

Bass' Wife Says He

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Dr. Edmonds Challenges Women Here

"If in another 10 years the American population will increase to the 200-million mark, if the age group between 6 and 18 will increase by 65 per cent, if today's children are to be tomorrow's adults, if our classrooms continue to be crowded, if Negroes in society are to be held responsible for the change in today's world, the church must add many functions to its historic mission of soul-saving. The church will have to do not only soul saving, but also some body saving," declared Dr. Helen G. Edmonds in her address to a capacity audience in Shaw University's Greenleaf Auditorium on Thursday June 18th.

The history professor's address, "Today's World, Tomorrow's Church," climaxed the week-long Baptist Women's Leadership Training Conference and Baptist Youth Camp, June 8th to 13th.

Dr. Edmonds, directing her thoughts to the youngsters in her audience, posed the following questions: "Will the church of tomorrow capture the imagination of tomorrow's children? Will the church of tomorrow captivate the youngster who will be reaching their maturity? Will the church of tomorrow be able to compete with TV?"

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NC Funeral Directors In Session

SALISBURY — The North Carolina State Funeral Directors and Embalmers convened in their Thirty-First Annual Convention this week. The three-day affair (June 17-19) was held at Price High School in Salisbury.

The program included: the first day, Tuesday, June 17th—registration, the appointment of committees, the president's address, welcome address, a bar-b-que outing at the Evening Breeze Motel in Statesville, games and social dancing at Miller Recreation Center in Salisbury.

The second day, Wednesday, June 18th—cocktail party and so-

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Faces Rap In Death Of 'Hubby'

ARLINGTON, Va. — An Arlington domestic worker was charged with murder Tuesday in the butcher knife slaying of her common-law husband.

Police said Mrs. Naomi Mitchell, 44, claimed self defense in the death of Lloyd Wilson, 48. Police charged that Mrs. Mitchell killed Wilson with two swift knife thrusts Mon-

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STATE IN BRIEF

TRICKY WHISKY DISPENSER

NEW BERN — Elijah Brown said he had a man install a tricky \$10 whiskey dispenser in his home here. Police found the 15-gallon capacity container, complete with shutoff valve, built into the wall of one of the rooms. By removing a loose board, the officers found the unique setup. About a pint of corn liquor was in the container. Brown was charged with possession of non-tax paid liquor for sale. He was released on bond, just as he had been on a similar offense 2 weeks ago. He is still awaiting trial on the first case. Brown said he wouldn't pay the man the \$10. The man had assured him that the police would not find the container.

GETS TERM IN GASTON KILLING

GASTONIA — Baxter Lee Shealy, 24, of Gastonia, pleaded guilty Thursday to a second degree murder charge in the slaying of another Negro during an argument over a \$1 bar bill. Shealy admitted killing James Carter, 29, with a shotgun on April 25 after they had returned here from a South Carolina tavern where they had argued over which had paid \$1 for their beer. Judge Susie Sharpe sentenced Shealy to 20-25 years in prison.

WOMAN INJURED BY TRUCK

RALEIGH — A 19-year-old young woman was injured when a truck ran over her foot Monday night while she was with a group of 15 to 20 persons on Robinson's Ford Road, just off Highway 64, about 6 miles east of Raleigh. St. Agnes Hospital officials listed the condition of Miss Rosa Mae Davis of Route 2, Wendell, as "fair," but refused to tell what kind of injuries Miss Davis had suffered. Henry W. Smith of Route 2, Knightdale, was arrested by a highway patrolman for hit and run and assault with a deadly weapon. The young woman said she asked the driver several times to drive the truck off her foot after he backed onto it. He finally left the scene, according to testimony. Smith's bond has been set at \$500.

METHODISTS END SESSION

GREENSBORO — The North Carolina Conference (Central Jurisdiction) of the Methodist Church ended its 100th session at Bennett College Sunday with the reading of the appointments by Bishop Edgar A. Love, of Baltimore. Prior to the reading of appointments, ordination services were held for the following ministers: Elders—James F. Campbell, High Point; Avery E. Robinson, Newton; Harlan London, Wilson and Miles Murphy, Jr., Salisbury.

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White Mother Loses As High Court Upholds Virginia Law

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court has left standing an earlier state court decision dismissing a white Fairfax County mother's challenge of Virginia's anti-integration Pupil Placement Law.

Mrs. Theo T. Defebio, a taxi driver, had contended the law was unconstitutional because it was enacted as a public school segregation safeguard.

She went into court in protest when her two sons were dropped from a Fairfax County

But the Virginia supreme court school last year after their mother refused to sign the placement forms.

appeals, in a decision Dec. 2, 1957, ruled that no part of the law violates any right of the Defebio children. The U. S. Supreme Court refused Monday to review the case.

Ally Gen. Albertis S. Harrison argued that the issue in

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Big Search Underway For 2 Escaped Tar Heel Felons

BURGAW — A search was underway this week for two felons who escaped Monday from the Pender County Prison Camp near here. The two prisoners fled from the camp sometimes Monday but were not missed until the night count. Prison officials said they had not yet deter-

ed exactly when or how the two men left the camp.

The men were identified as James M. Herring, 25 and Rudolph Hyman, 30, both of Wilmington. Herring was serving three years for storebreaking and larceny and Hyman was serving 6-10 years for armed robbery.



LITTLE ROCK STUDENTS HONORED — Governor W. Averell Harriman joins in ceremonies at the Hotel Manhattan, New York City, last Thursday honoring the nine Negro students of Central High School, Little Rock, Ark., the first to be admitted to the school. The students received the Fifth Annual Better Race Rela-

tions Award of the Hotel and Club Employees Union. Shown left to right are Mrs. Daisy Bates, president of the Arkansas NAACP; Thelma Mothershead; Councilman Earl Brown; and Gov. Harriman. (UPI PHOTO).

Ministers' Contest Closes:

REV. RICHARDSON TOP WINNER

Bass' Wife Interviewed By Reporter

By STAFF WRITER

For the second time within three months Matthew Phillip Bass of 116 Grimes Alley has been indicted for rape. The 42-year-old janitor of the Occidental Life Insurance Building awaits trial for the raping of a 35-year-old white woman on the fourth floor of the insurance building.

Mrs. Sarah Keels Mahler was doing overtime work in her fourth-floor office at about 5:15 p. m. when the six-foot janitor, according to her story, entered her office, knocked her down, slashed her and then dragged her to the penthouse on the fifth floor where he attacked her. Bass again slashed her, leaving her for dead; but she pretended to be dead until he left the scene on June 12.

A Wake County solicitor said Tuesday that he will not accept a guilty plea in the crime, but will try Bass for his life.

Bass' story, contrary to the slashed woman's, states that after he finished his work on the fourth floor, he returned to Mrs. Mahler's office, grabbed her, and assaulted her near the desk. It was after the act, when she allegedly threatened that she would have him hanged, that he slashed her.

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MATTHEW PHILLIP BASS

Goldsboro Minister Victorious

For the second time in a row a Goldsboro minister has topped the top award in The CAROLINIAN Statewide Ministers' Popular Contest. The amount of money given to the winners will amount to \$500.

The first-place winner for this, the biggest contest for

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Integration Date Asked For Va. C'ty

RICHMOND, Va. — The NAACP filed a new petition with U. S. district Judge Sterling Hutcheson here Monday asking him to set an integration date for Prince Edward County.

The petition mentioned no specific date but asked the court to order a prompt and reasonable start toward complying with previous desegregation orders.

The Prince Edward case, which was involved in the U. S. Supreme Court's original desegregation decision of May 17, 1954, will be argued again before Judge Hutcheson July 14-15. The arguments will

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Hundreds Crowd Local Church For Ligon Grid Star's Funeral

The waters of Kerr Lake, located near Henderson, claimed the life of Benjamin Otis Curtis, 17, honor student at Ligon High school and rising captain of the school's

football team last Sunday. Whether Curtis' foot was entangled in the limb of a submerged tree or whether he suffered cramps at the time of his death could not be definitely ascertained.

Witnesses reported that he called to three of his swimming companions to "come help me," but later yelled, "I'm all right." When the companions, reported to have been Lee Moore, Jr. and Garland Hunt, looked back a few minutes later, Curtis had disappeared.

His father, Otis Curtis, ran for help and to get some inner tubes to help his son to safety, according to reports. When Curtis returned his son was nowhere in sight.

John Winters, local house builder, who was also on the picnic at Kerr Lake, said that the dead Curtis approached him and told him that his son was somewhere in the water. Winters said that he then joined the search for the youngster and finally found the body with the aid of grappling

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BENJAMIN O. CURTIS

Students In 3 Cities Seek To Enter "White" Schools

WINSTON-SALEM — Requests from nine Negro students for transfer to "white" schools will be considered by the city school board later this summer, according to school officials.

When the deadline for transfer applications passed Sunday requests had been received from six high school students and from three elementary school pupils.

Five of the six high school students are asking transfers from Atkins High to Reynolds

High School, where a Negro girl was assigned last fall. The other student, also from Atkins, did not specify to what school he wished to be assigned.

City schools superintendent, Dr. Craig Phillips, said an assignment committee will study the applications and make recommendations to the full school board. Applicants whose requests are denied may ask for a hearing before the board. If denied again, the applicants may go to Superior Court.



MURDER SUSPECT ARRESTED — Walter Sutton, 47, above, was arrested last week at a Manhattan (New York City) address, according to Edward Powers, special agent in charge of the F. B. I.'s New York office. Power said Sutton had been sought on charges that he unlawfully fled the state of Pennsylvania to avoid prosecution for murder. A Philadelphia grand jury indicted Sutton in August of 1956, for the fatal stabbing of Harry Hall in June of 1956, in Philadelphia. He was arraigned in New York last Thursday before a U. S. Commissioner. (UPI PHOTO).

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Students In 3 Cities Seek To Enter "White" Schools

Miss Geraldine Yvonne Bailey was the only Negro student transferred to a white school here last fall, out of the six who applied. It was believed that she would be reassigned to Reynolds again next fall.

Last week in Charlotte, several requests for transfer were made. Included among the applicants was the son of Kelly M. Alexander, state president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. I was not known

just when these applications would be acted upon.

It is reported from Greensboro that a number of Negro students have requested reassignment to "white" or predominantly white schools for the school term starting this fall.

However, school officials in Greensboro declined to confirm the report last week of school's Philip J. Weaver, said he an-

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