

# MACK INGRAM IS FREED



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## Impossible To Assault At 75 Feet, Says Court

RALEIGH

The relentless effort by freedom-loving Americans of both races was rewarded here Wednesday morning when the North Carolina Supreme Court unanimously decided that Mack Ingram, Caswell county sharecropper, who was twice convicted, was not guilty of "assault by leering."

The court went farther than simply clearing Ingram of the charges, and asserted that the trial judge erred when he refused the defense motion to dismiss the case.

The State Supreme Court ruling, examining the merits of the case, said that no man could be found guilty of a criminal act by thought. It held that no person could become so frightened by being looked at by another person to the extent that it would constitute criminal assault. The fact that the complaining witness testified that the defendant, Ingram, never got closer than 75 feet of her was considered by the court sufficient evidence to acquit Ingram.

First brought to light by the TIMES story of his first conviction.

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## Lafayette Miller Saved-For While-From Execution

RALEIGH

A new, if temporary, lease on life was given a man on death row in Central Prison here last Friday as an appeal by his attorneys to the U. S. Supreme Court stayed his execution which was set for Friday.

Lafayette Miller, convicted last January for murdering a white Chocowinity farmer, had been scheduled to die in the gas chamber here last Friday. A last minute request for clemency from Gov. Umstead had been turned down.

However, Attorneys Herman Taylor here and Franklin Brower of Durham were successful in securing an appeal from the U. S. Supreme Court last Friday which stayed the execution.

Five other men are waiting here to be executed, all for either rape or murder of white victims. They are Bennie and Lloyd Daniels, Clyde Brown, Raleigh Speller and Ernest Ray Simmons.

Brown and Speller were convicted of raping white women while the Daniel cousins and Simmons were convicted of killing white persons.

Attorney General Harry McMullan said last week that he had been notified that a petition for stay of execution had been filed in the Daniels case asking the Supreme Court to reverse its decision.

Earlier this month, the Supreme Court upheld the conviction.

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## SICK MAN KILLS WIFE, THEN SELF

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## Taylor May Be New NCC Dean

## A. & T. Fires Webster



The scene above was taken at the Lincoln Day dinner held here last Thursday night, February 19 at the Durham Armory for Republicans of Durham, Orange and Wake Counties. Shown in the foreground is a group of ten Negro Republicans of Durham, first Negroes to ever attend a Lincoln day dinner here. In left foreground is Alexander

Barnes, (legs crossed) publicity chairman for the National Conference of Republican leaders, next to him is Dr. J. W. V. Cordice (in dark suit), vice-chairman of the State Republican committee and also County committee vice-chairman; J. T. Hawkins and Ben Williamson. Seated on opposite sides of the table near right foreground are Dr. J. N.

Mills, J. F. Williams, H. C. Davis, Sydney James and Ed Robbins. Other Negroes present but not shown here were Reverend E. T. Browne and J. T. Hawkins. Some 150 Republicans from the three counties of Durham, Orange and Wake attended the dinner. Herbert Seawell, Republican candidate for Governor in the last election, was the main speaker.

## Bursar Dismissed After 20 Years For "Irregularities"

GREENSBORO

N. C. Webster, for the past 20 years bursar at A. and T. College here, was fired Monday because of alleged "irregularities" in his office.

A statement issued Monday afternoon following a meeting of the executive committee of the college's trustee board which announced the firing of Webster said that the 51 year old A. and T. official was dismissed after a preliminary report by State Auditor Henry L. Bridges, who has conducted a team of investigators working at the college for the past three months.

L. A. Wise, manager of the college book store, was named to replace Webster by the committee.

"There were irregularities in handling of funds and records of funds," State Auditor Bridges said. "Any figures released now might be misleading; they have not been verified yet. When the report is complete, several weeks from now, it will be released." Bridges said Webster was insured by bond for \$25,000, but

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## Horace Heidt Takes Slap At Twin-City Prejudice

### Gives Negro Show After Race Barred From Auditorium

WINSTON-SALEM

Horace Heidt tossed his personal bombshell into the ball-wick of Southern race prejudice here last week as he played an unscheduled show for Negroes because they were not allowed to attend the regular show held here.

To climax this blow at racial prejudice, the noted bandleader passed up white contestants and selected only Negro talent to compete in the regional show at Raleigh Thursday.

Heidt, sponsored by Lucky Strike Tobacco Company, is currently carrying his "American Caravan" show through the South. He is scheduled to play in Durham on Saturday night in the Durham High school Auditorium.

Last Saturday in Winston-Salem, Heidt played two performances, one for whites at the Reynolds high school auditorium, and another for Negroes at the Atkins high school auditorium. He announced that he was making this unprecedented arrangement because Negroes were not allowed to attend the regular show at the Reynolds auditorium. The Negro show at Atkins high school started at 1:30 p.m. Saturday just after he had completed the regular show at Reynolds auditorium.

The only contestant selected for the coast-to-coast broadcast at Raleigh Thursday night was

a Negro youth who performed on the violin at the unscheduled Atkins high school show. He is Eugene Walcott, student at Winston-Salem Teachers College here.

The noted bandleader learned that Negroes would not be allowed to attend the Reynolds show before he arrived in Winston-Salem. He was informed at Columbia, S. C. earlier in the week where he was playing an engagement, by a group of Winston-Salem Negroes who tried to purchase tickets for the show.

Upon learning that Negroes would be barred at the regular show, he communicated from Columbia, S. C., with local sponsors of the program in an effort to have them admit Negroes to the show, at least on a segregated basis. When these efforts proved unavailing, he announced that he would play a show for Negroes at Winston-Salem right after the regular show.

It was pointed out, significantly, attempts are being made to establish lily white policies now where before there had been no set policy. Earlier, the Winston-Salem school board voted 4-2 against allowing Negroes to use the Reynolds auditorium. This action, to set up lily white policies where before had been no policy, appeared to many to be a reaction against the trend of less segregation all over the country.

Heidt, who is a member of the executive committee of the NAACP, said after the Negro show last Saturday that the show is touring the country to aid needy talented people re-

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## Stroke Blamed For Murder And Suicide At Lumberton

LUMBERTON—A 51-year-old man, whose mental condition was apparently weakened by a stroke he suffered some weeks ago, killed his wife and then turned a .22 calibre rifle on himself and committed suicide.

Alex Shaw and his wife, Mrs. Annie Shaw, 45, were both found dead here Monday morning at their home three miles east of Saint Pauls.

Mrs. Shaw died instantly from a bullet wound in her back. Her husband died from a wound in the mouth shortly after his arrival here at a hospital.

Law officers said that the shooting took place late Sunday night at the Shaw home.

Sheriff Malcom McLeod and Deputy Earl Hendrix, who in-

vestigated the murder-suicide, attributed the shooting to the fact that Shaw had suffered a stroke a few weeks ago which obviously upset his mental condition.

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N. C. WEBSTER

## No More Trick Questions For Race Registrants

NEW YORK

"How many bubbles in a bar of soap?"

"What is the due process of law?"

These and similar questions would be asked of a Negro who tried to register to vote in Forrest County, Mississippi.

But the Department of Justice has said there will be no more such questions asked of Negroes or anybody else hereafter. That is, the Justice Department has advised the NAACP that the election officials of Hattiesburg, Forrest County, Miss., have agreed to abide by the law of the land and not ask such questions again.

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## InSide This Week

### \* "THE SPORTSBEAT"



Leroy T. Walker, an astute sports analyst, keeps TIMES readers abreast with the important sports news of the week. His lucid explanations and "inside dope" on CIAA and allied conferences is a MUST. See SPORTSBEAT, page five.

### \* WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM GOP?

Read Alfred Baker Lewis' comprehensive predictions of what will be the effect of the Republican administration policy on American life. See Page Two.

### \* SPECIAL CIAA TOURNAMENT SECTION



Pvt. James A. Green (left) of Taft, Texas, Wilbert L. McArthur of Fayetteville, N. C., and PFC. Robert Meyers (right) of New York City, are serving in Korea with the 25th Infantry Division. All three men are assigned to Company F of the 14th Regiment. Private Green, a rifleman in Korea since last September, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge. McArthur, an assistant squad leader in the Company since his arrival in Korea last April, has received the Combat Infantryman Badge and Parachutist Badge. Before entering the Army in August 1951, he was employed by the Carolina Wholesale Grocery in Fayetteville. His mother, Mrs. Lucille Williams, lives on Route 1, Fayetteville. Private First Class Meyers, a sniper in his unit, arrived in Korea 10 months ago.

### DURHAM CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE

## Negroes Want No Part Of A Jim Crow Celebration

### Summer School Director Looms As Top Choice

Speculation making the sounds here during the past two weeks concerning the appointment of a new dean at North Carolina College to replace Dr. A. E. Manley, who is resigning to accept the presidency of Spelman college, lists Dr. Joseph H. Taylor, chairman of the Social Science department, at the head of the list of several likely candidates.

President Alfonso Elder, contacted recently concerning the appointment, refused to make any comment on the matter.

It is believed that the new dean will be named at the May meeting of the board of trustees which generally takes up the matter of faculty appointments for the new school year. Since Dean Manley's resignation will not become effective until July 1, it is thought very improbable that a new dean will be named before then.

Dr. Taylor, considered to own the best chance among NCC

### Committee Asks For Integrated Program Here

The Executive Committee of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs went on record of throwing its full support behind the Centennial to be held here in April provided the usual pattern of segregating Negroes is not followed.

After a lengthy discussion, following a report brought in by J. J. Henderson, member of the special events division of the Centennial organization, the committee passed a resolution which stated that "It shall be the policy of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs not to endorse the participation of any Negroes in the Durham Centennial unless all of its activities are on a non-segregated basis."

Said the chairman, J. S. Stewart, "The centennial should depict the progress of Durham, and if within the past 100 years Durham has not progressed in human relations to the extent that it can present a celebration of this magnitude without embarrassing its fellow citizens, then we should stop and take inventory of ourselves."

When several Negro leaders were questioned on the matter here this week it was the unanimous opinion of all of them

### Negro Enters City Council Race In Gastonia

GASTONIA

Nathaniel Barber, secretary-treasurer of the Excelsior Credit Union, has announced his candidacy for the City Council in the election to be held in Gastonia May 5. The primary will be held April 27.

Barber is well-known and respected in the business and civic life of the city, and his entry into the race for the city council was well received here by many of the city's white citizens, as well as Negroes.

Said the middle-aged business executive: "So many of my friends, both white and Negro, have approached me in the last 30 days to run for the city council, that I have decided to make the race despite my already heavy schedule."

"I have given the matter thoughtful consideration, taking into the fact that the task of a public servant is by no means an easy one. My decision is to accept the challenge and if there

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## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?



This is the man Durham police are still seeking in connection with the brutal knife-slaying of Mrs. Maggie Tennin at her home two Saturday nights ago. He is identified as James Glover, whose local address is listed as 509 Husband Street. The above photo was taken when the suspect was in the Armed Services.