

May Bolt American Legion Convention



Scenes of Shriners gatherings held in Durham last week. Top left is Miss Clementine Williams of Oxford, first place winner in the Shriners beauty and talent contest, waving to the cheering fans during the parade here Saturday. Her at-

tendant at the right is Miss Elizabeth Taylor. Miss Williams represented Imram Temple of Henderson. She also won a talent prize. Pictured at the right top is Miss Lucille McAllister of Durham, second place winner and representa-

tive of Zafa Temple. In the center is one of the five bands appearing in the parade. Bottom photo is the fancy Drill Team of Sethos Temple, Winston-Salem, that won top honors in that classification.

Legionnaires Object To Bias Action Of State Group

So far as the Weaver McLean Post Number 175 is concerned Negro members of the American Legion will have no part in the State Convention of the organization, scheduled to meet in Durham June 7-10.

Reason given for the local post's refusal to participate in the program, according to I. O. Funderburg, its Commander, is that Commander Z. Long of the American Legion Post Number 7 (white) of Durham, and local chairman, A. M. Stone of the Convention Planning Committee, have refused to allow representatives of the Weaver McLean Post in on the planning.

In addition to the local committee's attitude Funderburg told the TIMES here Tuesday evening that State representatives of the American Legion have assumed an autocratic attitude in the manner throughout.

In the hands of the CAROLINA TIMES are several copies of correspondence which Funderburg sent the local commander of Post No. 7, and to E. A. Thornton, Vice Commander of Division Six, the Negro unit of the State organization and A. M. Stone, chairman of the local Planning Committee as to the position of the Weaver McLean Post. Funderburg stated that in addition to the letters he had made repeated engagements with both Commander Long and Stone in an effort to cooperate with them, but had been unable to have them fill a single one of them. Always at the last moment they would either cancel the engagement or be out of place.

Funderburg said it appears that the local committee does not want the Weaver McLean Post to take part in the convention except in a backdoor capacity. This I refuse to do, he said. As far as I am concerned the Weaver McLean Post will take part on an equal basis or none at all.

In a letter Funderburg received from Thornton on May 16 the Vice Commander, under orders from Adjutant Nash D. McGhee (or McKee, note difference in spelling in copy of Thornton's letter below) of Raleigh, threatened to come to Durham and "take over" if the local Negro Post will not work



I. O. FUNDERBURG
of the American Legion.
The letter is as follows:

May 15, 1952
Mr. I. O. Funderburg,
Commander,
Weaver McLean Post No. 175
American Legion
1363 Rosewood Street
Durham, N. C.

Dear Commander Funderburg,

I am writing you to say that I have just received a phone call from Depart. Adjutant Nash D. McGhee in Raleigh, and explained to him the situation of which I found existing in Durham with your committee and the local white committee.

Mr. Nash told me that Commander Parker had called him and told him that I had called him from Durham and told him the existing situation. So Mr. McKee informed me to inform you that there is nothing that the Department can do about the situation, and if your committee were not willing to accept the responsibility as to the interment of Division Six, for me to come to Durham and take over, set up my committee and carry the work on the best I see fit.

The Department is very sorry to learn of the existing situation between the two committees and states it is not fair to your committee for not calling you in on the matter but there is nothing the department can do about that, as

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XI Chapter of The Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary Fraternity, Incorporated, organized in High Point recently by A. A. Rayner, Jr. of Chicago, Illinois.
Seated left to right: W. W. Hoover, president of High Point; Mrs. E. S. Bynum, recording secretary of Durham; Mrs. Moselle P. Greer, chaplain of Wadesboro; Miss Sarah Reeves, Treasurer of Statesville and Marvin V. Barnes, financial secretary of High Point.
Standing left to right are John Smet of Greensboro; Elwood P. Thomas of Thomasville; L. B. Haislip of High Point; Charles Costner, Jr. of Gastonia; A. E. Kelsy, vice-president of Salisbury and A. A. Rayner, Jr. of Chicago, Illinois.
Members not shown on the picture are T. V. Mangum of Statesville, W. T. Horton of Sanford and George Latimer of Conway, South Carolina.

McLendon Quits N. C. College

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AME's RETIRE 3 BISHOPS

Doctor Jailed For Abortion

Ransom, Davis And Fountain Retired By Group

CHICAGO

The General Conference of the A. M. E. Church retired two bishops permanently and gave Bishop Monroe H. Davis a four-year rest here last week.

On last Friday the Conference was forced to adjourn when the race for the position of secretary of education became so tight between O. M. Travis, Jr., and Dr. W. A. Fountain, it resulted in a flare-up over the ballot box. Bishop Alexander Allen, who was presiding at the time, adjourned the Conference for a cooling off period.

In addition to retiring the three bishops the Conference elected L. L. Berry, secretary of Home and Foreign Missions; A. S. Jackson, Financial Secretary; Rev. A. L. Green, Jr., Secretary of Education and Rev. Geo. A. Singleton, Editor of the A. M. E. Review.

Bishops L. H. Hemingway, D. Ward Nichols and R. R. Wright were cleared of charges brought against them when the Episcopal Committee claimed the evidence was insufficient.

The adjournment of the Conference last Friday came when W. A. Fisher of Philadelphia accused Bishop John Clayborne of kicking him during the run-off election for the position of Secretary of Education.

The balloting for the position was finally resumed Saturday with Dr. Fountain nosing out Travis by a vote of 562 to 508.

A serious situation arose when a group of ministers and laymen, headed by Rev. Carlyle F. Stewart of Detroit, introduced a resolution condemning the practice of buying the office of bishop.

The resolution which was

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Pictured above is Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, noted educator, receiving a citation from the North Carolina Federated Women's Clubs in its annual meeting held in Durham last week. At the right is Miss Ruth O. Bush, president of the organization who awarded the citation.

BOND SET AT \$2500 FOR DR. W. H. ROSS

CARTHAGE

The grand jury of Moore County returned a true bill of indictment against Dr. W. Ross, 43, physician of Southern Pines, on an abortion charge here Monday.

Following the indictment, Dr. Ross was freed Tuesday under a bond of \$2,500, set by Judge Zeb V. Nettles after he had been jailed only a few hours before.

The case was investigated by Lee Phillips of the SBI, Sheriff C. J. McDonald and District Solicitor M. G. Boyette prior to it being turned over to the grand jury.

Dr. Ross alleged to have performed the illegal operation on a white woman of Southern Pines on May 8. She was later given treatment in a local hospital as a result of the abortion.

A charge of manslaughter was brought against Dr. Ross a year ago for a similar operation on a Negro woman, Mrs. Ruth McCrimmon, from which she died.

Judge J. H. Clemons, who presided over the hearing, refused to let the case go to the jury on account of lack of evidence.

Attorney W. D. Sabiston, Jr., of Carthage who represented him in the McCrimmon case as chief counsel has been employed to defend him in the new case.

Dr. Ross is a native of New York. He was licensed to practice in 1939, and first opened office in Raleigh, but moved to Southern Pines three months later.

Although Solicitor Boyette has asked that the case be called this week, it is most likely counsel for the defense will ask for a continuance in order that they may prepare. If it is granted the hearing will probably be held at the next term of Moore County criminal court in August.

FIVE SCHOOLS ANGLING FOR FAMOUS COACH

TUESDAY AT 10:00 A. M. Information leaked to THE CAROLINA TIMES this week week that Johnny "Basketball" McLendon, famous coach of North Carolina College, may not be at the local institution next year.

With fourteen years of successful coaching behind him, during most of which his teams have either won the

FLASH!
TUESDAY AT 10:00 P. M. Johnny B. McLendon, beloved, respected and admired Coach at North Carolina College and Head of the Department of Athletics, tendered his resignation to the Athletic Committee at a meeting here tonight. The Bombshell went off about 9:30 P. M.

championship or been runner-up, the news fairly stunned local alumni and friends of North Carolina athletic to the extent that several have made feverish inquiries this week of the North Carolina College ad-



J. B. McLENDON
ministration, athletic officials and McLendon himself.

No man in the history of North Carolina athletics is better known, admired, loved and respected by faculty members, alumni and students than McLendon. In fact he is considered a tradition at N. C. College by most of the alumni scattered all over the nation, as well as in Durham.

Clean-cut, always a gentleman and true sport, whether on or off the athletic field, he is looked up to as a shining example of what a real coach and true leader of sports ought to be.

Efforts to learn the reason for Coach McLendon's resignation from N. C. College sports, this week were of little avail as, typical of his very retiring manner, he would give little or no indication as to his intentions.

McLENDON MAINTAINS SILENCE

The TIMES became suspicious of several rumors going the round here in Durham when it learned that he would teach sports at Morgan this summer. When questioned as to just why he, being head of the Department of Athletics at North Carolina College, would not be on its Summer School faculty this year, he gave one of those typical McLendon smiles and would make no statement.

In spite of Coach McLendon's silence on the situation, the TIMES learned this week from very reliable sources that four major schools in CIAA circles and one in Tennessee are awaiting with open arms and anxious eyes for him to accept a position in their athletic departments.

What the trouble is all about is not exactly known, but it is believed that the recent curtailment of athletic scholarships by the college, in which McLendon sees no possibility of being able to keep pace with other State schools in athletic competition, is influencing him to consider leaving North Carolina College.

CUT IN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

It was definitely learned this week that the administration has practically turned thumbs down on granting more than 30 scholarships for all sports (Please turn to Page Eight)

Five-Year-Old Child Loses Life In Fire That Destroys Home

CLINTON

A five-year-old child lost her life near here last week when a fire completely destroyed the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fryar, who resided near the Sampson-Duplin County line. Two other children, 18-month-old twin boys, were rescued by a neighbor.

Fireman and neighbors searching among the ruins of the burned dwelling found the charred remains of the little girl in bed.

Mrs. Fryar told officers that after she cooked breakfast she went to a neighbors home, leaving the three children asleep in their beds. When she noticed smoke coming from the building she rushed home but it was too late to save her daughter.

Two Fayetteville Students Lose Lives In Auto Wreck

FAYETTEVILLE

Two E. E. Smith High School students lost their lives in a wreck near here last Sunday night when they were fatally injured about 7:00 P. M., when a truck in which they were riding on a highway in Bladen County skidded across the road into a tree and overturned several times. Four other persons in the truck at the time escaped without injury.

Miss Opal Murray, one of the victims, was a member of the Senior Class and was to have graduated at the commencement set for June 3. Fletcher Fuller, Jr., 17, the other victim of the wreck, was driving the vehicle which a pickup truck, at the time of the fatal accident.

The students were returning from a picnic when the car skidded some 420 feet before it struck the tree and overturned. Fuller died four hours and a half afterward in a local hos-



MISS OPAL MURPHY



FLETCHER FULLER

pital without ever gaining consciousness, while Miss Murray succumbed around 3:00 A. M. Monday.

The death of the two young

people cast a pall of gloom over the entire school, according to Principal E. E. Miller, especially the Senior Class of which Miss Murray was a popular member.