

Twelve Hurt In Picnic Bus Wreck



This quintet of winsome lassies, poised on the starting edge of A. and T. College's new swimming pool, eye the finish line yards away and the photographer... well, he just "eye'd." The beauties? They are, left to right, Barbara Huggins, Dover; Ruby Swanson, Goldsboro; Ellaworth Kirby Wilson; Blanch Campbell, Charleson, Goldsboro; Ellaworth Kirby, Wilson; Blanch Campbell, Charlie Miss Kirby are seniors.

Wilson Citizens Enable Family To Visit Returned POW Son In Alabama

Wilson — Genuine neighborliness, the kind that goes with the South's famed hospitality, was crystallized into deeds here this week when this city opened its heart and its pocketbook to send the parents of a hospitalized, returned prisoner of war to his sick bed at Fort McClellan Army hospital in Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wooten were scheduled to see their son, Pvt. Oscar Wooten, for the first time in over three years last Tuesday. A fund raising campaign, initiated by the Wilson Times, Retail Merchants Bureau made it possible for them to fly in a chartered for them senger plane to their son's bed side.

Pvt. Wooten is confined to McClellan hospital for treatment for tuberculosis which he contracted while he was a prisoner of the Communists.

Scheduled to accompany them on the trip was Vernon Morton, city editor of THE TIMES, which paid for the cost of transportation of the couple as its part of the contribution.

More than enough money was raised by sympathetic Wilson citizens to pay for the Wooten's visit to see their son. The rest of the money will be used for other Wilson county prisoners of war released in the future.

Ordinarily, it would have been months before the Wootens would have seen their son. Mr. Wooten is a day laborer in Wilson and the family could not afford such a trip on their income.

Asheville Nixes Race For Use As Policewomen

Asheville—City Director of Public Safety Carl B. Hyatt, Jr. announced last week that plans for school traffic do not include the hiring of any Negro school crossing guards. The city does employ 12 such women as school crossing guards, but they are all white.

The announcement from Hyatt came as an answer to Negro residents of the Hill Street section who had earlier in the year asked the city to employ a traffic guard at the busy highway intersection of Patton and Clingman Avenues.

Public Safety Director Hyatt said that the decision not to employ a Negro traffic guard at the Patton-Clingman Avenue corner was made because both white and Negro school children cross at this intersection, the white children crossing at this point in going to and from the Queen Carson Elementary

news capsules

NEW ANTI-BIAS COMMITTEE SEEN AS A CHALLENGE TO CONGRESS

NEW YORK—The action of President Eisenhower in setting up the Government Contract Committee announced last week in Denver "merits the gratitude of thousands who are now denied a chance to work or use their highest skills in the mills and factories that hold government contracts," Walter White and Clarence Mitchell, executive secretary and Washington bureau director, respectively, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said in a joint statement this week.

This action, they said, "reaffirms the important principle that those who do business with the United States shall not refuse employment to qualified persons solely because of race, religion or national origin. This move of the Chief Executive is a challenge to Congress to erase discrimination in all other major industries by passing a Fair Employment Practice law."

INTEGRATION WOULD MAKE US LIKE RUSSIANS, SAYS "HUMMON"

ATLANTA, GA.—Governor Herman Talmadge said this week that the abolition of segregated schools would make the nation "one step closer to the policies of the Kremlin." At the same time, the Georgia Governor revealed a plan whereby the state could transfer public schools to private operation if the Supreme Court voids segregation. The plan is believed to be similar to one fashioned by Governor James F. Byrnes of South Carolina.

MAYOR OF CHICAGO URGED TO DENOUNCE MOB ACTION

NEW YORK—Roy Wilkins, administrator of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has called upon Mayor Martin Kennedy of Chicago to announce publicly that "no mob action will be tolerated against peaceful citizens seeking homes" in the City of Chicago.

The NAACP, Wilkins told Mayor Kennedy, "commends action of Police Department in providing protection to the Howard family in Trumbull Park Homes but urges statement from you as Mayor of nation's second city that no mob action will be tolerated against peaceful citizens seeking homes. Released Negro prisoners in Korea must be wondering what they fought for as they see what is happening to a Negro veteran's family in Chicago."

PROMOTE ONLY ON BASIS OF MERIT, BOARD ORDERS NORFOLK NAVY YARD

WASHINGTON—The Navy Yard at Norfolk was this week directed by the Fair Employment Board of the United States Civil Service Commission to "take such steps as are necessary to insure that candidates for promotion, particularly, to supervisory positions, are accorded proper consideration with sole reference to merit and fitness."

The decision was handed down after a complaint had been filed with the board by Frank D. Reeves, Washington legal representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, on behalf of Elmer Harris, Negro civilian employee of the Navy. Harris charged that there was an unwritten policy of refusing to promote Negroes to any position which requires supervision over white employees.

CAR PLOWS INTO HOUSE, LEAVES OCCUPANTS MINUS ONE DOOR

CHARLOTTE—A house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Floyd in the 500 block of Meyers Street was left with only one entrance as the result of a freak accident last week.

An automobile, driven by Charles McCarthy of Fort Bragg, skidded into the house on Sunday, August 9 and destroyed the front porch and a portion of the roof. As a result, the front door was blocked and only one entrance remained.

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GROUP WAS RETURNING FROM BEACH

Goldsboro—A bus loaded with carefree church picnickers, homeward bound, crashed through a bridge railing and overturned into a small creek here last Monday night, killing one woman and injuring 12 other persons.

The dead woman was identified as Mrs. Mable Counters of Goldsboro.

The vehicle was carrying its 32 occupants back home from a trip to the Topsall Beach. All members of the party belonged to the Apostolic Holiness Church of this city.

According to police, who investigated the accident, the bus ploughed through a guard rail of a bridge over Stony Creek and overturned in the shallow stream.

Officers said the bus apparently failed to make a sharp curve which extends into the bridge.

The injured persons were taken to the Wayne Memorial hospital with serious to minor hurts. None were identified.

Mrs. Counters, who was the only person killed in the accident, was riding on the right side of the bus in the second seat. Officers believe she must have been pinned inside and her death caused by drowning.

The creek at the spot in which the bus overturned is normally between two and three feet, but recent heavy rains had swollen it.

Booker T. Jones, driver of the bus, and the male passengers, freed themselves and broke windows in the bus in order to get others out. There were eight children among the passengers. It was not clear whether any of the children were among those injured.

The accident took place at about eight o'clock in the evening.

SEGREGATION IS DOOMED

Oklahoma City—Racial segregation in housing and education "is virtually dead," Mac Q. Williamson, attorney general of the State of Oklahoma, told members of the Oklahoma City Real Estate board at a luncheon meeting here recently. "You might as well give up the fight to prevent Negroes from buying

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N. C. GI Dies In PW Camp

Asheville—Pfc. Harold Clinkscales 21, and son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Clinkscales of 25 Clemmons Street was among 34 others of the U. S. Army who have been listed by the North Koreans having died while in North Korean Prison Camps.

The list was released by the Department of Defense last week. Mr. and Mrs. Clinkscales received the news about their son in a telegram from Major

General William E. Bergin, adjutant general of the Army.

Pfc. Clinkscales had been listed as missing in action since February 1951, less than 80 days after he shipped out for Korea from Seattle, Washington in December 1950.

On receiving this latest news concerning the fate of their son, Mrs. Clinkscales, the young man's mother, still held out hope for his life and safety by saying

that she did not believe the enemy was telling the truth. However, Pfc. Clinkscales' father accepted this latest news as the truth.

Young Clinkscales entered the army from Charlotte in June 1950.

The Clinkscales family lived in Asheville during the boyhood of Harold, who attended Mountain Street School across the street from their home. Later

the family moved to Charlotte where Harold attended High School. Then they moved back to Asheville.

In the Army's telegram message to the Clinkscales family, it was emphasized that although the enemy has listed Pfc. Clinkscales as having died while in their custody, the Army has not verified this information, and therefore his status has not been finally determined.

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GATE CITY TO HOST 1,000 AT USHERS' MEET

Greensboro—The 29th annual session of the Interdenominational Ushers Association of North Carolina will convene here August 20-23 it was announced by A. C. Crump, president of the Greensboro Ushers Union.

All sessions of the convention will be held in the College Auditorium at Bennett College and the large number of delegates and visitors expected to attend the convention will be housed and fed on the college campus. It is estimated that approximately 400 delegates and visitors will be the high water mark of attendance which is supposed to be reached by the Saturday afternoon session.

The convention is scheduled to open Thursday morning August 20 at 10 o'clock with a half hour of devotions following which greetings will be extended to the delegates and visitors by C. A. Langston, vice-president. Registration of delegates, appointment of committees, and instructions to committees will follow. The opening session will be presided over by the president, L. E. Austin.

The Thursday afternoon session, which will open at 2 o'clock will include the usual half hour devotions, enrollment of new churches, presentation of new delegates and visitors, instructions to delegates, and reading of the minutes. The board of directors will meet at 4:00 o'clock.

On Thursday evening a public program will be held with A. C. Crump, president of the local ushers union, presiding. There will be remarks of welcome from representatives of local ushers groups, ministers, various professions, business and educational institutions of the city. Councilman M. A. Arnold will extend welcome on behalf of the city of Greensboro. The response will be given by Mrs. E. K. Hughes of Fayetteville. Music will be furnished by the Senior Choir of Bethel A. M. E. Church, and Mrs. Conney Enlow will render a solo.

With vice-president, C. A. Langston, presiding the Friday morning session, in addition to the devotional program, will include a demonstration by the aircraft department under the direction of Mrs. A. B. Massenber.

On Friday afternoon the Junior Department with Junior President, Oscar Miles, presiding will hold its session. Addresses will be delivered by the junior president and Miss Dixie L. Goins.

On Friday evening the annual address of the president will be delivered. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the St. Stephens Christian Church Choir with a solo by Mrs. Ruth Morgan of Wendell. Vice-president Langston will preside.

On Saturday morning, August 22, the First Aid department of the Association will hold its session with Mrs. Hattie Jones, president, presiding. The session will include the reports from various committees, demonstrations and discussions on first aid.

The session Saturday afternoon will include, in addition to reports of various committees, (Please turn to Page Eight)

McDowell Man Says Race Schools Inferior

LONG TIME RESIDENT OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA SUIT SCENE MAKES REVEALING TESTIMONY

Asheville—A long-time, prominent resident of Old Fort, scenic little Blue Ridge mountain village and site of the latest in a series of school discrimination suits filed in the State, declared in unmistakable terms here last week that Negro residents of Old Fort have been "grossly discriminated against by school authorities . . . solely because they are Negroes and for no other reason."

This assertion was made in the form of a letter last week to the Asheville Citizen Times by D. W. Adams, a well respected and long time resident of McDowell county.

Two Mondays ago, a group of 26 Negro parents of Old Fort filed a complaint with the Western N. D. District Federal Court here charging the McDowell County school board with discrimination in the dispensing of school facilities.

Late last week, a reply to the charge was made by E. P. Dameron of Old Fort on behalf of the school board. He denied that the board had discriminated against Negro students.

Adams, who identifies himself as having been intimately familiar with McDowell County school situation since the county school system's beginning back in 1913, sold to the county, according to his statement, the land on which one of the county schools is now located.

His statement, which was published by the Citizen-Times, in addition to making the sweeping declaration that the Negroes of the county had been discriminated against in the matter of school facilities, went on to list the instances of "discrimination" against the Negroes.

The partial text of his statement, published in the CITIZEN-TIMES follows:

"I have been conversant with this (the school) disgraceful situation since the inception in 1913, when I sold to the

then McDowell County School Board the three and two-tenths acre tract upon which the present very substantial and commodious school was erected. I can state most positively, and doubtless will under oath in this case as to the facts which are substantially as follows:

"The colored people in the Old Fort School District have been grossly discriminated against by the school authorities, commencing immediately after the purchase of the lot, and up to date, and this was done by certain officials controlling the School Board, maliciously and solely because the parents and children are Negroes, and for no other reason."

"To specify definitely, and to amplify the above statement, the Negroes were promised by the then School Board, consisting of two mighty good citizens, J. Miles Flack, now living in Black Mountain, and the late John Bradley of Old Fort, Chairman, and another member whose name I have forgotten, that the money which certain colored parents had mortgaged their homes to raise in the sum of \$710 would be restored to them when the county financial affairs were in better shape. This promise has been forfeited and never been performed, although the State subsequently took over the management of the school.

"In contract, the county and State paid for the white school lot and all subsequent improvements.

"From the time the ground was broken until last year when the County School Board authorized ordered the seats, stove and other equipment ripped out of the schoolhouse, removed and stored, the Negro people were required to meet the following expenses of (Please turn to Page Eight)



FIRST NEGRO POLICEMAN RESIGNS

Charlotte—The resignation of what is believed to be the State's first Negro Police officer was made here this week by patrolman A. M. Houston.

Houston joined the Charlotte police force in July 1941, some 12 years ago. He is generally believed to be the oldest Negro policeman in the State.

Patrolman Houston's resignation was dated August 15.

This city's first policeman, Houston was born in the city in September, 1902, son of the late Mrs. Maria and Henry Houston. He received an A. B. degree from Livingstone College in 1925. In 1942, he was married to the former Miss Eva Cowans. They reside here at 624 East First St. Houston is an active member of the Grace A. M. E. Zion Church.

According to reports, patrolman Houston is resigning to enter the undertaking business with George Davison of Belmont.

Some time ago, city officials focused attention on what was termed a shortage in the local police department. The Civil Service Commission has reported a high rate of resignations and a shortage of applicants in the department.



DR. G. D. CARNES



MISS LAURA CARRINGTON



FRED HINES

Some of the principals in the Interdenominational Ushers Convention at Greensboro this week-end are shown here. At left is Dr. G. D. Carnes of Wilmington, Grandmaster of North Carolina's Masons who will deliver the principal address before the meeting. Center is Miss Laura Carrington, winner of the First Aid Department Contest and who will be crowned "Miss North Carolina Usher of 1953" at the session. At right is Fred Hines of Durham, treasurer of the First Aid Division and manager of the contest.