

College Heads Spurn A. & T. Presidency

7 Jailed In Dope Raid

REIDSVILLE — Seven persons have been arrested and a half-million dollar cache of marijuana has been captured in the biggest dope crackdown in North Carolina history.

The raid was made on the tenant farm home of Floyd, 72, and Ossie Williamson, 63, last Thursday by local police officers, sheriff's department officials and the SBI.

Officers also found a plot in Williamson's yard set aside for growing the dope. Mes. Williamson said that she first brought marijuana seed in 1934 and had grown the weed in her yard since that time.



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Cop's Blazing Gun Kills 'Contact' Man

State News Brief

VANCE BOY FATALLY SHOT
HENDERSON — Robert Williams, 14, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Norman Williams, was fatally shot near his home on the Henderson-Epson Road Tuesday afternoon.

Owner F. B. Hight said a shotgun, held by John E. Perry, 16, in some manner discharged, with the load entering the boy's right side below the arm. He died in an ambulance enroute to Maria Parham Hospital. Hight reported that the two boys and James A. Perry, twin brother of John, had been hunting and were going out again at the time of the accident. It occurred near the home as the

CHARLOTTE—Local police this week were continuing a probe into an alleged prostitution ring, following a gun battle between an officer and a Negro in which the Negro was shot to death.

Police Lieut. Neal Forney emptied his gun into Lawson Gaston, 28, of the 909 block Burton Street, last Friday night after Gaston had reportedly made contact with the officer for a prostitution ring.

At the time of the initial contact, the Negro did not know Lieut. Forney was a policeman. Another Negro man who accompanied Gaston to the isolated meeting place between South Mint and South Graham Streets told Gaston that Forney was a policeman.

The second man got away while Lieut. Forney was firing into Gaston.

Gaston's identity was established through the FBI records. Funeral services were set for Tuesday.

Lieut. Forney said he had been investigating the existence of an alleged Negro prostitution ring operating from an un-spotted headquarters in the general area

A & T President: Thousands Pass Bier Of Dr. Bluford

GREENSBORO — Funeral services for Dr. Ferdinand D. Bluford, president of A&T College, who died at a local hospital Dec. 21 were conducted at the Richard B. Harrison Auditorium on the college campus Friday afternoon.

The brief and simple rites, beginning at 1:00 o'clock, were conducted under the supervision of Rev. Cleo M. McCoy, director of religious activities at the college.

The eulogy was given by the Reverend J. W. Tynes, pastor of the local Providence Baptist Church in which Dr. Bluford held membership for a long number of years.

Charles A. Hines, chairman of the college trustee board and a close confidant of the deceased, gave brief remarks. The scripture was read by the Reverend J. C. Melton, local minister, and Dr. Mordcaia W. Johnson, president of Howard University, Washington, D. C., delivered the prayer.



ASIAN EDUCATORS AT BENNETT—Dr. Willa B. Player, left, president-elect of Bennett College, Greensboro, looks on admiringly as Mrs. Ki-Hong Cho, principal of Changdok Girls' High School, of Seoul, Korea, signs autograph for Miss Renuka Mukerji, right, president-elect of Women's Christian College, Madras, India, during recent visit to the Bennett campus. Five other Korean women, all school principals, were in the visiting group.

18 Perish In 'Bloody' Week End

Violent deaths—18 of them involving Negroes—marred the holiday season for the Carolinas.

There were 11 deaths from automobile accidents of one sort or another; three persons were shot to death; one stabbed fatally; two persons died in fires and one man was hit by a train.

Three persons in a family of seven riding in the same car were killed near Bland, Va., when their car went off the highway and tumbled 500 feet down a mountainside. They had been to a funeral in Gastonia, N. C.

The other four persons were in good condition in a Bland hospital. Dead were: Mrs. Alice Witten, 40; her daughter, Lasonia, 3; and Mrs. Lethia Shelton, 44. All were returning to Detroit, Mich.

ODDS-ENDS

BY ROBERT G. SHEPARD

A Tale of Two Cities: In Atlanta, Ga., last week, all of the municipal-owned golf courses were opened to Negroes. According to reports, several Negroes availed themselves of the opportunity. There were "no incidents." The mayor of Atlanta is quoted as saying that in view of the U. S. Supreme Court's decision outlawing segregation in public parks and other play areas, the City of Atlanta was left with the choice of either opening its golf links to Negroes or abandoning them. He said he considered the latter course of action unwise. This was Atlanta, Ga., the state whose governor made national headlines some weeks ago when he



ENDORSES MARCH OF DIMES—Giving her support to the March of Dimes, Jan. 3-31, Mrs. George Whitted of Washington, D. C. — The former Mrs. Burma V. Allen of Durham — national program director of Jack and Jill of America, said: "This is what the March of Dimes means to me — a March in which it is the duty of every citizen in America to participate to the very fullest of his ability in order to assure for every potential victim the best possible care for as long as needed."

No College Prexies Seek Bluford Post

"I have no idea what will be said Charles A. Hines of Greensboro Tuesday night, when asked who will succeed the late Dr. F. D. Bluford as president of A&T College.

Mr. Hines is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the college.

He said several applications for the post had been received. He admitted, however, that none of them had come from any Negro college president presently employed as a college president.

Speculation arose immediately that no, if any Negro college president had ambitions for the lucrative post, due probably to fear of having to become a supporter of Governor Luther P. Hodges and his voluntary segregation policy.

Dr. Bluford's salary was between

In Fayetteville: Rapist Gets Life In Prison

FAYETTEVILLE — A federal court jury, following more than two hours of deliberation, returned a verdict of guilty of rape against Thomas Hayes, 30-year-old ex-soldier who was tried on charges of criminally assaulting a 16-year-old local girl on the night of February 11.

Judge Don Gilliam sentenced the man to a life term.

The girl, now 17 testified that her attacker dragged her from a dirt road when an attempt to rape her was unsuccessful, to a wooded section near the Smith Lake area of Fort Bragg, a military reservation.

A set of fingerprints produced by the government was the most concrete evidence presented during the four-day trial. The prints

Found In Woods Unconscious: Case Of 'Drugged' Pitt Girl Still Remains Top Mystery

GREENVILLE — The mysterious veil surrounding a 'drugged' and unconscious young woman found on a wood path behind the Pitt-Greenville Airport, Saturday still hangs heavy in this area.

After repeated talks with the woman, sheriff's deputies reported that they are still unable to piece together the full story behind the circumstances in which she was found.

Lea Eta Eason has been established as the name of the young woman. She told officers that she was 24-years-old, and that her home was in Tarboro. Miss Eason also said that she had been visiting a family of "Atkinsons" in the Greenville community.

When queried on what happened to her, she replied that she did not know. The woman reported, from her hospital bed, that the last thing she remembered was trying to thumb a ride on the Bethel-Greenville highway last Saturday. She said that she was trying to catch a ride to Be-



BIASED FIRE CHIEF FIRED—Downcast and unbellying, Fire Chief John H. Alderson holds his head at a dramatic session of the Los Angeles Board of Fire Commissioners, which fired him from his office recently. The action by the board climaxed a bitter controversy over integration of Negroes in the fire department. Alderson opposed integration on the ground that it would impair the efficiency of the department. The NAACP challenged Alderson, and kept the pressure on to the end. (Newspaper Photo).

Hold Husband In Slaying Of Wife

NEW BERN — James (Friday) Barber, 38, is lodged in the Craven County jail without privilege of bond following the butcher knife slaying of his 33-year-old wife in the kitchen of their frame dwelling Sunday.

The man told officers that he was cooking himself some breakfast during the late morning hours on Christmas

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Day and that he called to his wife, Mamie, who was elsewhere in the house.

According to Barber, she cursed him in reply when she entered the kitchen and he plunged the knife into the left side of her body.

Mrs. Hazel Jones and Mrs. Sylvester (Continued on page 13)

Find Body Of Man, 70, In A Ditch

WASHINGTON, N. C. — Edward Manning, 70, was found dead Friday in a ditch leading off Jack's Creek in Washington. The

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE Desegregation Front

Voluntary Parks Segregation??
CHARLOTTE—City park officials are studying the idea of asking local Negroes to adopt a "voluntary segregation" policy in the use of local parks, it was announced Tuesday.

The Parks and Recreation Board will meet Jan. 9 to discuss desegregation plans, taking into consideration the recent Supreme Court decision that segregation in public parks is unconstitutional.

Meanwhile, the local NAACP Branch has a case in court to challenge the validity of "revert-



MR. CIVIL RIGHTS WEDS—Thurgood Marshall, head of the NAACP's Legal Defense department, (right) smiles down upon his Hawaiian-born bride, a former NAACP secretary, following a modest wedding ceremony in New York recently. At left is NAACP executive secretary, Roy Wilkins, and right, Mrs. Norma Marshall, mother of the distinguished fighter for civil rights. (Newspaper Photo). Foto 'D'