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PUPILS MISS DEATH AS TRUCK HITS BUS

Henderson Group In Narrow Escape

State News Brief

SHOPLIFTERS NABBED
CLINTON — Three race women were apprehended at the Hurwitz Store here with a bag full of unwrapped articles that they had allegedly lifted from counters of various Clinton firms. Two sisters, Geraldine and Peggy Jean Williams, both 18, and Lorene Barden, their 19-year-old cousin, were given a hearing before Mayor W. P. Winfrey, Jr., and placed under bond of \$100 each. The stolen goods were valued at about \$50.

BRIBERY TRY FAILS
FAYETTEVILLE — Alphonso McGhee of Montgomery, Alabama, was sentenced to 12 months on the roads Friday for attempting to

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Miss Gibson, Partner Win India Net Title
NEW DELHI — Misses Althea Gibson of New York and Katol Fager of Miami won the women's doubles title in the all-India tennis championship, here Saturday when they defeated Britain's Pat Ward and Angela Buxton, 6-1, 6-4.

HENDERSON — Forty pupils from Henderson Institute narrowly escaped death here Tuesday when the school bus in which they were riding was sideswiped by a transport truck which then plunged over an embankment.

Both vehicles remained upright. The pupils were on their way to a radio station to record a program of Christmas music. The bus, driven by a pupil, Willie Hargrove, was making a left turn off the highway into a drive when the truck grazed its side, ripping it, but miraculously not injuring a single student.

As the truck careened over the embankment, it brushed a group of prisoners and guards who were clearing underbrush on the slope. Had it overturned, the men would have been crushed. Driver of the truck was Willie Young of Kannapolis, whose quick thinking is credited with saving the lives of all concerned.

School Suit May Be Tried By 3 Judges
GREENSBORO — Constitution of a three-judge federal court to try Montgomery County's school segregation suit was indicated here Saturday in a ruling by Judge Johnson J. Hayes in Middle District Court.

His ruling allows a group of (CONTINUED ON PAGE 10)



MADONNA AND CHILD — Miss Muriel Darrell, sophomore, from Flatts, Bermuda, as she appeared in one of the eight tableau scenes presented during the traditional "Living Madonnas" Christmas pageant at Bennett College in Greensboro, last week.

Greensboro Will Sell City's Golf Courses

GREENSBORO — Sale of the city-owned, but privately leased Gillespie Park golf course, where six Negro golfers were arrested recently on "trespassing" charges, was ordered Monday by the City Council.

Closing of Nocho golf course, a nine-hole layout constructed expressly for Negroes a few years ago, is also expected.

Sale of the golf courses was proposed last week by Russell Noah, recreation commission member, as a solution to the problem of joint (CONTINUED ON PAGE 10)

3 NC Women Die In Fires

Three women burned to death in separate fires in the state within the past week, and a man and two youths were injured in another.

At Goldsboro, Mrs. Mary Byas, 29, died in Wayne Memorial Hospital from burns received when her clothes caught fire as she stood with her back to a tin heater.

The woman, mother of four children, ran from the house into the yard screaming, causing the flames to spread rapidly.

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Fire Razes Church And Rec. Center

WILMINGTON — An investigation into two mysterious pre-dawn fires which destroyed the Ingram Recreation Center and the Shiloh Baptist Church here Saturday was being continued this week by local fire department officials.

The roller skating rink at the center was partially burned Friday afternoon after a can of gasoline was "carelessly" overturned near an electric heater. Shortly afterward, firemen were called to a fire at the church and extinguished it.

Saturday, they were called again to the rink and found the entire building enveloped in flames. Answering a second call to the church, they found the building totally destroyed.

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ILLUSTRIOUS SHAW GRAD RETURNS HOME — UNCF director W. J. Trent, Jr., bids Bon Voyage to distinguished member college alumna, Miss Angie Brooks, who returned to Liberia recently after serving as Representative Delegate to the United Nations 9th and 10th sessions. Miss Brooks, who is Assistant Attorney General of Liberia, graduated from Shaw University, one of the Fund's 31 member colleges. In 1949, addressing UNCF staff members and others attending the send-off ceremony at Fund headquarters here, at 22 East 5th Street, Miss Brooks stressed the importance of Fund support, saying (CONTINUED ON PAGE 10)

"Porgy And Bess" Actors Get Behind Iron Curtain

BERLIN — When the American "Porgy and Bess" troupe appears at Leningrad, Russia, on December 26, it will mark the first time since the Bolshevik revolution that an American theatrical group has played on a Soviet stage.

The troupe left here by train on Monday. According to Robert Breen of New York City, director of the show, the demand for tickets is so great in Leningrad that the show has been booked for a 2300-seat theatre instead of the 1500-seat one originally scheduled.

After 11 days in Leningrad, the show goes to Moscow for a January 10 opening. Next stop is Warsaw, and then, possibly, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Romania.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE Desegregation Front

Hodges Says He Favors Patriots
RALEIGH — The Patriots of North Carolina could "be quite forceful and good" if the organization is "moderately handled," Gov. Luther Hodges said here on Thursday.

The governor told his news conference that there is no evidence that the organization is not being properly directed.

NAACP Ready For Test Of N. C. Law
RALEIGH — Because he does not believe that the NAACP is subject to North Carolina laws, Thurgood Marshall, chief legal counsel, says that he would be willing to come to North Carolina for a conference with Attorney General William B. Rodman. One of the laws requires the registration of organizations engaged in influencing public opinion. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 10)



"UMM... LET ME SEE, SANTA — Little Miss Carolyn Washington seems to be trying to remember if she has told "the jolly old gent" everything that she wants him to leave at her home Christmas Eve. Carolyn, who is two-years-old, hopes Santa Claus will bring her a doll, tea set, record player, table and chairs, etc. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Washington, K-22, Washington Terrace. STAFF PHOTO BY CHAS. R. JONES.

Moore Co. Minister Heads Mixed Body

SOUTHERN PINES — First Negro to be elected president of the Moore County Ministers' Association is the Rev. John L. Funderburk.

A merger of Negro and white ministerial groups was effected earlier this year, at which time, the Rev. Mr. Funderburk became vice-president as president, he succeeds the Rev. Hogan Yancy, Presbyterian minister of West Pied.

The Rev. Mr. Funderburk is presiding elder of the AMEZ Church and has lived here 13 years. A leader in numerous civic projects, he is currently serving as vice-president of the Moore County Tuberculosis Association.

The Rev. T. L. Parsons, pastor of Trinity AMEZ Church here, was elected treasurer of the organization.

Mail Clerk Faces Embezzlement Rap

GREENSBORO — A 24-year-old mail clerk for the Bank of Greensboro was arrested on Monday on a charge of embezzling "in excess of" \$300 from funds in letters addressed to the bank.

Thomas Lee Maynard, whose birthday was Tuesday, is being held in Guilford County jail in default of \$5,000 bond. He has been an employee of the bank for about six months.

MARQUETTE CAGER IN "SUGAR" GAMES

NEW ORLEANS — First Negro athlete to participate in the Sugar Bowl sports carnival will be Al Avant, sophomore guard on the Marquette University basketball team. It was revealed here this week.

Alabama and Utah will participate, along with Marquette in the two-night tournament, starting December 29. Said Alabama coach Johnny Dee: "We don't anticipate any reaction like that in Georgia."

Dee was referring to efforts of Georgia's governor, Martin L. Giffin, to prevent Georgia Tech from playing the University of Pittsburgh in the football game which follows the cage tourney because of Pittsburgh's Negro footballback, Bobby Grier.

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DR. BLUFORD

A & T College Mourns Death Of President

GREENSBORO — Dr. F. D. Bluford, 73, president of the Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina at Greensboro since 1925, died at 3 a. m. Wednesday morning at a local hospital following an illness of two weeks.

Funeral services have been tentatively set for Friday.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. James Faulkner, Philadelphia, Pa.; and two brothers, Dr. J. W. Bluford, a physician of Philadelphia, and Charles Bluford, Capotomas, Virginia.

Dr. Bluford was born in Canahosie, Virginia in 1882. He attended the public schools there and received the A.B. degree at Virginia Union University, Richmond, the Ph.D. degree at Howard University and was awarded the honorary Ph.D. degree by Virginia Union in 1927. In 1936 Howard University selected him as the recipient of its annual Distinguished Service Award. He came to A&T College in 1918 (CONTINUED ON PAGE 10)



CHRISTMAS DRAMA AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — The annual "White Christmas" drama was presented by members of the First Baptist Church here Sunday night. Mrs. Mildred Chavis, center, portrayed the Virgin Mary, assisted by her husband, Frank Chavis, who played the part of Joseph. The combined choirs of the church furnished music for the occasion. STAFF PHOTO BY CHAS. R. JONES.

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