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A recent visitor to Durham could hardly believe the above actually happened here ten days ago. Approximately two inches of snow, first of the winter season, blanketed Durham February 26 and gave city and county schools students an unexpected—but welcomed—holiday. Old Sol came out the next morning after the snowfall and soon transformed the white stuff in slushy mud and mire. The above scene was taken on the campus at North Carolina college here, and shows Barbara Thomas, Burlington; Clarence Payne, Hillsboro, and Eula Blue, Southern Pines.

Supreme Court Will Review Case Of Daniels Cousins

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Daniels Cousins of Greenville, N. C., Bennie and Lloyd Ray, both sentenced to die for the murder of a white taxi driver in 1949, got another chance this week when the United States Supreme Court decided Monday to review their case.

The high court had earlier refused to review the trial in May, 1950. But when attorneys for the doomed men failed to get a writ of habeas corpus in the lower Federal court and appealed again to the Supreme Court, it decided to hear the case.

The body of the dead man, cab driver William B. O'Neal, was found near his cab on a lonely road near Greenville, N.

C. on February 6, 1949. He had been knifed and beaten to death. Bennie and Lloyd Ray, then 19 and 17 respectively, were convicted of murder in Pitt County superior court and sentenced to die in June, 1949.

The appeal to the North Carolina Supreme Court was lost on a thin technicality. Attorney Herman Taylor of Raleigh, N. C., one of the defense lawyers, stated that he went to file the appeal on the last day given for such action, but that the clerk who was empowered to take such appeals was out. He said he would by another clerk that it would be all right to file the appeal the next day.

The State Supreme court would not hear the case, however, because the appeal was filed late, and moreover, Attorney Taylor was castigated for negligence to his clients.

In perfecting the appeal to the Supreme court, attorneys for the doomed youths reminded the court that Negroes were excluded from the grand jury and the trial jury in Pitt County. They also asserted that the conviction was based on "alleged written confessions," obtained from the defendants by force.

YWCA Program

The Junior Hostess club of the Harriet Tubman Y.W.C.A. will present its first annual fashion show here Monday evening, March 10, at the Recreation center.

Theme of the show is "Tots to Teens," and it will feature male models along with original designs. Proceeds will be used to help purchase a station wagon for the local Y.W.C.A. Tickets are on sale at the Y.W.C.A. office on Umstead Street.

School Suit At Kinston

City Scene Of Strike Last Fall By Students In Protest Over Poor High School Facilities

KINSTON — Another North Carolina school board faced a Federal court suit on charges of discriminating against Negroes here Monday.

Brought in the name of Negro parents, the suit was filed at New Bern and lists as defendants the Kinston board of Education, Schools superintendent J. P. Booth, members of the State Board of Education and State Schools superintendent Clyde A. Erwin.

This city was the scene of a mass strike staged by students of the Atkins high school here last November in protest over "poor facilities." Over 700 students of the Negro high school staged an orderly two day strike and a parade after tiring of conditions at the school which have been termed "among the most miserable" anywhere in the State.

The petition filed by attorneys Herman Taylor of Raleigh, M. E. Johnson and C. J. Gates of Durham, asserts that Kinston's Negro schools are inferior in curriculum, plant, libraries and recreational facilities. It asks a permanent injunction halting the discrimination.

Filing of the suit at Kinston adds to the numerous suits of similar nature which have cropped up all over the state in the past two years since the Durham city schools suit was decided in favor of the plaintiffs. Other suits involve schools at Pamlico, Washington, Perquimans, Orange, and New Hanover counties.

The Plaintiffs' petition further charges that Kinston Negroes have repeatedly, over a number of years, petitioned the defendants to cease and desist from causing Negroes to attend inadequate, unequal, unsanitary and inferior schools and equipment.

When the students walked out in protest to the Atkins high school's facilities last November they listed seven points of grievances which had not been settled after repeated requests. Among their grievances were listed the following:

1. A poorly heated gymnasium, which was constructed by students;
2. Too few classrooms;
3. Necessity of holding classes in lunchroom while others are eating there;
4. Inadequate school ground space, and no drainage;
5. Inadequate auditorium which will not accommodate the student body;
6. Inadequate Home Economics facilities;
7. Lack of a vocational building.

Superintendent Booth, who urged the students to cut short the strike, told them at that time, "Kinston and Lenoir County have prided themselves in the past on steps they have made toward equalizing white and Negro schools."

Although the suit does not seek an end to segregation in the Kinston schools, it requests the court to declare that the Negroes are being discriminated

against and asks a court order to halt the discrimination. The complaint lists grievances similar to those raised by the students in their November strike.

It alleges that Negro schools have inadequate lunchroom, recreation, auditorium, gymnasium and playground facilities while all the white schools have adequate facilities in these respects. It also states that vocational and commercial courses are denied Negroes while offered to white students.

The complaint further declares that, although Negroes (Please turn to Page Eight)



J. W. Davidson, principal of Pearsons town school, has been named to serve as co-chairman of Durham County Red Cross chapter fund raising drive. Goal for the drive is \$47,606. A graduate of Wilberforce and Columbia Universities, Davidson is a junior trustee at St. Joseph A. M. E. Church, vice-polemarch of the Durham Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, president of Schoolmasters' Club, and a member of Doris Lodge, 28. He is also a member of Zeta Temple, 176.



Dr. Charles D. Watts, leading young Durham surgeon, has been appointed vice-chairman of the American Cancer Society campaign, to be conducted in April. Dr. Watts, first Negro to be certified by the American Board of Surgery, is general chairman of Lincoln Hospital Staff and physician at North Carolina College. Claude Bittle is chairman of the April campaign.



The new Saint John Baptist Church, located on Third Street here in Durham, was formally opened last Sunday with dedicatory services at two o'clock. The new church building was erected at an approximate cost of \$60,000. Work on it started in February, 1949, and was completed early last month. In the above scene, Dr. C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, is shown (standing) delivering one of the featured addresses at the afternoon service.

Seated behind him on the rostrum are, left to right, J. H. Wheeler, vice-president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank who introduced Spaulding; Reverend L. M. Gooch, pastor of Saint

John's Baptist Church; Reverend G. W. Thomas, Moderator of the East Cedar Grove Association, who delivered the dedicatory sermon following Spaulding's speech; Reverend T. C. Graham, pastor of the West Durham Baptist Church; Reverend J. C. Gray, assistant pastor of Saint John's; and Reverend E. T. Thompson, of Durham. Dedicatory services for the new church continued this week with services each night, except Saturday. Reverend T. H. Brooks, superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage, is scheduled to deliver the sermon at special services Sunday morning; while Dr. E. E. Toney, prominent Oxford physician and Reverend W. L. Wilson of Winston-Salem are the afternoon speakers Sunday.

Mack Ingram Faces New Trial

YANCEYVILLE — Retrial of Mack Ingram, Caswell county farmer charged with assault with intent to rape, is scheduled here for March 17 in the Caswell Superior Court.

Ingram, father of nine, was tried for the same charge in November, but the case ended in a mistrial when a jury became hopelessly deadlocked.

The case attracted wide attention because of the defendant's own admission that Ingram never got closer than 75 feet to her.

Second To Enter Ky. Med. School

FRANKFORT, KY — The second Negro to be admitted to Louisville University Medical College, is W. W. Jones, Junior, 1951 Graduate of Kentucky State College.

Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jones of Frankfort, received notification of his acceptance recently, and will begin his medical studies in September. At the present time, he is studying at the University of Kentucky Graduate School.

One of the interesting sidelights of Jones' admittance is that both he and Joseph Alexander, the first Negro to be admitted to U of L Medical College were biology pupils of Dr. Lloyd Alexander, now head of the Biology Department at KSC.

Funeral Services Held For Noted Durham Woman

Mrs. Alpha O. Pamplin, 46, resident of 605 Linwood Avenue, died here Tuesday, March 4 at 1:30 p. m., of a cerebral hemorrhage, following an illness of only a few hours. She became ill suddenly Monday night and was rushed to Lincoln Hospital where she succumbed the following day.

Mrs. Pamplin was born in Durham County, daughter of Mrs. Mary L. Tilley and the late Richard D. Tilley. She had made



her home here all of her life, and for a long number of years had been a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Gorman. (Please turn to Page Eight)

Despite More Arrests

KKK Activity Mounts In N.C.

Ku Klux Klan-like activity over the State stepped up this week despite continuing arrests of Klan members and men charged with participating in Klan-like activities.

At Mount Airy, unknown terrorists using KKK tactics are surrounding Surry County with a ring of burning crosses and burning houses. In Durham, agents of the F. B. I. are investigating a KKK-like note which threatened a Negro resident.

Meanwhile, law enforcement officers are pressing hard to stamp out, or to arrest at least, Klan members or persons participating in Klan-like activities. Columbus county officers and SBI agents announced the arrest of three more men Monday in connection with charges of flogging on a white garage mechanic.

The men arrested Monday, bringing to 35 the total of arrests made so far, were identified as John Honeycutt, Chadbourn produce dealer; Henry O. Edwards, Whiteville garage operator; and Ray Kelley, also Whiteville garage operator.

For three straight nights during the past week-end, unknown terrorists burned crosses and attempted to burn houses in Surry county. One man, 41-year-old Mebane Goad, has been arrested on charges of setting fire to a cross near a Mt. Airy radio station Friday night, first night of the Surry county KKK-like activities.

On Sunday night, a cross was burned on Dyson Hill, a Negro residential community north of Mt. Airy. On Saturday night, a cross was burned in a garden at Payne town. On Friday night, a cross was burned on Misery Hill, another Negro section, just east of the city.

Also two attempts were made on Friday and Saturday night to burn the house and barn of a man who had been threatened on previous occasions. Allen Bobbitt, 29-year-old epileptic, told police that he had been warned to go to work to support his wife before the attempting burning of his house and barn.

James Hatchett, a Negro who witnessed the cross burning at Dyson Hill Sunday night, said that the two men who were setting the cross aflame warned him if he didn't "get hell out of here, we'll burn you just like we're going to burn this cross."

At Raleigh, Gov. Scott had praise for the work of solicitor Malcolm Seawell of the ninth district for his work in rounding up Klan members. "It ought to be stopped," the Gov. said. He said Seawell acted "boldly and forthrightly."

At Charlotte, police announced the arrest of six men charged with burning a cross on the lawn of a Negro candidate last week. Lem Long, Jr., candidate for Mecklenburg County Commission, said he was not "alarmed in the least" at the incident.

The six arrested are W. H. Mullis, 18; B. R. Mullis, 17; Arvin Hargett, 18; R. L. Mullis, 20; A. L. Mullis, 17.

In Durham, police think the KKK note received by James Wilson, 1019 Wilson place, was the work of pranksters. The note warned Wilson against mistreating his wife and nonpayment of (Please turn to Page Eight)



Funeral services for Rev. James A. Whitted were held here Monday at the White Rock Baptist Church. Rev. Whitted, 90, died Saturday, March 1, after a long illness. Rev. M. M. Fisher, White Rock pastor, delivered the eulogy. A long time employee of the Post Office, Rev. Whitted began duties as a mail carrier in 1890 and won retirement in 1927. He remained an active member of the White Rock Baptist Church from its early beginning, before 1890, until the time of his death. He pastored the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Bragtown following retirement from the Post Office.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. M. W. Gilmer; four sons, Harry M., Durham; Walter, Weldon, and James and Benjamin, New York; and seven grandchildren.

Qualifications For Students Seeking Shepard Awards Are Listed

The James E. Shepard Memorial Foundation this week announced rules governing competition for \$3,200 in scholarships to be distributed during the 1952-53 school year.

Dr. Albert E. Manley, chairman of the foundation's scholarship committee, says that 16 scholarships in the amount of \$200 each will be awarded competitively qualified Negro students who plan to enter North Carolina College.

In addition to passing a competitive examination, applicants will also have to qualify in the following four categories: (1) Need; (2) Scholarship; (3) Extra-curricular promise; and (4)

S. C. School Case Attacking Jim Crow Heard

COLUMBIA, S. C.—A special three-judge Federal court has taken under advisement again the suit against South Carolina's segregated schools.

The court, consists of Judge John J. Parker, senior member of Charlotte; Armstead M. Dobbie of Norfolk, Va., and George B. Timmerman of Columbia. Parker and Timmerman were members of the three man panel which ruled that segregation was valid but ordered Clarendon county to equalize its white and Negro schools last May. Dobbie replaces Justice J. Waties Waring, who announced his retirement last month.

Judge Waring rendered the sole dissenting opinion in the court's ruling last June.

The court was ordered to hear again the case by the Supreme Court which vacated the lower court's decision Jan. 28. The high court vacated the decision and ordered the case returned to the lower court because no ruling had been made to cover a report of progress in equalization of facilities in the white and Negro schools, which was ordered by the lower court in its decision last June. The progress report was filed last December.

According to some reporters covering the hearing here this week, the court indicated that its decision would be the same as the June decision.

Thurgood Marshall, chief of the NAACP's legal counsel, argued before the court this week that segregation should be ended because each day facilities are not equal, Negro pupils are losing their rights to equal educational opportunities. Marshall also expressed his scepticism concerning the school board's intention of carrying out and maintaining its equalization program.

Judge Parker asserted that policing or supervision of district authorities, which Marshall had recommended as a safeguard toward insuring constant equality, could not be done.

Install Chain Officers Sunday

Installation of new officers for the Durham Business and Professional Chain will be held here Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at Mt. Zion Baptist church on Fayetteville street.

A full program, featuring music by Miss Thelma Bumpass and the "Royalettes," the Mt. Zion church choir and "The Chordiness," a men's ensemble, has been planned for the affair, according to D. F. Reed,

public relations officer for the Chain.

A feature of the program will be a presentation to T. R. Speight in appreciation and recognition of his service as retiring president of the Chain. He is succeeded by L. E. Austin, editor-publisher of the Carolina Times, who will make his acceptance speech during the program.

Rev. H. H. Hart, pastor of the

Mt. Calvary Baptist church, will install the officers. Greetings will be extended by Rev. W. H. Fuller, pastor of Mt. Zion, and Mrs. Callie Daye, president of the Housewives' League, Chain auxiliary, will give remarks. J. J. Henderson will act as master of ceremonies for the program.

Executive officers of the Chain, in addition to president Austin, are W. G. Rhodes, first vice-president; Mrs. P. H. Mc-

Neil, second vice-president; R. Kelly Bryant, Jr., secretary; J. J. Henderson, treasurer; D. F. Reed, public relations director; and Mrs. J. DeShazor Jackson, assistant public relations director.

New members of the Board of Trustees are T. R. Speight, chairman; J. C. Hubbard, I. R. Holmes, Mrs. Callie Daye and E. B. Bass.