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## Doctor Held In Abortion

### Scared Winston-Salem Teacher Names Durhamite

WINSTON-SALEM  
Dr. James P. Hightower, naturopathic physician, 49, of 2223 Manchester Street was arrested here Tuesday, January 15, and placed in City Jail un-

der \$5,000 bond, being charged with giving treatment to a 21 year old unmarried, pregnant school teacher, with instruments and drugs to induce the young woman to have a miscarriage.

Chief Dial stated that the woman evidently became frightened at the time of delivery and contacted a doctor to treat her. This brought about investigation of the matter.

Although police refused to identify the woman at the time of this writing, they did, however, say she is a native of Winston-Salem and had been employed as a teacher at a school near Edenton.

City detectives reported that they began investigation of the case Monday, January 14, after Edenton police chief G. I. Dial notified them that the young woman had given birth to a dead, premature baby, Sunday, January 13, at a home in Edenton where she was a tenant.

The teacher told detectives during questioning, that she decided to have an abortion because she and her boy friend, (also unidentified) broke up. She said her boy friend lives in Durham.

The young woman further (Please turn to page 8)



DR. EDMONDS

### NCC Professor

## Edmonds Going Back To Europe

Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, Graduate Professor of History, North Carolina College, will be on leave this semester with the United States Department of State. She was contacted by the State Department in November, 1955, relative to this assignment, the complete arrangements having been concluded in September, 1956.

North Carolina College was exceedingly happy that the services of one of its professors were to be utilized in our Foreign Program, requested by the Leadership-Specialists Division of the International Educational Exchange Service.

She will depart the United States in early February for Denmark, Sweden, West Germany and Austria where she will participate in the cultural programs of the United States. The experience will not be new to this scholar, professor and lecturer. In 1954-55, she pursued post-doctoral historical research on "Die Begriffe von Leopold von Ranke's Weltgeschichte Konzeptionen" at the University of Heidelberg, Germany.

The demands upon her platform ability as a lecturer were made by many German groups. She volunteered her services without compensation and joined the lecture program of the Information Agencies and the Women's Division of Cultural Affairs. During the months of May, June, July and early August, 1955, she lectured in every major West German city, made radio broadcasts and was interviewed over the same.

Aside from her assets of having a charming personality and being well-versed in the art of human relations, she speaks the German language fluently. She

delivered her addresses in that language. Innumerable press conferences were held.

When queried about her forthcoming venture, Dr. Edmonds said, "I hope to continue to be one of the best roving ambassadors for the United States who ever left these shores."

Prior to her departure from the United States, she attended the Presidential Inaugural ceremonies and activities as the special guest of President and Mrs. Eisenhower. She states that this personal letter of invitation from the President and the First Lady is just about the most thrilling invitation she has ever received.

It stands alongside her signal honor of having been the first Negro woman in history to second the nomination of a President, when she seconded the nomination of Mr. Eisenhower in San Francisco, Calif., August, 1956.

Dr. Edmonds is a native of Lawrenceville, Virginia. She attended St. Paul's Polytechnic Institute in her hometown; received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland; and both Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

History is her field of specialization and she has taught the same at Virginia Theological Seminary and College, St. Paul's Polytechnic Institute, and since 1941, at the North Carolina College at Durham.

Dr. Edmonds is author of THE NEGRO AND FUSION POLITICS IN NORTH CAROLINA, published by the University of North Carolina Press, 1951, and listed in the October, 1956 re-

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The former Brooklyn Dodgers star second baseman presents a \$10,000 check to Arthur B. Spingarn, president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., in behalf of his new employer William Black, president of the Chock Full O'Nuts Coffee

Company and Restaurant Chain. The contribution is to aid the organization in its legal work in the field of civil rights. The company recently appointed Jackie as vice president in charge of its large personnel staff.

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## Rocky Mount Physician Named To School Board



The Executive Committee of the Old North State Medical Society shown here are, seated, left to right: Dr. Clyde Donnell, Durham, Secretary - Treasurer Emeritus; Dr. M. D. Quigless, Tarboro, President-Elect; Dr. L. E. Swift, Durham, President; Dr. W. T. Armstrong, Rocky Mount, Secretary. Standing, left to right: Dr. George Evans, Greensboro,

Chairman of Program Committee; Dr. S. J. Cochran, Weldon, Recording Secretary; Dr. W. M. Bryant, Enfield; Dr. Bembert Malloy, Winston-Salem; Dr. C. B. Middleton, Raleigh, Editor of Journal; Dr. J. D. Quick, Winston-Salem; Dr. R. M. Wyche, Charlotte, Past President; Dr. Murray B. Davis, High Point; Dr. R. E. Wimberly, Raleigh; Dr. Charles Watts, Durham.

### Dr. J. W. Parker Unanimous Pick

ROCKY MOUNT.  
Dr. Joseph W. Parker, 38-year-old physician of this city was named to the Rocky Mount School Board here on January 17 by the board of aldermen. The selection of Dr. Parker was unanimous. He will fill the position made vacant by the resignation of a white member because of ill health.

The physician was nominated to the post by Attorney Kemp P. Battle, prominent member of the Board and one of the city's leading attorneys. Dr. Parker's appointment marks the first time a member of his race has been named to the governing body of the local school system, although over 40 per cent of the school population is composed of Negroes.

Dr. Parker is a native of Rocky Mount and is active in the religious, social and civic life of the community. His wife is the former Miss Opal Malone, who was also born and reared in this city.

The new member of the Board is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University and Howard University Medical School. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

### Trial Of Nine In Swindle Is Delayed Again

WINSTON-SALEM  
The trial of nine persons, charged with an insurance swindle, has been delayed again until the next term of Forsyth Superior Court. Four of the defendants are Twin-Citians.

Attorney J. Erle McMichael, who is representing three of the South Carolina defendants, filed for a bill of particulars in each of the indictments found against his clients by the grand jury. He stated that he needed more information as to what his clients are charged with in order to prepare their defense.

Attorney McMichael is representing William B. Lucy and Ramsy Clemons, all of Rock Hill, S. C., who have been charged with filing fraudulent insurance claims.

In allowing the cases to continue until the next term of criminal court, Solicitor Harvey A. Lupton said that they would not have time to prepare the bills of particulars during this term.

The other defendants in the insurance swindle case are: Lee R. Lunsford of 742 Banner Ave. Ella Mab Mason of 816 East Sixth Street, Arsur D. Mitchell of 2029 Ansonia Street, Clyde L. Jefferson of Derry Street, all of this city, and Sam Caldwell Jr., and Hugh Burris Collins, both of Rock Hill, S. C.

### Robinson On Fund-Raising Tour, Says Country Needs The NAACP

NEW YORK  
The work of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People benefits not only Negro citizens but the entire nation, Jackie Robinson, national chairman of the Association's 1957 Fight for Freedom Fund, said here today prior to leaving on an 11-city tour for the NAACP.

"In the present world crisis," Robinson told newsmen at a press conference, "the colored peoples of the world have their eyes on America to see how Negroes are treated here. We are expending huge sums in giving assistance to some of these people abroad but their real attitude will be determined in large measure by their reaction to the way in which the race problem is handled here at home. We need the support of these people."

The NAACP, the former National League baseball star said, by helping to improve conditions for Negroes in this country strengthens the prestige of the nation among other countries. Accordingly, he asserted, "white people need to support the NAACP as strongly as do Negroes because it means as much to them as to colored people. The NAACP is an asset to the nation." He expressed appreciation for "the contributions of the Spingarns and other white persons to the NAACP cause."

First stop on Jackie's tour is Baltimore where he will address a mass meeting on Jan. 26.

### Man Had Buried Wife, Daughter Under House

CHARLOTTE  
A woman's hand sticking up out of the ground led police to a grisly discovery here this week which resulted in murder charges against a 33 year old warehouse worker.

James Thomas Jackson is being held without bond on charges of murdering his wife and 15 year old daughter.

The grim murders were uncovered Saturday morning. Police found the bodies of Mrs. Ruth Nelson Jackson, 37, and her daughter, Bernice, buried in shallow graves beneath the apartment house where they lived.

An unidentified man who was helping Jackson move furniture from the basement of the apartment house noticed a woman's hand protruding from the ground and this led to the police investigation and the discovery.

Jackson confessed to police that he killed his wife and daughter on the morning of January 10.

According to police reports, Jackson said that his wife struck him with a piece of iron as he lay in bed. He said that he then struck her with an iron mallet. As she fell, Jackson said he was attacked by the step-daughter with a bayonet. He was quoted as saying that he struck the step-daughter and then "blacked out."

### Raleigh YMCA Sets Honor For NCC's Calhoun

RALEIGH  
Lee Calhoun, U.S. Olympics team hero of North Carolina College will be guest of honor at a public reception to be sponsored by the Bloodworth Street YMCA, Wednesday, January 30 at 8:00 P.M. He will be accompanied by Coach L. T. Walker, nationally known sports figure. He will give the highlights of his experience abroad.

This is one of the special features of National YMCA Week to be observed January 27-February 2.

Another feature of the week is a forum discussion on "The Suez Canal Problem" on Friday, February 1 at 8:00 P.M. with Ram Peretz, of Israel now a graduate student of State College is principal speaker. A question and answer period will follow the address.

### Medicos' Unit Nixes Partial Memberships

The executive committee of the Old North State Medical Society voted in its interim meeting in Durham recently to refuse limited membership in County Units of the Medical Society of North Carolina.

In voting for the recommendation, the committee pointed out that acceptance of limited membership would label the members as a second class physician and that such membership would not meet requests made from the N. C. Medical Society for full memberships.

The committee also voted to commend the action of the High Point-Greensboro Medical Society for their action in refusing to accept limited membership in the Guilford County unit of the State Medical Society.

Also, the committee approved the outlined program of chairman of the program committee, Dr. George Evans, for the 70th annual meeting set for A and T College in June.

### Pioneer In Beauticians' Work Succumbs

JERSEY CITY, N. J.  
A huge throng was expected to witness funeral rites Thursday, Jan. 24 for Mrs. Cordelia Green Johnson, pioneer beauticians' organizer, who died at her home last Saturday.

Mrs. Johnson had recently been hospitalized but had returned home where she was recuperating. She was reportedly suffering from cancer. Death came at approximately 11:55 Saturday morning, Jan. 19. She was 69.

Characteristic of her consuming interest in organizational activities of the beauticians and in civic work, Mrs. Johnson was active almost to the end.

Just one week before her death, she presided at the sixth (Please turn to page 8)

### Weather Prime Cause

## Four Babes Perish In Fire; Man Run Over By Own Car

Nine persons met violent deaths over the week-end as the result of a frigid mass of air which gripped the state for much of last week.

Automobile accidents caused by weather conditions and fires were the immediate causes. At least two others were injured in violence over the week-end.

The greatest single tragedy occurred in Enfield last Thursday where four children, aged from six to four months, met death in their flaming two-room farm house.

Victims of the blaze were Lorraine, 6, Isea, 5, Alberts, 3, and Geraldine, 4, all children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Speed.

The fire broke out while the parents were away from home at a nearby store. They rushed back to the house in bitter cold weather but were too late to make an effort to rescue the children. The roof collapsed shortly after the parents reached the scene.

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The house was located on the farm of W. N. Mann, two miles northwest of Enfield.

Funeral services were held Friday and the bodies buried in Old Potter's field cemetery near Enfield.

Another child, six years old, became victim of flames last week when she burned to death

in a fire which destroyed her house near Zebulon. The victim was Shirley Ann Conyers, whose parents lived in a farm tenant house.

Killed in auto accidents over the week-end were Elijah Carr, Levon Briggs, and Mrs. Alene Waters Patton.

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### LAST RITES FOR MRS. RIGSBEE

CREEDMOOR  
The funeral of Mrs. Effie Rigbsbee, 48, was held at Union Chapel Baptist Church Wednesday, January 23 at 2:00 P.M. The eulogy was delivered by the Rev. James Ashe, assisted by Rev. James Hicks. Rev. N. A. Trice is pastor.

Mrs. Rigbsbee died at Duke Hospital Monday January 21 at 8:55, following an illness which began last October, although she was not admitted to the hospital until January 9.

During her lifetime Mrs. Rigbsbee was very active in her church and community. At the time of her death she was clerk of the church, teacher of the adult class of the Sunday School and president and treasurer of the Home Mission Society.

Surviving are her father, Henry Cosart of Durham County, two daughters, Misses Lucille and Mary Ann Rigbsbee and one son, Charlie Rigbsbee, Jr., of Creedmoor.

Interment was at the church cemetery.