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Convict Recaptured In Two-State Hunt



BEFORE THE BOOS BEGAN—Gov. Luther Hodges shown as he spoke during dedicatory exercises held at A&T College in Greensboro, Friday, just before students boomed him for his voluntary school segregation plea and for his shunning pronouncement of the word "Negro." Behind him at left is Dr. F. D. Bluford, president of the college, who later apologized in a letter, and Ben L. Smith, superintendent of Greensboro schools. (Photo courtesy Greensboro Daily News.)

State's Baptists Blast Segregation

WINSTON-SALEM—A proposal to the board of directors of the National Baptist Convention that May 17, 1956, be set aside as a day of fasting and praying over the segregation issue will be made by Dr. J. A. Jackson, president of that body according to an address here last week.

Addressing the 88th annual session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina at Shiloh Baptist Church here, Dr. Jackson asserting that "no victory is won through bloodshed," added:

"We don't want to change our color. Let white be white and black be black. But let every man be free."

Dr. Jackson, who was among 11 clergymen who visited Russia recently, said in reference to the Supreme Court ruling: "If we have a Supreme Court and fail to hear it, whom will we hear?"

He urged his listeners not to "get bitter" about the desegregation issue.

The Chicago minister told the group that "any senator, congressman or government official who teaches its citizens to disrespect the constitution is the most dangerous person in America."

ODDS-ENDS

BY ROBERT G. SHEPARD

Several weeks ago, Gov. Hodges, at their request, addressed a group of Negro teachers at Shaw University. The governor's speech to the teachers was a plea for them to accept his "voluntary segregation" plan. The governor followed up his plea with the usual threat that unless his wishes were followed, the public schools would likely close. All during this speech Mr. Hodges seemed to find it very difficult to pronounce the word NEGRO correctly. There were one or two instances when his pronunciation of the word had the distinct sound of N—r. Meanwhile the teachers, whose guest he was, remained coldly silent until he had finished. The slight ripple of applause that followed his speech was a courteous recognition of respect for the office of governor which he represented.

The next day Mr. Hodges received his answer—a flat rejection of his request.

In Greensboro last week, Hodges was the invited guest of the faculty and student body of A&T College. What he said to his hosts may not have been palatable to all of them.

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What's Happening

On Desegregation Front

Tenn. U. Plans Integration

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—A plan for "gradual" integration of Negroes on the undergraduate level was adopted by the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee here Friday.

The plan calls for the admission of Negroes to the senior class beginning next fall, with the junior class to be affected the following year and so on until integration is completed by 1959.

Patriots Seek Members Here

The Patriots of North Carolina, recently incorporated to promote racial segregation, are seeking to set up county organizations throughout the state and seeking membership of \$1 each. It was reported in Raleigh this week.



Escaped Con Taken After Big Manhunt

GREENSBORO—James Edwards, 26, escaped convict, wanted in connection with a burglary and assault at a Monticello store two weeks ago, surrendered without a struggle at 2:30 p.m. Friday to sheriff's deputies and police in a Gilmer Street house where he was spending the night.

Officers had learned that Edwards, said by prison authorities to be dangerous, had returned to Greensboro Thursday from Portsmouth, Va., where he had escaped from a hospital while being treated for a bullet wound believed suffered in the Monticello break-in.

At first, Edwards, who was found crouching behind a stove, denied that he was the man sought, saying that his name was Cherry but Police Corporal Fred

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CHARLOTTE CHIEF WILL FIGHT KLAN

CHARLOTTE—Swift action against any new organization of the Ku Klux Klan in this city was promised this week by Chief of Police Frank Littlejohn.

While the Klan has been inactive here for the last five years, reports are current that at least one person in the city is attempting to sell membership into a new organization to be formed here.

Said Chief Littlejohn: "I don't know about any action we could take to forestall the organization

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Man Arrested Who "Flammed" Lawyer

LUMBERTON—Charged with flim-flamming one lawyer out of \$100 and with attempting to do the same thing to two other attorneys, James Wilson, 23, of Lenoir, S. C., was jailed here on Monday.

According to the story told police, Wilson called John Campbell, an attorney, from Wilmington on Friday but because Campbell was out, J. C. Ward, Jr., an attorney in an adjoining office, answered the telephone. Wilson reportedly told him that he needed a lawyer and asked Ward's

help after informing him that between \$40,000 and \$50,000 was involved.

When Ward, accompanied by his wife, got to Wilmington, he said Wilson told him that the huge sum of money was in his room in back of the store of a man named Hinson but that he could not get into the room until he paid Hinson \$100 that he owed him.

Once he got the \$100, Wilson is reported to have

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ELECTED EDITOR—The Rev. E. B. Turner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lumberton, was elected editor of the BAPTIST INFORMER, (The Official Organ of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.) at the eighty-ninth session held last week at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem.

Jim Crow Hospital Is Nixed By Raleigh Citizens Group

BY STAFF WRITER

Raleigh Negro citizens, who will be called upon to help foot the bill for the proposed new county general hospital, are planning to use every means at their disposal to prevent any racial discrimination in this proposed new facility.

The understanding here is that Wake County will seek federal aid to assist it in building a new hospital.

In addition, a multi-million dollar bond issue is slated to be presented to the voters next month. With this bond money, plus federal aid, the hospital authority of Wake County plans to put up a hospital that will adequately serve the needs of the county for quite a long time.

Negroes are not protesting the building of this hospital. In fact, there is presently much more need for a hospital to care for the Negro sick than for the white as Negroes in Wake County are prac-

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Court Rules Recreation Open For All

WASHINGTON—By a unanimous vote, the U. S. Supreme Court on Monday called for an end to racial segregation in public parks, playgrounds and golf courses.

It unanimously upheld one lower court decision which said that the doctrine of "separate-but-equal" facilities for Negroes and whites was dead and then unanimously upset other lower court rulings which had held that the doctrine had not been swept completely away by the Supreme Court's opinion last year that segregation in the nation's public schools is unconstitutional.

The nation's highest tribunal gave its full backing to the U. S. District Court at Richmond, by upholding its decision which applied to public beaches and bath houses operated by the City of Baltimore and by the state of Maryland. The city and state in

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SHAW SPEAKER—Dr. Dennis Branch, Newport, Tenn., physician, who will deliver the address when Shaw University observes its 99th Founder's Day in the University Church, Friday, November 18, at 11 a.m. A native of Raleigh, who received the A. B. degree from Shaw in 1909, Dr. Branch was named a director of the Newport Chamber of Commerce in 1931, a post believed to be the first ever held by a Negro in the South.

State News Brief

PEDESTRIAN KILLED HERE

Eason Hutchinson, 48, of 1204 Bender Street, became Raleigh's third traffic fatality of 1955 Friday night when he was struck by a car at the intersection of Lenoir and Alston Streets at midnight.

The driver of the death car has been identified as James Alexander Brandon, 23, of 820 Coleman Street. Brandon has since been freed of any blame in the accident. Observers charged that Hutchinson stepped from the curb in front of Brandon's car, which is said to have been traveling at a speed of 30 miles per hour.

Brandon said that he saw Hutchinson about three feet from the car and that his vehicle hit him as brakes were applied. It was reported that Hutchinson "staggered" in front of the automobile.

Their feelings in this respect were fully brought out during a meeting of the Raleigh Citizens Association Tuesday night at the Bloodworth Street YMCA. Negroes are aware that man for man,

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Apologies Follow 'L'Affair Hodges

GREENSBORO—Following his statement that Negro institutions of higher learning will be needed and will continue to be used by Negroes, Gov. Luther Hodges was booed near the end of his address at A&T College here Friday morning.

The governor was the principal speaker at exercises commemorating the 64th Founder's Day of the college and its dedication of eight new buildings.

As murmurs, coughing and shuffling of feet and a few boos grew louder, the chief executive turned to Dr. F. D. Bluford, president of the college and asked, "Shall I quit now?"

Told to continue, Gov. Hodges then said: "Some of your leadership could very easily destroy the great progress made by the Negro race in this state."

"First Time in Career" He said that it was the first time in his career that he had ever had such an experience.

Dr. Bluford, who described the demonstration as "reprehensible," wrote a letter of apology to the Governor on Saturday and on Sunday members of the faculty and of the Student Council wrote similar letters of apology.

Students who asked that their names not be used, had stated that there was objection not only to the governor's point of view

on public school segregation but to his pronunciation of the word "Negro" which was shunned to sound like "Nista" or something over words.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Many Negroes throughout the state made similar protests to the press and television stations after the governor's August 8 address in which he advocated voluntary segregation.

While Dr. Bluford declined to reveal the contents of his letter to the governor, the faculty and student council, however, released copies of their written apologies.

What Council Said The letter from the students said:

"We, the members of the Student Council of The Agricultural and Technical College, deeply regret the incident that occurred to interrupt your speech during our Founder's Day activities. An occurrence of this type is not a keeper with the traditions and cultural life of this college family."

Members of the Student Council, signed, Herman Sutton of Goldsboro, president; Robert Lane of Henderson, vice president; Robert D. Shaw of Lumberton, secretary; John Griffin of Fayetteville, treasurer; Barbara Burt of Jamaica, N. Y., and E. H. Preston of Winston-Salem.

The faculty-staff letter, signed

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Tale Of Two Cities

Bluford To Hodges Hodges To Bluford

"Dear Gov. Hodges: I want to express my deep appreciation for the excellent address which you delivered at our Founder's Day-dedication yesterday. I have heard many favorable comments from people of both races who heard you, and I want you to know that they were highly pleased with it, and they would want me to congratulate you for them."

"Mr. Hines, chairman of our board of trustees, and most of the other members, wish to join me in expressing our apology to you for the most unfortunate incident it will hurt us for the people to know that our audiences here are so impolite that they do not care to hear a sound and thoughtful address, delivered in good faith."

"I might say also that Messrs. Hines and Frazier thought that the disturbance started at our balcony where a large part of the audience was from the city. By saying this, however, I do not mean to absolve all of our students of any connection with this unfortunate situation. I might say also that there are many of them who feel that your address was excellent and extremely timely and who would want me to express their pardon

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Till Case Trial Underway Again

GREENWOOD, Miss.—Two star witnesses in the Emmett Louis Till kidnaping case testified Tuesday before the grand jury which will decide whether the case will stand trial.

If an indictment is returned, the two men, Mose Wright, 64-year-old former sharecropper and Willie Reed, 18, are expected to be the key witnesses for the state.

Ray Bryant, 24, and his half brother, J. W. Milam, 36, will learn this week whether they will stand trial for kidnaping the 14-year-old Chicago youth, whose mutilated body was pulled from the Tallahatchie River, near Money, Miss., eight weeks ago. A trial is expected to start here in the summer, near here, found the two innocent of the slaying of the youth six weeks ago.

Wright spent 24 minutes in the grand jury room while Reed was

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State Won't Defy Court, School Principals Told

DURHAM—The State of North Carolina is not going to defy the U. S. Supreme Court's decisions regarding segregation in the public schools, Thomas J. Pearsall, of Rocky Mount, chairman of the State Advisory Committee on Education, declared here last week.

Pearsall told some 300 principals in convention here that there are two reasons why this is true: (1) North Carolina is made up of law-abiding citizens and (2) there is no way to avoid it—the court has too much power.

Pearsall said that the voluntary segregation plan of Gov. Hodges hasn't met with wholehearted support in every quarter but added: "Our faith in it has not been shaken and we intend to continue to try to sell it."

Throughout his talk, he emphasized that the aim of the

committee and the state officials is to work out a solution to the problem "within the framework of the public schools of North Carolina."

"You can be proud of the opening of the North Carolina schools this year," Pearsall told the principals. He said there were "no serious incidents, no mixing of the races and only one law suit."

However, he cautioned the school leaders to expect problems, beginning next spring. After saying that he hopes and prays that the present situation will continue, he added: "But I cannot hold out any hope for that. I think our problems will begin to arise in the spring." He then suggested that the entire segregation matter is one which "we will have to live with 12 months at a time."



WOUNDED CONVICT CAPTURED—James Edwards, 26-year-old escaped convict, is questioned at Guilford County Jail in Greensboro about a burglary and assault at Monticello, escaped from a Virginia hospital and escape from a Spruce Pine prison camp. Edwards was taken in a pre-dawn raid, hiding behind a stove in a house in the 200-block of Gilmer Street. He is being held without bond. (Photo courtesy Greensboro Record.)