

# Despondent Youth Shoots Self

## Durham Delegates To Democratic Convention



Twenty-three Negro delegates from Durham were in attendance at the North Carolina State Democratic Convention held in Raleigh last week. There was no evidence of discrimination and the Negro delegates were accorded every courtesy shown any other delegates. The woman in the picture is Dr. Rose Butler Browne, believed to be the first of her race to ever be elected a delegate to a Democratic Convention in the South.

## Young Man In Fair Condition After Attempting To Take His Own Life

Despondent over low grades in school, Jack Mitchell, Jr., 18-year-old senior of Hillside High School, shot himself through the left shoulder with his father's pistol here Tuesday morning.

Immediately following the shooting the youth was rushed to Lincoln Hospital where attendants report he is in "fair condition."

Young Mitchell lives with his father at 600 Dunbar Street and his futile attempt to commit suicide took place on the back porch of the home.

Miss Gladis Mitchell, sister of the youth, told officers that when she first heard the report of the gun, she thought it was a fire cracker, due to the fact her brother had exploded one a short while before. When she heard someone fall a few seconds afterward, she rushed to the back porch where she found her brother lying on the floor with his shoulder bleeding.

Officers J. B. Samuels and Gerson McLeod investigated the shooting and stated that young Mitchell would not discuss it.

According to members of the family the youth did not go to school Monday and Tuesday. His parents stated that is of a nervous type and usually keeps his problems to himself.

## Legionnaires First Contest To Be Held Sunday

The Seventh District of Division Six, Department of North Carolina, American Legion, will hold its first oratorical contest on Sunday afternoon, May 21st at the W. D. Hill Recreation Center on Fayetteville St.

The program will begin at 3:30, with all local Legionnaires and members of the American Legion Auxiliary attending.

In addition to local members of the Legion and the Auxiliary, quite a number of out of town members of the Legion and the Auxiliary will also attend, as well as friends of both organizations.

It is hoped that the entire Seventh District will be represented. Posts comprising the Seventh District are: Post Number 429 of Hillsboro; Post Number 277 of Siler City; Post Number 340 of Roxboro; Post Number 176 of Henderson; Post Number 166 of Oxford and Post Number 175 of Durham.

The oratorical contest is open to Negro high school students of the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades. It is not restricted to sons and daughters of Legionnaires, but is opened to all high school students enrolled in the current school year. For quite a number of years these oratorical contests have been held by the White divisions of the North Carolina Department of the Legion, but this is the first year that the Negro division of the North Carolina Department of the Legion has sponsored the contests on a state-wide basis.

The winning contestant in each district of the Six Division, will compete in the finals, which will be held in Charlotte at the (Continued on Page Eight)

## Attempts Suicide



Jack Mitchell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mitchell of 600 Dunbar Street who attempted suicide here Tuesday morning because of despondency over low marks in school. Young Mitchell is a senior at Hillside High School.

## Sweet Briar Prexy To Give N. C. C.'s Finals Address

Additional plans for North Carolina College's 39th Commencement were revealed here this week with the announcement of the selection of Marshals for the finals exercises to be held in the B. N. Duke Auditorium June 4 and 6.

Dr. Harry V. Richardson, president of the Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, June 4, and Dr. Martin B. Lucas, President of Sweet Briar College of Virginia and a special U. N. E. S. C. O. representative, will deliver the Commencement address at 10 A. M. June 6 in the B. N. Duke Auditorium.

Chief Marshal for the finals exercises will be Dr. W. H. Robinson, chairman of the Physics Department. Assistant Marshal will be Dr. J. S. (Please turn to Page Eight)

## Criminal Action May Be Brought Against Obstinate Registrars

Acting in behalf of the Vote-Registration Committee of North Carolina, Attorneys Conrad O. Pearson, M. E. Johnson, and W. Frank Brower announced plans here Monday for criminal and civil action against registrars in Nash, Warren and Wake Counties for the alleged refusal to register qualified Negro voters of the May 27 primary.

The accused registrars, F. L. Roberson and Claude Glover of Jackson Precinct, Nash County, and William G. Collins, chairman of the Nash County Board of Elections, if convicted would be subject a fine and imprisonment, according to Attorney Brower, under Title 18 of the U. S. Code, a civil rights statute.

"Removal of United States Attorney John Manning of the Eastern District of North Caro-

lina" is also being sought. The charges against Manning are an outgrowth of alleged failure to act following investigation of affidavits submitted by Warren County Negroes two years ago charging that they had been refused the right to register.

L. E. Austin, President of the Voters League, contends that "Negroes are determined to use every lawful means to force registrars to grant them their rights as American citizens." The attorneys are seeking criminal action through the office of U. S. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath.

It has been asserted by the attorneys that thirty-seven affidavits are available in the Warren County investigation of 1948. Thirteen affidavits have been collected in the Nash County Case.

## National Business League President To Speak At Meeting In Goldsboro

Goldsboro — Announcement was made this week by J. J. Henderson of Durham, president of the National Negro Business League, that Horace Sudduth, national president, will address the meeting to be held in Goldsboro, August 23.

The annual session is scheduled to open promptly at 9 a. m., with the entire day being taken with routine business of the organization. The session will be held in Saint James A. M. E. Zion Church of which the Rev. S. B. Sim-

mons is pastor. The public program will be held Tuesday evening at eight o'clock at which time the national president will address the gathering. Other persons on the program will be Mrs. D. A. Barnes, president of the Goldsboro Women's and Professional League, Mrs. J. DeShazor Jackson, secretary of the State organization and S. D. Dillard, Durham businessman.

Music will be furnished by the Dillard High School Glee (Please turn to Page Eight)

# White Reinstated Active Secretary Of NAACP

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# Fate Of FEPC Bill Hangs In Balance

Washington — Fate of the Fair Employment Practice Commission Bill hung in the balance here this week with advocates of the legislation and opponents sparring for advantage.

Friday is the day set to force a showdown on the move to bring the FEPC bill before the Senate.

A petition for cloture was being circulated by Senator Scott W. Lucas, majority leader here early this week. The petition requires a minimum of signatures. Thirty-six—12 Democrats and 24 Republicans had signed late Tuesday and others are expected to attach their names to the document before the showdown Friday.

Two-thirds of the entire 96 members of the Senate, voting cloture is necessary to invoke a limit on a filibuster. An absentee is about the same as a vote against the measure.

The bill is being opposed by southern members who are claiming if the bill is passed it will result in everything disastrous from bubonic plague to a hydrogen bomb explosion.

If the effort to get the bill to the floor Friday fails it is very likely that it will be shoved aside indefinitely, or at least for this season of congress.

## United Mutual Buys Stock In Durham Co.

New York — In an effort to strengthen Negro home-financing agencies and to make available additional funds for home loans to Negroes, the United Mutual Life Insurance Company of this city has purchased \$15,000 worth of investment shares in three institutions, Dr. C. N. Ford, president, announced this week.

Berkley Citizens Building and Loan of Norfolk, Mutual Building and Loan of Durham, and Atlanta Mutual Building Savings and Loan are the three associations in which the purchases were made. All are affiliated with the American Saving and Loan League, carry federal insurance up to \$5,000 on each account, and pay three per cent interest. The three transactions were handled through Ernest E. Johnson, New York personal representative and public relations consultant.

"United Mutual recognizes the importance of home ownership, the difficulty many Negroes experience in securing home financing, and the efforts being made by Negro savings and loan institutions to meet this situation," Dr. Ford said. "Having seen the desirability of including these insured institutions in our investment program, we were pleased to accept the recommendations of Mr. Johnson. We plan to do more in this direction in the near future."

## Durham Mourns Passing Of J. P. McGuire



The photo above is that of the late J. P. McGuire, prominent and beloved citizen of Durham who died here suddenly last Saturday morning of a heart attack at the age of 49. At the right are four employees of the McGuire Construction Company who have served a total of 112 years with the organization founded by their friend, benefactor and employer, Mr. McGuire.

Reading from left to right, standing they are: George Powell, 23 years service; Nehemiah Walston, 31 years service. Seated left to right are: Ernest Hyman, 23 years and James Ferrell who served 35

## 112 Years Employment



years with the company prior to his retirement several years ago. Three other Negro employees of the firm have also served from 18 to 20 years with the company. They are: W. D. Hardy, Willie Edwards and Silas Armstead.

# Over 500 Expected To Attend Shriners Annual Meeting In Raleigh

Raleigh — All the color and pomp that lend an air of excitement to any event sponsored by the Shriners, will be on display here May 19th and 20th as more than 500 North Carolina Shriners gather here to stage their "Second Gala Day Ceremonial."

Participating in the ceremonies will be representatives from eleven State Temples, while the local Kabala Temple No. 177, at Cabarrus and Blount Streets, will serve as host for the event.

The meeting will be officially opened Friday morning with the registration of delegates, and will close on Saturday night with a banquet. During the time between the two events, the visitors will be treated to a number of other attractions arranged by the host Temple.

Highlighting these attractions will be a baseball game, a public meeting at the First Baptist Church, and a public parade. The game will be staged at Chavis Park on Friday at 2:30 P. M., and will see St. Augustine's College and Shaw University renew their intense and long standing baseball feud.

The public meeting at the First Baptist Church, Wilmington and Morgan Streets, on Friday at 8:00 P. M. will

be featured by an official welcome to the city extended by City Manager Roy Braden, and the appearance of the Imperial Potentate Raymond E. Jackson.

## Parade Saturday

The Parade is scheduled to start Saturday at 1:00 P. M. and the colorful uniforms of the Shriners, plus a number of floats and bands, promise to create a wonderful picture as they wind their way through the streets of Raleigh. In addition, the Shriners will present the Imperial Potentate Ball, Friday at 10:00 P. M. at the Mason Temple and will hold initiation ceremonies on Saturday.

Officials for the Ceremonial are L. W. Ligon, chairman; H. C. Perrin, general secretary, and Nelson L. Perry, general treasurer.

Temples taking part in the Ceremonial are Arabian Temple 42, New Bern; Ramess Temple 55, Charlotte; Kindah Temple, Fayetteville; Khalif Temple, 144, Greensboro; Onda Temple 147, Maxton; Habib Temple 159, Wilmington; Imran Temple 168, Henderson; Sethos Temple 170, Winston-Salem; Rofelt Pasha Temple, Rocky Mount; Zafa Temple 176, Durham, and Kabala Temple 177, Raleigh.

## Roy Wilkins Made Head Of New Post

New York — Recalled to his post as executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Walter White today declared that in the light of the civil rights crisis "it is imperative that all of us buckle down to work" and pledged himself to do so.

The board of directors at its regular monthly meeting on May 8 voted to bring Mr. White back to the NAACP as top executive after a year's leave of absence. The board also named Roy Wilkins, who served as acting secretary during Mr. White's leave, to the newly-created post of administrator. Action on both positions is effective as of June 1.

In order to carry out the program of the NAACP, Mr. White said in his statement released today, "my associates and I need the support of every man, woman and child in the United States who believes in our program. I am that support — not for myself or any other individual — but for the cause itself."

The appointments of Mr. White and Mr. Wilkins, which will continue until January 1, 1951, "the normal period of appointments" were made under a new plan of organization adopted by the board, designating the executive secretary as the top executive with administrator a second in command. The duties and relationships of the offices were also defined by the plan.

Under the new plan, both the executive secretary and the administrator as well as the head of the legal department and the public relations officer are to be appointed by the board. Heretofore only the executive secretary has been so appointed.

The plan was drawn up by a special board committee under the chairmanship of Judge William H. Hastie. Serving with Judge Hastie on the committee were: Rabbi Judah Cahn, Dr. Nathan K. Christopher, Judge Hubert T. Delany, Earl B. Dickerson, Mrs. Daisy Lampkin, Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, Arthur B. Spingarn and Dr. Louis T. Wright.

The complete text of Mr. White's statement follows:

"The international picture of race and colonialism and the national civil rights situation to federal legislation, finances and the overall struggle for jobs are so acute that it is imperative for all of us to buckle down to work. This I pledge myself to do. In large measure, the fate of not only 15,000,000 American Negroes but of democracy itself depends on the effectiveness and integrity of the NAACP."

"There are two new and powerful influences which can greatly speed up our fight for freedom for the Negro. One is the growing realization that the United States must clean up its own backyard so far as minorities are concerned or continue to lose valuable prestige and friends abroad."

"The second asset is the tremendous number of loyal and intelligent white Americans who, in enlightened self-interest, are eager to join their Negro fellow Americans in the fight for unqualified and unrestricted opportunity. Many of these persons look to the NAACP to supply leadership as the largest, oldest and most effective civil rights organization in America. If we supply that leadership there is no limit to the size and influence for good of the Association."

"To do this difficult and enormously vital job my associates and I need the support of every man, woman and child in the United States who believes in our program. I ask (Please turn to Page Eight)

## Roy Wilkins Urges Continuance Of Children's Fund

NEW YORK — Continued United States support for the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund was urged this week by Roy Wilkins, acting secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In a letter to Senator Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.), a sponsor of the bi-partisan bill S. 3420, now introduced as Title 5 of the Foreign Assistance Bill) to extend U. S. participation in the international fund through June 30, 1951, Mr. Wilkins placed the NAACP on record in support of the bill.

"The types of programs assisted by the Children's Fund," Mr. Wilkins wrote, "are important not only because they help large numbers of children now but because they can be easily understood by the peoples in under-developed areas. Its value in giving these peoples a psychological uplift will certainly be equal to its value in giving tangible assistance to their children."

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