

RELATIVES FAIL TO BREAK WOMAN'S WILL

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Enrollment Up In Raleigh's Schools

N. C. Prejudice May Force

Race Bias Causes Home Trouble In Carolina Town

By ALEXANDER BARNES

SOUTHERN PINES—Southern tradition, inflamed by a desire of a retired race couple to live where they had money enough to buy, came face to face with common sense economy here Tuesday and will have until September 15th to determine whether it will bow to 20th century progress or write another blight upon the history of North Carolina.

The whole thing happened because Mrs. Louise Way Spence, white home-owner in an all-white subdivision, known as Kenwood, sold a modest frame house to Mr. and Mrs. Martin White, after she could not get any of the white people to buy. Mrs. Spence realized how she wanted to sell the house due to unkept promises by the man who built and sold it to her, Henry L. Graves.

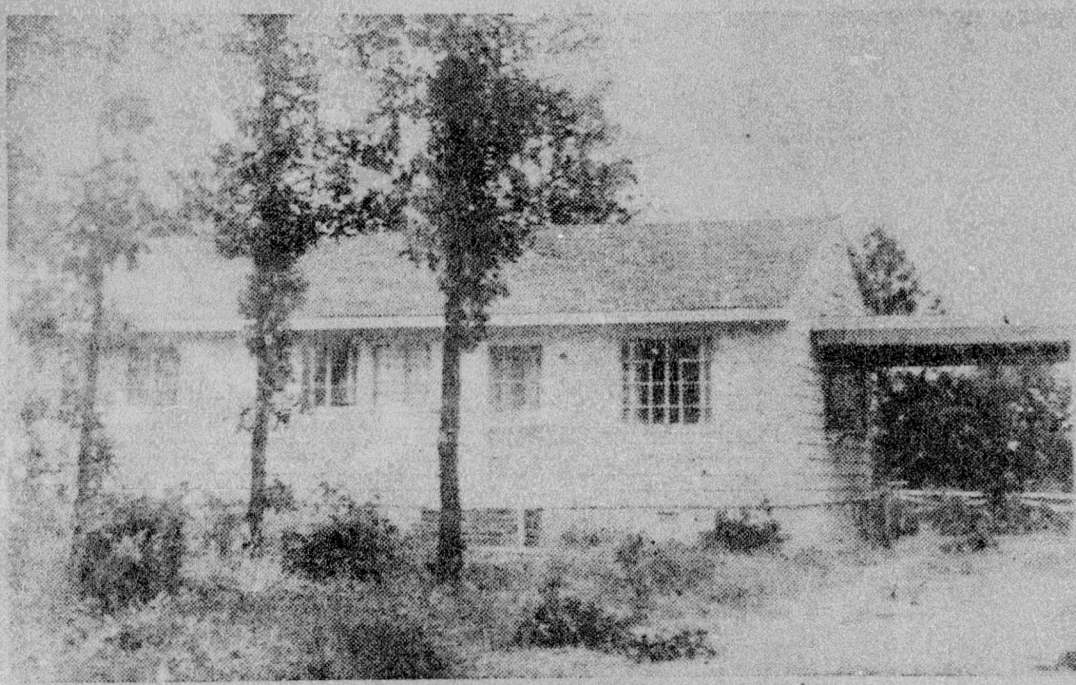
Mrs. Spence sought the Whites and after much discussion, the couple contemplating retirement, came to North Carolina sometime ago and began looking for a place to spend their last years. Mr. White had been an employe of the post office in New York, while Mrs. White was a social worker in Jamaica, New York, where they lived.

They journeyed to Monroe, where Mr. White was born, but found that it offered no enchantment for them. They then visited Winston-Salem, but the "Camel City" too had no alluring features. It was then that they went to Southern Pines. The air from the pines and the cordiality of the people, according to Mrs. White, led them to believe that they would be able to find favor there and they decided to settle here.

Once their minds were made up, they began looking for a lot on which they could build the house of their dreams. They found the spot, but here is where trouble began. The spot was among people of their hue, but it was soon found that the title to the property was "cloudy" and they were given their money back. They then bought two other lots for which they paid \$750 each. They then sought a contractor, but the cost of building what they wanted turned out to be prohibitive.

Forlorned and saddened they returned to New York almost disillusioned to wait for developments. They were soon contacted by Mr. Spence and accepted her offer. Their potential future neighbors were not aware of what

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COUPLE MAY SELL HOME—Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. White, shown in bottom photo, told a CAROLINIAN reporter this week that they would sell their home, top photo, rather than live in a neighborhood where they were constantly tormented by threats and unfriendly neighbors. The Whites planned to move into their recently acquired home in Southern Pines' exclusive Kenwood section this week, but after conferring with attorneys and friends dismissed this decision and decided to sell.

The lucky car last week was the one bearing the tag number "R-3872. 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 number will be taken from any car bearing a N. C. license.

The numbers this week are: X-92146; X-46862; "R-33149; X-2324; X-51858 and X-5715.



YEARBOOK EDITOR — Miss Phyllis Christine Gibson is the new editor of the North Carolina College yearbook. The Ex-Ex, Miss Gibson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Gibson of 1116 East Martin Street, Raleigh, is a senior at N. C. College. Before she was named editor of the yearbook, Miss Gibson worked on the staff of the college newspaper, the Campus Echo.

Court Upholds Will of Wake County Woman

The will of Mrs. Harriett Smith, a former race resident of the Panther Branch Township of Wake County, who died in December of 1953, was upheld as valid by a jury in Wake County Superior Court last Friday.

Mrs. Smith, according to the jury's findings, had sufficient mental capacity to execute a valid last will and was under no pressure when the will was written in 1944.

A tobacco farm known as the Blalock Place, consisting of approximately 82 acres and valued at \$5,000, was reportedly left to three sons, and sums of cash were left to the other children. The children receiving the cash allegedly brought the action contesting the will.

The investors were Mrs. Ellen McPherson Dancy and John McPherson, children of the deceased, and Roberta White, a granddaughter, while the defendants were Garbis Smith, executor, and his two brothers, Oscar and Arthur Smith.

Mrs. Smith's will provided household and kitchen furniture to the following children: Oscar Smith, Gattis Smith, Arthur Smith, John McPherson and Ellen Harrington, \$250 to Ellen Harrington, daughter, and \$150 to son, John McPherson.

Her personal property was listed as being worth \$5,297.70, plus insurance valued at \$500.

The jury decided.

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All Quiet As School Opens

For the first time in many years enrollment in all of Raleigh's five Negro schools has shown a substantial increase over the preceding year. For several years there was a noticeable decrease in the Negro school population, but this year's upward swing is indicative of more stability among the Negro populace as well as a sense of more security.

Perhaps the most conspicuous gain was at the Oberlin School. This school, that at one time, served a large and thriving Negro community, had during the past years, suffered such a drop in enrollment, that it was feared it would soon be discontinued. Now with an enrollment of over 200 from a low of 160, there is every indication that a new era is being ushered in for that fine old community.

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State News Brief

RALEIGH HOSTS WITNESSES — According to a statement made here this week by Herman Gill, Sr., presiding minister of the local Jehovah's Witnesses church group, a 3-state three-day circuit assembly of the sect will be held here this weekend. Sessions are slated to begin at 7 p.m. Friday and continue through Sunday at 6:30 p.m. The discussions will include problems and progress intermingled with skills and demonstrations. On Sunday the assembly is scheduled to hear a public discourse by the district servant, H. L. Brissett. The sessions will be held at the Raleigh Safety Club, located at 700 Branch St. Gill said that the entire public is invited to sit in on the meetings.

ASSISTANT D. A. HERE — James M. Yeargin, Assistant District Attorney of New York City, spent the first week of his annual one month vacation here with his family last week. Attorney Yeargin, a native of Raleigh, has made his home in New York City for approximately 25 years and is now rounding out 18 years as Assistant District Attorney of Manhattan County. A feature of his visit here was a family dinner held at the family home, 1111 Fayetteville Street, Wednesday. An informal smoker, held following the dinner brought together some of the city's most well-known personalities: Dr. Foster F. Payne, Charles G. Irving, Sr., B. Herndon Toole, Dr. Nelson L. Perry, W. C. Davenport, W. Henry Peace, Dr. Nelson H. Harris, James E. Lytle, W. H. Hurdle, Dr. J. T. Hamlin, Robert E. Jones, Logan Delany, Robert S. Turner, Harold White, Lawrence Lightner, Lee O. Reid, James

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ODDS-ENDS

BY ROBERT G. SHEPARD

Th decision on the part of the Rev. Mr. G. A. Fisher and his group not to present Negro students for admission to the schools nearest them was a good one and reflects much credit upon all concerned.

In view of the fact that the Supreme Court has ruled unambiguously that segregation in the public schools is unconstitutional, the only place where any type of demonstration is needed is in the courtroom.

Barred innocent Negro children to the schools now used exclusively by whites can result in both psychological and physical damage to students and sponsors. No good can be achieved, but a great deal of bad feeling can be engendered.

Patience, restraint and dignity should be the watchword of Negroes during these trying days when the dark forces of evil are determined to create incidents and compel Negroes to commit acts of aggression that will nullify all their gains.

Negroes do not need to use any type of threats. They do not need to make any empty demonstrations. All they need to do now is trust in Almighty God and keep their issue alive in the Federal Courts.

It would not seem in the interest of the best race relations for the Salvation Army to acquire

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OXFORD DRIVER DIES IN WRECK

OXFORD — When a pick-up truck ran off an embankment and turned upside down in a creek Saturday afternoon, Willie Winston, 46, was killed.

The accident occurred about 2 p.m. at Johnson's Creek bridge, about seven miles northwest of Stallow. Two other occupants—Enoch C. Smith and John Moss—were unhurt.

Reports show that the men, said to have been drinking, were headed toward Stallow in the truck owned by Smith's father. The road was muddy and wet from heavy rains. Winston was pinned under the truck and death was due to drowning.

Investigating officers say that Smith was driving about 30 minutes before the wreck and that there is some question as to whether Winston was driving at the time of the accident.

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Rights Council Presses To End Job Bias Practices

WASHINGTON—The American Council on Human Rights has written to President Eisenhower commending him for calling a meeting of leaders of industry to discuss fair employment on government contracts, but also urging the President to call the following month a meeting of governors on the same subject.

Reminding the President that he had talked earlier in 1953 about a governors' conference on fair employment, Aubrey E. Robinson, Jr., ACHR director, observed that such a meeting would be in line with the President's policy of voluntary fair employment and solution of employment problems within the states.

Mr. Robinson added, "Although the Council stands strongly for Federal fair employment legislation with enforcement provisions, we also urge the use of every possible means to eliminate racial discrimination in employment."

In three additional letters on civil rights matters the council:

1. Urged the Honorable Francis E. Walter, Chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives, to conduct immediately an investigation of the Ku Klux Klan—anti-Negro, anti-Catholic, and anti-Semitic and thus clearly subversive.
2. Urged Defense Secretary

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UNC SUIT TO BE HEARD SEPT. 10

GREENSBORO — (ANP) A three-judge court will decide next week whether the University of North Carolina will be permitted to keep its present policy of discrimination against Negroes on the undergraduate level.

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How You Can Help to Solve The Delinquency Problem

By REV. L. M. THOMPSON

It must be understood at the outset that juvenile delinquency is fundamentally a spiritual problem, inasmuch as it involves conduct of the human personality and will never be solved very effectively until solved spiritually.

and not by reformatories and purely humanitarian effort alone. Turning our attention, however, to another side of the juvenile delinquency problem, the social aspect, it may be unobtainably asserted that the juvenile problem is one that most individuals can read-

fect. The chief causes here, therefore of juvenile delinquency lie in the failure of one or more of these responsible social groups to provide for children the things that would make possible the normal satisfaction and exercise of all the unfolding instincts and growing faculties of the adolescent personality.

My observation has been that among juveniles lies chiefly in what they have inherited. Broken homes where children are deprived of the opportunity to live a normal family life, and communities that do not provide the kind of things conducive to the wholesome development of youth and Christians who make up the churchly congregations who are indifferent to the spir-

Mixing Not Goal, Says Physician

HIGH POINT—A local Negro physician told the school board here last week that eliminating the "differentials" between Negro and white schools can lead to settlement of the public school desegregation issue "without controversy."

He is Dr. Murray B. Davis who declared that after talking with a number of people of my race

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Teachers Adopt Budget, Plan Activities For Year

Principals and teachers of Raleigh's five Negro schools met at the J. W. Ligon Jr.-Sr. High School last Monday morning in a dual session. The first session, lasting from 9:30 until 10:15 was a meeting of the Raleigh Unit, North Carolina Teachers Association, presided over by Mrs. Nora Lockhart, unit president and principal, Crosby-Garfield School.

A special program arranged by the program committee, included piano selections by Mrs. Emily M. Kelly, singing "America the Beautiful" by the assembly, presented by the Rev. Mr. Howard Cunningham and welcome remarks from Dr. Eunice Newton, Helping Teacher in the Negro schools.

Dr. W. H. Watson, chairman, budget committee, presented his group's budget for the year. This budget, which proposed a \$5.00 per capita tax, was adopted. The budget carries an allotment of \$75.00 for the guest speaker at the dinner meeting to be held in February; \$75.00 to be used for flowers, telegrams, sympathy and condolence messages, gifts for retiring teachers, etc. The Social Committee was allowed \$225 to be used for service and refreshments for the remaining five meetings; \$5.00 for the Publicity Committee; \$15.00 for secretarial supplies; \$5.00 for group membership; NCA—\$10.00 for extension of delegate to Regional meeting

in Asheville in December and \$250.00 to help defray expenses of a delegate to NEA convention to be held in Oregon next June.

An interesting feature of the meeting was a tape recording of the highlights of the recent NEA convention in Chicago, made by J. W. Eaton, principal Washington J. Elementary School and this year's local delegate to the

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What's Happening

On The Desegregation Front

5 Dixie States Try Integration

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The September issue of the Southern School News reports that at least 352 school districts and counties in eight Southern and border states began the school year with Negro and white children attending mixed classes.

The News listed desegregation progress in:

- More than 60 school districts in south and west Texas.
- Eighty-eight districts in Oklahoma, including Oklahoma City with a heavy Negro population.

At least 10 counties and four of the larger cities in Kentucky.

Forty-four out of 55 counties in West Virginia.

One hundred and fourteen districts in Missouri out of 244 with Negro enrollment.

Opposition to desegregation was found to be stiffest in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Fire Signer Of Integration Note

GREENSBORO—A white man who signed a letter to the local board of Guilford School near

Guilford College suggesting integration in the school has been fired from his part-time job and another offered to resign because of protests received by his employer.

George McBride was fired from his two-hour-a-day job at the Guilford Broom Works and John Coltrane told E. G. Hardin, owner of the Hardin Oil Company, that he would quit after Hardin received several phone calls urging that Coltrane be fired.

McBride and Coltrane were among 34 signers of a letter to the Guilford school board which said in part: "we believe it both just and wise for our local school committee to admit Negro pupils from this school district if and when they make individual application."

They Want Names Off Petition . . .

HENDERSON — Fifteen residents of the Nutbush section of Vance County have asked the board of education to remove their names from a petition delivered to the board three weeks ago seeking desegregation in the public schools.

They are said to have taken the position that the county board

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