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Pictured above are some of the notables who will be presented at the annual meeting of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority that will be held here August 23-27. The Rho Chapter of Durham is hostess to the convention, and has made elaborate plans for the entertainment of the more than 200 delegates and visitors expected to attend the annual session.

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FLORIDA WOMAN ESCAPES ANGRY MOB AFTER FIRING SIX BULLETS INTO BODY OF DOCTOR

NOTED CHICAGO MINISTER NEW HEAD OF TALLADEGA

NEW YORK
Dr. Arthur D. Gray of Chicago, Illinois, nationally known Congregational Christian churchman and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the General Council of Congregational Christian Church in America, has just been elected to the Presidency of Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama. Dr. Gray will take over his new office on September 1.

Dr. Gray, a graduate of Talladega College (B. A. 1929) and Chicago Theological Seminary (B. D. 1934); D. D. 1948), has been pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd (Congregational) in Chicago since 1944. During an outstanding ministry in Chicago he has developed and administered a significant community-wide program of social welfare and service.

Talladega College, to which Dr. Gray has been called, was founded in 1887 by the American Missionary Association Division of the Congregational Christian Board of Home Missions. It was the first chartered Negro College in Alabama, but its faculty and Board of Trustees are bi-racial and it is demonstrating in its student body the principle adopted when the college was founded, namely, that it should be "for the educating and training of youth from which no one should be barred on account of race or color."

Dr. Gray has held various national denominational posts in the Congregational Christian fellowship including the Chairmanship of the Executive Committee of the General Council and the Assistant Moderatorship of the General Council in 1946-48. He is Moderator of the Chicago Congregational Association of Churches (1951-52), a Trustee of the Illinois Congregational Conference and a member of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches.



DR. ARTHUR D. GRAY, newly elected president of Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama. Dr. Gray who is at present the pastor of the Good Shepherd Congregational Christian Church of Chicago, Illinois, will assume his new duties Sept. 1.

FLORIDA UNIV. CASE BACK TO U. S. COURT

NEW YORK
The suit to gain admission of Negro students to the University of Florida headed back to the United States Supreme Court this week following decision of the Supreme Court of Florida refusing to order the acceptance of colored applicants by the all-white university.

The Florida court dismissed the suit and held that equal educational facilities are afforded Negro students at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College at Tallahassee. When the cases were originally filed in May, 1949, there were no graduate or professional courses offered at Florida A. and M. College. After Negro students had applied for such courses, they were ordered instituted at the Negro school.

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MISS VIRGINIA F. CURRY, associate professor of Spanish and head of the Foreign Language department at Florida A. and M. College, recently received a Ford Foundation Fellowship. She is a native of Kansas City, Kansas.

New Rebel Army Being Probed By Government

NEW YORK
The so-called American Confederate Army, sponsored by the Ku Klux Klan, is being investigated by the United States Department of Justice, Thurgood Marshall, special counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has been informed.

On July 17, Mr. Marshall wrote to Attorney General James P. McGranery urging him to "order a full investigation . . . and the necessary appropriate action resulting from such investigation." The only answer to this new KKK challenge, he said, "is vigorous prosecution by the Federal Government."

In reply, James M. McInerney, assistant attorney general, wrote to Mr. Marshall, saying that the Department has "initiated appropriate action to ascertain whether he (Bill Hendrix of the KKK) or this new organization may be engaging in any activities in violation of any federal statute."

A press release sent out by Hendrix on a week-end KKK conference held in Orlando, Fla., last month said:

"A resolution was passed to organize all anti-Communist organizations under one leadership and one program. The name picked for this organization is 'The American Confederate Army.' Ten thousand Colonels Commissions were ordered printed. The membership shall be limited to White Christians and all organizations now operating will be issued a Charter. If necessary this organization will bear arms to uphold our constitutional rights."

"There were ninety-seven organizations represented at this meeting and members from thirty one states. A public speaking tour will be started in the south in the near future. If in October the United States Supreme Court outlaws segregation, all members will take this as a violation of our Constitutional rights . . . Fuller Warren and Loyal Compton were denounced, and all will applaud January and the end of stupid government in Florida."

Man Steals Bus, Collects Fares, Lands In Jail

WINSTON-SALEM
You have heard the story of a man having seen a rope and with no intent of stealing at all, picked up the loose end, and upon reaching home and drawing in the rope found a cow on the other end of it, but local officers were confronted with a new one when a bus was reported stolen here last week.

The theft was bad enough, but Ervin McLendon is now having to think up an alibi for the fact that he is alleged to have taken the bus and to have picked up paying passengers and carried them along the East Winston route. The officers say witnesses told them that McLendon took the fares as if he had the responsibility of reporting same to the owner, the Safe Bus Company.

The unauthorized driver decided to abandon the vehicle after a while and left it at Columbia Terrace. He then caught another bus and went into the business district of Winston. The evidence tended to show that he used some of the money that he collected from the fares to pay his way on another bus. Unfortunately for McLendon, he did not collect enough to satisfy the court to the tune of a \$300.00 bond and as a result he went to jail.

Rape Suspect Gets Mistrial In Queen City

CHARLOTTE
The refusal of an all-white jury to agree as to the guilt or innocence of James Foster, charged with intent to commit rape on a white woman, Judge Zeb, V. Nettles ordered a mistrial.

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Husband Of Slayer Dies Of Heart Attack Fleeing Irate Citizens



Here is Mrs. Ruby McCollum, 37-year-old wife of Samuel McCollum, Central Life Insurance Company executive (inset), who is being held for the fatal shooting of Dr. S. Leroy Adams, white physician of Live Oak, Florida last Sunday morning. Following the shooting Mr. McCollum died of a heart attack, reported to have been brought on by the excitement which followed the escape of his wife and himself from an angry mob bent on lynching the couple.

LIVE OAK, FLA.
Waging tongues, angry whites and scared Negroes are in this quaint Florida town after one of the most hectic days the inhabitants have ever witnessed as the result of the Sunday morning shooting of Dr. G. Leroy Adams, white, allegedly by Mrs. Ruby McCollum, 37-year-old wife of a Central Life Insurance Company executive.

The shooting occurred in the office of the white physician about 11 A. M. Sunday. The story goes that Mrs. McCollum went to the office to pay a medical bill she had with the doctor, after she had been threatened with small claims court proceedings. After quarreling over the way she is alleged to have given the doctor a \$100 bill to satisfy the claim.

This is the point where the shooting began, according to other Negro patients who were seated in the jim-crow section of the physician's office. Upon handing him the bill, Mrs. McCollum is alleged to have ripped out a small calibre pistol and began shooting. Sensing the situation, the doctor rushed to the woman, with two slugs in his body and succeeded in knocking the weapon from her hand. He fell wounded to the floor and it is alleged that the irate woman picked up the gun and emptied the remaining chambers into his prostrate body.

While her husband and children were attending church and most of the citizens of the section were sending up praises to God, the woman is supposed to have hastened to her home. When the startling news went the rounds, angry whites went to gather. Sheriff Sim Howell went immediately to the home of the alleged slayer, and there he arrested her without any trouble. By the time he reached his office quite a mob had gathered.

Quick thinking on the part of the sheriff is believed to have saved her from the vengeance of the mob. When asked if the woman had been the one charged with the crime, he told the mob that the woman held by him was one who could name the killer. With this decoy, he was able to whisk Mrs. McCollum to the county jail.

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TWO HUNDRED EXPECTED HERE FOR ANNUAL IOTA SORORITY CONVENTION AUGUST 23-27

Over 200 business and professional women will gather here next week, August 23-27 for the 23rd annual session of the national convention of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, it was announced here this week by Mrs. Ethel Berry, president of the Rho Chapter, of Durham, that is serving as hostess to the 1952 meeting.

The theme of the convention will be, "Iota Women Face New Opportunity In Current World." Sub-topics for panel discussions are: New Opportunity In the Commercial Field, Opening for Women in Industry and Opportunity to Build a World Peace.

Prior to the scheduled opening date of the convention a meeting of the Executive Board will be held Friday, August 22 at six o'clock P. M. in the private dining room of the Billmore Hotel. Registration of officers and delegates will take place the following day from 9 o'clock A. M. to 12 o'clock noon.

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MRS. L. M. BERRY, President of Rho Chapter of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority of Durham, and Administrative Assistant of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. Mrs. Berry will preside at the Educational Program of the annual convention of the Sorority to be held at the Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Sunday, August 24 at 4:00 P. M.

Henderson Woman Held In "Fix" Killing

HENDERSON
Rosetta Royster Burton, who alleges that James White, Jr., told her he was going to "fix" her for running out on him, was bound over to the next term of court here Tuesday, by Record.

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