

I. C. C. ORDERS END TO JIM CROW TRAVEL



ON HIS WAY OUT — Signs such as this one, found throughout the South on railway and bus station doors, must be abolished as of January 19, 1956, according to a ruling last Saturday by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The order applies to all facilities provided by the carriers for interstate travelers. The above photo was taken at the Seaboard Railway station here. — STAFF PHOTO BY CHAS. R. JONES.

State News — IN — Brief

STUDENT COUNCIL CONVENTION

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Association of Student Councils convened at the West Charlotte High School, December 1st and 2nd. Attending this convention will be five council members from the Ligon Jr.-Sr. High School. They are Edward Gorman, Phyllis Mann, Judith Winters, Donnie Perry, and Roy Dunn. Accompanying the group will be their advisor, Mrs. Thelma Thomas Daley Carson, president of the Ligon student council, will serve as a discussion group leader. His assigned

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Dixie Catholics Face Race Issue Showdown

ERATH, La. — Whether there will be further violence over a racially integrated church school here will likely be known on Dec. 5 when catechism classes, closed two weeks ago, are reopened. Father A. J. Labbe, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, said that the reopening of classes

Order End To Jim Crow In Bus And Train Travel

WASHINGTON — Following close upon the heels of the U. S. Supreme Court decisions outlawing segregation in public schools and public recreation, the Interstate Commerce Commission decision last Saturday that, effective on January 10, racial segregation in train and bus travel between states is unlawful.

The ICC in two history-making decisions ordered an end to separation of Negroes and whites on interstate trains and buses and in public waiting rooms serving the transportation lines. For 68 years, the ICC has been grappling with the problem but not until Nov. 7 did it settle the segregation issue but waited until Saturday before making the decision public.

While it has previously sanctioned the "separate-but-equal" principle, the ICC on Saturday said:

"The disadvantage to a traveler who is assigned accommodations or facilities so designated as to imply his inferiority is not only because of race must be regarded as unreasonable under present conditions as unreasonable. Also, he is entitled to be free of annoyances, some petty and some substantial, which

RALEIGH CITIZENS GIVE OBJECTIVES FOR NEW HOSPITAL

BY STAFF WRITER

RALEIGH — The Raleigh Citizens Association, Monday sent to the Wake County Hospital Authority, through its chairman, Paul Lyman, a list of five objectives which it believes will enable the proposed new hospital to serve its area constituency more effectively.

The citizens group has stated that since the proposed hospital will be built with money derived from additional taxes being levied upon the citizens of Wake County, Negro and white in like proportion, race support of the bond election, set for December 13, should depend on the willingness of the hospital authority to grant what the association has termed, "minimum requirements."

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VIOLENT DEATHS

Race Issue Stirs White House Meet

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Segregation raised its hoary head at the White House conference on Education here Wednesday when the matter of aiding states that refused to abide by the order of the United States Supreme Court, outlawing same was brought up. An NAACP official began an attack on certain southern states Tuesday and continued to blast those who would defy the high court.

The question of whether federal travel money had been paid to delegates from southern states who "do not support the Constitution" threw the White House Conference on Education into an uproar here Tuesday as some 2,000 delegates gathered for the first morning general session.

Clarence M. Mitchell, director of the NAACP Washington bureau, who had just returned from South Carolina, raised the issue when he inquired whether delegates from South Carolina had signed a statement that they upheld the Constitution when they filled out expense vouchers.

A buzz of talk quickly arose among the delegates and Conference Chairman Neil McElroy told Mr. Mitchell that his inquiry would be pursued by the conference committee as reported on later. He then quickly closed down the general meeting.

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DEBUTANTE QUEEN — Miss Yvonne Autry, a student at the J. W. Ligon Junior-Senior High School here, the 1955 Deboutante queen, is pictured above. The 11th annual affair was sponsored by the Alpha Theta Omega Sorority and was held at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium last Friday night.

Auto Crashes, Fires, Guns Take Grim Tolls

Automobile crashes, fires and shot gun blasts took the lives of 15 persons and left eight others injured in a series of tragic incidents over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Four persons, two of them white, were killed in a head-on collision or two cars near Wilson, early Sunday. Leon C. Jenkins, 22, of Summerville, N. J., and David C. Robinson, 28, of Route 2, Leland, were killed instantly.

Richard P. Cardwell, 20, of The Citadel, Charleston, S. C., and Ivaus Z. Prikals, 19, of Seabrook, N. J., both white, were dead on arrival at Woodard Herring Hospital in Wilson.

The accident occurred four miles south of Wilson on U. S. 117. Police who investigated, reported

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Whites Shot Him Down, NAACP Leader Charges

BELZONI, Miss. — Gus Courts, 65, former county head of the NAACP here, was recovering this week from gunshot wounds which he said were caused when he was fired upon by one of several white men who pulled up in a car outside his store Friday night.

Courts told physicians at the Mound Bayou Hospital where he was taken, that the men fled and that he did not recognize them.

Humphreys County Sheriff Ike Shelton said that friends of Courts "whisked him to Mound Bayou before I could question him."

At Mound Bayou, 50 miles north of here, Dr. J. R. Henry, chief surgeon at the hospital, said that Courts was in a critical condition following an operation but should be able to leave the hospital in about a week.

The physician said Courts told him he and his wife were standing by the cash register when an automobile containing white men

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Author Peter Abrahams In Harrison Library Address

RALEIGH — A capacity crowd that braved the cold Tuesday night, November 29th to attend the closing session of the Richard B. Harrison Library's 20th anniversary celebration, was richly rewarded by one of the most stimulating and informative talks ever given here.

The speaker was Peter Abrahams, a native of South Africa, and presently a resident of London, England. Mr. Abrahams, a noted author, world

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FIRE STRIKES BILLIARD PARLOR APARTMENT HOUSE — A fire, believed to have been caused by an exploding oil stove, completely gutted the inside of Taylor's Billiard Parlor and an apartment house, both located on E. Hargett St., last Wednesday morning. According to occupants of the upstairs dwelling, nothing was salvaged except the clothes that they wore. James Taylor, Jr., owner of the building, had not decided at press time whether he would repair the insured structure. PHOTO BY JONES.

Gate City Man Found Dead After 36 Hours

GREENSBORO — Why should a young married man, reportedly in excellent health, die suddenly in the prime of life?

That is the question being raised here after Leon George Underwood, 34, of 1405-B Gorrell Street, was found sprawled across a bed in his home about 9:30 a.m. Sunday. He had been dead, it is estimated, about 36 hours.

Underwood's body was discovered by Wednesday by Gov. Thomas B. Stanley as the first step in a lengthy process aimed at preventing enforced racial integration in the public schools.

The governor's commission on public education recently recommended immediate action recommending the state constitution to allow the use of public money for the private schooling of Virginia school children. A recent test case resulted in a ruling by the Virginia Supreme Court that such use of public funds is presently barred by Section 141 of the constitution.

Dr. H. C. Lennon, pathologist, who was appointed by the clerk of Guilford Superior Court as acting coroner, said that from an external examination, he could discover no injury that would indicate cause of death.

It was known that Underwood came in late Thursday night. On Friday morning, he telephoned a friend, James Blair and said that he was not feeling well. As far as could be learned, Blair is the last person to whom he talked before he died.

Mrs. Underwood who returned to the city on Monday, gave permission for an autopsy which should determine whether the man died of natural causes or not.

ODDS-ENDS

BY ROBERT G. SHEPARD

According to press reports, the dean of the school of education at the University of South Carolina has been "kicked out" because he openly favored racial integration in the public schools of that state.

It would be most interesting to be responsible for the dean's dismissal if the dean's colleagues hold the same views he openly expressed. It is altogether likely that were it possible to get honest opinions, without fear of reprisals, from all of the faculty there, those who are responsible or the dean's dismissal would receive quite a shock. So far, he has been the only white public educator in South Carolina brave enough to meet and accept the challenge of democracy in the open. Now that the dismissed dean has boarded the lion in his den, the University

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What's Happening On Desegregation Front

Va. Wants Public \$\$'s For Private Schools

RICHMOND, Va. — A special session of the legislature was called for Wednesday by Gov. Thomas B. Stanley as the first step in a lengthy process aimed at preventing enforced racial integration in the public schools.

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Lease Golf Course Lexington Advised

LEXINGTON — A recommendation that the city of Lexington lease the local municipal golf club and golf course to a private individual or corporation has been adopted by the local golf commission and forwarded to Mayor Ed Cuthell and the board of city commissioners.


The recommendation which follows closely upon the U. S. Supreme Court ruling ordering the opening of all publicly-supported recreation facilities to all persons, regardless of race, creed or color, points out that the course and clubhouse have been losing

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ELECTED TO WHO'S WHO — The above students will receive certificates of recognition and will be mentioned in the annual publication of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Seated

from left to right are Amelia Alexander, a senior of Hickory; Jonquil V. Lawrence, a senior of Rocky Mount; Helen E. Payne, a junior of Raleigh; and Margaret E. Rascoe of Windsor. Standing left to right are Paul L. Warren, a junior of Goldsboro; Lorella Linear, a senior of Raleigh; Ollie L. West, a senior of Wilham; Angie L. Jones, a senior of Greenville; and Ralph E. Carson, a junior of Marion.


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