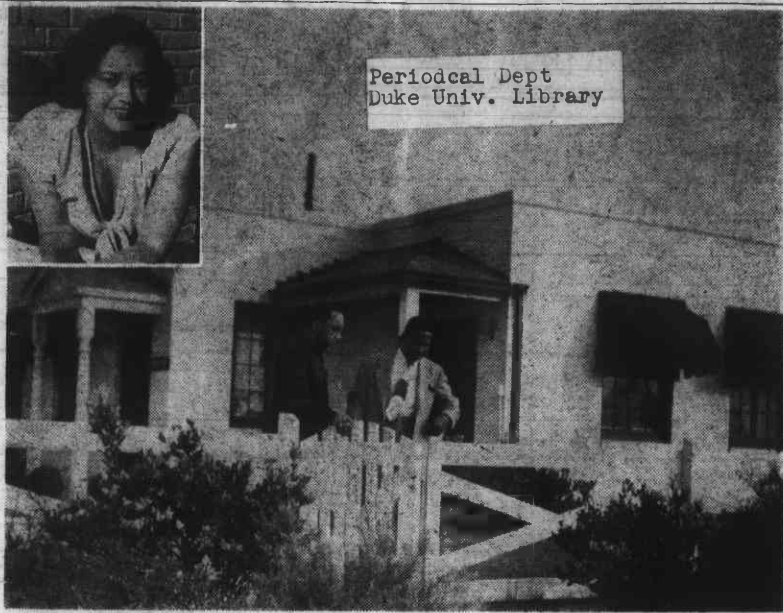


# Death Claims Convicted Physician



Pictured above is Dr. W. H. Ross, Southern Pines, and Dr. R. E. Dawson, of Durham. Inset is Mrs. Ross. The photo was taken in front of the office of the physician who died from a heart ailment at Central prison last week, fifteen minutes after he was taken there after being convicted of performing an illegal operation on a white woman. The photo was taken several months before Dr. Ross became ill.

# Ushers March On Charlotte

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# IOTAS IN DURHAM FOR 23rd SESSION

## Principals In Ushers 28th Annual Session

Mrs. Ethel Berry, president of Rho Chapter, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, announced here Wednesday afternoon that everything was in readiness for entertainment of the 23rd annual session of the organization's National Convention, which will meet here August 23-27.

The local chapter has worked untiringly for the past several months in preparation for the meeting and it is hoped that the 1952 convention will be one of the best in the history of the organization.

Scheduled to address the convention on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock is Mrs. Edith Sampson, former alternate delegate to the United Nation's General Assembly. Her address, which will be opened to the public will be in B. N. Duke Auditorium at N. C. College.

National president of the Iotas is Mrs. Jeanne Scott, who will preside over most of the business sessions all of which will be held in the auditorium of the administration building at the college.

In addition to a tour of the Chesterfield cigarette factory and the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company by the entire delegation, a dance will be given Monday night at which time the delegates and visitors will have an opportunity to meet many of Durham's younger social set.

The Durham chapter of the sorority is composed of many of the leading business and professional women of the city, most of whom are active in its religious, social and civic life.

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L. E. Austin, President of the Interdenominational Ushers Association of North Carolina and Editor of the CAROLINA TIMES, who will preside over the 28th annual session to be held in Charlotte, August 21-24. The seat of the convention will be Saint Paul Baptist Church.



Dr. Marshall Shepard, pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist Church, former Recorder of Deeds of Washington, D. C. and at present Recorder of Deeds for the city of Philadelphia, who will deliver the annual consecration sermon Friday evening, August 22nd. Dr. Shepard is a native of Oxford, North Carolina.



Reverend James F. Wertz, pastor of Saint Paul Baptist Church, who will deliver the annual sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Reverend Wertz is one of the outstanding young ministers in North Carolina. The sermon Sunday morning is expected to be one of the highlights of the convention.

## Dr. M. Shepard Addresses N. C. Ushers Confab

Charlotte—When the 1952 annual session of the Interdenominational Ushers Association of North Carolina convenes at the St. Paul Baptist Church here, Thursday August 21, over 500 delegates and visitors are expected to put in their appearance. The organization is the largest interdenominational group in the state and during the 28 years of its existence has contributed thousands of dollars to aid the colored orphanage at Oxford and the college education of worthy Negro students. Last year the association awarded over 16 scholarships to students in various colleges in and out of the state.

During the past eight years, the organization has contributed in scholarships and donations to the orphanage in Oxford over \$30,000. Being an interdenominational group, its membership is composed of persons of all churches except Catholic. No church of any religious faith is barred.

On Friday night, August 22 at 8:00 P. M., Dr. Marshall Shepard, pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., and former Recorder of Deeds of Washington, D. C., and at present Recorder of Deeds for the city of Philadelphia, will deliver the annual consecration sermon.

Saturday night the annual Oratorical contest will be held with three scholarship prizes at stake. First prize will be a scholarship of \$100, second prize, \$75, and third prize \$50. The subject for boys is "Frederick Douglass" and for girls, "Harriet Tubman," both of these noted Negro historical characters did much to arouse sympathy for the freedom of the Negroes prior to the Civil War and it is expected that various orations that will be delivered on them will be highly inspirational as well as informative.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the Rev. James F. Wertz pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church which is host to the convention, will deliver the annual sermon, at which time over 500 delegates and visitors to the annual session are expected to be present.

Following the sermon a check for the annual donation to the Oxford Orphanage and scholarship awards will be made.

## Chain Launches '52 Membership Campaign Here

Freeman Smith, 1952 Chairman of the Membership Drive of the Durham Business and Professional Chain and the Housewives League, stated here Tuesday that the drive is now in full swing and he is urging every person in business and profession to take a membership when members of the committee call on them.

The chairman is endeavoring to improve the lot of the Negro businessmen in Durham, especially the merchants, which in turn will improve the economic level of the entire race.

The membership fee for a business is \$25.00 and individuals \$5.00 and may be paid in installments, Mr. Smith said. Recently the Chain held a business institute, at which time valuable information was provided for the merchants and professional people of Durham. The institute was declared by many to be one of the best ever held by the local organization. Beneficial were the sessions that plans are already being made for another to be held sometime during the late fall.

# J. H. Wheeler Named Head Durham Bank; Funderburg Cashier

John H. Wheeler, 44, vice president and cashier of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, has been elected president of the firm, succeeding the late Dr. C. C. Spaulding. Wheeler has been associated with the bank since 1929 and vice president-cashier since 1944. Other changes announced by the board of directors at their meeting here last week included the election of Iton Owen Funderburg, as cashier; Dr. Clyde Donnell, chairman of the board; R. N. Harris, replacing Dr. Spaulding on the executive committee; and the election of Dr. Spaulding's son, Charles Clinton Spaulding, Jr., to the board of directors.

At the time of his death on August 1, Dr. Spaulding had headed the bank more than 30 years. It is the second largest bank in the United States owned and operated by Negroes. It was founded in 1868, the same year in which Wheeler, the new president was born.

Wheeler is a native of Kittrell College (NC) where his father formerly served as president of the Methodist institution. He was educated in the Atlanta (Ga.) public schools and at Morehouse College there. Wheeler, who has won considerable recognition as a lawyer received his legal education at the North Carolina College Law School in Durham.

Among the organizations with which Wheeler is affiliated are the following: Membership on the boards of trustees of Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Stanford L. Warren Public Library; St. Joseph A. M. E. Church and Lincoln Hospital.

He also holds offices in other organizations including the 4-H Club Foundation of North Carolina, president; treasurer, Hammock's Beach Corporation; and the following additional trustee board memberships: Mutual Building and Loan Association, the Bankers' Fire Insurance Co.; and the Southern Fidelity Mutual Insurance Co. He is a member of Doric Lodge No. 28 F. and A. Masons and the Zeta Temple No. 176 of the Shriners. Wheeler is a former basileus of the Beta Phi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Wheeler is married to the former Miss Selena Warren. They have two children, Julia M., 15 and Warren, 8. Funderburg, 28, is a native of Monticello, Ga. He is a graduate of Morehouse College and he studied business administration for one year at the University of Michigan. He started with the bank as a teller in 1948 and was promoted to assistant cashier last January.

Funderburg is a veteran of World War II and commander of the Weaver McLean Post No. 175 of the American Legion. He has been active in several city-wide fund drives, having served during the past year as co-treasurer of the Cancer Drive. He is married to the former Miss Rosemary Pitts of Wilson. Spaulding, the new board member, is counsel for the bank. (Please turn to Page Eight)



John H. Wheeler, vice-president and cashier of the Mechanics and Farmers' Bank of Durham since 1944, has been named president to succeed the late Dr. C. C. Spaulding who died in Durham on August 1. The bank is the second largest operated by Negroes in the United States.

Wheeler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wheeler, 603 Johnson Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Ga. He has been actively associated with the Durham banking firm since 1929.



Iton Owen Funderburg, 28-year-old native of Monticello, Georgia has been named cashier of the Mechanics and Farmers' Bank of Durham. He succeeds John H. Wheeler, 44-year-old lawyer, former vice-president and cashier, who has been named to succeed the late Dr. Charles Clinton Spaulding. Funderburg is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Fred D. Funderburg of Monticello. He is married to the former Miss Rosemary Pitts of Wilson. The new cashier is a graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta, and has spent one year studying business administration at the University of Michigan.

## POLICEMEN INDICTED FOR ASSAULT ON NEGROES

Wake Forest—Two local policemen, C. A. Ball and W. G. Knuckles, will go on trial here September 6th for the alleged assaulting of a group of Negroes recently that resulted in one officers being cut and another participant losing a leg.

The officers were indicted as the result of evidence brought out at the trial of the Negroes. Ball is said to have assaulted Johnnie Hayes and to have knocked Miss Loreen Mitchell to the ground and to have used his feet as a weapon of attack, after she had been knocked to the ground.

Knuckles is also said to have used his hands in heavy weight fashion upon the person of Arlene Lucas. He also found it convenient to use his feet, on her, according to witnesses.

The whole affair is said to have started when the officers passed the two women sitting outside the Young Men's Club. The evidence of the officers showed that they called Miss Lucas to come over to them. She arose and went to the car whereupon she was told to get in because she was drunk. The officers never did explain how they were able to detect that she was drunk while sitting down nor why they did not go

to her to place her under arrest, it was said.

Miss Lucas resented being arrested, according to the officers, and once in the car refused to remove her foot so the door could be closed. At this point the officer admitted using his foot. He alleges that he put his foot under her foot, in an effort to dislodge it so the door could be closed. The two feet brought more foot play. Loreen, the companion of Arlene told the officers not to kick Arlene any more.

At this stage of the tussle, Johnnie Hayes suddenly became chivalrous and came out of the club and decided to defend womanhood from the ravages of infuriated officers, according to evidence.

Ball claims that he was handled pretty roughly by the Hayes man the Mitchell woman Hayes held him around the waist while the Mitchell woman put a strangle hold on his neck, according to his version. The two accused denied this charge and said that it was only after they had been struck by the officer that they resorted to istic maneuvers and wrestling tactics in an effort to defend themselves. John Mitchell, brother of Miss (Please turn to Page Eight)

## Noted Minister In Revival At Ebenezer Church

Reverend J. A. Brown, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, located on Glenn Street, announced here Tuesday that the Rev. A. B. Bingham, pastor of First Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Virginia, will hold a week's revival at his church, August 25-29.

Rev. Bingham is reputed to be one of the most forceful speakers in the state of Virginia and Rev. Brown extends a special invitation to the people of Durham to come to Ebenezer next week and enjoy a spiritual feast.

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## BULLETIN

### E. R. Merrick Heads Building And Loan Association Here

E. R. Merrick, treasurer of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, and son of its founder, the late John Merrick, was elected president of the Mutual Savings and Loan Association here Thursday, August 14, according to an announcement made by J. S. Stewart, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Merrick's election fills the position made vacant by the death of the former president, the late Dr. C. C. Spaulding.

# Dr. Ross Succumbs To Heart Ailment 15 Minutes After Entering Central Prison

Southern Pines — The innocence or guilt of Dr. W. H. Ross is not the concern of the people of this community, whom he served for a number of years, but who was responsible for his death, which occurred fifteen minutes after he rolled through the gates of the Central Prison on Saturday morning, August 16 to serve a three to five year sentence for an abortion on a young white woman.

The last chapter of his life was written by the courts of Moore County, the white lawyer who defended him and a white physician. In May 1951 he began the trial down the slow road of despair, dependency and death. He was tried for the death of Mrs. Ruth McCrimmon. He was found not guilty on this count and walked out of the court a

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## LOTT CAREY CONVENTION IN PITTSBURGH SEPTEMBER 2-5

Washington, D. C.—Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Secretary, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, announced here this week that the plans are complete for the 55th annual session that will be held at Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church, Lincoln and Shetland Avenues, Pittsburgh, Pa., Rev. J. C. Hariston, pastor, September 2-5.

According to advance information this will be the largest crowd of Baptist people ever assembled. Housing of the large delegation will be well taken care of, but the fact that so

many last minute reservations are coming is giving the committee quite a bit of concern. "The Global Task of Christian Mission," is the theme of the meet with the program going into every phase of life from that of saving the soul to filling the hungry stomach of some person in the mission field.

The convention will get under way on Labor Day, 8:00 P. M. when a pre-convention musical program will be held, at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, under the direction of Prof. W. E. Patterson, Norfolk, Va. The Tuesday (Please turn to Page Eight)



Pictured here are some of the 275 North Carolina principals and supervisors who were invited to attend the third annual conference on "Educational Leadership" sponsored by the North Carolina College

Summer School and the Principals' Section of the North Carolina Teachers' Association.

Outstanding Tarheel educators from North Carolina College, the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and the State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, addressed the group, which participants termed the most successful of the three year series.