

# MACK INGRAM MAY GET NEW TRIAL



Vivacious Muriel Knight (top center) will reign as "Miss North Carolina College Homecoming" in Durham on February 6 and 7 when NCC serves as host to five colleges in sports extravaganzas in college's new gymnasium. Attendees pictured left to right are Delphine Webber, Winston-Salem; Elsie Weaver, Ahsokie; and Laura Ann Penn, senior, Winston-Salem. The Misses Knight and Penn are seniors and Misses Webber and Weaver are juniors. They will be seen during intermission of basketball games on Friday night with West Virginia State and on Saturday night with Lincoln University. Other colleges include A. and T., tennis; Shaw, wrestling; and Tennessee State University and NCC, swimming. NCC also will present a swimming show as part of festivities on Saturday.

# Wife Slayer Tries Suicide

## Suicide Attempt In Jail Foiled

WENTWORTH  
A 27 year-old man who was found guilty of murdering his wife attempted to commit suicide here last Wednesday.

Fountain Thomas, who was convicted of second degree murder in the death of his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, last September, was found hanging from a bar over the door of his cell Wednesday morning after he had been sentenced from 25-30 years for the crime.

Thomas used his leather belt and had been hanging for about one minute when he was discovered by Deputy Sheriff W. T. Dodson, who cut the belt before the prisoner was seriously injured.

He was tried for the shooting Tuesday, but was sentenced Wednesday morning.

Witnesses at the trial said Thomas shot his wife, mother of five children, while she held a baby in her arms.

Thomas will be held here in jail until he is moved to State prison.

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# Dixie Dems Hit Ike's Segregation Stand

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Eisenhower's "honeymoon" with Congress appears to be doomed to a short life as the Southern Democratic bloc served notice this week that it will fight the President's proposals for less segregation.

Speaking before a joint Congressional session last Monday in his State of the Union address, President Eisenhower outlined proposals for eliminating segregation in the Armed Forces and in the nation's capital.

Immediately, Senator Richard B. Russell, (D.-Ga.) unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination last summer, and leader of the southern Democrats in Congress, challenged the authority of President Eisenhower and promised a fight if he attempted to carry out this pledge.

Speculation here last week-end, prior to President Eisenhower's State of the Union message, hinted that the President had in mind enlarging the three man commission which governs Washington to a five man body, and appointing a Negro to serve on the body.

President Eisenhower simply stated in his address that he would use "whatever authority exists in the office of President" to end segregation in the capital and the armed forces.

Observers pointed out that his authority to end segregation in the capital. Any change would because present laws give Congress the supreme authority over the administration of affairs in the capital. Any change would have to come through Congressional channels.

It was generally conceded, however, that the President could carry out his pledge to eliminate segregation in the armed forces without much trouble. The office of President is that of Commander-in-Chief of the armed services, and all that would be necessary to end segregation in the services is an executive order.

Senator Russell, in promising a fight over the proposals for less segregation, said:

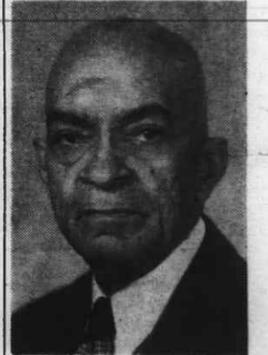
"I don't know what the President has in mind. I am of course opposed to racial integration in public schools and in the fire department.

"I also think that it is perfectly clear that congressional legislation would be required to change from the dual school system."

Representative James C. Davis, another Democrat from Georgia, said he always had opposed efforts to end segregation in the District of Columbia and promised he would continue to do so.

## J. W. V. Cordice Is Renamed Head Of Local Group

The Durham Consistory, #218, F. and A. M., United Supreme Council A. A. S. R. E., 32<sup>nd</sup> Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America, held its regular meeting Sunday, January 25, at the Masonic Temple for the purpose of electing officers for 1953. Dr. J. W. V. Cordice, who has served the encampment so ef-



DR. J. W. V. CORDICE  
Ill. Commander-In-Chief

iciently as the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, was unanimously re-elected to that office.

Other officers elected or re-elected and appointed or re-appointed as follows: Illustrious 1st Lt. Commander, W. H. Cole, Jr.; Illustrious 2nd Lt. Commander, C. T. Ruffin; Ill. Grand Secretary and Keeper of Seal and Archives, H. C. Davis; Ill. Grand Treasurer, J. R. Parham; and A. R. Thompson, Ill. Grand Minister of State and Orator.

After the election the following princes were appointed: J. W. Davidson, Ill. Assistant Grand Secretary; Clarence Hudson, Prior; U. M. George, Captain of the Guard; Bonnie Hawkins, Engineer and Architect; J. D. Will (Please turn to Page Eight)

# Murdered Boy's Mom Quits Case For \$2500

ROXBORO

The mother of a 13 year old boy who was shot to death here last October decided last week to drop prosecution against two white men who were charged with firing the shots. She will accept \$2500 in damages instead.

Tracy Vaughan Saunders, Rt. 3, Lenoir, pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the case and was given a five year suspended sentence on condition that he pay \$2,500 to the family of the dead boy.

Vaughan was charged with shooting young George Williams through the head with a rifle last October as the result of a boyish prank. Young Williams and his foster brother, James Lewis Moore, were reportedly throwing stones off a 75 foot cliff at Vaughan and Cecil Nelson as the latter two were snaking logs on a tractor.

Saunders testified that he became frightened, ran home to get a rifle, and returned and fired at the cliff four or five times. Then he handed the rifle to his companion who also fired three or four shots. The stone throwing stopped after the shots were fired.

Young Moore, foster brother to Williams, said he started to run when the hall of bullets fell on the cliff. When he returned later he called but could get no reply from Williams, whereupon he went to notify his father.

The father, John Moore, found Williams body at the edge of the cliff with a bullet through his head.

It is reported that the mother of young Williams, who left him in the care of Moore, her brother, so that she could work in a laundry at South Boston, Va., refused to accept a prosecution fund raised by local Negro and white friends.

The committee, composed of Rev. G. W. Thomas, Dee Yancey, Alex Chavis, Eugene Humphrey and McKinley Royster, went to see her early in January and to offer her financial assistance in the prosecution. The committee had hired Attorney (Please turn to Page Eight)



HEIDT SCORES A FIRST—Orchestra leader Ernest Heidt (right) is congratulated by Carter Wesley, publisher of a Durham newspaper, after Heidt had given the first concert in the history of the southland for a 100% Negro cause. Heidt, who is an executive member on the board of NAACP, turned over the proceeds of the musical event to the Eliza Johnson home for aged Negroes in Houston, Texas. (Newspaper Photos)

## N. C.'s Attorney General Joins NAACP In Asking Trial Review

NEW YORK

A sudden turn in the NAACP's appeal to the North Carolina State Supreme Court to have the conviction of sharecropper Mack Ingram stricken from the records was taken Wednesday when the Attorney General's office joined the NAACP in asking the state's highest court to review the case.

Mack Ingram was convicted in November 1952 and given six months for "assault by leering at" a white farm girl from a distance of 75 feet. The six

months' sentence was suspended. Following his conviction, attorneys for the NAACP filed an appeal on the grounds that the conviction was in violation of both the state and the federal Constitutions.

In their brief, NAACP lawyers attacked the systematic exclusion of Negroes from the jury and the vagueness of the statute under which Ingram was convicted.

The Attorney General's office, joining in this brief, did not (Please turn to Page Eight)

## RR Brotherhood Admit First Race Workers In D. C.

WASHINGTON

As the result of efforts by the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Local 364 of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen has, for the first time in 17 years, admitted to its membership Negro workers employed at the Washington Terminal here.

The Brotherhood, which has a union shop contract with the Terminal, established an all-Negro local, No. 718, as a unit subordinate to the white local and, in keeping with a provision of the union's national constitution, required that all colored employees in the Carmen's jurisdiction join the jim-crow local.

Following conferences with the NAACP's Washington Bureau and Joseph Waddy, attorney, three men filed applications to Local 364 by registered mail. These men, Jesse L. Taylor, Jesse Reavis and Edward G. Shaw, were voted into the white local on January 26.

Formal announcement that they were admitted was not made until Wednesday, Jan. 28, when Waddy and Clarence Mitchell, NAACP Washington

## Cavalcade Of Sports At NCC Friday, Saturday

Enthusiasm was running high here this week as citizens prepared to turn out in unprecedented numbers at North Carolina College this week end to take part in the college's mammoth "Sports Extravaganza."

The big event of the week-end will bring Floyd Brown's sensational NCC basketball team back on their million dollar home court for a tumultuous welcome to celebrate their 12 wins during the season against three defeats.

Furnishing the opposition for the Eagles in the Friday sports highlight will be the West Va., State College championship quint previously narrowly beaten by NCC. On Saturday night the Eagles clash with Lincoln in a grudge rematch that will see the Lions trying to score an upset by dethroning the Eagles.

As added trimmings for the week-end, special NCC committees working in close cooperation with alumni, townspeople and friends of the college throughout the nation are presenting swimming meets, indoor tennis exhibitions, wrestling demonstrations, and the coronation of a beautiful Miss NCC Winter Home Coming.

Coach Charles Stancil of the Shaw University wrestlers, former NCC graduate student in physical education, will present (Please turn to Page Eight)

# Race Agents Help In Bootlegging Crack-Up

ROCKY MOUNT

The flow of bootleg whiskey came to a temporary halt here last week when 37 residents were convicted on charges of possession and sale of tax-paid and non tax-paid liquor.

The record number of defendants on a single charge crowded Nash County's courtroom last week as they came up for trial. Some of the defendants received from one to four charges each in connection

with the bootleg traffic. Cases against the 37 were brought by two Negro undercover agents of the Nash County ABC staff. They had been conducting investigations for the past two months in the area. Their identities remained undisclosed to all but local police officers.

Included among the defendants was Ernest Davis, owner of the Club Polciana, one of the finest eateries in the city. Davis was tried on four counts of sell-

ing tax-paid whiskey, sentenced to 12 months, suspended on payment of \$24.00 on two of the counts; 12 months suspended on payment of \$124.00 on a third and not pro leave was taken on a fourth charge.

Most of the other 36 defendants received suspended sentences and fines ranging from \$24.00 to \$124.00 on charges of possession and illegal sale of tax paid and non tax paid liquor.

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MISS LORRAINE JAMES, extreme right, Junior Business Major at North Carolina College, is shown here at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel recently with General of Army, Douglas McArthur, seated.

Miss James was North Carolina College representative at the 57th Annual Congress of American Industry, sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers.

She is business manager of CAMPUS ECHO, North Carolina College student newspaper.

## Masons Purchase Logan Building

North Carolina's Prince Hall Masons bought the Logan Building here Wednesday for the sum of \$93,500. It was disclosed by the Lodge's Grand Master, G. D. Carnes of Wilmington.

The Logan Building, a modern, three-story, fireproof structure, was built on Pettigrew Street in 1947 by Durham businessman G. W. Logan at a cost of \$125,000. From its erection until its sale Wednesday, it housed the Banneker Radio Institute, 14 offices and the Donut Shop restaurant.

Formal transaction of the sale was made here at the Logan building Wednesday. In addition to Grand Master Carnes, the Tar Heel Lodge of Prince Hall Masons was represented at the sale by Grand Secretary C. W. Lawrence of Greensboro and Grand Treasurer George A. Moore of New Bern.

Carnes announced immediately after purchase of the Logan Building that the Donut Shop restaurant will continue its operation under a lease and that space on the second floor, formerly used for offices, will con-



The North Carolina College at Durham recently served as host to the Intercollegiate Council, an interracial student group made up of representatives from NCC, Duke University, and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Shown here second from left back row is Dr. C. Elwood Boulware, noted North Carolina civic and religious leader, a professor at NCC, and advisor to the NCC Council. Sessions are held at three participating colleges on a rotating basis.

## PAPER DRIVE

Got any old newspapers, card board boxes, magazines or any other waste paper cluttering up the hall closet or attic? You can get rid of this Sunday, Feb. 8 of you will tie your waste paper in secure bundles and place them in front of your home.

The Hillside P.T.A. is sponsoring a waste paper drive here Sunday and will collect your bundles between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m., Sunday.