

SUICIDE PREFERRED TO TRIAL

Schools To Swap Names

The name Hillside High will be given the renovated Whitted school building and the present Hillside High building will be called the James A. Whitted School, L. Stacy Weaver, city school superintendent, stated this week.

The move to exchange the names of the school buildings came as the City Board of Education approved a resolution Monday night which would have the names of the two school buildings exchanged.

The city school superintendent also stated that work on all the Negro schools will be finished in time for the Fall term.

Weaver said that several inquiries had been made as to whether the renovated Whitted school building will bear the name of Hillside high school. The structure, when work is finished, will become the high school, and the present Hillside high school plant will become the Whitted elementary school.

Lawyers In School Case To Be Honored

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Physician Facing Murder Trial Takes Own Life

Williamston — Dr. Edward Early, Jr., chose death by sleeping pills and chloroform here last week rather than face a trial on a murder count.

The prominent 34 year-old physician was found in his room last Thursday night near death. He was pronounced dead by a coroner who arrived approximately 25 minutes after his mother discovered him in an unconscious state.

Faces... of the TIMES



Dr. Alfonso Elder, president of North Carolina College, was principal speaker at the preliminaries to the 'Lost Colony's' annual 'Negro Citizens' Day,' held at the Waterside Theatre at Manteo Friday. 'Negro Citizens' Day' has been one of the special day observances of the 'Lost Colony' since the drama's premiere fourteen years ago.



Attorney M. Hugh Thompson (above) and Attorney J. H. Wheeler (below) local counsels in the local school discrimination case, will be recipients of the first annual "Page One" award to be given by the Durham Press Club. TIMES editor-publisher L. E. Austin, president of the Press Club, said this week that the award, to be given annually to local citizens for "conspicuous service," is being awarded to Attorneys Thompson and Wheeler for "an act of profound service in bringing public notice to the disparities between the Negro and white schools of this community." Details for the affairs, to be held at an early date, will be announced later, according to a Press Club spokesman.

Hastie Gets Approval Of Solons At Last

Washington — After the Senate Judiciary Committee had stalled for six months, action on the Hastie nomination was finally taken this week and the first Negro Federal Circuit Court judge was approved by the Senate.

Judge William H. Hastie, former Governor of the Virgin Islands, was serving a recess appointment.

The Circuit Court, highest judicial post to which a Negro has been named, includes Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and the Virgin Islands.

After six long months of stalling, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted nine to one, according to committee chairman Pat McCarran (Dem.-Nev.) to report favorably the nomination to the Senate as a whole.

When the vote of the Senate as a whole on the nomination came up Wednesday, Hastie was approved without any opposition.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, by voting to report the nomination favorably Monday, broke a stalemate over Hastie's recess appointment which existed since the nomination went to the Senate for approval in October. The appointment was scheduled to end if the Senate had not approved of it before recess.

The Hastie confirmation received little or no opposition in both the Senate Judiciary Committee and in the Senate whole this week. Only die-hard Dixiecrat Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi cast the dissenting vote in the Judiciary Committee.

Opposition to the former Virginia Island's Governor's appointment had caused the six-month delay in confirmation, however. Political observers (Please turn to Page Eight)



Over Million Vehicles Registered In State; Mecklenburg Leads

Raleigh — A total of 1,036,811 motor vehicles were registered in North Carolina during the first half of 1950, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reported today.

The figure is 118,407 above the 918,404 registered the same period last year.

Mecklenburg County with 59,092 had the largest number of motor vehicles registered. Guilford was second with 57,389; Wake, third, with 49,897; and Forsyth, fourth, with 41,173.

Virginia University May Face Suit

Martinsville, Va. — The University of Virginia may face a suit for admission of a Negro lawyer of Danville practicing here.

Gregory Swanson, who was denied admission to the graduate school of Law at Virginia University said this week that he had not yet decided whether or not he would institute proceedings seeking to compel the University to admit him to its law school.

The State NAACP has already committed itself to aid Swanson if he does decide to sue for admission to the University. Dr. J. M. Tinsely of Richmond, State president of the NAACP, promised Swanson aid

from the Virginia branches of the NAACP if he should decide to sue.

Dr. Tinsely termed the action of the Board of visitors of the University in rejecting his application "very undemocratic" and volunteered "we will back Swanson if he tries to get in."

The Board of Visitors of the historic University of Virginia apparently ignored the opinion of State Attorney General J. L. Almond, Jr., in rejecting the application of Swanson.

Almond has reportedly told the Board, when requested by Virginia's president C. W. Darden, Jr., to give an opinion on the situation, that a decision to reject Swanson would not be upheld by the federal courts.

The Board, however, felt bound by the State laws and the State constitution, as it released a statement after the action saying that it was "obligated to follow the Constitution and the Laws of Virginia."

The Board's statement, issued by Barron F. Black, Norfolk, and rector of the University, said in part: "The applicant is a colored man. The Constitution and laws of Virginia provide that white and colored shall not be taught in the same schools."

The Board of Visitors feels that it is obligated to comply with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Virginia. Even the State law of Virginia (Please turn to Page Eight)

Rites Held For Boy Who Drowns

Oxford — Last rites for Harry Royster Green, age 12, who was drowned at Camp Carver, Boy Scout encampment near Goldsboro, were held in Oxford on Friday, July 14.

Harry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brady Green, was a lad of unusual poise and ability, a member of Boy Scout Troop Number 59, and had just completed seventh grade work at Orange Street Graded School.

Throngs of friends, stunned and saddened by the tragedy, gathered for funeral services at the Timothy Darling Presbyterian Church, which Harry joined on April 24, 1949, and where he had long been very active in the church's Youth program.

Dr. H. S. Davis, Pastor of the Timothy Darling, delivered the eulogy. Resolutions, tributes and acknowledgments were made by Miss Esther Crews, Mrs. F. P. Moss, Miss Betty Redding, Harvey Marrable, the Rev. J. W. Hall, and Mrs. O. H. Davis. Miss Bettie Davis sang Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer."

Harry's body was escorted in and out of the church by the two scout troops of Oxford, with six of the scouts serving as active pall bearers: Monroe Williamson, Angles Hawley, Godfrey Maynor, Jimmy Satterwhite, Bobby Cooper and Charles Hawkins.

Fourteen young girls dressed in white floral bearers: Misses Mary Jordan, Lethia Jordan, Juanita Anderson, Grace Davis, Lois Wilson, Janie Garrett, Sara Toney, Minnie Crews, Marianna Crews, Esther Crews, Panthea Overby, Carolyn Johnson and Eunice Harris.

Impressive rites were conducted at the graveside while recorded hymns were played from the funeral coach of Shepard Funeral Home. One of the members of the Scout Troop played "Taps" on a bugle.

Surviving Harry are his mother and father, Mr. Brady Green and Mrs. Adele Royster Green, and a younger brother, Raleigh Green. Many other relatives mourn his sudden passing.



NANCY BROCK, brilliant young American dancer, appeared in Duke Auditorium at North Carolina College here Wednesday night. She was assisted by Samuel W. Hill, pianist, and Robert Charles Long, tenor.

The final number in the Summer Lyceum series will be presented July 26 in Duke Auditorium at 8:15 when Samuel W. Hill's Summer School Mixed Chorus will give a concert. All Summer School Lyceum features are open to the general public free of charge, according to Dr. Joseph H. Taylor, director of the Summer School.

Man Hacks Wife's Body And Confesses

Louisburg — A 32 year old man confessed to one of the most gruesome crimes committed in this state's history this week.

Sheriff R. G. Davis said that Roy Leonard confessed to murdering his wife, chopping up her body into three parts and then dumping the parts in sacks into a well.

The confession by Leonard was made after discovery of the dismembered body of his wife, Mrs. Annie M. Leonard, was made. The parts of her body were found in three burlap bags in an abandoned well.

After water was pumped from the well, the three burlap bags — one containing

the woman's head, another her torso, and the third her legs — were removed from the well by volunteers lowered into it.

Leonard did not admit that he cut up his wife with an axe found near the well, the Sheriff stated. The Sheriff found at the house blood-soaked clothing, particles of flesh and signs of blood 75 feet away.

Leonard was reported as confessing that he shot his wife with a shotgun found near the house. The shotgun and the axe are being held as evidence.

A search by police was begun for Mrs. Leonard when relatives reported her missing (Please turn to Page Eight)

Heart Attack Is Fatal To Durhamite

Mrs. Mary Council Williams, 72, wife of Matthew Williams, died at Lincoln Hospital here Sunday at 11:50 P. M. following a heart attack which she suffered around 6:00 P. M. Sunday.

Although Mrs. Williams had been in declining health for several years, she apparently was feeling fairly well until late in the afternoon Sunday, when she complained of a severe headache.

Mrs. Williams was born in Chatham County, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith. Although she had lived in Durham for approximately 50 years, she retained her membership in the New Hope Baptist Church, near her birthplace. In 1896 she was married to Mr. Williams, and shortly thereafter moved to Durham where the couple lived ever since.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Williams is survived by two sons and one daughter. The sons are Edgar Williams of Baltimore, Maryland; Tommie Lee Williams of Durham. The daughter is Mrs. Plassie W. Harris of Durham.

Funeral services were held at New Hope Baptist Church, Wednesday at 2:00 p. m. (Please turn to Page Eight)

Error Of 100G's Made

An error of one hundred thousand dollars was made in the July 8 edition of the CAROLINA TIMES.

In the July 8 edition, the TIMES carried an article on the front page headlined: "New \$75,000 Church Dedicated at Charlotte." The new church in question was the St. Paul Baptist Church of Charlotte on which construction costs amounted to \$175,000 instead of \$75,000 which the headline reported.

Rev. James F. Wertz, pastor of St. Paul — which boasts an aggregate membership of 2,328 — said recently that dedication services at the new church will continue through the month of July. Each night a guest speaker is presented.

Attorneys Thompson And Wheeler To Get First Annual Press Club Award

The Durham Press Club's first annual PAGE ONE awards will be given this year to John H. Wheeler and M. Hugh Thompson, attorneys for the plaintiffs in the "Durham School Suit."

L. E. Austin, publisher of the CAROLINA TIMES, and president of the Club, said this week the awards would be given local Negro citizens for "conspicuous community service."

Austin made public a statement which he said he had been authorized to issue by the Durham Press Club. It stated: "John H. Wheeler and M. Hugh Thompson, public-spirited Durham citizens, have rendered this community an act of profound service in bringing to public notice the disparities between the Negro and white schools of this community."

"Moreover, in the gentlemanly and scholarly manner in which these men have accomplished this task, they have dispelled forever the silly notion that Negroes can not institute a law suit against white people without blood flowing in the streets."

"The service which these men have rendered this community transcends whatever immediate reforms which the suit itself may accomplish. In the final analysis, the City of Durham will be made aware that Negro citizens of this community not only know

their responsibilities, but that they know how to use democratic processes to obtain the right to realize their responsibilities."

The Press Club's action in honoring Wheeler and Thompson comes on the wave of an unprecedented demonstration of

community approval of the suit by white and Negro citizens. Tentative plans call for the awards to be made during a brief testimonial dinner.

Arrangements for the affair at this time are being conducted by a committee composed of Austin, A. M. Rivera, Jr., Char-

les A. Ray, and N. B. White of the Service Printing Company. Details will be announced next week, according to a Press Club spokesman who said additional information regarding the affair could be obtained by calling the Service Printing Company, N-7462.

Hints Lynching May Be Tried If Miss. Man Freed

New York — The Civil Rights Congress, handling the defense for Willie McGee, Mississippi man convicted of rape on a white woman and scheduled to die in the chair July 27, hinted this week that a lynching might be attempted if McGee is granted a stay of execution by Governor Fielding Wright.

The Congress has launched a nation-wide appeal to get a reprieve for McGee and a new trial on the contention that McGee is a "victim" of southern lynch justice.

The doomed man's wife, Mrs. Rosalie McGee, meanwhile, was in the midst of a northern tour this week appealing to the people to help save her husband. The speaking tour was arranged by the International Workers Order.

The Congress stated this week that a letter from "a friend of Willie McGee" had been received in New York saying that the Sheriff in Jones County has said that he was afraid that if McGee is brought to Laurel, a mob might seize him.

William L. Patterson, executive secretary of the CRC, commenting on the "letter," said "He (the Sheriff) is giving the lynch mob the classic signal of encouragement by saying he's afraid something may happen."

Patterson went on to say that "to answer the lynchers we must use every minute of the next ten days to send more wires and letters to Gov. Wright in Jackson to arouse the whole world to the imminent lynching of McGee, symbol of oppression of the whole Negro people in the Unit-

ed States."

Mrs. Willie McGee, wife of the doomed man, completed a series of speeches on behalf of her husband in three cities last week-end, and was scheduled to appear in four more during the coming week-end.

Edward L. Nelson, executive secretary of the IWO, sponsors of the tour, said that Mrs. McGee had spoken to nearly 1500 people in Chicago, Detroit and Buffalo last week-end. This week-end she will be speaking at Brooklyn, New Haven, and Waterbury, Conn.; Jersey City and New York.

According to an IWO announcement, Mrs. McGee was quoted as saying that she believes now more than ever, that her husband will be saved from (Please turn to Page Eight)