

Happy NCC Adherents And Coach



North Carolina College Eagles won their first Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association football championship in the 40 year history of the school last Thursday when the NCC eleven

defeated its traditional rival, A. and T. College of Greensboro, 15-7. At far left is shown the "Aggie" in one of its better moods when the game was early. In photo at right, NCC coach

Herman H. Riddick, is hoisted above the crowd by deliriously happy NCC students and players at the end of the game. For more details, see page five.

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Brownell's Action In School Cases Comes As No Surprise

Little Change On Party Seen By Observers

The position taken by the Justice Department in the school segregation cases to be argued before the Supreme Court on Monday, December 7, was not entirely unexpected nor will it contribute greatly to affecting the Republican party's aspirations. This was the gist of comment in Durham this week from highly placed Democratic and Republican officials.

Attorney General Herbert Brownell and his aides filed a brief late last week which asserted that the 14th amendment to the Constitution compels a state to grant the benefits of public education to all its people equally, without regard to differences of race or color.

This was very similar to statements made in a brief filed by the NAACP, the organization which brought the case, earlier in November.

Although elation was expressed over the supporting position taken by the Justice Department, the general feeling among veteran observers of the national scene in Durham was rather unanimous in the opinion that the decision was not a surprise nor is it calculated to affect Republican hopes for a two party system in the South.

"It's the same stand taken by the Democrats . . . They're on the spot throughout the world—we're in an embarrassing position. They just couldn't afford to take any other position."

This was the opinion of J. S. Stewart, chairman of the very active Durham Committee on Negro Affairs and members of the Executive Committee of the State Democratic Committee. "I don't think there's a chance of a two party system in the South at the present time, Stewart said. "The South is outside of either party: it's neither Democratic nor Republican. The strong vote for the Republican presidential candidates in the last election was a vote for Eisenhower and not for the party."

D. B. Martin, chairman of the political committee of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs and perhaps the oldest member in service on the Executive Committee of the County Democratic organization, said that the action by Attorney General Brownell may strengthen the chances for the evolution of a two party system in the South.

"Although the Justice Department's brief may give the party a black eye among the wavering conservatives, it may serve to gain considerable support from the fast growing liberal element in the South," Martin asserted. "I feel that they (the Republicans) are fulfilling their promises to us. More could have been done if Democrats had been more courageous. Former Attorney General Clark took a similar position, but didn't go quite as far as Brownell. I still feel, however, that the party for all minorities is the Democratic party."

Dr. Helen Edmonds, professor of History at North Carolina College and who has done extensive research in the role played by Negroes in the political life of this section, declared: "There never was any real basis for a two party system in the South. A Supreme Court verdict which would abolish segregation would do nothing to

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Father Freed By Jury In Death Of His Son

DURHAM
A Grand Jury freed a 47 year old man here Tuesday of all blame in the fatal shooting of his 22 year old son on the morning of Nov. 21.

Lionie Bradsher Cousins of Bahama, Rt. 1 who fired a charge from a .12 gauge shot gun into his son's hip, was absolved of guilt by the jury which refused to indict him.

His son, Sylvester, was admitted to Lincoln hospital after the shooting where he died about six hours after.

The shooting occurred at the Cousins' tenant home on the Bahama farm of Wallace Wade, well-known retired football coach and commissioner of the Southern Conference athletic association.

According to investigating officers, the elder Cousins told them that his son came to their home shortly after two o'clock in the morning on Nov. 21 in the company of "some girls." When the older man reminded his son that Wade did not allow girls on the premises, Sylvester pulled a pistol and his father shot him at close range with a shot gun.

GI Bandsman Killed By Own Gun In Row

FAYETTEVILLE
A GI musician, member of the 82nd Division Band at Fort Bragg, was shot to death with his own pistol by a fellow member of the Division Band as the result of a quarrel over possession of the weapon.

Sgt. Vernon A. Thomas is being held under \$500 bond on charges of manslaughter in connection with the fatal shooting of Sgt. Frederick James Brown here Monday night.

The shooting occurred at the Thomas home. Police found Brown dead when they answered a call to Thomas' home Monday night. He had been shot twice with a .38 calibre revolver.

Thomas was quoted as saying that he did the shooting after Brown advanced on him with a whiskey bottle following an argument over the pistol. Thomas remained at the scene and was taken in custody.

According to the investigation, Brown had redeemed a pistol from a pawn shop earlier Monday and the pistol had been taken away from him by Thomas. According to witnesses, the argument which led to the fatal shooting was brought on by Brown's demand that the pistol be returned to him.

Police had been called to the Thomas home about four p.m. Monday to quell an earlier disturbance in which Thomas and Brown had been involved.

Thomas is scheduled to face trial before an early session of Cumberland County's Superior Court.

Revision Of Air Force Policy As It Relates To Segregation Sought

WASHINGTON
Through Clarence Mitchell, director of its Washington bureau, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has appealed to Harold E. Talbot, Secretary of the Air Force, to stop Air Force commanders from reprimanding and suspending Negro officers who refuse to abide by a local segregation statute while in interstate travel.

These statutes, Mitchell pointed out, have been invalidated by a Supreme Court ruling as applied to interstate passengers. Nevertheless, he charged, top officers of the Air Force are seeking to compel Negro servicemen and officers to comply with these unconstitutional laws.

The NAACP official cited the case of Lieutenant Thomas Williams, a pilot in training at the Craig Air Base in Alabama, who last summer, was arrested by local police in Florida and reprimanded by his superior officer in the Air Force because he refused to move to the Jim Crow section of a bus while en route from Florida to Alabama. Later he was dropped from the service.

Named by Mitchell as supporters of this Jim Crow policy were James F. Goode, deputy assistant Air Force Secretary; Major General James F. Powell of

Keeler Air Force Base, Miss.; and Colonel John H. Bundy, commander at the Craig base. Colonel Bundy, he charged, was the chief advocate of dropping Lieutenant Williams from the Air Force.

Lavish Talent Show Ready

Everything was in ship shape for "Follies of the Times," scheduled to start in Durham on Thursday night.

The show will run for two nights at Hillside auditorium. It will play on Thursday and Saturday. Curtain time for each performance is at eight o'clock. Some 75 persons will be seen in the various scenes from the show bedecked in elaborate costumes.

Mel Rennick and Roy Carpenter, well-known directors, are staging the show for the benefit of the Carolina Times Christmas Cheer Fund.

According to early indications ducts for the affair were going at fairly brisk pace. Tickets sell for one dollar.



WESLEY W. DOBBS
Grandmaster, Georgia . . .

High Official To Participate In Mason's Fete

DURHAM
Doric Lodge No. 26 of Free and Accepted Masons will celebrate its 75th Anniversary on Friday, December 11 with a banquet and program at Hillside Casteria at 8:30 P.M. Worshipful Master Richard James, Sr. has announced that Grand Master John Wesley Dobbs of the Jurisdiction of Georgia will be the guest speaker. This affair will be an open meeting in which the brothers of the various lodges, their wives and friends, and sisters of the Order of Eastern Star, are invited to attend.

Doric Lodge was chartered in 1878 as an affiliate of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and has made noticeable strides since then. Other officers are Nathaniel Walker, Senior Warden, Dorset Williams, Junior Warden, R. Kelly Bryant, Jr., Secretary, Richard S. George, Treasurer, and Howard McAllister, Assistant Secretary. The lodge has approximately 300 members.

Dobbs has been Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons of Ga., since 1932. He is a Thirty-Third Degree Mason, and active member of the Supreme Council Scottish Rite Masons of the Thirty-Third Degree, Southern Jurisdiction.

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NAACP May Contest Fines Levied On GI's

COLUMBIA, S. C.

\$1,573 is a big price to pay for sitting in a seat next to a white woman. This is just what 48 Negro soldiers at nearby Fort Jackson had to dish out in fines levied by City Recorder here last week when one of their number took a seat next to a white girl in a crowded bus headed for Fort Jackson.

And the South Carolina NAACP believes also that this is too big a price to pay for refusal to accept Jim Crow for it was announced through the organization's president, Rev. James M. Hinton, that a federal court suit will be brought against the city of Columbia which assessed the heavy fine.

The incident occurred Thanksgiving day when a group of 47 enlisted men and one officer boarded a bus headed for the training center. It is reported that when the soldier who took a seat next to the unidentified white woman refused to move, police officers were called who ordered the driver to proceed to the police station.

Once there, 48 of the soldiers were booked on charges of disorderly conduct and given fines ranging from \$25 to \$200. Lt. Austell Sherrard, who went to the front of the bus to talk to the driver and two police officers who were called by the driver, was given the heaviest fine, \$200. He was charged with disorderly conduct and interfering with a police officer.

S. C. NAACP president Hinton said here early this week that action would be brought against the city of Columbia on the soldiers' behalf on the grounds that they were denied "due process of the law."

Only two of the entire bus load of soldiers escaped fines.

To Speak

DURHAM
Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president of Howard University, will deliver a vespers sermon at North Carolina College, Durham, on Sunday, Jan 31, 1954.



The picture shows Dr. G. M. Wilkins, Basileus of Pi Phi chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, presenting a citation to A. E. Spears of Charlotte, former Basileus of the chapter, as the Omega Man of the Year. This was the first citation of the kind, and, according to Wilkins, the selection was made on the basis of long years of service in leading the chapter from a small membership of its present position of leadership in the Fraternity.

Man's Life Hangs On Whether High Court Thinks Him Insane

RALEIGH

The life of a 26 year-old former carnival worker rested this week on whether the North Carolina Supreme Court decides he is sane or not.

Douglas Grayson, already sentenced to death for murdering a Bladen County white woman, was convicted in Bladen Superior Court last February and given the death sentence.

Lawyers who perfected Grayson's appeal to the high court said in arguments early this week that Grayson has the mentality of a six year old and asserted he should have been committed to an institution long ago.

Attorneys Aaron Goldberg and William Rhodes of Wilmington, arguing on the convicted man's behalf, told the high court that Grayson had once been committed to a Virginia mental hospital and legally adjudged insane in Virginia.

Attorney Goldberg told the court that the charges against Grayson should have been dismissed and Grayson committed to a mental hospital.

Of several psychiatrists who examined Grayson, "there was none who said he had a mental capacity of more than six," Goldberg asserted.

Officers who questioned Grayson admitted that he was not bright and some wondered if he could tell the difference between right and wrong. The body of Mrs. Thelma Louise White was found near her home some five miles from Elizabethtown on Sept. 13, 1952. According to testimony at the trial, she had been beaten in the face and had been raped.

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Charlotteans Honor Potts, Radio Figure

CHARLOTTE

A grateful community paused amidst the aftermath of its Thanksgiving celebrations and preparations for its Christmas season to honor one of its sons.

The occasion was the fifth "Genial Gene" day at the Charlotte armory auditorium. Guest of honor was Eugene "Genial Gene" Potts, announcer for a local radio station and the general man about town.

"Gene is an asset to our radio station, the community, his race and to America. He came up the hard way from near obscurity to the point where he is known in radio circles from one end of this country to another. He is a byword of good, hard radio know-how. His sponsors are loyal and many," said Francis Fitzgerald, president of a local radio station in brief remarks during the program at the armory.

Also on hand to congratulate the disc spinner was Mrs. Elizabeth Potts.

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NCC Staffer Hit By Car

DURHAM
Mrs. Florabelle Hill, housekeeper at North Carolina College, suffered possible rib fractures here Tuesday afternoon when she was struck by an automobile driven by Godfrey Herndon, employee of the Welfare department.

According to witnesses, Mrs. Hill was struck at about 5:40 on Lawson street near the college infirmary. The impact knocked her some 15 feet.

She was rushed to Lincoln hospital where superficial examinations did not disclose serious injury but examining physicians stated that it was possible she suffered one or more fractured ribs.

Durham A M E Z Church Gets New Pastor

DUNN
Durham churches, except in the case of Kyles Temple, were not affected in the changes that occurred at the close of the 74th session of the Central North Carolina Conference, A.M.E.Z. Church, at Trinity Church, with the reading of appointments by Bishop R. L. Jones, presiding prelate.

The Rev. S. P. Cook, who has pastored Kyles Temple for the past six years, was sent to Keeler Temple, Henderson, and the Rev. George Tharrington, was moved from Maxton, where he has been for eight years, to Kyles Temple. The Rev. W. W. Long, veteran of 27 years as the presiding elder of the Durham District will begin his 28th year Sunday. The Rev. S. P. Perry was reassigned to St. Marks for his eighteenth year. The Rev. J. Z. Siler was returned to Mt. Olive.

The Rev. F. L. Tyson was moved from Locke's Creek Station, near Fayetteville, to the Norrrington Circuit, located in

the Lillington area. The Rev. W. D. Drake, who pastored in Durham for a number of years, was assigned to the Holland Circuit from the Cumcock Circuit, where the Rev. L. A. White, formerly of the Pee Dee Conference, (S.C.), was sent.

Durham District, W. W. Long, presiding elder. St. Marks, Durham, S. P. Perry; St. Paul-Union, Cumcock, L. A. White; Macedonia-Hebrew, to be supplied; Mitchell Chapel, R. V. Horton; Mt. Olive, Durham, J. Z. Siler; Corinth - Centennial, Siler City, L. R. Williams; Kyles Temple, Durham, George Tharrington; Cameron Grove, Jonesboro J. A. Jones; Evans-Terrill, R. S. Smithearn; Chestnut - Chapel Hill, M. F. War; Gee Grove circuit, G. W. Harrell; Holland circuit, W. D. Drake;

New England-Mt. View-Byrd, N. D. McClain; Haywood-Rose Hill-St. Matthews, Thompson and Glover, Eford Alston; O'Bryant-Russell, Theodore Evans; White Oak, Julius Alston; Bel-

mont, Roxie Small; Byrd's Chapel, C. F. Fairer. Raleigh District, G. E. Madkins, presiding elder; Rush Memorial, Raleigh, J. C. Flowers; Keeler Temple, Henderson, S. P. Cook; Grace Chapel, Raleigh, Mabel Philpot; Union Station, Creedmoor, A. M. Spaulding; Big Zion, Oxford, S. E. Tyson; Norrrington, Lillington, F. L. Tyson; Wesley, Lillington, E. H. Beebe; Holly Spring circuit, L. B. Russell;

Franklinton circuit, J. W. Redfern; Mt. Moriah, L. H. King; Selma circuit, W. T. Jeffers; Cook's Chapel, L. H. King; Kyles Chapel, A. P. Murphy; Paradise, J. A. McKinnon; Harris Grove, Winston Blackman; St. Paul, David Vereen;

Apex Mission, Lonnie Dunn; Fuquay Mission, G. Bullock; Wake Forest Mission, Zolite Dunn; Louisburg Mission, David Vereen; Cary Mission, A. L. Byrdine; Clayton Mission, E. M. Matthews; Smith Grove, Frank Jones. Fayetteville District, J. A.

Brown, presiding elder; Evans Metropolitan, Fayetteville, C. R. Coleman; Beaver Creek, J. S. Maynor; New Bethel, H. T. McLean; Mattocks Memorial, Fayetteville, S. J. Walls; Trinity Station, Dunn, W. S. Henderson; St. John's Station, David Sawyer; Mt. Zion Station, J. A. Ashley;

Gardner's Chapel, M. P. Purcell; Locke's Greek Station, J. I. Ingram; Mt. Hebrew, H. S. Gillespie; Wesley Chapel, J. W. Everette; Oak Grove, F. R. Brown; Hood-Rock Spring, Hertworth McLaughlin; Seabrook Road Mission, W. T. Williams.

Elizabeth-Moore circuit, T. B. Stedman; Tar Heel circuit, W. E. Turner. Sanford District; J. W. Marsh, presiding elder; Fair Promise, Sanford, D. W. McInnis; Bethel Station, C. F. Dowdy; Jonesboro circuit, C. C. Glover; Trinity, Southern Pines, T. L. Parsons; Carthage circuit, C. V. Flack; Aberdeen circuit, L. L. McLaughlin;

Robinson Chapel circuit, B. P. Marsh; Pinehurst, to be supplied; Jacksonville circuit, D. W. Pennington; Gees Grove Mission, J. C. McNair; Jordan Chapel, to be supplied; Fair Promise Mission, E. A. Armstrong; Manley circuit, A. W. Wicker;

Laurinburg District, T. J. Young, presiding elder; Franklin Chapel, Laurinburg, J. W. Hatch; St. James, Red Springs, B. W. Mercer; St. Matthews, Maxton, F. L. Logan; Freedom circuit, J. W. Eason; Parkton circuit, L. T. Taylor; Mt. Zion, F. C. Calligan; McLaughlin Chapel, A. G. Massey; Hunter's Chapel, W. T. Fairley; Mt. Hebrew, C. F. Tharrington; St. Paul's circuit, W. J. Jacobs; St. Paul's Church (S. C.), E. F. Jones; Prospect Mission, H. J. Moore; Williams Chapel, Edgar Jones; Union Grove Mission, T. J. Briley; Wagram Mission, L. M. McIntyre; Bridges Grove, E. B. Bethea; St. Peter's Mission, U. S. Moore.