

WELCOME TO OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE SIGN SAID "WELCOME"
— The above sign is the one that hangs in front of the Oak Grove Baptist Church, which has an all-white membership, located

on the Old Wake Forest-Louisville Highway, in Franklin County. The membership was thrown into almost pandemonium Sunday, when Miss Bertha Perry, Wake Forest woman, visited the morning service to tell the pastor, Rev. Dwight Watts, or one of the deacons, that a like sign, that hangs near her home, had been knocked down.

SEEK HODGES 'GHOSTS'

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Ministers Favor Hospital

RALEIGH — The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, in its regular weekly meeting at the Bloodworth Street YMCA, decided that the bond issue for a general hospital should carry and that their several congregations would do well to vote for it.

The decision could very well be the balance of power that is needed to get the issue through, according to many local people. The Negro vote has given both the proponents and opponents much concern. There were those who felt that integration would be the key to the entire matter. The question was discussed by the ministers and it was decided that the health of the county was at stake. There were members of the body who felt that Negroes should get an iron-clad ruling at the Hospital Authority that

there would be no discrimination at the health center. There were others who felt that this was no time to quibble over principles, but the matter of making the money available was the necessary objective.

The Negro vote will be watched very carefully due to the urgent need for proper hospital facilities in and around Raleigh. There was much discussion as to what would become of the staff of St. Agnes Hospital and where the Negro doctor would figure in the proposed hospital. It was decided that this was a matter of policy and that at the right time it would be thrashed out.

Boiling Springs 'Boils'

BOILING SPRINGS—A threat to withhold all financial support of Garner-Webb College if it admits a Negro student was made here Sunday by more than 200 members of Trinity Baptist Church.

Last month, the convention, meeting in Asheville, left the matter of admitting Negroes up to the trustee boards of individual Baptist institutions. The executive committee of the Gardner-Webb trustee board will name a special committee on Dec. 12 to study the request and report to the full board in February.



MISS ANNIE L. WYNN

Race Girl Places 1st In Contest

RALEIGH — Miss Annie Lee Wynn, 15, of 709 S. State Street, decided several weeks ago that she would enter her first contest. She was informed last week that she would receive a \$25 check and a chance at national honors for having composed the best dissertation.

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Former Shaw University Teacher:

'No Room' In Church For Race Woman

BY ALEXANDER BARNES
WAKE FOREST — Desegregation proved too much for Rev. Dwight Watts and the members of the Oak Grove Baptist Church Sunday when Miss Bertha Perry, former home economics teacher at Shaw University, decided that she would attend the little white rural church, which has attracted many, who would like to have their spiritual strength renewed, with a huge sign which read, "Welcome To Oak Grove Baptist Church," and the 71-year-old woman was pushed, shoved and finally ordered off the grounds by the pastor.



MISS BERTHA PERRY

State News —IN— Brief

A&T PREXY ILL
GREENSBORO — Dr. F. D. Bluford, about 65, president of the Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina at Greensboro, was admitted to L. Richardson Hospital here Sunday. His condition Wednesday morning was reported by attaches at the hospital as "fair." It has been reported that Dr. Bluford suffered a heart attack. He is known to have been the victim of a heart attack two years ago.

2 Bondsmen Convicted Of Perjury

GREENSBORO — Convicted on Saturday by a Guilford Superior Court jury on charges of inducing a witness to lie under oath, Samuel S. Thomas and Clayton Strickland, professional bondsmen, were scheduled to be sentenced on Thursday by Judge L. Richardson Preyer.

GATE CITY DEATH BLAMED ON DRINK

GREENSBORO — Following an autopsy performed by Dr. W. W. Harvey, Guilford County coroner, it was ruled that the death here last week of Leon Underwood, 34-year-old railway employee, was due to acute alcoholic poisoning probably aggravated by an overdose of a medicine used to ward off sleepiness.



DR. C. B. MIDDLETON

Ask Hodges For Names Of 'Ghosts'

A request that Gov. Hodges name the "prominent colored leaders" who are backing his "voluntary segregation" plan for the state's public schools was made of him this week by four officials of local and state organizations.

HIT WITH BRICK, HE FIRES FATAL BLAST

WILKESBORO — Howard Eugene Billips, 32, of Route 2, Ronda, is dead and Gaston Curry of Route 2, Wilkesboro, is in jail here while police continue their investigation.

FIND GRAVE DIGGER DEAD

BOONE — The body of Harvey Whittington, 64-year-old grave digger, was found lying face down beside an open grave in which he had been working about 5:30 p.m., Friday.

Leaps From Electric Chair, Cheats Death 20 Minutes

COLUMBIA, S. C. — It took six or seven men 20 minutes to get Clay Daniels, 26, back into the electric chair here Friday after he leaped from the chair while guards were strapping him in.

Woman MD New Editor

RALEIGH, N. C. — Succeeding Dr. W. T. Armstrong of Rocky Mount as editor-in-chief of the Journal of the Old North State Medical Society is Dr. Catherine B. Middleton of Raleigh, who was elected recently.

GUNFIRE HALTS CLAREMONT RITES

NEWTON — Catawba County officers are holding warrants for two men after gun fire momentarily disrupted a funeral service at Claremont Thursday afternoon.

Teacher's Wife Among 3 Dead In Car Crashes

RALEIGH — A school teacher's wife and a serviceman and his infant daughter were among persons killed in weekend auto accidents.

THREE CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH

BUURGAW — Three small children at home alone, were burned to death when fire swept through their home here last week.

Tillery School Burned To Ground

SCOTLAND NECK — The six-room Tillery Chapel School, a frame building near Tillery, was burned to the ground in an early morning blaze last week.

Playing Cowboy, Boys Hang Self

WASHINGTON, N. C. — Funeral services were held here Tuesday at Yatesville Free Will Baptist Church for Leonard William Morris, 9-year-old third-grader, who was accidentally hanged while playing cowboy at his home 10 miles from here on Sunday.

BOY, 2, KILLED BY COUSIN, 5

WAKE FOREST — While his mother prepared his bath, David Lucas, 5, lifted a shotgun and blasted his cousin, Willie Lucas, 2, to death as they played in a bedroom of the Lucas home on Route 2.

COMMAND PERFORMANCE
RALEIGH — Carl W. Smith, director of dramatics at Saint Augustine's College, told the CAROLINIAN Tuesday that his first production of the year, "Withering Heights," staged December 1, drew such hearty acclaim that he is preparing to present the powerful, dramatic love story again.

What's Happening On Desegregation Front

NAACP Eyes South's Registration Laws

NEW YORK — Attorneys for the NAACP were reported this week to be studying North and South Carolina laws to determine whether the organization must register as a "foreign" corporation or a group influencing public opinion.

Integration Asked In Halifax County

HALIFAX — Integration of the county's public schools by next September was requested of the County Board of Education here Monday by the Halifax County NAACP chapter.

Integration Plan To Law School Body

PHILADELPHIA — When the Association of American Law Schools holds its convention in Chicago later this month it will receive a proposal which would exclude from membership law schools which do not have a desegregation plan.

ODDS-ENDS

BY ROBERT G. SHEPARD
In his radio and television address last week, the governor is quoted as saying that there are several prominent Negro "leaders" in North Carolina who are supporting his "voluntary segregation plan." He added that he was not at liberty to reveal their names, however.

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MAN, 76, BLOWS OFF HIS HEAD

WAKE FOREST — A verdict of suicide was rendered here Monday in the death of Halls Charles Norton, 76, who blew off the top of his head with a shotgun as he sat in his bedroom about 10:45 a. m.

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