

# Greensboro Negro

# Challenges

# Candidate's Right To Seek Office

## N. C. College Instructor Gets Doctorate



Charles A. Ray, (second from left), professor of English and director of the News Bureau at North Carolina College, is shown here at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles last Saturday shortly after he received his Ph. D. degree.

Pictured with Ray are left to right, Dr. Louis Wann, noted authority in American Literature, chairman of Ray's guidance committee; Ray, Dr. Roberta F. Winkler, only other recipient of a Ph. D. at USC in English during the year; and Ray's sister, Mrs. Flora Belle Hill of Los Angeles.

Dr. Ray was formerly a student assistant in English at U. S. C. Prior to that time he taught in the public schools in this State and in California. He has contributed to numerous newspapers and magazine articles of general news interests.

Ray's dissertation studied a well-known Southern newspaperman, Joel Chandler Harris, former associate editor of the Atlanta Constitution, who is best known as author of the Uncle Remus stories in dialect.

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# Convicted For Attack On Negro Woman

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## Wheeler Tells NFA

# Virulent Leadership Our Greatest Need

# Negro Democrat Charges Candidate For Constable Not Eligible For Position

## Russell Says Manley Lost Citizenship

GREENSBORO  
L. R. Russell, well-known political and civic leader of this city, challenged the right of a candidate for constable to hold public office here Monday. Russell who is a Democrat filed the charges in the form of a sworn statement following the candidates request for a run-off in the race for constable of Morehead Township.

Russell charged that W. A. Manley lost his citizenship when he was convicted of a murder or manslaughter and that he is not eligible to hold office because he cannot read. Manley stated he has his citizenship papers. "I've got my citizenship papers. They made me get them and I went out and got them," he said.

When asked how he lost his citizenship, Manley stated that they got him for being in the Winston-Salem race riot in 1918.

A hearing on the charges has been set for June 23 at 10 A. M. Russell's sworn statement is as follows:

"I hereby protest and challenge the right of W. A. Manley to call for a second primary in a race for the Democratic nomination for constable of Morehead Township, for that in fact and in law, he is unqualified to hold office, or to register and vote in any primary or general election, and in support of this challenge I do hereby allege upon information and belief as follows:

"1. That W. A. Manley has heretofore been convicted of the felony of murder, or manslaughter, by the reason of which he has lost his citizenship.

"2. That W. A. Manley cannot read and write, and consequently is not qualified in law to register, vote, or be a candidate in any primary election."

Manley called for a second primary for the post of Morehead constable after his opponent, Thomas L. Turner, winning 2,780 votes, failed to achieve a majority over him and a third candidate in the May 31 primary.

## Bars Candidate



L. R. Russell, Greensboro political and civic leader, who is challenging the eligibility of a candidate for constable in the Morehead Township. In a sworn statement, Mr. Russell claims that W. A. Manley, candidate for the post who has asked for a run-off, lost his citizenship because he has been convicted of a felony and he cannot read and write.

# NORFOLK PUBLISHER DEFEATED IN RACE FOR CITY COUNCIL

NORFOLK, Va.  
Although rolling up at total of 5,436 votes, including a comparatively large number from white voters, Thomas W. Young, lone independent candidate in a field of five seeking four seats on the City Council, lost out to the "administrative ticket" in a surprisingly lively election that was sparked by the Daylight Saving Time issue.

Over 13,000 Norfolknians, re-futed pre-election predictions to cast a near record number of ballots. They elected the four white candidates from the administrative ticket and, by a narrow margin approved daylight saving time went into effect Thursday midnight.

Mr. Young polled the largest vote any colored candidate has ever received in an election. He received a surprisingly large vote in several of the city's all white precinct and led the ticket in eight precincts, most of which

# Durham Masons To Celebrate St. John's Day

The annual St. John's day will be celebrated by Masons of Durham Sunday June 22, at 3:30 P. M., included will be members of Doric Lodge No. 28, William Flintall, Worshipful Master and Dorcas Lodge, No. 460, John Morgan, Worshipful Master.

The celebration, which will be in the form of a program, will be held at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. E. T. Browne delivering the principal address.

Special music will be furnished by the Mt. Vernon Male Chorus.

All Master Masons, members of the Eastern Star and Daughters of Isis, are expected to take part in the program, which will be opened to the public.



THOMAS W. YOUNG

are predominately colored. An analysis of the results of the balloting will disclose that Negroes of Norfolk did more pre-election "voting" than they did on the actual day of the election. The mere fact that out

GREENSBORO  
More than 1,000 members of the New Farmers of America attended the North Carolina 24th annual convention held here at A. and T. College last week. The young delegates from 115 high schools in the state were challenged to become better farmers by two principal speakers, J. Warren Smith, state director of vocational education, Raleigh and J. H. Wheeler, cashier and vice president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank at Durham.

Wheeler Speaks  
Mr. Wheeler, who delivered the principal address at the annual banquet on Tuesday evening, told the youthful farmers, "The challenge which faces farmers in North Carolina today are, improvement of crop, improvement of livestock and poultry, conservation of our natural resources, increasing the farm income, development of sound family and home situations, improvement in our educational facilities and a determination to succeed by planning and co-operation and genuine Christian ideals."

Speaking from the subject, "Meeting the Challenge", he inspired the young visitors by assuring them, "Democracy must survive with all the advantages which we have here in free enterprise, competition, ingenuity, initiative and scientific advances which make ours the greatest nation in the world."

"Our greatest need at the moment", continued the speaker, "is virulent leadership which is bound to come from young people such as you who are expected to be leaders."

Contest Winners Named  
In the eliminations by districts in preparation for the finals in public speaking, quartet, officer ability and quiz contests held also on Monday the following winners were announced: District I: Public speaking, Warren Montgomery, Green Bethel School; The Western Union School Quartet; Pinckney High School, Carthage in officer ability and Waddie Gabriel from Catawba, won out in the quiz contest.

The District II winners included: James Stewart, Sedalia High School, quiz; Franklin County Training School, Louisville, quartet; James Stewart, Sadella, in public speaking and the team from Caswell County Training School in Yanceyville in officer ability.

The quartet from Whiteville High School and Wade Durham as a public speaker walked off with top honors for district III. District IV elimination winners were: Herbert Davis, Belhaven in quiz, Horace Reid, S. S. Brown High School, Winton, a quartet from the Frink High School and a team from the



Reverend E. T. Browne, pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church, who will deliver the Saint John's Day address here Sunday afternoon at 3:30. The program will be held at Mt. Vernon with members of all masonic lodges participating.

# UNCF Regrets Resignation Of Talladega Prexy

NEW YORK  
The executive committee of the United Negro College Fund's board of directors announced today that it had "learned with regret" of the resignation of Dr. A. D. Beittel as president of Talladega College in Alabama. Talladega is one of the 32 private accredited colleges and universities associated in the Fund.

Meeting today in executive session at Capahosic, Virginia, the committee of which Dr. Beittel has been a member for the past three years, said that it was "pleased to note" that the Trustees of Talladega did not sustain the student, faculty and alumni charges against Dr. Beittel, "thus vindicating his integrity as an individual and his efficiency and ability as an administrator."

In releasing a statement concerning the administrative changes made this week at Talladega College which resulted in the resignation of Dr. Beittel, the committee said: "We acknowledge with grateful appreciation the excellent services Dr. Beittel has rendered as a member of the Fund's board of directors, as a member of the executive committee, and as secretary of the board and executive committee for the past three years. We appreciate too, the many larger services Dr. Beittel has rendered

# Judge Waring To Address NAACP Meet

NEW YORK  
Judge J. Waties Waring, whose celebrated decision in the South Carolina suffrage case of 1947 opened the way to Negro participation in the Democratic primaries in that state, will address the 43rd Annual Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Walter White, executive secretary, announced today.

The noted jurist's acceptance of the invitation to participate in the convention, which opens in Oklahoma City on June 24 and continues through June 29, completes the roster of outstanding speakers who will address the mass meetings. Other previously announced speakers include Senator Hubert Humphrey, Mayor Allen Street, Dr. Louis T. Wright, Rev. James H. Robinson, George Rucker, Walter Reuther, Congressman Clifford Case, Mrs. Rosa T. Moore, Rev. William J. Harvey, Roy Wilkins and Walter White.

Participants in the various (Please turn to Page Eight)

# Honored



Wilberforce Univ. at its ninety-sixth commencement, Thursday June 12, awarded Professor Merl R. Eppse, Head and Professor of History, Tennessee State University, the Doctor of Laws degree.

Professor Eppse was a student at Wilberforce University forty years ago. He has taught at Tennessee A and I State University for twenty-five years during which time he has written two widely used and adopted text-books on the Negro and the guide to the study of the Negro in American History.

# DR. I. E. TURNER PASSES FOLLOWING LONG ILLNESS

Funeral services will be held today (Friday) for Dr. Israel Ezra Turner, former president of the Durham Academy of Medicine, and a practicing physician in this city for more than 20 years.

The funeral will be held at St. Joseph A. M. E. Church at four o'clock Friday. The Reverend D. A. Johnston, pastor, will officiate at the funeral and at graveside rites at Beechwood Cemetery.

Dr. Turner died early Wednesday morning following an illness of nearly six years. His condition became critical last Sunday.

Dr. Turner was the husband of Mrs. Minnie Pearson Turner, a teacher of English at Hillside High School here.

A native of Raleigh where he attended Oberlin School and Shaw University, Dr. Turner received his medical training at Howard University.

Shaw University. Classmates still recall him as Shaw's famous "Red Top" Turner, a pitcher with a burning fast-ball that sizzled many a would-be batter into the dugout hitless.

Dr. Turner and the former Miss Pearson were married here in 1931. Three children survive the union: Israel Ezra Turner, Jr., a junior at North Carolina College; Eugene Pearson Turner, a student at Whitted School; and James Meredith Turner, a student at Pearson School.

Other survivors include his mother, Mrs. Jane Dickerson Turner of Raleigh; two sisters, Mrs. Annie Turner Toney of Oxford, and Mrs. Margaret Turner Faison of Wadesboro; and one brother, H. Jerome, of Raleigh. Also five nieces, five nephews, and one great nephew survive.

Dr. Turner was born in Raleigh on August 20, 1901, the son of the late John Thompson Turner and Mrs. Jane Dickerson Turner.

At Howard University, Dr. Turner was a member of the medical honorary fraternity, Chi Delta Mu.

GRAHAM  
What many believe to be the first time in the history of North Carolina that a white man has ever been indicted, tried and convicted on any charge, for raping a Negro woman, took place in Alamance County Superior Court here last week. The defendant was convicted of assault with intent to commit rape. He was sentenced from eight to 19 years in the penitentiary at hard labor. He gave notice of an appeal and bond was fixed at \$3,000.00 to which Gates and Johnson, representing the private prosecution, objected, but was overruled by the court.

The case came to light in April, 1951 when Mildred Wagstaff, who was a Shaw University sophomore, at the time charged that she had been criminally assaulted by Eugene Reid, Burlington textile worker, in his home on the night of March 29. The young woman, who was home from school during the Easter Holidays, had gone there to baby sit in place of her sister.

After repeated delays by counsel for the defense, ranging over a period of more than 12 months, a letter from the Burlington branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, addressed to Solicitor W. H. Murdock is believed to have resulted in having the case brought to trial.

The letter is as follows: Mr. W. H. Murdock (Solicitor) Durham Court House Durham, North Carolina.

Dear Sir  
It has been more than a year since a Negro girl, Mildred Wagstaff (Miss) was reported raped at gun point by one Eugene Reid. It is singularly strange why a capital case should be allowed to settle itself, by default. We have been waiting to see if this case would be brought to trial. Now we do not expect to wait longer, because we know that any Government with a dual system of justice is headed for anarchy; where no person is safe. Had the case been the other way around, a speedy hearing would have ensued and prompt punishment would have been meted out.

As we see it, no Negro woman is safe from the predatory lust of a white man, because unscrupulous demagogues, holding the courts of justice, make themselves an accessory to the crime, by devious means of delay and chicanery; in order to blunt the fire of public opinion. We are watching these people, and are using whatever means at our disposal to keep them out of position of public trust.

We expect and demand justice for our women in the court and elsewhere.

We urge and demand that this case be speedily brought to trial without further delay.

Very truly yours,  
(Mrs.) Lorie Graham, Pres. NAACP Local Branch (Mrs. Nellie Scott, Secy.

When the facts were finally laid before an all white Grand Jury, it returned a bill of indictment for rape for which the defendant was tried by a jury consisting of three women and nine men.

Presided over by Judge A. R. Crisp of Lenoir, the hearing was begun Tuesday morning, June 9 and lasted until Thursday June 12 at 11:30 p.m. Following Judge Crisp's charges, the jury took the case at 8:45, consuming nearly three hours to reach a verdict.

The case was vigorously prosecuted by W. H. Murdock, solicitor of the 10th Judicial District, assisted by attorneys C. J. Gates and M. E. Johnson of Durham. Solicitor Murdock contended that the defendant should be convicted for rape, which in North Carolina carries a death penalty.

Solicitor Murdock in his remarks to the jury, stated that there was a time when a Negro woman could be raped by a