

# Son Stabs Mother To Death In Sick Bed

# MURDER ENDS LOVE TRIANGLE

## Dreamed Of Act Often, Son Admits

See Pictures of slain woman and funeral scene this page, columns two, three and four.

WINSTON-SALEM

Funeral services were held here Sunday for a 66-year-old woman who was killed as she lay in her sick bed by her son who said he had often dreamed of killing his mother.



CURTIS SMITH Dreamed Of Act

Last rites for Mrs. Belle Smith Campbell, of 812 East 12th street, were held at the Antioch Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. Rev. I. D. Dunlap, pastor, officiated.

Mrs. Campbell died last Wednesday, October 10, from a stab wound inflicted by her 45-

year old son, Curtis Smith.

Mrs. Campbell had been married for 30 years to L. L. Campbell (her second husband), and was the mother of three sons: Edward Smith, Curtis Smith and Hanes Campbell.

Smith is alleged to have stabbed his mother with a butcher knife while she was lying in her sick bed. He told officers that he had dreamed of stabbing his mother in the heart and that she succumbed to the stabbing.

Campbell, half brother of Smith and his whole brother Eddie told officers that Curtis had threatened many times to kill their mother like he had dreamed. "He told us he'd do it, then get off by acting like he is crazy". As a result of his threats, his mother was afraid to be alone with him, they stated.

The mother, who was ill and unable to work, had been trying to borrow \$3 to give Smith so he could get his shoes repaired, but had been unable to do so.

He nagged her so at breakfast that she left her bed in the front room for one in another room, Campbell stated.

A representative of the Carolina Times who talked with the wife of the accused, Mrs. Annie Brisson Smith, learned from her that Curtis was a "good provider, husband, and father, up to two years ago." They have been separated since that time. Mrs. (Continued on Page Ten)



Some 2,000 persons passed the bier of Mrs. Campbell as she lay in an undertaker's parlor in Winston-Salem last week. The picture in top panel is of Mrs. Campbell lying in casket at Winston-Salem funeral home. Over 700 persons crowded into the Antioch Baptist Church on Sunday where funeral services were conducted for the slain woman. Picture at bottom shows crowd assembled around the outside of the church as pallbearers leave church with coffin. Mrs. Campbell was stabbed to death with a butcher knife by her son. See story, column one, this page.

### SPEAKS AT TRADE WEEK PROGRAM

## Montgomery's King Has Not Decided Between Ike, Adlai

Dr. Martin Luther King, leader of the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott and perhaps the most highly regarded member of his race, said here this week that he had not yet made up his mind as to whether he would vote for Eisenhower or Steven-

son in the coming national elections.

The scholarly young Baptist preacher was in Durham early this week to deliver an address at one of the programs in the Trade Week observance sponsored by the Durham Business and Professional Chain.



Beseiged by a seeming unending round of autograph seekers, old friends and well-wishers whose hands he pumped for nearly two hours straight at a reception given for him following his address, Reverend King managed to make known his position on the national elections to this reporter between the autograph signing and hand shaking routine.

"I am uncommitted at the present. I have not yet come to (Continued on Page Ten)

## Nip And Tuck Contest Develops

Like the recent World Series in baseball, the Carolina Times Scholarship Contest in Roxboro is developing into a nip and tuck affair with Alexander Brandon this week jumping from third to first place to nose out Miss Glovonia Bass by a narrow margin and Frank Bradshere running a close third. The runner still persists that one of the Roxboro contestants now not showing too much speed will be a dark horse before the contest closes and take over the lead.

In Chapel Hill, Miss Marjorie Stone was still clinging to the lead with Willie Fendergraff right on her heels. The great surprise in Chapel Hill last week was the taking over of third place by Warren Jones and Miss Mary Mason.

As the second period of the contest gets underway, the race for the three scholarships is expected to get even more exciting with contestants organizing relatives and friends to assist them in their efforts.

This week's standing at the close of the first period is as follows:

ROXBORO SCHOOL			
Alexander Brandon	\$77,000	Clarice Tucker	65,000
Glovonia Bass	\$62,000	Nathaniel Pulliam	65,000
Frank Bradshere	\$56,000	Emmanuel Timmons	20,000
Katherine Vincent	196,000	Charlotte Norwood	20,000
Leslie Pulliam	102,000	Charles Street	5,000
Clarence Wilkerson	5,000		
CHAPEL HILL SCHOOL			
Marjorie Stone	125,000	Mary Baldwin	65,000
Willie Fendergraff	96,000	Mary Mason	35,000
Warren Jones	75,000	Alcean Guye	20,000
BURLINGTON SCHOOL			
James Hogan	20,000	Joe Wilson	5,000
Walkena Crisp	50,000	Bobby Mills	5,000
Sarah Moore	35,000	Alice Haith	5,000
Charlie King	35,000	Third Dorsett	5,000

## Dr. Player Pledges Her "Devotion" In Inaugural Rites At Bennett

GREENSBORO

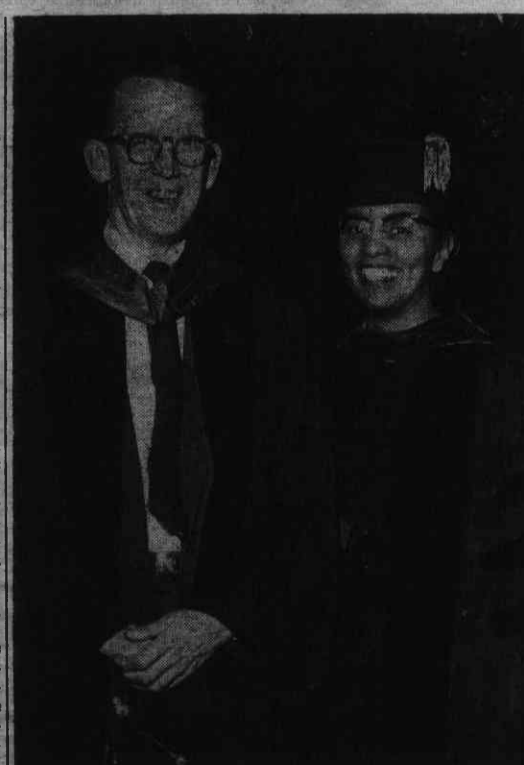
A pledge to use her "full strength and unfaltering devotion" to keep Bennett College "among that small group of innovators whose bold and imaginative thinking has always moved mountains without counting the cost," was made here Sunday by Dr. Willa B. Player following her formal installation as president.

An audience of some 2,000 persons filled the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel, the adjoining Little Theater auditorium and overflowed the lawns around these buildings where loud speakers carried the historic proceedings.

Seated on the main floor of the chapel were some 200 delegates representing colleges and universities, learned societies and professional organizations, the Methodist Church and the graduates. Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, and a Bennett trustee, presided.

Dr. Player, who began work here as a teacher 25 years ago, and who served successively as director of admissions, coordinator of instruction and vice president, before succeeding the late Dr. David D. Jones as president in October, 1955, was installed by Bishop Edgar A. Love, of the Baltimore Area of the Methodist Church.

"I accept the presidency of Bennett College," she declared, "with an inexpressible depth of (Continued on Page Ten)



Dr. Karl W. Bigelow, inaugural speaker, and Dr. Willa B. Player, are caught in this scene outside the chapel at Bennett College last Sunday where Dr. Player was formally installed as president of the institution. Dr. Player was a former student of Dr. Bigelow, who is professor of higher education at Columbia University.

## Class Reunion To Spark NCC Homecoming

A class reunion for North Carolina College's Class of 1946 will be one of the highlights of 27th annual Homecoming activities at North Carolina College this weekend.

NCC graduates from all sections of the country are expected to begin arriving in Durham early Friday afternoon to take in the festivities. Big feature is the football game on the campus O'Kelly Field at 2 p.m. Saturday between NCC's Eagles and Maryland State College's CIAA defending champions, the Hawks.

A parade sponsored jointly by NCC and the Durham Business and Professional Chain will be held Saturday to mark climax of the Chain's Trade Week and the NCC Eagles' Homecoming. Joseph A. Beebe and W. G. Rhodes are co-chairmen of the Trade Week program. G. W. (Continued on Page Ten)

## Ex-Durhamite Heads Alabama Savings Firm

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.

Samuel O'Neal, formerly a practicing attorney and housing project manager of Durham, has been appointed to manage the newly formed Citizens Federal Savings and Loan Association here.

More than 1600 citizens of Jefferson County met at the 16th Street Baptist Church here on Oct. 1, to organize the Savings and Loan association. Some \$400,000 has already been pledged for the institution's capital.

O'Neal's appointment was made by the board of directors of the young association, who were elected at its first organizational meeting.

A native Alabamian, the manager of the new Savings and Loan Association is the son of Mrs. Sophronia and the late Cleveland O'Neal of Tuskegee. He earned an A.B. degree at North Carolina College and returned to take a law degree later.

O'Neal has served as executive director of the John Avery Boys' club in Durham, and prior to his returning to Alabama, he served as manager of McDougald Terrace, a 247 unit public housing project in Durham.

He is married to the former Miss Vernese Boulware of Charlotte, also a graduate of North Carolina College, and they have two children. Mrs. O'Neal is presently a member of the Miles College faculty.

The board of directors of the Savings and Loan association are A. G. Gaston, Arthur D. Shores, John J. Drew, John W. Nixon, B. M. Montgomery, A. (Continued on Page Ten)



MRS. EMMA EDWARDS The Victim



LEROY HARGRAVES The Boyfriend

## Body Of Mother Found In River

CARRBORO

A love triangle which had existed for at least two years was broken tragically here last week as the body of one of the principals was discovered in Haw River.

The body was that of Mrs. Emma Dell Edwards, 30-year-old wife of Oscar T. Edwards and mother of a 14-year-old daughter.

Leroy Hargraves, neighbor of the Edwards, has confessed to slaying the woman and is being held without bond in the Carrboro jail.

The 38-year-old First Baptist Church choir member revealed that Mrs. Edwards and he had been going together for the past two years. He said he killed her following an argument which they had.

Funeral services for the slain woman were held Tuesday afternoon from the St. Joseph's CME church, Rev. W. R. Foushee officiated. Interment rites were held at the Chapel Hill cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Edwards, in

addition to her husband, are a 14-year-old daughter, Shirley; her mother, Mrs. Lois Clark of Chapel Hill; four sisters: Mrs. Annie Bumpass and Mrs. Dorothy Morrow of Chapel Hill; Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith of Bridgeport, Ohio; Ulysses, Marvin and Cletus Clark of Chapel Hill, Octavius of New Castle, Pa., and Odell Clark of Hillsboro; four uncles and three aunts.

The grim story of clandestine love and murder was unraveled by Carrboro police as they checked out a "missing persons" complaint from the dead woman's husband.

Mrs. Edwards' husband reported her missing to police on Wednesday morning. Following the "missing" report, Sheriff Odell Clayton received information that Mrs. Edwards was last seen by her daughter Tuesday.

Her daughter reportedly told police that Mrs. Edwards left home shortly before seven o'clock Tuesday evening with her, reportedly headed for a (Continued on Page Ten)

## YOU'LL WANT TO READ

One of the "MUST" items on your reading list should be the series on election procedures in North Carolina, currently appearing in the TIMES. The series was prepared by Reverend S. F. Daly, a former elections judge and presently a precinct chairman in Raleigh. This week, Reverend Daly writes on "POLITICAL ORGANIZATION AT THE PRECINCT LEVEL." (See page two.)

By the way, if you haven't registered for the coming national elections, you still have a chance to do so this and next Saturday, October 20 and 27.

### SOMEBODY UP THERE LIKED HIM

## Dramatic Mid-Air Rescue Saves Paratrooper From Certain Death

FORT BRAGG

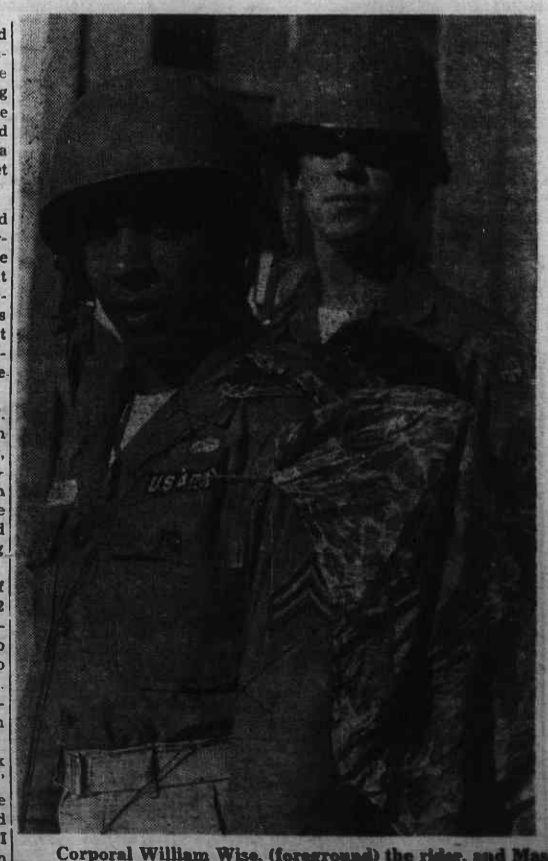
A quick mid-air grab and some cool thinking under pressure averted what could have been a disaster at Fort Benning this week when a 82d Airborne Division paratrooper grabbed the unopened parachute of a fellow Negro trooper 1,200 feet up.

About 200 spectators who had come to see a full-scale rehearsal of the 740-man parachute jump staged later for the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, watched breathlessly as the two rode to within 200 feet of the ground on a single parachute, then separated for safe landings.

Master Sergeant Raymon F. Johnson and Corporal William H. Wise, the Negro paratrooper, were the participants in this airborne drama. Both men, from Tank Company, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, had jumped from the same C-119 Flying Boxcar.

Cpl. Wise, 26, is the son of Mrs. Relam Williams of 442 Flordons Street, Vallejo, California. The Fort Benning jump was his 30th. Sgt. Johnson, also 26, is the son of Mr. James P. Johnson of Route 2, Fayetteville, N. C. It was his ninth jump.

"I got a terrific opening shock when my chute deployed," said Sgt. Johnson, "then before I had a chance to look up and check my canopy (parachute) I felt a tugging on my suspension (Continued on Page Ten)



Corporal William Wise, (foreground) the rider, and Master Sergeant Raymond F. Johnson, the catcher, with the single chute on which they rode. (Photo by McLeander)