

# HILLSIDE GRAD MEETS DEATH BY DROWNING

## 2,000 Citizens Hear Walter White

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# Two Negro Grads At White Tennessee College

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Two Negro girls—the first in the 62-year-old history of Scarritt College were among the 57 students graduated by the Methodist school here June 3. They are: DeLaris Lee Johnson, Orangeburg, S. C., and Lelia Marie Robinson, Austin, Tex. Both were awarded the degree of Master of Arts.

Scarritt is a senior and graduate college operated by The Methodist Church to train missionaries and other church workers. Miss Johnson and Miss Robinson were admitted two years ago, the first Negroes enrolled by any of the several white colleges here.

Scarritt trustees adopted the policy of inter-racial education in March, 1951, stating that the institution is "the only Methodist college specializing in the advanced preparation of young men and women who have dedicated their lives to full-time service in the un-ordained work of the church."

Miss Johnson received her A.B. degree from the South Carolina State A. and M. College, and plans to teach Navajo Indian children in Farmington, N. M. At Scarritt she was treasurer of the student council.

Miss Robinson holds the B.D. degree from Huston-Tillotson College in Austin. She was editor of the Scarritt yearbook, and was recently commissioned a deaconess of The Methodist Church. She has been assigned to the staff of the church's Sager Brown Home and Godman School for Negro children in Baldwin, La.

### Mixed Services Begun In Danville Va. Churches

DANVILLE, VA.

Integration practices have begun on a wholesome basis in several Danville churches according to a recent announcement made by white ministers of the city.

No discord in the congregation has been evident since the doors of the churches have been opened to persons of color. Several Negroes attended a religious film showing at Mount Vernon Methodist Church, one of the largest white churches in the city recently.

On other occasions, Negroes have been seen in the congregation at First Presbyterian and First Baptist Churches.

White ministers of these churches have been preaching for some time on segregation and have taken the stand that Christian fellowship does not endorse the closing of church doors to persons on the basis of their race.

### Two Teachers Get Prison Terms

CHARLOTTE

Samuel Moore, former president of the Carver Junior College, and Kenneth Diamond teacher of Second Ward High School, received sentences of one to two years and two to three years respectively, in the state prison after having been convicted of participating in a

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### JACK AND JILLS TO OPEN NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE FRIDAY

The ninth annual session of the Jack and Jill of America, Inc., opens a three-day meeting at North Carolina College Friday night June 18. The program is open to the public without charge.

Some 30 Durham children will give an operetta, "Hansel and Gretel" at 8 o'clock Friday night in NCC's Duke Auditorium to get the session started.

The Law Building will be the scene of a business session Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. The Dining Hall of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company will be the scene of the afternoon meeting on Saturday. Saturday night's banquet session, featuring Dr. Alberta Turner, national president, as the main speaker, will start at 7:30 Saturday at the Algonquin Club House.

An informal dance will honor the delegates in the Women's Gym at 9 p.m. The local insurance firm will host a luncheon for the delegates at 2 o'clock. Afterwards, at 2:30, one of the meet's main features, a symposium on the conference theme, will be held. A business session will conclude the program in the Law Building at 9 a.m. Sunday. "Appraising Family Life in a Changing World" is the theme for the convention.

Dr. Gelo McHugh, assistant professor of psychology at Duke University, will serve as chairman of the symposium. Other participants are: Dr. George Fisher, Raleigh, "Spiritual Values for today's Families;" J. M. Schooler, principal, Whitted



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School, Durham, "Cooperation Between Home and School for Effective Education"; and Dr. Catherine Middleton, Raleigh, pediatrician, "Keeping the child Well".

Dr. McHugh will discuss "Building Healthy Personalities in our Children; R. D. Russell, NCC guidance counselor, "Setting Economic Patterns in Family Life"; and Mrs. Mary Duke Semans, member of the Durham city council and mayor pro-tem, "Putting Social Life In Its Proper Perspective."

Officers of the hostess Durham chapter are: Mrs. Mollie Lee, president; Mrs. Olga Barksdale, vice president; Dr. Ruth Flowers, recording secretary; Mrs. Betty W. Goodloe, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Dorothy Phillips, treasurer; and Mrs. Edna Lambeth, reporter.



Scenes of the NAACP week-end conference featuring Walter White, executive secretary of the organization are shown. In the top photo, F. B. McKisick, Durham attorney and chairman of the program committee, is shown greeting Mr. White upon his arrival at the Durham airport.

of the local and state representatives of NAACP Branches on the lawn near the Algonquin Tennis Club House where they gathered last Saturday afternoon for personal consultation with Mr. White and to make reports from their respective branches.

At the bottom is a scene of the informal luncheon held in the Algonquin Club House with the national executive secretary, Mr. White is shown in the center at the far end of the table relating bits of humorous incidents he has experienced during his travels all over the world. Mr. White made his public address at White Rock Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

### NAACP Sec'y. Warns Against Complacency

Speaking to more than 2,000 citizens of North Carolina Sunday, June 13, at the White Rock Baptist Church in Durham, Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said that the local NAACP Branches are neither threatening nor begging in petitioning local school boards to take immediate steps to abolish racial segregation in schools under their jurisdiction.

Mr. White's speech at the public mass meeting Sunday culminated a weekend conference of NAACP leaders from all cities in North Carolina. At a luncheon meeting held Saturday afternoon at the Algonquin Club House, reports were made by all state and local representatives.

Eighteen citizens of Durham and other parts of the State applied for life memberships in the organization by making initial payments on the fee, which is \$500.

Those subscribing were: J. S. Stewart, Dr. L. R. Swift, G. W. Logan, Attorney M. Hugh Thompson, Dr. Robert E. Dawson, J. C. Scarborough, Sr., all of Durham; Kelly M. Alexander, president of the N. C. State NAACP Branch, who completed his payments; T. C. Jervey, Wilmington; Dr. Daniel C. Roane, Wilmington; Dr. J. S. Simmons, president of the Old North State Medical Society; Dr. Romeo H. Lewis, Clinton; Bishop R. L. Jones, Salisbury, N. C.; Attorney J. Kenneth Lee, Greensboro; and Dr. Watson Fowler, Fayetteville.

Others are Dr. J. D. Douglas, Fayetteville; Dr. Stephen B. Thomas, Burlington; Dr. L. W. Upperman, Wilmington; and Dr. W. E. Merritt of Clinton.

Following is an excerpt of the address delivered by the NAACP executive:

"There are persons in the South who advise that we sit tight and do nothing until the United States Supreme Court formulates decrees implementing its historic decision of May 17. In affirming the principle that public school segregation is unconstitutional, the Court said that it would not hand down the implementing decree or decrees until after hearing further argument by our attorneys and the attorneys of states next fall.

The Court did not rule that no action was to be taken meanwhile. Indeed many localities, including Fayetteville, Arkansas, St. Joseph, Mo., Baltimore, St. Louis and the nation's capital, have already ordered integration to take place not later than the opening of the 1954-55 school year in the fall. In other communities such as Greensboro, in this state, the boards of education are developing plans to comply with the Court's ruling. The State of West Virginia has abandoned the color bar at its institutions of higher education and the state superintendent of schools has called upon county boards to "reorganize and readjust their schools" in compliance with the Court's ruling. A committee has been established in Arkansas to develop plans for integration.

The ruling of the Court is clear and unmistakable. Segregation, the Court held, deprives its victims "of the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment" and, accordingly, is unconstitutional. Efforts to evade this ruling, to sneak around it in some shady, illegal way, will merely result in waste of time, energy and resources. The communities which have already moved to comply recognize this will have no part of the conspiracy to subvert the Court's ruling.

We of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People also recognize that the sooner the requirements of the decision are met, the better off the South and the country as a whole will be. Accordingly, the leaders of our southern units met in Atlanta the weekend following the decision to map a plan of action to facilitate desegregation of the public schools.

Your representatives at that conference gave sober deliberation to the problem. (Please turn to Page Eight)

# Neuse River Claims Life Of Richard Hall Sunday

### Duke Foundation Donates \$1,000 To Shepard Fund

The Doris Duke Foundation has donated \$1,000 to the James E. Shepard Memorial Foundation's scholarship program, according to Professor James E. Taylor, executive secretary of the Shepard Foundation.

Mr. Taylor's announcement said the current gift "makes a total of \$7,000 the Doris Duke Foundation has contributed to the James E. Shepard Memorial Scholarship program".

The scholarship program is a memorial to the late Dr. James E. Shepard, founder and first president of North Carolina College.

According to Taylor, the scholarship program has "helped 26 North Carolina high school graduates to attend N. C. College". Students who qualify must come from the upper tenth of their classes in North Carolina high schools.

The Shepard Memorial Scholarships were not awarded during the past year because of a "lack of sufficient funds", a foundation spokesman said this week. It was pointed out, however, that scholarship winners who were members of the past year's freshmen class will continue to receive scholarship aid during the coming year.

Officials of the foundation expect to be able to resume the scholarship program during the coming year when applicants for the 1955-56 school year will be invited to compete for the awards.

Tragedy struck the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Umstead at 406 Hunt Street shortly after 6 o'clock Sunday evening when news that their 17-year-



old son had drowned in the Neuse River was related to them.

Richard Hall, Jr., the victim was swimming in the river approximately eight miles from

Durham near the Red Mill Bridge with a friend, according to reports, but suddenly disappeared when the friend turned to look for him. R. A. Horton, coroner, said death was due to drowning when the body was recovered by members of the Durham Life Saving Crew at 8:10 Sunday night.

Young Hall, a high school graduate, had received his diploma from Hillside High School only six days prior to the fatality. In an interview with his parents, a Times representative was told that Hall had made tentative plans to leave soon to take a job in Detroit, Mich.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Union Baptist Church with the Rev. A. S. Croom, pastor, officiating.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Umstead; Mrs. Lula Hall, paternal grandmother of Durham; Mrs. Della Peoples, grandmother of Durham; an aunt, Mrs. Dorothy Henderson of Harrisburg, Pa.; and three cousins, Miss Delois Peoples, Marie Evans, and Randolph Murphy.

### Wilberforce President To Speak At St. Joseph's Men's Day Program

Men's Day will be celebrated at St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church here Sunday, June 20 with Dr. Charles L. Hill, president of Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio, as the guest minister for both the morning and evening service.

Dr. Hill has been president of Wilberforce since 1947 and during his administration the institution has made considerable progress.

Wilberforce is one of the oldest Negro schools of higher

learning in America, having been established in 1856. It operates under the auspices of the A.M.E. Church.

Dr. Hill is considered one of the greatest preachers in the A.M.E. Church and a large audience is expected to hear him both Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

Special music for the occasion will be furnished by the Senior Choir No. 1 of the church. Rev. D. A. Johnston is pastor of the church.



Some of the children of Durham who will appear in the operetta, "Hansel and Gretel," which opens the Jack and Jill Ninth Annual National Convention at North Carolina College Friday night are shown.

Front row, left to right, are, Michael Braddock, Gretchen Sampson, Dianne Dawson, Harry Edmonds, Judith Brown, Phyllis Morgan, Floyd Brown, and Jimmy Young. Second

row, Joy Beale, Jill Morgan, Thomas Sampson, Frank Russell, Jan Stanback, Booker Spaulding, Carol Phillips, Elizabeth Phillips and Carolyn Walker.

On the third row are, Earl Phillips, Jane Sampson, Greer Gadsden, Leeta Smith, Joyce Pittman, Brenda Thompson, Leon and George Creed, and Howard Wright. Fourth row, Carol Morgan, Leroy Walker,

Billy Clement, Gregory Kyle, Maxine Barksdale, Betty Jo Goodloe, Helen Davis, Harold Flowers, and William Jones.

Shown on the fifth row are, Elaine and Perry Lambeth, Robert Beale, Catherine Burnett, and Richard Taylor. Sixth row, Leonard Davis, Andrew Burnett, Charles Stanback, Louie Pittman, Peggy Thompson, Jimmie Lee, and Beverly Wright. Not shown are Richard Barksdale and Eric Moore.



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