

WOMAN FINDS \$1000, RETURNS IT

Four Tots Burn To Death

In Korea



In Korea, PFC Luther Coleman, Jr., of Greensboro, is serving as a stenographer in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 14th Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. Private First Class Coleman, whose parents live at 801 18. Cedar Street, Greensboro, entered the Army in April 1951 and arrived in Korea in March, 1952. A graduate of Dudley High School, Coleman operated a dry cleaning business in civilian life. — (U. S. ARMY PHOTO.)

Applications Now Taken For Housing Project

Bids for utility equipment for McDougald Terrace, Durham's Negro housing project in the College View section will be opened at 2:30 Thursday afternoon in the administration building at Few Gardens, the white project in Edgemont. L. H. Addington, executive director of the Durham Housing Authority said the invitations for proposals had been sent out early in February.

The equipment includes 248 electric refrigerators, 248 gas ranges, 249 gas-fired water heaters, 247 gas-fired space heaters, 2 gas-fired panel heaters, 12 gas-fired unit heaters, 248 electric meters and 248 gas meters. After the bids have been opened, tabulated and checked for specifications, the local Authority will make recommendations as to awards and these will be forwarded to the Richmond field office of the Public Housing Administration for approval. When approved, orders will be placed with the successful bidders.

Work is progressing steadily at the McDougald Terrace project, and applications from tenants are being received at the Few Gardens office. When space is available, tenant selection quarters will be set up at McDougald Terrace.

Meanwhile, the tenant selection section of the Authority is giving the final screening to a group of applicants, who will be moved into the next group of buildings to be readied at Few Gardens.

Families interested in renting an apartment may apply at the Few Gardens office, Monday through Friday from 9 to 4, and the staff is on duty Saturday morning for those unable to make application during the other days of the week.



Nathaniel Barber, prominent Gastonia citizen, is entered in the race for City Council in Gastonia. Barber, who is president of the Excelsior Credit Union in Gastonia, may become the city's first Negro councilman since Reconstruction.

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No Trace Of Arson In Three Haiti Fires



First Lt. William W. Laxson (left) of Ontario, Ore., 1st Lt. Mary M. Kline (center) of Skipack, Pa., and Capt. John E. Henry of Winston-Salem, N. C., check orthopedic instruments at the 5th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital set up in Breda, The Netherlands, to give support to flood victims and disaster workers.

130th Station Hospital, Lieutenant Laxson has been in Germany since January, 1952. He is graduate of Monmouth (Ill.) College and Stanford University School of Medicine in San Francisco and the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laxson, Ontario.

August, 1951, he arrived overseas the following November. The captain is a graduate of St. Augustine's College in Raleigh and Meharry Medical College, Nashville. The son of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Henry of 217 E. Sixth Street, Winston-Salem, his wife, Mary, and children are presently living in Heidelberg. — (U. S. ARMY PHOTO.)

TIMES Story On NCC Dean Replacement Brings Denials

A TIMES story last week listing person who have been mentioned as likely considerations to replace Dr. A. E. Manley, who is resigning as dean of North Carolina College to accept the presidency of Spelman, promoted a flurry of denials, new developments and general "hassle" among those mentioned by last week's story.

Dr. Manley's resignation is scheduled to become effective July 1, and he will assume duties at Spelman in September. Neither President Alfonso Elder nor dean Manley, contacted earlier concerning a possible replacement for the Dean, would make a comment on the matter. So far, there has been no official word on a replacement.

Last week's story listed as possible candidates Drs. J. H. Taylor, R. K. Barkdale, J. A. Pittman, W. H. Brown, Miss Ruth Rush and Arthur C. Banks. After last week's story appeared, many of those hastened to deny that they were being considered, or that they had aspirations for the position.

But, two more names were added this week to the list of those who may be under consideration for the post. They are Dr. George T. Kyle, vice chairman of the graduate council and acting director of the graduate school, and Dr. Charles A. Ray, professor of English and direc-

tor of the News Bureau. Several questions addressed to a TIMES writer by some of the persons mentioned last week as to the importance of speculating on who would be the new NCC dean, were answered with the reply that the position often becomes the stepping stone to the presidency. It was further pointed out that North Carolina College's present president, Dr. Elder, served as dean at NCC for a time. Also, there is the more currently obvious case of Dr. Manley, who has just accepted a presidency from his position as dean.

Although two more names were added to the list of those likely to succeed dean Manley, Dr. Taylor still appears to have the best chance among NCC faculty members of receiving the appointment. At an alumni dinner last spring, President Elder reportedly paid tribute to the summer school director in a comment which said that Dr. Taylor is one of the "most dependable" faculty officers.

Dr. Kyle came to North Carolina College in 1949. He received his undergraduate and Masters degrees at the University of Illinois. He earned a Ph.D. degree from New York University. He has served as vice-chairman of the graduate school, a position which is tantamount to acting directors of the graduate school,

for at least two years. When contacted this week for a statement, Dr. Kyle emphatically refused to comment.

Dr. Ray, not considered in last week's story because of what is believed to be his peculiar fitness for his present job as News Bureau director, is now thought to be under consideration. Ray came to NCC in 1948. He received an A.B. degree from Shaw, and later earned a Masters and Ph.D. degree from the University of Southern California.

There appeared to be some indication this week also that "outsiders" are being considered for the deanship. One source said that it is not too improbable to presume that some persons from the University of North Carolina faculty may be under consideration.

Woman's Day

GREENSBORO The annual Woman's Day program to be celebrated at A. and T. College next Sunday, March 8, will feature Miss E. Estelle Thomas, dean of women at Hampton Institute as the principal speaker. The event is an annual project of the Junior-Senior Woman's Council of the college.

Flames Destroy \$20,000 Here In Five Weeks

No trace of arson could be discovered in three fires in the Haiti section of this city, all coming within five weeks and one block of each other, which destroyed an estimated \$20,000 worth of property here recently.

The latest blaze occurred Sunday afternoon, March 1, badly damaging the residence of Mrs. Lizzie Mayo. Although several persons were inside the house when the fire started, all escaped without injury from flames. No persons were hurt in any of the other fires.

On January 30, four stores, located in one building at the corner of Fayetteville and Glenn streets, four houses, from the Sunday blaze, caught fire and burned with an estimated damage of \$12,000.

On February 9, a residence at Piedmont avenue, almost directly across the street from the Sunday, March 1 blaze, was damaged to the extent of \$6,000 by fire.

The extremely strange coincidence of three fires occurring so close together both in time and distance, raised the question here early this week of the possibility that the fires may have been started by an arsonist. But, Fire Department officials discounted this possibility this week.

Assistant Fire Chief C. H. Lawson told the TIMES that each fire had been thoroughly investigated and that no trace of the work of an arsonist could be found. He stated that the cause of the fires could not be exactly determined because each structure was burned so badly.

Assistant chief Lawson also pointed out that "firebugs" unless they are pyromaniacs—persons mentally unbalanced—usually have some motive such as insurance collection or revenge, and added that no traces of such a motive behind these fires could be found.

It was also pointed out that "firebugs" usually work at night, and that two of these fires, the one at Fayetteville and Glenn streets and the one Sunday, March 1, occurred in the afternoon, a fact which further

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Man With Mind Of 5 Year-Old Sentenced To Die

ELIZABETHTOWN A 20-year-old carnival worker whose mentality has been testified to be equivalent to that of a five year old was sentenced to death here last Thursday for the murder and rape of a young white farm wife.

Douglas Grayson, whose home is listed as Mannassa, Va., was convicted by an all-white jury, which included one Indian, of fatally bludgeoning Mrs. Thelma Lewis White last September after he had ravished her near her home.

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Mrs. Viola Johnson is shown at Henderson Institute. Her only other child, a daughter, was at her house in Henderson with her son, Plummer, who is a senior made. Mrs. Johnson is a widow.

Honest Widow Recovers Money For Pa. Couple

HENDERSON—An act of honesty by a widow here, rare to be found in these days, brought applause from this town's citizenry this week and from the persons who directly benefited from the honest deed.

Mrs. Viola Johnson, resident of 648 Orange Street, is clearly the outstanding personality in Henderson, for she found a wallet containing \$1000, wrote to the owners at an address given in the wallet and restored the lost money to the owners.

The owners of the money, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ulrich of Elizabethtown, Pa., were appropriately gratified to the extent that they addressed a letter to the Henderson Daily Dispatch, praising Mrs. Johnson's honest act, and gave her a reward.

The purse containing \$1000 was lost by the couple passing through Henderson on their way to Florida. It was received by Mrs. Johnson who wrote the Ulrich's at the address given in the wallet, and returned the money to them.

Mrs. Johnson, who is a widow, has two children, and works at the home of a banker here.

The text of the Ulrich's letter to the Henderson Dispatch is as follows:

"My husband and I were going to Florida, traveling through your town on Sunday, February 8. We changed drivers. My husband dropped his wallet. A week later we had a letter from Mrs. Viola Johnson (colored), 648 Orange Street, your town, stating she picked up the wallet on Monday morning while walking to work. She works in the home of a banker in your town. I hope you will publish something in your paper about the honest woman. The pocketbook

had \$1000 cash money in it.

"We paid her a reward, but perhaps money doesn't mean everything to some people. She is a widow with two children. We stopped last evening, (February 23) on our return trip Home from Florida, and found her to be a very nice colored woman, and your town can be proud to have her living in it."

Mrs. Johnson, who is a widow, has two children, and works at the home of a banker here.

Tar Heel Man In MGM Movie

GOLDSBORO William Hairston, 23-year-old native of this city, has won a role in the forthcoming Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer movie, "Take The High Ground" which stars Richard Widmark and Karl Malden.

Hairston who won the role over 14 other contestants, plays the part of a Chicago Negro inducted into the Army and assigned to an integrated platoon. His mother is Mrs. Malissa Hairston of this city.

9-Year-Old Killed As Brother Looks

HAW RIVER A nine-year-old boy was killed here instantly last Wednesday afternoon as his younger brother looked on helplessly.

Guy Thomas Day, Jr., was killed around 2 o'clock when he was struck by a car driven by James O. Small of Route 5, Burlington. The accident occurred on highway 49 about two miles north of Haw River.

According to the driver of the car, young Day dashed across the road in front of his 1947 Chevrolet, and he was unable to avoid hitting him although he swerved onto the right shoulder of the road.

The left front fender of the car struck the victim and knocked him nearly 50 feet. He suffered head and internal injuries and a broken leg, and was pronounced dead on arrival at Alamance County hospital in Burlington.

The boy's younger brother, Charlie, said he was running along a path toward the road, chased by a dog, when he tripped and fell 20 feet behind his brother. As he was about to get up, he saw his brother being knocked into the air by the speeding automobile.

The dead boy was a student at the Green Level school, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thomas Day, Sr., of Route 5, Burlington. The accident occurred very near the Day home.

Plywood House In Henderson Is Death Trap

HENDERSON Four young children, between the tender ages of three to two months, were roasted alive in a fire which destroyed their home here last Thursday.

The mother of the four victims was seriously burned when she tried to rescue them from the flaming house.

Dead in the fire are the Hawkins children, Pete, 3; Priscilla, 8 months; Erskine, 2; and Edward, 2 months. Their mother, Mrs. Mary Hawkins is being treated at Jubilee Hospital here for serious burns after she tried frantically to save her children.

The flames completed destroyed the three room, plywood board dwelling of the Hawkins which was located in South Henderson.

Vance county coroner F. G. Hight said that the fire apparently started from a heater, and the flames had gained so much headway fireman could do little to save the structure.

Mrs. Hawkins first learned of the blaze when someone shouted to her as she was hanging up clothes in her backyard. She made a futile effort to rescue her children from the conflagration.

The father of the children, Willie Hawkins, is serving a 12 month sentence or possession of non-tax paid whiskey.



J. H. Wheeler, standing at right, is shown reading a report in the North Carolina Mutual Auditorium before a public hearing here Tuesday afternoon held on an application for the Mechanics and Farmers Bank for authority to establish a teller's window branch at the corner of Fayetteville and Elm Street. Wheeler is president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank. Shown seated at far left foreground is W. W. Jones, commissioner of banks for the State. Jones is expected to prepare a report to the State banking commission which will determine whether the local bank can set up its proposed branch.