

# NEGRO GIRLS CHARGE APEX COP ATTEMPTED RAPE

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# 3,000 Boy Scouts To Camp At Whispering Pine

# URGES BAN ON JIM CROW HOSPITALS

## Two Teen-agers Barely Escape Criminal Assault Of Drunken Police Chief

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—It is midnight, April 26. I have just left the little town of Apex, North Carolina where I have finally wound up an all-day investigation into one of the most sordid cases of police corruption it has been mine to make in the more than a quarter of a century of my newspapering.

It will be remembered that Apex is the same town where less than 60 days ago the chief of police, Sam Bagwell, brutally beat into unconsciousness a Negro, Alfred Scott, after ordering him to stop his car. It will also be remembered that this same chief of police shot to death two Negroes in the Apex jail on May 10, 1952. He was absolved of the killing offense and is awaiting the outcome of the brutal beating of Scott.

This time Chief Bagwell went on another of his all too frequent rampages and attempted to criminally assault two young Negro girls after placing them under a supposedly arrest last Sunday morning.

According to Misses Minnie Lee Smith, age 16 and sister, Lucille, age 13, Bagwell came to the home of their aunt, Mrs. Everett Smith early last Sunday morning after being called to quell a disturbance near there, growing out of a fight between two young men who had attended a birthday party given for the older girl by her aunt.

When he arrived at the home in his car, according to statements given by persons on the scene at the time, a young white man and a girl were sitting on the front seat with him and a young Negro girl, Mamie Burt, age about 19, was lying on the back seat drunk. Bagwell got out of the car with the front of his trousers unfastened and staggered to the house in an apparent drunken condition. After going inside without being invited, he began talking to several of the occupants, including Mrs. Smith.

According to Mrs. Smith Chief Bagwell insisted that she get her niece, Minnie Lee for him and that if she did he could look out for her or words to that effect. Mrs. Smith stated further that Bagwell attempted or pretended to write the names of several persons in the home on a sheet of paper but apparently was so intoxicated he was unable to do so. When she refused to bargain with him over her nieces, he insisted and stated that the older girl is 16 and "she ought to be able to take me."

After talking with several occupants of the home Bagwell left without making any arrests but returned about 20 or 30 minutes later without any one else in the car. Without being invited he again entered the home where he asked Mrs. Smith if she was going to get the older girl Minnie Lee, for him. When she refused, he threatened to arrest her and the girls. Mrs. Smith stated that when her young son, Latta, 14, protested Bagwell told him to "shut up before I put a 38 bullet between your damn eyes." After being unable to force Mrs. Smith to get the girls for him Bagwell ordered them to get in his car. (Please turn to Page Eight)

## NHA Conference Slated For North Carolina College

The program for the annual meeting of the New Homemakers of America State Convention was announced here last night by Mrs. Marie C. Moffitt, State Advisor.

Some 3,802 members of the state's 137 chapters have been invited to the all-day session in North Carolina College's Men's Gymnasium, on Saturday, May 1.

Registration begins in the gymnasium at 9:30 Saturday morning.

The Misses Patricia Johnson and Ann Hut will present a musical prelude during the registration period.

President Ernestine Taylor, Harnett High School senior of Dunn, will serve as chairman during the opening session. State officers and delegates will be presented at this time.

Victor Dunbar, State NFA president, and Dr. Alfonso Elder, president of North Carolina College, will extend greetings to the group.

Other participants during the morning session include Mable Simons, state secretary; Doris Edwards, treasurer; Florence Spease, delegates to the North Carolina Family Council; Margaret Tyson, state historian; and Rivers Millner, state song leader.

Miss Ada Jarnagin, supervisor of music, Raleigh, will be presented by Miss Millner. Miss Jarnagin afterwards will lead the convention in group singing.

The presentation of candidates for national office will follow the singing.

A fashion review and recognition of guests and honorary members will be the final items on the morning session. A picnic luncheon and recreation will be held between 11:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. The state officers and advisers who will be installed at the close of the session are: Vivian Murfree, president; Rosa Outerbridge, vice-president; Marian Morris, secretary; Elmo Wylie, treasurer; Mattie

## Society To Go All-Out For Haile Selassie

NEW YORK  
Top society, which loves royalty, is reported to be going all-out to entertain Emperor Haile Selassie when he arrives here in June on express invitation of President Eisenhower.

For his two to three weeks stay, several big parties are being planned for him and one definitely is going to be staged in Manhattan at the United Nations.



The above photos are those of Misses Minnie Lee Smith, 16, and her sister, Lucille, 13, who charge that Chief of Police Sam Bagwell attempted to criminally assault them early last Sunday morning when he took them from their home under the pretense of arresting

them. Bagwell is previously charged with brutally beating another Negro, Alfred Scott into unconsciousness on March 6. Hearing for the offense has been set for the May term of Superior Court in Raleigh. No charges were ever brought against the girls by Bagwell.

## Wants Negroes Admitted To Institutions Getting Federal Funds For Aid

WASHINGTON

Testifying before the Senate Subcommittee on Health, Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, urged the inclusion of clauses prohibiting discrimination against Negro professional men and women and patients in the Health Act providing federal funds for the development of hospital facilities.

Mr. Mitchell's appearance before the subcommittee on April 21 followed an appeal the previous week by Dr. W. Montague Cobb to Negro physicians urging them to contribute \$100 each to the NAACP's Fight for Freedom Fund "to banish discrimination from health areas." Dr. Cobb is professor of anatomy at the Howard University Medical School and chairman of the NAACP's national health committee.

In his testimony, Mr. Mitchell charged that "a recent ruling by Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, has the effect of forcing colored people to discriminate against colored doctors in favor of white doctors."

He based his charge on Mrs. Hobby's refusal to withhold federal funds for a hospital in Houston, Texas, which denies staff privileges to Negro doctors "forcing them to channel their patients through white doctors if such patients are to be admitted to the hospital. A similar policy is followed in Birmingham which has received a federal grant for the clearance of a slum area on which to develop a medical center, he asserted.

"We believe it is only fair," the NAACP spokesmen told the committee members, "that any hospital which receives money collected from all of the people throughout the country as taxes should be willing to open its doors to patients, physicians, nurses and other medical persons without regard to race, religion or national origin."

He asked that language be incorporated into the Health Act prohibiting segregation of or other discrimination against Negro patients and requiring "that no qualified physician, nurse, or other medical person shall be denied the use of facilities because of race, religion or national origin."



DR. J. M. HUBBARD, SR.



DR. J. M. HUBBARD, JR.

Two local dentists have been accepted to enroll in a series of post graduate courses sponsored by the University of North Carolina's College of Dentistry it was learned here this week.

The above men: Dr. J. M. Hubbard, Sr., and Dr. J. M. Hubbard, Jr. are believed to be the first Negroes to be accepted for this post-graduate training sponsored by the University.

The classes are held in the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh twice a month and will include, child management, X-ray interpretation, oral and dental surgery, latest methods of plate construction, pyorrhea management, crown and bridge construction.

## Negro Lawyers Form New Association

At a meeting held in the Masonic Building in Durham, North Carolina, on Friday, April 23, an assembly of practicing Negro attorneys in North Carolina formed and organized an association dedicated to the purpose of elevating the proficiency and professional standing of members of the association and increasing their service to the community. The organization was named the North Carolina Lawyers Association, and membership in the organization is open to all persons admitted to practice before the bar of any state who are residents of North Carolina.

Practicing attorneys from over a wide area of the state attended the initial organizational meeting. Among those signing the register of attorneys present were: E. R. Avant of Durham; McKinley Battle and Harvey Beech, of Kinston; Charles Bell, of Charlotte; Robert Bond, of Wilmington; W. Frank Brower, E. H. Gadsden and C. J. Gates, of Durham; Mitchell Gadsden, of Clinton; Harry E. Groves, of Fayetteville; Milton E. Johnson, of Durham; J. Kenneth Lee, of Greensboro; William Marsh and Floyd B. McKissick, of Durham; Samuel S. Mitchell, of Raleigh; Richard Powell, of Greenville; John H. Rennie of Wadesboro; Herman L. Taylor, of Raleigh; M. Hugh Thompson of Durham; William O. Warner, of Rocky Mount; and Thomas Wyche, of Charlotte.

Three temporary officers were chosen by the group to steer the organization pending the report of a Committee on Constitution and By-laws. Herman L. Taylor, of Raleigh, was elected Chairman; Floyd B. McKissick, of Durham, Secretary; and Milton E. Johnson, of Durham, Treasurer.

The next meeting of the association is scheduled for 2:00 p. m., Saturday, June 12, in Durham.

## Largest Assemblage Of Scouters In History Expected April 20 May 3

The largest Boy Scout Camporee in the history of this area will be held this weekend, April 30, May 1 and 2 when over 3,000 Scouts from the 12 counties extending from the Virginia border to Fayetteville come together for the 1954 Oconeechee Council Camporee at Camp Whispering Pines.

The Camporee climaxes the spring camping program for the Council's 414 Scout Units after many weeks of practice camping trips by individual Troops on which the Scouts improved their techniques of tent pitching, cooking, knot tying, signalling, and lashings.

From Friday afternoon until Sunday morning, Patrols and Troops of Scouts will be busily engaged in a program designed to improve their camping skills, to make new friends, and to benefit from the association with the thousands of Scouts.

The Camporee is really ten Camporees in one. The Scouts in each of the Council's ten Districts comprising the Oconeechee Council will be separately. All of the Scouts will come together for only a few occasions such as Sunday religious observances, Scoutcraft competition, and the big Saturday night campfire.

Parents are especially invited to attend on Saturday, May 1, when Scoutcraft championships will be sought after by the top Patrols in each of the District Camps. At 4:30 the entire Camporee will gather to watch the best Patrols from each District compete for the Council championships. The competition for excellence should be terrific, as the Oconeechee Council was recognized just last week as the top Council in the whole Southeast. Chris Hamlet, officer of the

## More Than 1000 Parents Expected At A&T Mothers Day Observance

GREENSBORO

More than 1,000 parents of A&T College students are expected to attend the annual observance of Mothers' Day to be held here for a full day on Sunday, May 9.

According to William H. Gamble, dean of men and chairman of the observance committee, the total attendance will certainly eclipse last year's record of 923. He bases his estimate on the large number of acceptances to the invitation sent out by Dr. F. D. Bluford, president of the college, which began pouring in early last week.

The visitors will have opportunity to see, first hand, how their sons and daughters study and live at A&T. At the concluding program for the day, the entire campus will have open house. All dormitories departments and facilities will be open for inspection and faculty members will be on hand to explain their programs and discuss individual student problems.

Special honors will be given visiting mothers. The Air Force and Army ROTC units at the college will perform a ceremonial review in their honor and one will be selected as "Mother of the Year," receiving special recognition. All visiting parents will be guests at luncheon with their sons and daughters.

Mrs. Vivian Carter Mason, Norfolk, Va., president of the National Council of Negro Women, will deliver the principal address at the morning worship service beginning at 11 o'clock. A professional social worker for more than 25 years, Mrs. Mason served as secretary to Y. W. C. A. organizations in Baltimore, Brooklyn and Norfolk.

In 1941 she was appointed director of the Division of Social Service in New York City. An ardent civic worker, she organized the Norfolk chapter of the National Council of Negro Women, is a member of the board of directors of the Child and Family Service and member of the National Committee for the Improvement of Nursing Services. She was elected to her present position in 1953. Mrs. Mason will be introduced by Dr. Bluford.

Music for the program will be furnished by, both, the college choir under the direction of Howard T. Pearsall and the symphony band under the baton of Walter F. Carlson, Jr.

## AME'S Plan For 1956 General Session In Fla.

COLUMBIA

Tentative plans for the 1956 General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church were set up April 8 and 9 at a special session of the Committee on Preliminary Arrangements held in Miami the selected site for the 1956 sessions.

Bishop Frank Madison Reid, chairman of the General Conference Commission who presided over the two day session of the Committee on Preliminary Arrangements announced that the famous "Dinner Key Auditorium" of

## Home Demonstration Club Women To Meet At A&T College April 30

GREENSBORO

More than 600 home demonstration club women are expected to attend the one-day meeting of the Western District Council to be held here at A&T College on Friday, April 30.

According to Mrs. D. F. Lowe, western district home agent, representatives from 19 counties will be on hand for the event. Mrs. Lillian Perry, Chatham County, president of the organization, will preside over the morning session which

features a welcome address by Dean W. T. Gibbs of A&T College, and a panel discussion on "Nutrition Education As I See It." Panel participants include: Mrs. Rosalie Wyatt, Charlotte, supervisor, Mecklenburg County School; Mrs. Bessie Ransauer, A&T Extension foods and nutrition specialist; Mrs. Annie M. Filmore, Durham County home-maker; Barbara Caviness, Caswell County student; Mrs. Josephine Clanton, Raleigh, area school lunch supervisor and Miss

## First 4-H Club Round-Up Set For Nashville

NASHVILLE

The first annual 4-H Club Round-up will be held at Nashville, Saturday, May 1. One of the highlights of the program will be a parade of 4-H Clubs scheduled to start at 10:00 a. m. (Please turn to Page Eight)