

# INCUBATOR BABY FOUND ALIVE

## Kisses African Bishop's Ring



Dr. Abigail Crawford, teacher in New York City schools, kneels to kiss the episcopal ring of Most Rev. Joseph Kiwanuka, only Negro Catholic Bishop in the world. Bishop Kiwanuka, shown here after speaking at a forum in New

York, is Vicar Apostolic of Masaka, Uganda, East Africa. He visited the United States to raise funds for a seminary in which African boys will be trained for the Catholic priesthood.—(Layne).

## Says Regional Schools Doomed

**NEW YORK**  
The decision of the Court of Appeals of Maryland upholding the right of Miss Esther McCready to admission to the University of Maryland School of Nursing clearly demonstrates that "the regional education compact cannot be used as an excuse for excluding qualified Negro students from existing educational facilities within a state," Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel, said today in commenting on the court's unanimous decision.

The opinion, handed down by the Court of Appeals on April 14 at Annapolis, reversed a decision of Chief Judge W. Conwell Smith of the Baltimore City Court. Judge Smith had held that the university could legally exclude Miss McCready through arranging for her training at the nursing school of Meharry Medical College in Nashville.

Judge Smith's decision, Mr. Marshall said, "inferentially upheld the regional compact as an instrument for exclusion of Negroes from state universities."

The Court of Appeals cited its decision of 1938, ordering the admission of Donald Murray to the University of Maryland Law School, and stated that the law "permits no distinction between the study of law and the study of nursing."

It referred also to two other NAACP cases, the Gaines and Sipuel cases, in which the United States Supreme Court established the responsibility of a state to provide educational facilities for Negroes within its borders equal to and at the same time as facilities provided for white students.

Miss McCready applied for admission to the university on (Please turn to Page Eight)

## Urges Savings And Loan To Join FDIC

**WASHINGTON**  
The American Savings and Loan League will undertake a program of encouraging all of its member associations to secure federal insurance for their accounts as a protection for these accounts and as a "sound inducement" for new business.

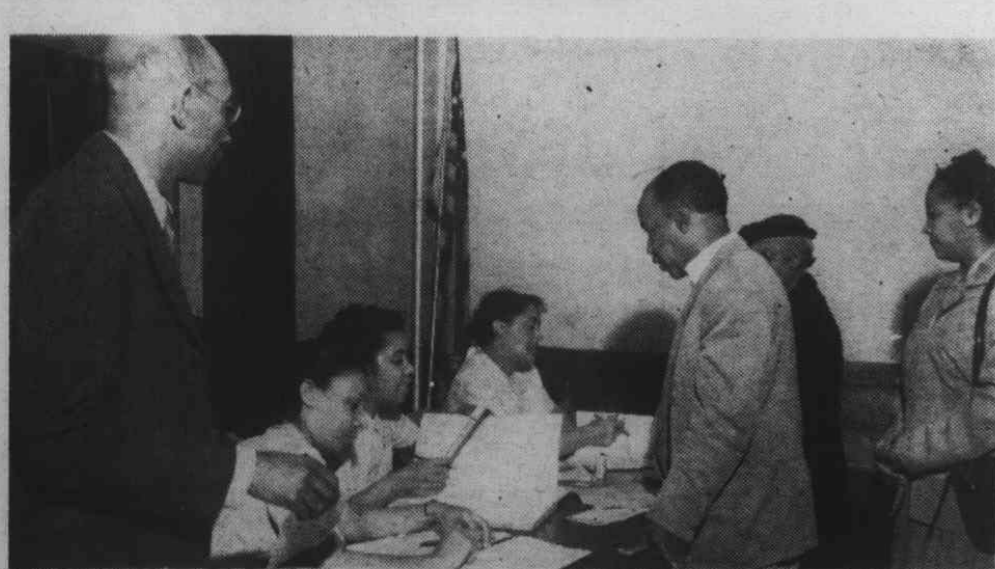
This was one of the major items discussed at the meeting of the executive committee here on Friday. The group represents 12 of the 24 savings and loan institutions owned and controlled by Negroes, and more than 70 per cent of all of the assets of such lending agencies. J. S. Stewart of Durham is president.

The League also explored the possibilities of a closer working relationship with the two major national organizations which serve the industry. Out of such cooperation they hope to develop a plan for apprenticeship training for young Negroes interested in the home finance business.

O. K. LaRoque, member of the FHLBB, addressed the meeting and reassured them of the agency's continued cooperation. Stephen Slipher, Washington representative of the U. S. Savings and Loan League, also pledged the support of his group. Dr. Booker T. McGraw represented the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

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## NEGRO REGISTRARS IN ACTION



The above photo shows Mrs. Bernice Williams, registrar of the Pearson School precinct in the act of recording

the name of a registrant. At the extreme left is James Husband, precinct judge, next is

Mrs. Martha Dooms, and Mrs. Margaret Whisenton and Mrs. Williamson.

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# Despondent Father Takes Own Life

Fletcher Best, 36, father of two small children and former employee of the American Tobacco Company, took his own life at his home here, 903 Pine Street, Sunday morning, around nine o'clock by shooting himself with a shotgun.

Mr. Best apparently placed the barrel of the shotgun under his chin and tripped the trigger with a string. The blast practically tore his head from his shoulders.

The act was committed in the dining room only a few moments after the family, consisting of himself, his wife, Mrs. Mattie Best and two small children, Barbara Jean, 7, and Marvis Lee, 4, had finished breakfast. Mrs. Best left the room for a few minutes and the father is believed to have ordered the children out in the yard to play.

Mr. Best had been in declining health for several months and it is believed that despondency over his health was responsible for his taking his own life.

Funeral services were held at Barnes Chapel, in Wayne County, near Goldsboro Wednesday. Interment was in the church cemetery.

## LAW BUILDING DEDICATED AT S. C. STATE

**ORANGEBURG**  
South Carolina State A. and M. College new law school building was dedicated Wednesday with exercises held in the college chapel and at the law school building.

The Honorable E. L. Fishburne, Associate Justice Supreme Court of South Carolina delivered the address. The presentation of the building was made by W. C. Bethea, Oranburg, S. C., secretary of the Board of Trustees. Reverend Warren C. Jenkins, chaplain accepted the presentation and performed the act of dedication.

Justice Fishburne was introduced by Attorney A. H. Moss, Oranburg, S. C., member of the Board of Trustees. Other notables and members of the Board of Trustees present included W. McHodge, Alcolu; Charles A. Jones, Moncks Corner, S. C., both members of the Board of Trustees; Marshall Williams, and C. Walker Limehouse, members of the South Carolina Legislature and Louis

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## Heads Delegates



Clarence E. Faucette, Durham business man and officer of Saint Matthew C. M. E. Church here who will head the North Carolina delegation to the C. M. E. General Conference which meets in Kansas City, May 3. Mr. Faucette will leave Durham for Kansas City Monday, May 1.

## Bishop Watson To Speak At St. Mark Sun.

Bishop E. B. Watson of Greensboro, will preach at the eleven o'clock service Sunday morning, April 30 at St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church, corner of Pine and Pickett Streets.

Bishop Watson is the presiding Bishop of the Ninth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. The three conferences comprising the Ninth District are Central North Carolina, Pee Dee-South Carolina, and the East Tenn. and Virginia.

The "All Star" Building Fund Rally will be held at seven o'clock Sunday evening, at which time one hundred captains will be called upon to report \$150 each.

## Suicide



Fletcher Best, resident of 903 Pine Street who took his life last Sunday morning around nine o'clock. The 36-year-old father of two young children is believed to have been despondent over ill health. Mr. Best used a shotgun which nearly blew his head off.

Bids for the new church building and Sunday School annex are expected to be let this week.

# Over 5,000 Expected At CME General Conference Gathering In Kansas City

## C. E. FAUCETTE HEADS N. C. DELEGATION

**ST. LOUIS**  
The General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, scheduled to meet in Kansas City, Missouri next week, with 5,000 or more persons in attendance, will likely see some "tightly drawn political lines," according to information that has leaked out. However, a long list of prominent personalities of that denomination seem to know but

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little, if anything, of such a political trend. Persons high in the church say it is "all rumor" and nothing is to it.

However, it is known that the C. M. E. General Conference sessions which open in Kansas City Wednesday, May 3, will attract widespread attention due to several things. One claim is that the General Conference "will turn a deaf ear" to the matter of increasing the number of the Bishops of the church because of its close affiliation with the Methodist Church. Some claim there is not reason for increasing the number of Bishops of the Church because efforts have been made by Bishops and other leaders of the Methodist Church to have the Membership of the CME Church become a part of the Methodist body, made up of white and

Negro people in all sections of the world. But, some of those who have their eyes on elevations, deny this as something "out of the ordinary."

"Nothing To It," Says Public Relations Man

Meantime, Rev. C. E. Chapman, one of the General Officers of the CME Church, stated unhesitatingly that "There's nothing to all of that. We are satisfied that any effort at uniting the CME Church with other churches will be given due consideration. But that doesn't mean we won't take such steps as are necessary to keep the CME Church 'going' until we are a part of the United Methodist Church." Speaking further, the Public Relations Secretary said: "We don't have to resort to any such as that to get our interests properly considered by those who need to give attention to our wishes. We don't do business that way—and they who seek to see us in any other light are looking at us through wrong eyes."

At the same time it is known that some of the Bishops of the Colored M. E. Church are not in accord as to whether there should or should not be election of additional Bishops at the Kansas City Session of the General Conference next week. Two or three of the Bishop are known to be decidedly against any election at the Kansas City session. They take the position that "We have enough Bishops at present to look after all necessary work of the CME Church." Among the Bishops who are said to be not anxious to elect more Bishops is Bishop W. Y. Bell, who presides over Georgia, Florida, Virginia, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York and other Eastern States.

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# Bereaved Mother Of Twins Confesses Kidnapping Child

## Durham May Get Negro Fire Station

Progressive white and Negro citizens of Durham got one step nearer to the realization of Negro firemen for the city this week when the Safety Committee of the City Council on last Tuesday recommended that Chief Cosmo Cox submit a positive proposal to the entire Council as a committee of the whole as to the best means of training Negroes at the McManen Street fire station.

Appearing before the Council in behalf of the effort were J. J. Henderson, J. S. Stewart, Rev. W. H. Fuller, J. H. Wheeler and L. E. Austin, all representatives of the Committee on Negro Affairs.

The effort to secure Negro firemen for Durham dates back several years and is being pushed by Negro citizens here with the hope of Durham being the first city to employ Negro firemen. Already Winston-Salem is considering the employment of Negro firemen. Although Durham Negroes were the first in a major city in North Carolina to propose Negroes for the police department, city council and board of education other cities have always led in adopting such a program.

Charlotte, High Point and Greensboro employed Negro policemen long before they were employed here. A Negro is a member of the City Council in Winston-Salem and Fayetteville, and Raleigh has a Negro member of the Board of Education.

In presenting the matter to the Safety Committee the representatives of the Committee on Negro Affairs stated that as taxpayers Negro citizens are entitled to their share of the jobs maintained out of public funds.

Members of the Safety Committee voting for positive action on the matter were G. Watts Carr, A. M. Harris and M. F. Johnson. Donnie Jacobs was chairman.

# East End Park To Be Dedicated Saturday At 2 P. M.

Dedication ceremonies for the newly completed East End Park will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the director of the North Carolina Recreation Commission, Dr. Harold E. Meyer, delivering the principal address.

The park, located near Alston Avenue, was constructed from funds provided from a special bond issue, voted in 1947, at a cost of approximately \$15,000. It has picnic areas and a shelter field house. The land was donated to the city by John Sprunt Hill to be used as a park site. Mr. Hill will appear on the program which will be presided

over by Mayor Dan K. Edwards, Rev. A. S. Croom, pastor of Union Baptist Church, will give the invocation. Dr. C. C. Spaulding will also speak on the program.

Ellis D. Jones, chairman of the East End Betterment League, will present the flag and flagpole for the park. Preceding the actual dedication program will be a parade headed by the Hillside Park High School Band and the East End Betterment League, beginning at the corner of Dowd and Elizabeth Streets and proceeding to the park.

Later in the afternoon, contests will be held of athletic (Please turn to Page Eight)

**NEW YORK**  
After 26 days in a linen closet, premature baby Chaneta Holden, who was kidnapped from a hospital in the Bronx, is still alive and has gained six ounces.

Lincoln Hospital authorities were astounded that Mrs. Evelyn Jane Jordan, lacking medical knowledge and equipment, was able to keep the child alive. Police had given up the search which took them as far south as Virginia. The 18-year-old chambermaid at the Coburg hotel, frustrated over the loss of twins in a miscarriage, said she had an overpowering desire and "hungered" for children.

Substituting the intricate mechanism of the hospital incubator, Mrs. Jordan's equipment consisted of an electric hot plate, several hot water bottles, an electric heating pad and books on the care of infants. The makeshift incubator served well in the place of the place of the \$10 a day cost of the hospital incubator. The baby had been kept under a temperature of precisely 95 degrees.

Mrs. Jordan was arrested Tuesday when Mrs. Elliott Vernon, a resident of Harlem, tipped off police that Mrs. Jordan had come to her home the night of the kidnapping to put on a skirt. Mrs. Vernon did not know of the kidnapping at that time. She phoned police Mrs. Jordan's address after a chance meeting on the street and trailing her to the hotel. Mrs. Vernon said she recognized her as the woman she had unknowingly befriended.

Mrs. Jordan, when taken to the hospital by detective, retracted the kidnapping. She led officers to the second floor of the hospital, where she said she had never been before, and showed them how she pushed a pencil through two screen doors and lifted the hooks. She said that "no one was near the room at the time. I just lifted the baby up in my arms." Then she said she wrapped the child in her skirt and "got out of there."

Hospital Superintendent Dr. Bernard Nadell said "it was an act of God that this unknown woman took such good care of the child that the baby is perfectly all right." And good care it was. When taken from the hospital, Chaneta weighed two pounds, 11 ounces, and now after this miracle, she weighs three pounds, one ounce.

Police found Mrs. Jordan living in a hotel basement room with her husband, 24-year-old Walter, who is a hotel porter. She has been charge with kidnapping and her husband as an accessory to the act. Mrs. Jordan became frantic and hysterical when she heard the charges against her and was administered a sedative.

Chaneta was found at 3:30 A. M., with an electric heating pad on her chest and a hot water bottle under her head. She was very clean. All evidence pointed toward the fact that the child had had excellent care.

Police found in the Jordans' room, feeding equipment, several bottles of the formula prescribed for the infant by the (Please turn to Page Eight)



Pictured above is Joseph Fleming, Hillside High School student, receiving a scholarship prize of \$250 awarded him by the Colonial Stores in

the recent \$40,000 cash scholarship essay contest. Presenting the check to young Fleming is E. C. Helms, District Supervisor of Colonial

Stores with headquarters in Durham. At the extreme left is Prof. H. M. Holmes, principal. At the extreme right is Mrs. Dorcas Reaves, home room teacher of Fleming.