmacist; W. A. Lassiter, hardware and building contractor; J. D. Lewis, radio announcer and repairman; Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Cooper, cafeteria; P. R. Jervas,

Cabbie Bound Over In Wayne Slaying

GOLDSBORO — Frank Atkinson, 64-year-old taxi driver, was released in \$1,000 bond here Saturday after being charged with the fatal shooting of Thedie Moses, another taxi driver, last Tuesday.

The men had argued over a fare at Union train station. A probable cause of second degree murder was found against Atkinson at a preliminary hearing before Mayor Scott B. Berkley.

Method Mother Describes How Fire Routed Family

BY ALEXANDER BARNES

METHOD — The average person can easily understand the ravages of a fire, but it is very seldom that one has the experience to have three children burned to death and a second fire wipe out her home and belongings like Mrs. Oza Williams, within fifteen years.

That is what has happened to this mother of thirteen children as the result of having been awakened about one o'clock on Saturday morning to find her home threatened with flames that had already consumed two out-houses and were being driv-

en to the third house by a strong easterly wind.

Mrs. Williams gathered her brood of nine children and together with her husband, William Henry Williams, led them to safety. It was then that neighbors and friends began to take the furniture and other household belongings, out of the house. They were not too mindful of the change in the wind and suddenly when it did change, the fire not only enveloped their home, but swept the belongings in (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)

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N. C. Medical Body Finally Drops Bars

Election Aftermath:

N. C. Medical Group Drops Color Bars

PINEHURST — A five-year-old fight to get membership for Negro doctors in the North Carolina Medical Society came to an end here Monday night when the society's House of Delegates voted to admit them by the overwhelming vote of 104-37.

This means that Negroes can now have full membership in the society. Membership in the society makes them eligible to vote and hold office. Final action took place on Wednesday when the society voted to change its by-laws.

TOUCHY SUBJECT

It has been a rather touchy subject and the Mecklenburg County Medical Society was censured for jumping the gun on the state society for the acceptance of Negroes before the organization had been able to determine its future policy.

The Mecklenburg group along with Greensboro and Winston-Salem had shown a liberal attitude and led the way in the final acceptance by the state society.



"WAIT UNTIL NEXT TIME" — Supporters of City Council aspirant Carl DeVane are pictured above with DeVane during a vote rally held here this week, prior to the election. Although their candidate placed ninth in the election, these

members of the Dunbar Social Club shown above are certain that he will be victorious in the next election. Included in photo are DeVane, front center; Don T. Hough, Ernest F. McAdams, James Johnson,

James Perry, James W. Hawkins, William Haywood, Ezekiah Goodson, Fred D. Williams, Johnny L. Johnson, Thomas Glascoe, W. H. Littlejohn, L. J. Young and James Allen — STAFFOTO BY CHAS. R. JONES.

State News Brief

BEAUTICIANS ELECT MISS BURT

The N. C. Beauticians and Cosmetologists Association closed its 16th annual convention here last Wednesday with the election of officers and choosing a site for next year's confab. The group decided on Greensboro for the 17th convention which will be held in April, 1956. Miss Vivian Burt of Raleigh, president of the host chapter, was elected 2nd vice-president of the state body. Other officers were retained for another term. A parade, held on Wednesday afternoon, featured the bands of Smithfield, Clayton and Clinton.

Let's Prepare Now For '57 (AN EDITORIAL)

Five times now Raleigh has refused to join other progressive cities and towns in North Carolina in giving representation to a large segment of its population by electing a Negro to its governing body.

Much can be said in behalf of the conduct of the DeVane campaign. Much hard work was put into it. Much knowledge was gained. And Mr. DeVane emerged a much more formidable candidate should he offer for public office in the future.

However, we can ill afford to continue building fodder for the political heap by just making a good run. There are reasons why Raleigh will not elect a Negro to its City Council. We must know these reasons.

No one can say Negro voters did not turn out in proportion to the number registered. We cannot honestly point the finger at our registered voters as the cause, as in comparison, we went to the polls in larger numbers than the white registered voters. Those on the books who did not vote have little or no excuse except that they were sick or out of town. Cars were available, attendants helpful, advisers nearby and reminders ever present by literature, phone or in person to get the vote out. The campaigners did a good job. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)

Carl DeVane Places 9th in Race For City Council

Carl E. DeVane, Shaw University professor, became the fifth Negro candidate to be defeated in the race for the seven-member City Council here Tuesday when he placed ninth with 2,941 votes.

Five incumbent members of Raleigh's governing body were reelected to serve two-year terms. They are Mayor Fred B.

Wheeler, who garnered 4,443 votes to lead the ticket of 12 candidates; Martin K. Green, 3,912; John F. Davidson, 3,759; W. E. DeBnam, 3,628; and W. G. Enloe, 3,614.

New members elected were Frank M. Jolly, local jeweler with 3,622 votes and Charles W. Bradshaw, real estate dealer, 3,442.

ELK OFFICIAL RENEWS ATTACK

WASHINGTON — Filing plans to label charges of fraud against Elks Grand Secretary William C. Hueston and the late J. Finley Wilson arising out of the purchase of the "John Brown Farm" at Harper's Ferry, West Va., Trezvant W. Anderson last week asked Elks Trial Board action against Hueston.

Last December, Anderson filed a suit in U. S. District Court here against Hueston and the estate of the late Mr. Wilson, charging them with making "se-

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Elected In Fayetteville

FAYETTEVILLE — Attorney Harry E. Groves continued his winning ways here Tuesday when he led the entire ticket for a seat on the City Council, polling 1,595 votes, to become the second race man to win the race since the turn of the century.

Fayetteville is believed to have been the first town in the state to put a candidate in the field. Fred Burns (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)

One Held, One Sought On Assault Charges

Violence, marked by the use of a wide variety of weapons, put three local residents in the hospital over the week-end.

Nathaniel Rochell, 35-year-old construction worker, was stabbed three times in the chest around 11:25 p.m. Friday and by Saturday morning, police had arrested George Lemmon of the 1100-block

of South Blount Street and jailed him on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Despite police questioning, Rochell, who was taken to St. Agnes Hospital, declined to give any reason for the stabbing.

Treated at St. Agnes for severe scalp wounds, Miss Eloise McRae. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)

Expect 5,000 Here Sunday For NAACP Freedom Rally



ROY WILKINS

Roy Wilkins, executive secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will deliver the main address at a special NAACP Freedom Day Celebration to be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh, North Carolina on Sunday, May 8.

Another feature of the meeting will be a Memorial Service for Walter White. The message will be delivered by the Rev. H. H. Little, professor of practical theology, Hood Theological Seminary, Livingstone College, Salisbury.

The Hon. Fred B. Wheeler, mayor of Raleigh will welcome delegates from every section of North Carolina that will attend this special meeting. Mr. Wilkins will be introduced by J. H. Wheeler, president of the Mechanics (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)

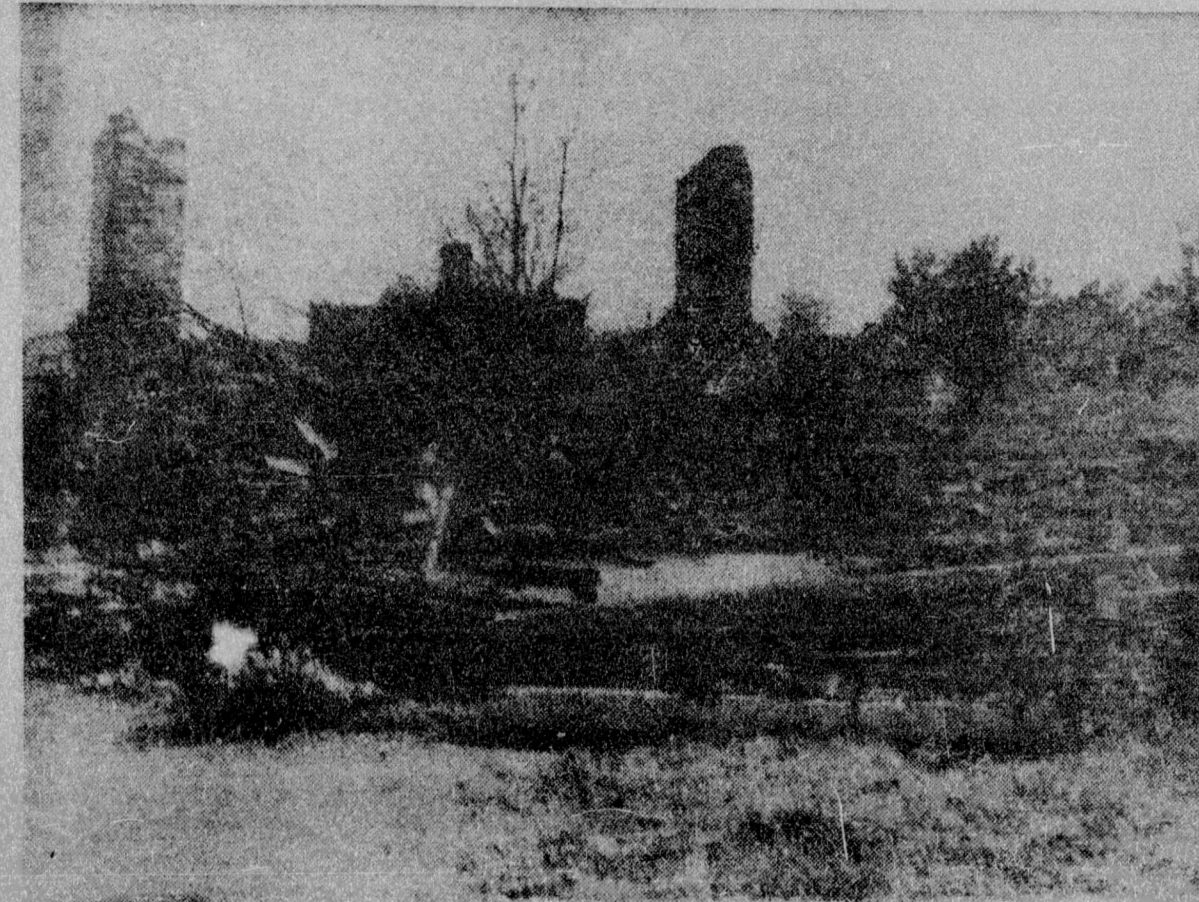
Few Days Left To Enter 2nd Healthy Baby Contest

With only a few more days to go in Carnation's Second Annual Healthy Baby Contest for our community, lots of last-minute entry blanks and snapshots are piling up for the local contest judges in our offices. All entries will remain sealed until midnight, May 14th. All entries must be postmarked before that date.

begin the gigantic task of selecting our community's healthiest babies, whose parents will receive cash awards ranging from \$5.00 to \$300.00. Every parent of every baby three years of age or under, who has not already done so, is urged to use the official entry blank in this newspaper and mail it in at once.

As soon as the Contest is officially over, the sacks of entries will be opened in the presence of representatives from this newspaper, and the judges will immediately

Sponsored solely for babies in this community by Carnation Evaporated Milk — the famous infant-feeding milk every doctor knows — this 1955 Healthy Baby (CONTINUED ON PAGE 9)



FIRES LEAVE TWO FAMILIES DESTITUTE — Two Method families were left homeless Saturday morning as fires completely destroyed their homes. The families of

Williams H. Williams and Mrs. Lillie Montgomery lost many of their belongings in the blaze which spread from one of the residences to the other, Method, located just outside

Raleigh, is without fire protection and residents of the section reportedly tried to fight the fire with buckets of water. STAFFOTO BY CHAS. R. JONES.