

Whites And Negroes Worship Together Despite Protests

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Dramatic, Last Minute Pleas Fail To Save Men



One hundred twenty-eight North Carolina College faculty members honored the college's retiring dean, Dr. Albert E. Manley, at a testimonial banquet at Durham's Algonquin Club House last week. Principals in the affair are shown left to right: President Alfonso Elder, Mrs. Manley, Law School Dean Albert L. Turner, standing; Dean Manley, and Mrs. Elder.

Dean Manley becomes president of Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia, July 1. He will be replaced at NCC by Dr. George T. Kyle, professor of psychology and vice chairman of the Graduate Council.

RALEIGH
An avalanche of appeals to Governor William B. Umstead from several groups of both races throughout the State failed to halt the scheduled execution of two Negroes here last week.

So, funeral services for Clyde Brown, 22, and Raleigh Speller, 51, were held at Winston-Salem and Windsor, respectively, Sunday. Brown was convicted in 1950 of rape of a 17-year-old Winston-Salem white girl. Speller was convicted of rape of a Bertie County white woman in 1947. Both were killed in the State's gas chamber Friday morning.

Groups from Durham, Winston-Salem, Raleigh and Asheville made appeals to Governor Umstead on behalf of the condemned men Thursday. In addition, a young white minister staged a dramatic sit-down protest on the capitol steps all day Thursday. But these efforts were unavailing. Some 2,000 persons crowded the Union Mission Baptist Church in Winston-Salem Sunday at 1:30 to hear final rites for Brown. The church auditorium, basements, lawn and street were crowded with people. A few whites attended the funeral.

Speller's funeral at Windsor at the same time was less heavily attended. Reverend A. H. McDaniel of the Union Mission Church delivered the eulogy for Brown.

Both men were quoted by the last visitors to see them alive that they were ready and maintained their innocence. Rev. Mrs. E. Graves of High Point, who has been a constant visitor to both men since Brown's conviction, told the TIMES that Brown told her, "I didn't do this thing they are going to kill me for." His sister, Mrs. Louise Thompson, who also visited him Thursday, said he told her "not to worry, because I'm going to heaven."

Rev. Mrs. Graves, who also talked to Speller, said that he told her Thursday he hoped he would see her "on the other side."

Integration Of Catholic Church Seen Permanent

NEWTON GROVE
The Catholic Church made a shaky but forward step toward integration in North Carolina this week, despite the protests of some of its members and much of it from persons of this community who are non-members.

On orders from Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh, Negroes and whites attended services at the Church of the Holy Redeemer at this rural parish Sunday. Prior to his order, Negro parishioners had attended St. Benedict's, about 75 yards away from Holy Redeemer.

Some 60 members of both churches braved taunts from



The above photos show wounds on a man's body which were said to have been inflicted by a Chapel Hill policeman last week. The man in the picture is Hugh Hunter, a plasterer, who has sworn out warrants against the policeman.

Chapel Hillian Charges Police With Brutality

CHAPEL HILL
Police brutality of the most sordid kind broke out here Saturday morning when an officer of the Chapel Hill police force administered a brutal beating to a Negro plasterer.

According to Hugh Hunter, 31, victim of the beating, officer Howard Pendergraph attempted to arrest him while he was walking down Rosemary Street on his way to work around 7:45 Saturday morning. When he inquired of the officer why he was being placed under arrest, the officer accused him of being drunk. Whereupon Hunter protested that he was not drunk and that he was on his way to work (Please turn to Page Eight)



REVEREND E. M. HILL



REVEREND W. F. COX

Principals in the Free Will Baptist General Conference which opened in Durham last Tuesday are shown. Expected to attract delegates from the denomination from most of the states of the eastern seaboard, the conference will run until June 10. At top above is Rev. E. M. Hill of Kinston, Moderator of the Conference. Bottom is shown Reverend W. F. Cox, pastor of the Oak Church in Durham which serves as host to the conference.

Bishop Oxnam Nat'l. NAACP Meet Speaker

NEW YORK
Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church, a leading Protestant churchman, will share the platform with Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, at the closing meeting of the Association's 44th annual convention in St. Louis, June 23-28.

A former president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, Bishop Oxnam is widely known as a spokesman for Protestantism and as an advocate of social justice. He is the author of several books on religion, ethics and sociology. Together with Mr. White he will address the final session of the convention on Sunday afternoon, June 28. Also scheduled to address the convention is Patrick E. Cor-

Nearly 700 Get Degrees At N. C., A & T Colleges

Two hundred eighty-six North Carolina College students from 14 states, the District of Columbia, the Republic of Panama, and Puerto Rico received graduate, undergraduate and professional degrees at North Carolina College's 42nd annual commencement exercises here on June 2 in the new men's gymnasium.

North Carolina leads the states with the largest number of graduates with 241. Other states represented in the graduating classes include: Virginia, 14; South Carolina, 3; Alabama, 4; Florida, 6; Pennsylvania, 3; New Jersey, 3; Texas, 2; and the District of Columbia, 2.

The following states and foreign countries were represented by one graduate each: Tennessee, Missouri, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New York, Indiana, the Republic of Panama, and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The undergraduate candidates were listed for the following degrees: B. A., 72; B. S., 80; B. S. in Commerce, 45; B. S. in Home Economics, 21; B. S. in Library Science, 1; B. S. in Public Health Nursing, 1.

GREENSBORO
More than 400 students received certificates at the 55th annual commencement program held at A. and T. College on Monday of this week. Of this number 54 received master's degrees, the largest number ever awarded by the college.

The breakdown on the 411 graduates reveals a distribution in the following schools of the college: Agriculture, 64; Engineering, 87; Education and Science, 170; and Graduate, 54. Thirty-six trades certificates were awarded to students completing two and three year courses. Sixty-nine of the graduates (Please turn to Page Eight)

Delegates Named From Asheville To National NAACP Meeting

ASHEVILLE
Reverend M. R. Donald and Miss Frances Owens, president and secretary, respectively, of the local NAACP have been elected delegates to the 44th annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to be held in Saint Louis, Missouri, June 23-28.

The delegates were chosen by the local branch membership in a meeting held Sunday, May 24 following a program at Nazareth Baptist Church which featured L. E. Austin, Publisher of the CAROLINA TIMES, from Durham as the main speaker. The program represented the closing of this branch's annual membership campaign. Austin used as his subject,

"Strength for the Weak." Stressing the role of the Negro leader, Austin declared that in the exercise of their leadership, Negroes must not give in to the temptations of offers of food, fame or money" to do the will of those who do not have the best interests of the Negro people at heart. Instead, their (Negro) every act of leadership, must reflect the "power of the spirit!"

Austin declared the Negro Church to be one of the great hopes of the Negro people in achieving the goals of first class citizenship, despite some of its weaknesses.

The Nazareth Baptist Church Gospel Choir furnished special music for the program, and Rev. (Please turn to Page Eight)

Speller And Brown Go Quietly As Scores Watch

By CLATHAN ROSS
RALEIGH
The State of North Carolina wrote finis to the cases of Raleigh Speller and Clyde Brown by gassing them to death in central prison's gas chamber here last Friday.

Thus was brought to a final end two controversial cases in which the two men, convicted of rape of white women, had their cases appealed, from local Superior Courts all the way, through the various lesser courts channels, to the highest court in the land.

Even urgent, last minute pleas to governor William B. Umstead failed to stay the inexorable workings of North Carolina's law which decreed that the two must die.

Witnessing an execution was a novel, an unforgettable experience for this reporter. For he

had never seen a human die and he hopes he will never have to see any more die in the manner in which Brown and Speller went.

About 9:30 last Friday morning, this reporter arrived at the gates of Central prison. Outside, a dazzling May sun and an occasional breeze contrived to give west Raleigh's flats a pulsating, quickening atmosphere. Once the prison trusty had clanged the heavy iron gate shut and once this reporter was inside the grim, gray walls of Central prison, the whole outdoor scene seemed to lose some of its brightness. The bleakness of the high, red brick walls and the stony stares from the few prisoners who were outside at work gave this reporter goose pimples even while standing in 80 degrees plus sunshine.

At ten minutes to ten, this

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Pictured here are some of the principals at the testimonial banquet given on May 22nd by the faculty and the alumni of the college in recognition of Dr. James W. Seabrook's twenty years of service as President of the Fayetteville State Teachers' College, Fayetteville, N. C. Shown in the picture are Dr. Seabrook; Dr. Sidney D. Willright; his wife, Mrs. Mac H. Seabrook; Dr. Sidney D. Williams, President of Elizabeth

City State College Teachers' College, guest speaker; his wife, Mrs. S. D. Williams; Acting Dean Rudolph Jones, toastmaster; and Mrs. Mildred Jones, his wife. See story this issue for more details.