



Mrs. Leah Sykes Young receives citation from President R. P. Daniel. "trying to raise my children to praise the Lord..."

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# "Rum Runners" Meet Death In Flaming Auto Wreckage

## 25 Gallons Of White Liquor Spilled In Crash

**SMITHFIELD**  
Two bootleggers met a horrible death in the flaming wreckage of their automobile here last Sunday morning when their car struck a bridge at Black Creek and burned.

One other person was seriously injured in the crash. Three occupants of the car, all Raleigh residents, were hauling about 25 gallons of white liquor in their 1951 Ford sedan when it ran off the highway, travelled 70 feet before striking the bridge abutment, then skidded across the bridge. Killed in the crash were David King, driver of the car, who was thrown clear after the impact and crushed to death; and Daughton Huff, Jr., a passenger who was burned to death when the car caught fire after the collision.

Woodrow Williams, owner of the car and the whiskey, was taken to Johnston Memorial hospital where he is in critical condition. He suffered burns about his face and back in addition to other injuries.

Investigating patrolmen reported that Huff's body was burned beyond recognition. King, driver of the death car, was found about ten feet from where the car came to rest. His body was crushed and both legs were broken.

Williams is reported as telling highway patrolman T. L. Bullard, who investigated the accident, that the three of them were carrying liquor from Benson to be distributed in Raleigh. The load was contained in about 50 half gallon jars. Bullard said he counted 50 half gallon jar tops. All the bottles were broken in the wreck, and the contents flowed around the car and the scene of the accident.

Bullard said he also found a small black book among Williams' belongings, containing entries such as "Pd", "Coming In", and "Going Out", indicating that Williams was doing a wholesale distributing business. Williams will be charged with possession and transportation of non-tax-paid whiskey. The automobile was a total loss.

## NCC, Bennett Name Speakers For Finals

President Alfonso Elder of North Carolina College has named the college's 1953 commencement week speakers. This year's baccalaureate speaker is Dr. Archibald Carey, alderman of the Third Ward, Chicago, Ill., distinguished religious leader and a campaign adviser to President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

NCC's graduating classes will hear a commencement delivered by Dr. J. Curtis Dixon, vice president and executive director of the Southern Education Foundation. Dr. Dixon will speak at NCC on June 2. Alderman Carey's address will be given on June 1.

## GREENSBORO Dr. Florence M. Read, president of Spelman College, Atlanta, Ga., will deliver the commencement address.

## FORD FELLOW

**BALTIMORE, MD.**  
A Ford fellowship grant of \$8,400 for advanced research in 1953-54 has been awarded to Dr. Clarence F. Stephens, head of the department of mathematics at Morgan State College. John K. Wells, assistant vice president of the Fund for the Advancement of Education of the Ford Foundation, made the announcement recently. Dr. Stephens, who may attend Princeton University, will do research on existence theorems, non-linear difference equations and on non-associative algebras.

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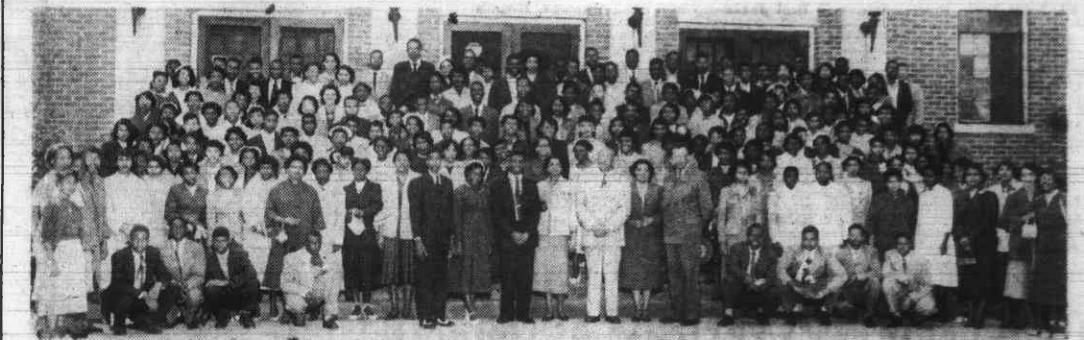
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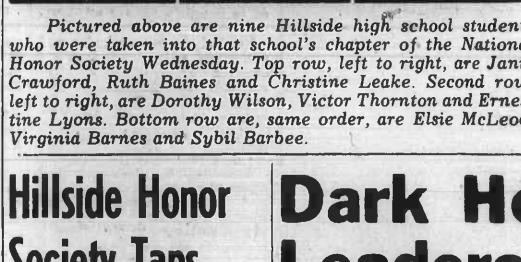


Shown here are some of the members of the North Carolina Crown and Scepter Honor Society which met on the campus of Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh recently. For more details, see story, page six.

## ONE VICTIM PARALYTIC

# FIRE SWEEPS APARTMENT HOUSE, KILLING 2 PERSONS

## Other Occupants Escape As Asheville Tenement Burns In Pre-Dawn Hours



### ASHEVILLE

A pre-dawn fire last Saturday swept through the third floor of a slum-area tenement house at 477 South French Broad and claimed the lives of two men. The victims were Earl Wilson, a 67 year-old semi-paralytic and Johnnie Humphries, 52, a day worker. According to Dr. P. R. Terry, Buncombe County Coroner, both men died of asphyxiation.

Both men apparently were trying to escape but were overcome by intense smoke and flames. Humphries' body was found in a corner in front of his bed in his one-room apartment and Wilson, living across the hall, was found lying on the window sill, half-in and half-out.

It is thought that the fire had started as a result of a carelessly tossed cigarette by Humphries and that the fire swept up through the attic across to Wilson's room, in the front part of the three-story concrete block structure of 12 units owned by Sender Argintar, local realtor. Firemen were able to confine the blaze to the third floor although there was considerable water damage on the two floors below.

All other occupants of the building escaped without injury. The fire which broke out about 3:30 a.m.

Humphries, survived by a number of brothers, nieces and nephews, was funeralized Sunday.

day. Allen-Birchett Funeral Home was in charge.

Wilson was funeralized Wednesday. He is survived by a half-brother, Jim Finley of Asheville and a number of other nieces and nephews. Jesse Ray Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## CANDIDATE



J. "Johnny" Bahadur, see picture above, is running for a City Council seat in Burlington. Bahadur's entry into Burlington's Council race adds one more Negro candidate to the list of nearly 20 which have entered civic races throughout the State this Spring. Burlington's election is scheduled for Monday, April 27.

# Both Races In Virginia Pay Tribute To Mother Of 14

**SEBRELL, Va.**  
Citizens of both races in this Old Dominion State paused here last Sunday to pay tribute to a sweet-faced old lady who in her very useful lifetime has reared 23 children.

Long time neighbors, friends and well-wishers of Mrs. Leah Sykes Young crowded the modest St. John's Church chapel here last Sunday afternoon to witness the presentation of a citation from the Virginia committee of the American Mothers Committee honoring Mrs. Young as the "Mother of the Year" for Virginia.

Mrs. Young, whose youngest child is 21 and whose oldest is 43, was selected several weeks ago from a list of a "great

many deserving applicants" for the honor.

And on last Sunday in this little farming village less than 40 miles due north of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., amidst a circle of her family, friends and neighbors, Mrs. Young was presented with the awards which go with her honor.

Dr. Robert P. Daniel, president of Virginia State College—an institution which several of Mrs. Young's children have attended—in a moving and timely message, praised Mrs. Young for her determination to see that her children "go beyond her" and pointed out to his audience that she is a fitting example of the fact that "great honors can come to us if we do

our tasks well."

"In this time when we are concerned with equality of opportunity and the privilege and the chance to manage ourselves, it is of great significance that here in Virginia...down where the South begins...that one of our group should be selected as the Virginia Mother of the Year," the Virginia State college head asserted.

Dr. Daniels thought it quite fitting that the scene of the ceremonies honoring Mrs. Young should be laid here in the midst of the territory which all of the Youngs have grown to know so well. (Originally, the program was scheduled for the Virginia State College, but (Please turn to Page Eight)



Lorenzo C. White (extreme right), executive secretary of the National Hampton Alumni Association, presents awards made at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Region of the Hampton Alumni Association last week at Bricks, North Carolina. H. V. Brown, principal of the Dillard High School at Goldsboro, (third from right) was named by the meeting "North Carolina Hamptonian of the Year." Shown in the picture are, left to right, N. B. White, Durham, President of the North Carolina Region of the Alumni Association; J. C. Hubbard, Nominee for the Hamptonian of the Year award from Durham; Mrs. Carrie S. Wilson, nominee from Burlington; Brown and Neill McLean, Nominee from Bricks, and White.

Nominees for the award not shown in the picture are Mrs. Majorie Belton, Charlotte; W. A. Goldsborough, Greensboro; and Miss Margaret Harris, Raleigh.

# Hugh Brown Honored As N. C. Hamptonians Meet

**BRICKS, N. C.**  
Hugh V. Brown, principal of the Dillard high school at Goldsboro, was named "North Carolina Hamptonian of the Year" at the 13th annual meeting of the State region of the Hampton Alumni Association here last week.

Attended by some 150 Hamptonians, the two-day meeting convened last Saturday afternoon at Brick Rural Life School here and was concluded on Sunday.

Brown, well-known and respected religious and civic leader in North Carolina, was honored for his "more than 25 years service to his community and Hampton Institute." The Tar Heel educator, who also serves as a member of Hampton trustee board, was presented an engraved plaque by Lorenzo C.

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## HARRIS SURVIVES RUN-OFF; TAYLOR BARELY MISSES

R. N. Harris and Marshall T. Mangum, survived the primary for the Third Ward Council seat here Monday and will battle it out in the city-wide May 5 election.

Ironically enough, James T. Taylor, North Carolina College professor running as an independent candidate, who entered the race first and appeared to campaign hardest, came out on the short end of the vote and was thus eliminated from the race. Harris, who won the endorsement of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs, led both contestants in total votes. Unofficial results showed that he polled

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## Hillside Honor Society Taps Nine Members

Nine seniors were inducted into The Hillside high school chapter of the National Honor Society Wednesday. Top row, left to right, are Janie Crawford, Ruth Baines and Christine Leake. Second row, left to right, are Dorothy Wilson, Victor Thornton and Ernest Lyons. Bottom row are, same order, are Elsie McLeod, Virginia Barnes and Sybil Barbee.

New members of the society, which is composed of top ranking scholastic students throughout the country, are Ernest Lyons, Janie Crawford, Christine Leake, Victor Thornton, Dorothy Wilson, Ruth Baines, Sybil Barbee, Virginia Barnes and Elsie McLeod.

Dr. Rose Butler Browne, graduate professor of Education at North Carolina College, was the principal speaker for the induction rites held in the library of the Hillside school. Juanetta Lyon, former member (Please turn to Page Eight)

# Dark Horse May Upset 2 Leaders In Cabbie Contest

Evidence that a dark horse might give trouble to the leading contenders for the first place in the CAROLINA TIMES taxi drivers popularity contest overshadowed this week's voting as two new contestants registered the biggest gains that have been made since the voting started with the April 4 issue of the TIMES.

Although the contest was designed for local readers, it took on state and national proportions this week when several votes came in from other cities within and outside of the state.

The two drivers who made spectacular gains were Willie Gilchrist and Alexander McLean. Gilchrist moved from 19th place last week to 9th place this week. Last week Lee Lassiter held the 9th position but Gilchrist's tremendous gains were too much for him to hold on. Lassiter now has been pushed down to the 11th place in the race. McLean's gains, while not as outstanding as Gilchrist's, saw him rise from the 29th place to the 14th.

Other drivers showing signs of awakening. In spite of the gains made by Gilchrist and McLean they have not yet loomed as a threat to the two leading contenders, William Rogers and Pete Goins. Last week Goins nosed out Rogers for the first position but this week saw Rogers jump back into the top position by five ballots.

Other drivers showing signs of awakening are Sonny (Please turn to Page Eight)

## Asheville Church Dedication Set

**ASHEVILLE**  
Dedication services for the newly-constructed Berry Temple Methodist Church on College Street have been set for Sunday at 11 a.m.

The church, built at an approximate cost of \$48,000, replaces a building condemned by the city some two years ago. The Reverend L. A. Brown is pastor.

Special dedicatory services will continue throughout the week with various other local churches as guest participants. The new brick church edifice will seat approximately 300