

# Controversy Over Firing Of Teacher Unsettled

## No Reason Uncovered In Suicide Hanging Of Man

### Construction Worker, 65, Hangs Self From Boxcar With Baling Wire

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No cause had been revealed early this week in the suicide of a 65-year-old Durham man. Richard Britton, construction worker of 700 Glenn Street, was found dead behind the Armour and company on Peabody street early Sunday evening. His body was discovered by a group of children returning from a movie at the Regal theater. Britton hanged himself with a piece of wire suspended from a box car, Coroner R. A. Horton

were unable to revive the man with a resuscitator. Sheriff Belvin said Britton was wearing a blue work shirt, blue serge trousers and a new pair of shoes. He had a wallet but no money and had placed his cap on the hood of an Armour truck. Police patrolman D. A. Schlitz drove past the meat packing firm about four p.m. and saw Britton sitting in front of the building. Funeral services were conducted for the suicide victim in Durham early this week.

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### New Head Of Nursing Named At N. C. College

Mrs. Helen S. Morse of Pittsburgh, Pa., is the new head of the North Carolina College Department of Public Health Nursing. NCC President Alfonso Elder and Dean George T. Kyle announced Mrs. Morse's appointment last week. She begins work at NCC on September 1. Mrs. Morse, 38, is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. She received the B. S. in Nursing Education at the Medical College of Virginia and is scheduled to receive the M. S. in mental health and public health from Yale University in September. The appointment of the new nursing educator fills a vacancy created by the death here on January 4, 1955 of Mrs. Lattie M. Campbell. From 1948 to 1950, Mrs. Morse served as school health nurse in the Virginia Department of Health. She was public health nursing instructor at Florida A. and M. University from 1952 to 1955. Among other employment experiences have been positions as administrative nurse, U. S. Army Nurse Corps, Staff Nurse, Georgia Department of Health, and Public Health Nursing Supervisor, City of Philadelphia. In addition to her studies at the Medical College of Virginia and Yale University, Mrs. Morse has received a certificate in midwifery from Tuskegee Institute and she has done special study at Virginia Union University and Florida A. and M. University. She was also public health coordinator at Florida A. and M.



The above photos of the Tuesday, June 6. At the top a group of the officials, delegates and visitors gathered on the steps of the Church during the session. At the bottom are the Presiding Prelate of the Second Episcopal District, Bishop Frank Madison Reid and the Presiding Elders of the Conference and host pastor. From left to right they are Rev. J. D. Davis, Presiding Elder, Durham District; Rev. D. Williamson, Presiding Elder, Greensboro District; Bishop Reid, Rev. G. S. Gantt, Presiding Elder, Raleigh District and Rev. D. A. Johnston, pastor, St. Joseph's.

## Private Schools Plan Assailed Ex-State Solon Calls For N.C. To Begin Integration

CHAPEL HILL. What has been widely considered as the strongest attack on Gov. Hodges' plan to maintain segregation in the state's schools came this week from a former state senator and prominent political leader. In a speech here Monday night, Irving Carlyle, Winston-Salem attorney, called for defeat of the proposal to adopt private schools supported by tax money in an evasion of the Supreme Court's school desegregation edict. Carlyle proposed that the state make a start at showing "good faith" in compliance with the Court's order by beginning to integrate at the first grade level. His attack on the proposal to set up private schools was the third made on the plan in the state within a week. Last week in a speech at Raleigh, R. M. Albright attacked the plan to close the public schools and establish private, segregated ones as a "local option which might become a time bomb to destroy the public schools." "The North Carolina Parents and Teachers Association passed a resolution in a Greensboro meeting also last week opposing the proposal to repeal the state's compulsory attendance law. The plan to set up private segregated schools in the place of public schools was part of the Pearsall Committee's report presented to the governor following the Supreme Court's reaffirmation last year of its ruling against segregation in public schools in 1954. It is similar to the Gray plan in Virginia whereby the state constitution may be amended to allow the closing of public schools in "intolerable situations." Gov. Hodges has called for a special session of the legislature this summer and has asked it to center its attention on the Pearsall report with the idea of passing legislation providing for a referendum to amend the constitution to permit the setting up of private schools and the abandonment of public schools. The Pearsall report advises that the General Assembly be empowered to "provide public funds for financial grants to any child assigned against the wishes of his parents to a school in which the races are mixed." In addition to outlining a plan for gradual compliance with the Supreme Court's ruling, Carlyle expressed doubt as to the legality of the private schools plan. It is "extremely doubtful" that support of private schools with tax money would be legal, he pointed out. The Winston-Salem lawyer was delivering a lecture here Monday night on the subject, "The Present Crisis in Our Public Schools." His plan for gradual compliance with the court's decision would include the integration of public schools on the first grade level first, and commencing integration in the high schools on a quota basis, with Negro students selected in accordance with their education and character qualifications. He also advocated bi-racial advisory school committees in every administrative school unit, and another statewide bi-racial advisory committee. Extra curricular activities of a group nature should be controlled by local boards, to be allowed or banned as the board sees fit. "Incidents associated with violence or passion between races in any given school should be subject to immediate and severe disciplinary measures," he said. Carlyle said the Pearsall report is based on a premise that is not entirely tenable. That premise, he said, as stated by the committee is "we are of the unanimous opinion that the people of North Carolina will not support mixed schools. This is to say we believe if the schools were integrated in this state, the General Assembly, representing the people, would withhold support to a degree that the result would certainly be the ruin and eventual abandonment of the schools. Carlyle said it does not follow that a "majority favors" (Please turn to Page 8)

## Powell Says - Integrate Now!

WASHINGTON, D. C. Rep. Adam Clayton Powell made the statement this week that Negro schools would have to become integrated immediately if Negroes as a whole wanted the white schools opened up to them. Powell's comment followed his latest run-in. He had been asked to pose with Maxine Perryman, a student at Mississippi Vocational School, who represented this year's Miss Cotton from the Memphis, Tenn. set-up. Powell refused and was rebuked by letter from Dr. J. H. White, president of the Mississippi school who said: "There will always be a need for all Negro institutions." To this Powell answered: "In an integrating society, the Negro cannot ask that which he is not willing to give." GASTONIA. Moloch Lodge Number 468 of the IBPOE of W. will hold a special program in celebration of the thirty-second anniversary of the founding of the local lodge. L. E. Austin, publisher of the Carolina Times, Durham will deliver the main address to the group Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the St. Stephen's A. M. E. Zion Church here. Exalted Ruler J. Q. Falls will preside over the program and will present the distinguished guests, including Mayor Leon Schneider of the city of Gastonia. Other participants will include Rev. J. A. Belton, pastor of the host church; J. A. Holland, chaplain and charter member of the lodge; City Councilman N. Barber; Principal T. Jeffers of the high school; Genial Gene Potts of Charlotte and District Deputy George F. Spencer. The Waymakers Chorus will furnish the music. F. E. Parker, director of music at Highland High School, will play the organ prelude and will accompany the group in group in the singing of the opening song. A reception will be held for (Please turn to Page 8)

## Florida Boycotters Said "Unreasonable"

### SERIES OF MEETINGS FAIL TO CLEAR ISSUE IN TWIN CITY

WINSTON-SALEM. The controversy which has been stirred as the result of the firing of an Atkins high school teacher went unresolved this week as a group of ministers held a closed meeting to hear testimony. A mass meeting sometime ago at the Goler A. M. E. Zion Church failed to settle the controversy and, as a result, a closed meeting was held this week for those who did not wish their testimony to be made public. Rev. K. O. P. Goodwin, president of the Public Affairs Committee, stated prior to the closed meeting that "a lot of rumors have been heard, but I'm just interested in the facts." Rev. Goodwin also stated that his committee hadn't had a chance to fully analyze the report of the firing which it had received. One of the centers of the controversy appears to be J. A. Carter, principal of Atkins high school. Much discussion was centered around the alleged "cold atmosphere" which some observers seem to feel exists between Carter, some teachers, parents and students. Carter has been accused in some quarters of being evasive and aloof to parents who present him with problems regarding their children. (Please turn to Page 8)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. Gov. LeRoy Collins sharply criticized Negro leaders here this week for being "terribly short sighted and unreasonable" in refusing to compromise in their demand for an end to segregation on the city buses. A boycott of the buses was touched off here in by Florida A and M students, when two co-eds were arrested and fined for refusing to move to the rear of the bus. The boycott quickly spread from the school campus to the entire community and a boycott of certain merchants of the city was threatened last week. The Tallahassee Transit company, operators of the bus lines, were forced last week-end to suspend all operations of buses in the city. The only means of transportation now are by taxicabs. The case against the two co-eds was dropped in the hopes of averting a long, stalemated boycott such as had developed in the city. (Please turn to Page 8)

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### N. Y. Dems Want Strong Plank

NEW YORK. The Democratic State Committee, as its named 24 delegates at large to the national convention, promptly adopted a resolution calling for a strong civil rights plank in the '56 Democratic platform. The Democrats declared that "the welfare of our country depends upon an unequivocal stand on civil rights as stated in the '52 national platform to which must be added the recognition of the Supreme Court's decision in the school segregation ruling as the law of the land." Franklin Roosevelt, Jr. was named as a delegate along with Mayor Wagner and Senator H. Lehman, who are reported for Stevenson for President.

### Montgomery Bus Driver Force Cut In Half

MONTGOMERY, Ala. Before the historic bus boycott began against the Montgomery City Lines last December 5th, the company employed 70 drivers. In a new economy move this week, it laid off 21 more drivers—leaving the number yet employed by the company to 37 drivers. More busses have been taken out of service, too. Office personnel has been cut to the bone so that there are only five on the payroll and this includes office workers as well as maintenance personnel. The manager, J. H. Bagley, made the new announcement as to how hard the six months old boycott has hit the company.

### MURDER, SUICIDE CLAIM LIVES OF THREE IN LOWER PIEDMONT

Violence claimed the lives of three persons in the southwestern portion of the state over the week-end. Two Graham street neighbors of Concord were the victims of an apparent murder-suicide late Saturday. On Friday night, a young wife died in Rutherford hospital as the result of knife wounds inflicted by her husband. The bullet-ridden bodies of Mrs. Mamie Bell, 34, and Autie Love, ex-convict, were discovered on a lonely, private country lane road off morning by a couple out picking blackberries. Sheriff J. R. Roberts of Cabarrus said Mrs. Bell's body had two bullet wounds in the chest, one in the right wrist and a fourth in the back of her head. The Sheriff also said one bullet entered Love's throat, ranging upward and possibly causing another hole which was found in his head. An unofficial ruling of murder-suicide was given in the two deaths. Both Mrs. Bell and Love were married and had children by (Please turn to Page 8)