

# HOME BLASTED - ONE DEAD

DYNAMITE BLAST WRECKS HOME



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## Dynamite Planted Under Dwelling Results In Death Of Durham Mother

DURHAM — Mrs. Nerva Lyon, 40-year-old resident of 1917 Rock street was instantly killed around 1:30 Tuesday morning, and her two children were slightly injured from a dynamite blast which shattered the entire house. Mrs. Lyon and her children were sleeping in the same bed in the front room when the explosion took place. How the two children escaped with minor injuries remains a mystery. The bed and other furniture in the room were blown to the top of the house by the blast which tore a hole in the floor at least six feet wide.

The dynamite evidently had been placed under the house and the explosion rocked the entire neighborhood. Hundreds of persons gathered at the scene where the lifeless body of the mother was soon extricated from the ruins. The right leg of the mother was blown completely open. Several weeks ago an attempt to destroy the home was frustrated when officers riding through the neighborhood discovered the house ablaze at both the front and back doors. Rags which had been soaked with kerosene were found stuffed under the front and back doors.

Other occupants sleeping in the home at the time of the explosion were Miss Estelle Cheek, James Hedgepeth, Misses Etta and Roberta Lyon. Both of the latter were taken to Lincoln Hospital for slight injuries about the head and legs. Neither had been released late Thursday.

Funeral and interment were held Thursday at eleven o'clock in Roan County, the home of the deceased.

Mesdames Mildred Amey, Jane Warren, Elizabeth Pratt, left the city for Atlantic City to attend the National YWCA Conference.

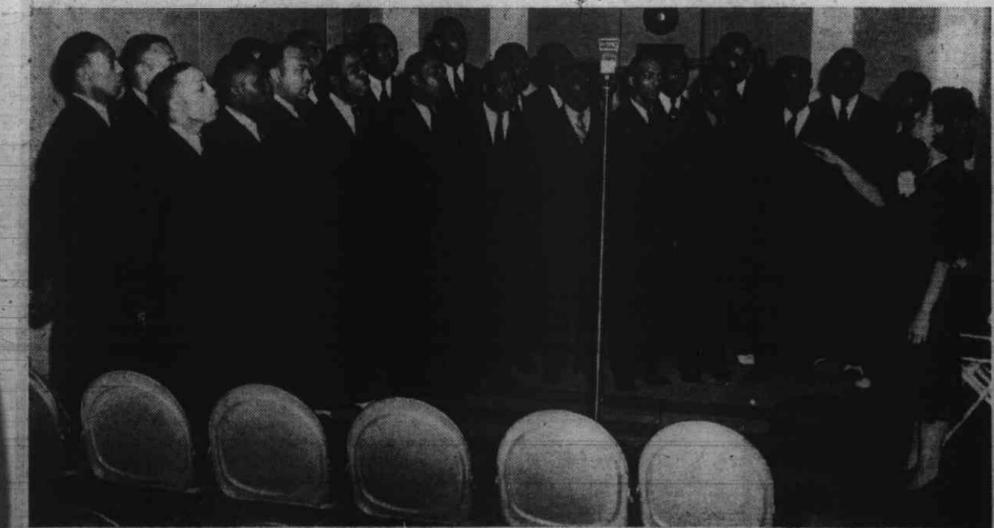
## W. G. Pearson Is 81-Years-Old

BY WILLIAM A. TUCK  
DURHAM — In observance of the 81st anniversary of the birth of Principal W. G. Pearson, the students and faculty of the Hillside Park High School took time out from lessons and the like during the afternoon of Thursday, April 11, for a celebration that was very touching.

It was around 2 p. m. that all of the students and faculty members gathered in the Hillside auditorium along with friends of the community to express their appreciation for what Prof. Pearson's life has meant for them. After the guest of honor had been escorted to the stage, the program which carried with it a highly sentimental air, began with the 32-piece band's playing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" with the audience standing. Then Mistress of Ceremonies Josephine...

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MALE CHORUS HEARD WEEKLY OVER WDNC DURHAM



THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH Male chorus is a weekly presentation of Radio Station WDNC. It is directed by Mrs. F. E. Markham. First row, left to right are: John E. Day, Roy Curry, James House, Haskins, Albert Higgins, Thomas McAllen Hill, Grover Shaw, Avery Cross, and Edgar Farrow soloist. Second row, left to right are: Alston, Fred Adams, Frank McQueen, Elvin Haskins, Gus McLaughlin, Willie Williams, and John H. Fikes.

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## DELEGATES WALK-OUT ON PRESBYTERIAN CONFAB

### Leave City When Asked To Pay For Board

DURHAM — The annual session of the Yadkin Presbytery broke up in partial confusion here Thursday when delegates who had come to the meeting became disgruntled because they were asked to pay room and board for persons housing them for the three-day session.

When no agreement with the local committee could be reached the delegates who had come from various cities were seen boarding their cars and hurrying out of the city Thursday afternoon. Others left by bus and train. It could not be learned at a late hour Thursday whether all of the business of the meeting was completed or not.

A dinner which was to have been served by the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company at its home office here Friday afternoon for the visitors and for which the company had gone to considerable trouble to prepare had to be abandoned at the last minute.

The Wednesday and Thursday sessions of the Presbytery were held at the Pine Street Presbyterian church of which the Rev. W. Tyler Nelson is pastor. Elder T. R. Jones is moderator of the Yadkin Presbytery. J. E. McMillan is state clerk.



Among the celebrities at the ceremonies commemorating the life of Booker T. Washington were (left to right) President of N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company, Postmaster General James A. Farley, highest post official in the nation to inaugurate the occasion at Tuskegee Institute, which was built through the vision and labors of the famous Negro educator.

## Thousands Jam Tuskegee Hall At Ceremony

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. (Special) — The American nation paid signal honor Sunday a man, Booker T. Washington, who as a boy was born a slave but who rose to become a leader in the very very country which had enslaved him. As a token of its appreciation and esteem of this black man the United States placed his picture on a postage stamp, an honor reserved for the foremost Americans, and sent its Postmaster General James A. Farley, highest post official in the nation to inaugurate the occasion at Tuskegee Institute, which was built through the vision and labors of the famous Negro educator.

The three day celebration honoring the founder of the world famous Tuskegee Institute brought to the campus hundreds of outstanding figures in education, religion, social service, medicine, representative of various departments of the government, agriculture, and leaders in every phase of American life, who walked side by side with farm folk, humble rural folk—all had come to pay tribute to the black man who worked his way through Hampton Institute and who was awarded by Harvard with the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

More than 3,500 people packed the Institute Chapel where exercises were held and hundreds more crowded the outside.

The exercises opened on Friday afternoon with a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Tuskegee General Alumni Association who assembled later in the evening with the Local Tuskegee Chapter for a banquet. Dr. Patterson addressed the group on progress and development of the Institute. Present at the meeting of the Executive Committee were: J. F. Scott, Montgomery, Luther Van Hoose, Tuscaloosa, J. R. Wingfield, Mt. Meigs, A. Henningburg, Durham, N. C., Wm. C. Lester, A. P. Mack, A. J. Neely, R. S. Darnaby, J. Flood, Tuskegee; Dr. N. O. Calloway, Nashville.

High points in Saturday's program were the reading of the Declaration of Independence and the playing of the national anthem.

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## NCM Largest Individual Purchaser Of Stamps

The selling of the first United States postage stamp commemorating the life of an American Negro was a most impressive and inspiring occasion as reported by C. C. Spaulding, president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, and one of the honorary Vice Chairmen of the Booker T. Washington Sponsoring Committee.

In selling the first stamp, Postmaster General James A. Farley commended most highly the life and works of the Race's pioneer educator, likening him unto a Solomon in the way he interpreted the needs of his people and wisdom that was manifested by him in making possible that type of trying that would enable them, through their own initiative and industry, to safeguard their own future economic security.

The sale of the Booker T. Washington stamp was unique in that it marked the first instance thus honoring a Negro American, but even more unique was the fact that the initial sale of the Booker T. Washington stamp and philatelic envelopes was probably the largest in the history of the Nation for the 10-cent "famous American" series.

Tuskegee Institute had the honor of buying the first stamp sold, but to North Carolina Mutual went the honor of the largest single sale in the amount of 5,000 stamps.

"It was most appropriate that the Booker T. Washington stamp celebration should have been at Tuskegee Institute," stated Mr. Spaulding, "for it was here the famous educator saw possibilities of greatest good for a hitherto neglected group." Like most endeavors of its kind, the road to achievement proved rough and arduous, but with a determination that never flagged, and with the aid of the faculty, students and friends of Hillside High School.

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