

4 Negroes Named To Polk Prison

The State Prisons Department pushed another step forward this week with the announcement of the appointment of four Negroes as guards to the Polk Prison.

The announcement was made by George Randall, director of Prisons on Tuesday.

The appointments mark the first time Negroes have been employed as guards at Polk.

Appointed to the new positions were: Garneth Pridgeon, 1906 Hedley Rd.; Rufus Ballentine, 4002 Holly Springs Rd.; Raymond L. Baugh, Washington Terrace; and Quinnie D. Woods, 330 Garner Rd. Pridgeon, Ballentine and Baugh have been on the job for nearly a week. Woods is slated to start on Monday.

The four men will be required to undergo a two-week training period where they will learn rules and regulations of the prison department, defensive tactics in handling prisoners and other vital information. They will start the training period in two weeks when the next class is formed.

Pope Prison is a minimum security institution with presently 500 inmates. There are a total of 83 guards. An integrated institution.

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Mitchell Gets 7-Mo. Extension

Samuel Mitchell, local attorney who has been convicted in U. S. Middle District Court on income tax charges, was given a seven-month extension to raise more than \$7,000 in taxes and fees, last week in District Court.

Judge Edwin R. Stanley, who convicted Mitchell earlier this year, granted the extension.

Mitchell appeared before the court on June 1, and at that time was scheduled to turn over to the court the \$7,000.

The fine and a sentence of one year in prison was imposed on him at time of the trial. The sentence was to be suspended on condition he pay the fine by June 1.

On the date of his trial, he failed to produce the money and sought the extension.

Mitchell was sentenced on charges of failing to file income tax returns on time in 1956 and 1957.

Charged in a similar case was Herman L. Taylor, another Raleigh attorney.

Four Youths Held In Break-Ins

With the arrest of three men this week, Raleigh police say they believe they have cleared up a series of armed robbery cases occurring in the Chavis Park area during the past month.

Held in \$10,000 bond each for a further hearing on charges of armed robbery are James Louis Mitchell, 22 of 2308 Stafford Ave.; Lonnie Everett Atwater, 17, 209 Lincoln St.; and James Claude Graham, 24, of 71-1-2 E. Bragg St.

The trio was arrested early this week on information given police, according to investigating officers.

The three men are charged with robbing City Coach Lines bus driver R. E. Strikelaether of about \$75 Sunday night near the intersection of Chavis Way and Haywood St.

Mitchell and Atwater are also charged with robbing bus driver J. D. Mustain of \$50 on Haywood St. in Chavis Heights the night of May 28.

In a separate warrant, Mitchell is charged with robbing a Checker Cab driver, W. J. Stevenson of \$15 in the 600 block of E. Bragg St. on April 21.

Strikelaether told police that a man boarded his bus at Thomas' Store on Haywood St. late Friday night, fumbled with his money for a few minutes and then pulled a gun and ordered him to hand over his cash.

Mustain said two Negroes boarded his bus and ordered him to hand over the money or they'd "blow your brains out."

Officers said Mitchell had about \$10 worth of bus tickets on him at the time of arrest.

Duke Univ. Drops Race Barriers

Though Duke University opened its doors to undergraduate Negroes this week, there probably won't be an undergraduate Negro entering the school until the fall of 1953.

According to the admissions director at the school, the class for the coming year has already been selected. The selection was made before the announcement of the change of school policy.

University trustees voted early this week to drop racial barriers in all divisions of the University and admit all qualified students regardless of race.

The board emphasized though

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Charlotte Hospital

Ready For Negro Doctor

Local Man

Held On Rape Charge



CAPPING THE COMMENCEMENT — As five-year-old Bruce McGee's nursery school class was being launched into kindergarten status, his homemade graduation cap was put into



Local Man Held In Franklin

A 25-year-old Raleigh Negro may become another gas chamber fatality if he is convicted of a charge of raping a white woman and attempting to kill her husband.

Held without bond by police on such a charge is Alfred Crudup, Jr. of 313 1-2 South Street.

Making charges against Crudup are Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bishop of 704 Johnson St.

Crudup, arrested last Sunday afternoon, was picked out in a lineup as the assailant by both Bishop and his wife.

The Bishops gave the following account of the attack:

The Bishops agreed to a cousin to the home of Charlie Wiggins, near the Falls of Neuse Sunday morning.

The man who later allegedly attacked Mrs. Bishop was at the Wiggins' house the Bishops said, and asked them to drive him to his sister's house near Wake Forest.

The Bishops agreed.

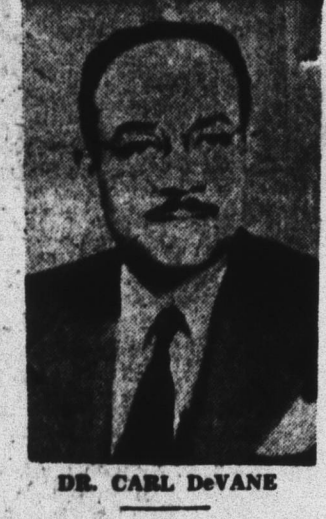
After they had driven several miles past Wake Forest the pad-down a farm trail which led to a lone tobacco barn.

He jumped out of the car, gun in hand and told the Bishops to get out. He told Bishop he was going to kill him and take his wife, and fired the pistol into the ground to show them it would shoot.

Bishop then backed to the rear of the car and ran into the nearby woods. The assailant fired two shots at him.

After the husband fled, Mrs. Bishop said the man shoved the pis-

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Gov. Names Two Negroes To Body

Two Negroes were among the 30 persons appointed by Gov. Sanford to the State Educational Council of National Purposes Tuesday.

Named to the body were Dr. Carl DeVane, Shaw University professor; and N. H. Bennett of Durham, vice president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Purpose of the committee is to promote better understanding of basic principals of American citizenship and freedom under law.

In making the appointments, Sanford said:

"I believe this understanding is imperative if our nation is to survive the cold war in which it is engaged."

He named High Point publisher Holt McPherson as chairman of the group.

Objective of the program were listed as: (1) creating a better und-

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Physician Approved By Hospital

CHARLOTTE — According to informed sources, there are two sides to the controversial hospital situation which has aroused much interest. In view of the fact that Dr. C. W. Williams has just about qualified to practice at the Charlotte Memorial Hospital, thus becoming the first Negro to enjoy this privilege, it is believed that much of the unrest over the running of the institution and its attitude toward both Negro patients and doctors will disappear.

The administration of the affairs of all of the hospitals is under the direction of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority. R. Z. Thomas is the executive director; and John Rankin is the administrator of the Charlotte Memorial Hospital. The Authority is composed of 22 commissioners, of which Rev. K. Melvin Taylor, pastor, Clinton Metropolitan AME Zion Church, is a member. He is also a member of the Board of Management of the Good Samaritan Hospital.

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State News Briefs

YOUTH DROWNS
HERTFORD — A young Negro boy drowned late this week while fishing in Perquimans River about two miles from Hertford. He was identified as Horace White, Jr., 15, of Winfall.

HELD IN BOMBING
FAYETTEVILLE — A Fayetteville man was charged in the dynamiting of a neighbor's house here Sunday. Harry Foustes, 42, held since early Monday in connection with the blasting of Weldon McAllister's home has been charged with damaging property with explosives.

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETS
RALEIGH — The Planning Committee of the Ministers' Wives Auxiliary met recently to continue plans for the forthcoming National Convention to be held at Shaw University on June 25-26.

A one-day business session, in lieu of the regular State Convention, will be held on June 25 prior to the National Convention.

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Police Ask Was Killing Murder Or Was It Accident?

BY HILL SLATER

Was the shooting of a 50-year-old Raleigh matron an accident or was it murder?

"It was an accident," exclaimed Eddie Walton, 42, who is being held without bond on a charge of first degree murder.

"It was murder," said members of the family of Mrs. Willie Mae Block, wife of Eddie and victim of the shooting.

Raleigh police are still investigating. They say they aren't sure which is the case.

Mrs. Walton, 50, 2408 Fitzgerald Rd., was killed by a shotgun blast this week. She was shot at close range in the upper left part of her chest.

Police said they were called to the Walton home about 10:30 p. m. Sunday and saw Mrs. Walton lying in a pool of blood in the kitchen. They said they were told by Walton that he was moving a shotgun from one closet to another when it accidentally went off, fatally injuring Mrs. Walton.

"It was an accident," Walton exclaimed to reporters in an interview Tuesday.

"I loved my wife. . . I never would have done anything to hurt her. We had been married for 8 years and had never had a serious argument or fight," he said from his jail cell.

"Why couldn't it have been me instead of her. I'll never be able to forget this. I don't care what happens to me now," he added.

Walton, an employee of the Electric Motor Repair Service, offered the following version of the shooting:

"We had just finished eating supper and watching television at the same time. My wife went to the kitchen to wash dishes and I was still at the TV set. She went to the closet where our water heater is

enclosed and noticed my shotgun popped up against the wall.

"She has always been afraid of guns, so she called me and asked me to move it. I picked the gun up to take it to another closet and the hammer must have hit against something and it went off, jarring it from my hand. It must have hit her before the gun fell to the ground," he explained.



EDDIE WALTON

Members of Mrs. Walton's family appear to have a different version of the story.

"I don't know exactly what happened," Mrs. Lillian Brooks, sister of the deceased, told reporters, "but I'd be willing to swear on a stack of Bibles that it was no accident."

"I told the police I thought it was murder, and I still think so. Eddie always said he would kill somebody before he died, and he

did. I'm only sorry it had to be my sister," she said.

"If Eddie said he and my sister never had fights, he's telling a lie. He used to beat Willie Mae up all the time. He even hit her in front of our mother once."

"And he was always shooting off those guns of his. He came to one of my other sister's house once threatening to shoot somebody. He's a bad character and everybody knows it," she added.

Mrs. Brooks stated that her sister had recently come into a sizable amount of money, and thought that might have had something to do with the killing.

"We haven't been able to find the money yet, and I know she couldn't have spent it all in such a short amount of time."

Even though he would beat her up every time he started drinking, she would never leave him. She just loved him too much and he wasn't worth it. We tried to make her see this but she wouldn't listen.

"I'm almost sure he murdered her," she concluded.

At present, no hearing date has been set for Walton. Police officers explained that the first degree murder charge is just a formality until some evidence is heard in the case.

Funeral services were scheduled for Thursday at the Maple Temple Christian Church at 4 p. m. The Rev. M. F. Booker, pastor, was scheduled to officiate. Burial is scheduled for Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Mrs. Walton is survived by her mother, Mrs. Maggie Block; four sisters, Mrs. Lillian Brooks, Mrs. Mary Lane, Miss Catherine Block, and Miss Susie Mae Block; and three brothers, William E., William O., and Charles Rivers.

ODDS-ENDS

BY ROBERT G. SHEPARD

"Have we not all one Father?"

WHO IS THE GOVERNOR KIDDING?

We will never believe that a man as intelligent as Gov. Terry Sanford actually believes that this state "is showing the way" in the matter of job opportunities for its Negro citizens.

Yes, Mr. Sanford is quoted as making that statement when he was asked last week to explain his previous statement that state government has little about providing work opportunities for Negroes.

If the pattern of employment followed by this state in its hiring of Negroes is "showing the way" the governor's plea for better job opportunities for Negroes is a hypocritical sham.

This state "shows the way" by employing a hand full of Negroes, on the lowest possible levels. There is absolutely nothing wrong with this type of employment provided that those who are employed in it are not qualified for anything better. However, during recent years, many of these low level jobs have been taken away from Negro citizens and given to prisoners. This unfair practice has been pointed out to the governor but he has refused to stop it.

When it is remembered that no where on Capitol Hill in Raleigh can be seen one Negro girl sitting at a typewriter or doing any type of clerical work although there are hundreds upon hundreds of white girls working in these offices, you can begin to realize how really absurd the governor's statement is.

Surely there must be Negro men who are capable of manning some of the hundreds of desks in the ma-

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WEATHER

The five-day weather forecast for the Raleigh area beginning Thursday, June 1, and continuing through Monday, June 5, is as follows:

Temperatures will average near normal with light day to day changes. Rainfall will average about three quarters of an inch.



PROTEST AGAINST "SABOTAGE" BILL—Police hold back a seething mass of white demonstrators in Johannesburg, S. Africa recently, when 10,000 people marched in protest against the government's "Sabotage" bill. The trouble broke out when pro-government whites barred the anti-government rioters with eggs, tomatoes, and other rubbish. Many demonstrators were arrested. Meanwhile, the Parliament debated briefly May 25th over controversial "Sabotage" bill that would curtail civil rights—according to critics—and adjourned until last week when it voted. (UPI PHOTO).

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