

6 MORE DAYS TO LIVE

TOP RANKING STUDENTS



Two Hillside high school students of Durham made high scores on an examination given by the National Honor Society to scholarship candidates recently. Although no student from a southern high school received a scholarship from the Society, James Schooler, left, and Yvonne Miller both made high scores on the examination.

Schooler, who is the highest ranking student in the graduating class, missed by one point of falling in the highest ten per cent of the candidates.

Yvonne, second highest ranking Hillside senior, also missed by a few points of ranking with the highest ten per cent of those taking the examination. Both students are active in Hillside activities. Schooler, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Schooler of Durham holds, among many other offices, that of president of Hillside's National Honor Society.

Yvonne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Miller, is co-editor of the student newspaper, a member of the band and active in a Durham church. She resides with her aunts, Misses Felicia and Catherine Miller.

Death Row Men Counting Hours

RALEIGH

Six more days to live. That's the score for four men who have spent together a total of 17 years in North Carolina's Central prison.

Unless the State's Chief Executive, Governor William B. Umstead, steps in an appeal, the four will die in the State's gas chamber on Friday morning, May 29, just six days from now.

The condemned four, whose homes for the past several years has been the bleak confines of death row, are Raleigh Speller, Clyde Brown and Bennie and Lloyd Ray Daniels.

All were convicted of either rape or murder on white persons.

A long, valiant but apparently fruitless effort has been made on the part of attorneys for the condemned men to save their lives. Appeals on their behalf have been taken, through an almost interminable series of channels, all the way to the Supreme Court.

The only hope remaining for the four men is a commutation of their sentences to long term imprisonment by Gov. Umstead, who was given last Thursday records on the cases and recommendations for clemency. As late as Wednesday, no word was received from the Chief Executive's office on his decision in the cases.

All four of the condemned men, who have now turned to religion in what may be their last days, steadfastly claim that they are innocent of the crimes for which they were sentenced to death.

Raleigh Speller, 51, oldest of the death row inmates, has since Central Prison his home since 1947 when he was convicted of rape of a white woman of Windsor. The Daniels cousins, Bennie and Lloyd Ray of Greenville, were convicted in 1949 of the murder of a white taxi cab driver.

ver. Clyde Brown was sentenced to die on a conviction in 1950 of the rape of a white Winston-Salem girl.

A recent visitor to four of Clyde Brown's relative reports that he has been a frequent correspondent with them and that the tone of all of his letters reveals his strong belief that "everything is going to turn out all right."

Brown is reported to have written regularly to his sister, Miss Ada Brown, of Lexington and to an aunt, Mrs. Claudine Campbell, also of Lexington.

According to a report, a recent letter to his sister stated in part:

"I get the news that people are fighting to save my life... (Please turn to Page Eight)



PAUL R. WILLIAMS, Los Angeles architect, will receive the 38th Spingarn Medal at 44th annual convention of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in St. Louis, June 23-29.

Seven Teachers 'Axed' In Mass Firing

Raleigh Woman, Shot Six Times, Lives On

Fort Jackson G. I. Empties Gun On 'Friend'

RALEIGH
A 20 year old woman received six shots from a .22 calibre pistol here Tuesday night, May 12—and lived.

Miss Ida Mae Collins of 1316 Holman Street was reported in "satisfactory condition" at St. Agnes hospital late last Wednesday where she was taken after her "boyfriend" emptied his .22 calibre pistol on her.

A 25 year-old soldier of Fort Jackson, S. C., Cornell Whitley, (rank not given), was placed under arrest on a charge of assault with intent to kill. Whitley admitted the shooting after his arrest.

Police report that the woman was shot three times in the stomach, twice in the chest and once through the leg Tuesday night around 10:30. No further information on her condition was available from St. Agnes authorities early this week.

Whitley is reported as telling officers that he came to Raleigh Saturday night, May 9, got acquainted with Miss Collins and began a whirlwind courtship with her.

According to Whitley, the argument which led up to the shooting occurred on the front porch of a house at 206 Hoke Street on Tuesday night. He said that she started to argue with him over a telephone call, accusing him of having tele-

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Fire Leaves 12 Persons Without Home

ASHEVILLE
A mid-morning fire last Thursday morning at 4 Smathers Lane just off Clingan Avenue completely gutted a five-room wooden frame structure, destroyed all furniture and personal belongings, and left 12 persons including 7 children homeless. All persons escaped without injury.

The fire is said to have started about 8:30 A. M. and in a matter of minutes had completely engulfed the wooden structure owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Cornell Gladby, Fireman, arriving shortly, were able to bring the fire under control and prevent any damage to nearby dwellings.

Mrs. Gladby estimated her loss of furniture and other personal belongings at about \$3,000 and damage to the house at about \$2,500. According to Mrs. Gladby, the list was not covered by insurance.

Fire Chief Fitzgerald said that it would be hard to say just what caused the fire, although it is believed that the cause was a defective flue.

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EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE DENIED

Citizens Rally To Indicted Ex-Bursar

GREENSBORO
Friends and sympathizers of a former A. and T. College official who was indicted last week on charges of embezzling more than \$116,000 in college funds rallied to his support here this week.

N. C. Webster, who served for some 30 years as bursar of A. and T. College until his dismissal in February for "irregularities" in his office, has reportedly received numerous offers of help from long-time friends, members of the college community and citizens of this city.

Also this week, Webster, in his first public statement since his dismissal last February, told a Greensboro daily that he did not take any of the \$116,000 which investigating auditors say is missing from the college's coffers.

"I want to say right now I never even saw it (the \$116,000)," part of Webster's statement to the Greensboro paper read. "I don't have a thing except my home, which I took 15 years to pay for, and my car, which is a four year-old Chrysler."

The offers of aid from friends of the ex-A. and T. official began when he was first dismissed and mounted to unusual height at his indictment. It is reported that a line of individuals formed to pay his bond when he was booked on the embezzlement charge last week.

A battery of lawyers, in and out of Greensboro, has reportedly offered him legal aid free. Four Greensboro lawyers are

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Durham Bank To Set Up New Facility

Additional banking facilities will be made available to Durham residents living in the Hayti area soon as construction is expected to be started on the proposed drive-in branch of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank.

The last hurdle for setting up the branch was cleared Monday when the board of directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation approved the bank's plan to establish the drive-in branch. The proposed new facility had already been approved by the State Banking Commission.

To be located at the corner of Fayetteville and Elm streets in Durham, the branch will be constructed along modernistic lines, with drive-in windows and space aside for four tellers.

According to J. H. Wheeler, president of Mechanics and Farmers, the branch will of-

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Gastonia got its first Negro councilman recently when Nathaniel Barber, extreme left, was elected to that city's governing body in recent elections. Barber, prominent and popular civic leader in Gastonia, won his seat easily as his candidacy drew support from both races. He is shown above being sworn in with other successful council candidates. — (PHOTO COURTESY GASTON CITIZEN.)

GROUP HAD CRITICIZED YMCA Y HEAD HITS NAACP

ASHEVILLE
A. S. Reynolds, principal of Livingstone Street School and chairman of Market Street Branch YMCA's Committee of Management has severely criticized and "taken to task" the local NAACP for its action in protesting the dismissal of the Y's executive secretary, Hugh A. Johnson.

The NAACP, in its last membership meeting, had drafted and passed a resolution "condemning the unjust and unreasonable action" which the branch Committee of Management took in dismissing Johnson as its executive secretary last March 27.

Reynolds took exception to the action of the NAACP in a telephone call to Mrs. L. B. Michael, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the NAACP, and accused Mrs. Michael as being one of the "ring leaders" against the Y. M. C. A. Reynolds was quoted as saying that the affairs of the YMCA is of no concern to the NAACP, and that she (Mrs.) Michael no longer had his respect as a result of her activities as a NAACP leader on behalf of Johnson.

Reynolds is further quoted as saying that he would use his influence in the future to prevent his teachers from joining the local NAACP, and that he personally from now on would send his membership money to the national office of the NAACP, ra-

ther than join locally. Mrs. Michael, teacher for 29 years and now retired, is chairman of the current N. A. A. C. P. membership campaign. Reynolds is also reported as criticizing the NAACP for having its membership campaign at the same time the Market Street Branch YMCA was in its membership campaign.

The telephone conversation in which Reynolds verbally assailed the local NAACP and Mrs. Michael, one of its leaders, took place last Thursday evening.

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May 14, following the receipt of letters by members of the Committee of Management from the NAACP requesting a meeting with the Committee of Management for the purpose of presenting the adopted resolution and discussing the issues involved in the dismissal action taken by the branch Y's governing body. It is reported that Reynolds stated that the NAACP could write all the letters "they wanted to" but that YMCA would not meet with

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Turmoil Grips Spaulding High And Community

SPRING HOPE
—By Alex Barnes
This fair little farming town was in a dither Wednesday morning as the result of what many termed the wholesale firing of seven teachers by Joseph Ancrum, acting principal of Spaulding School.

The "trouble" started some time ago when Ancrum is alleged to have become infuriated with many of the teachers he found on the faculty when he took over from John Brown, now a member of Shaw University's faculty, at the beginning of the present school term. He is reported to have referred to some of the teachers as "John Brown's Trash". It is rumored that he stated he was going to get rid of this so-called "Trash".

Ancrum reportedly threatened 17 of the school's 26 teachers by terming them "undesirables." This kept the school in an uproar most of the year.

Signs of the "wholesale axing" became evident when Ancrum, hospitalized for three months, allegedly placed Mrs. Grace Massey in charge of the school. Mrs. Massey, a former teacher at Hillside high school in Durham, figured in a famous controversy at the Durham school some years ago. She was given "the gate" in that incident.

TEACHERS SAY GOOD RECORD

Four of the seven who received their "pink slips" are (Please turn to Page Eight)

5 Year-Old Boy Dies After Being Hit By Car

ASHEVILLE
Five year old Roosevelt Morgan of 355 1/2 Hendersonville Road died in the hospital shortly after having been struck by an automobile Sunday afternoon about 2:30 on Hendersonville Road near Vanderbilt Road.

On Monday, a Coroner's Jury absolved of all blame the driver of the automobile, James T. Kennedy of Atlanta, and termed the accident un-

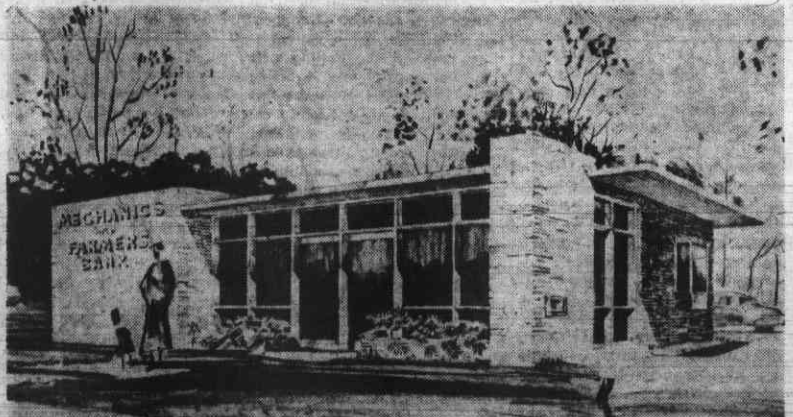
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Jewelry Valued At \$2000 Looted From Store

ASHEVILLE
Watches and rings valued at more than \$2,000 were taken from the show window of W. E. Roland Jewelry Company on Market Street about 2:30 A. M. Tuesday.

Charged with the burglary and break-in is Herman Owens, age 32 of Brooklyn Road, Shiloh. Owens was arrested at the corner of Eagle and Market Streets shortly after the robbery.

According to W. E. Roland, owner of the Jewelry Company, less than \$150 of the merchandise was found near the scene of the arrest. Owens was arrested by police officers D. E. Maney and E. C. Messer following a report passed to the police by a passer-by Grady Flint of 58 Blanton, who noticed Owens acting suspiciously and heard some of the merchandise being dumped on the corner of Eagle and Market Streets.



Above is pictured the architect's conception of the drive-in branch of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank to be located in Durham at the corner of Elm and Fayetteville Streets.