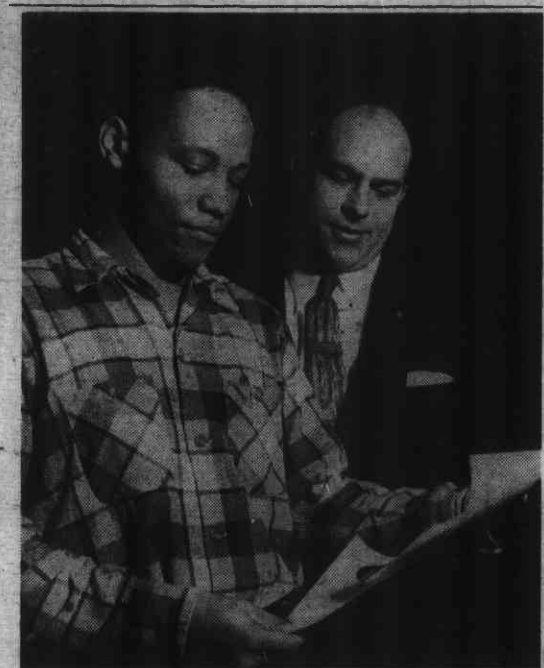


FOUR TOTS MEET FLAMING DEATH

Winston-Salem Physician Draws 5 Years In Abortion Rap



JAMES M. SCHOOLER, JR., Wittenberg College senior, and son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Schooler, 607 Lawson St. Durham, co-recipient of the fourth Harry G. Gram Foundation Award, reads the award citation presented to him by Springfield attorney Norman Carey (right). Schooler and Shelia Little, a senior from Tipp City, divided the 1957 Gram scholarship, presented annually to worthy and deserving students at the college. The award is named after Judge Harry G. Gram, long-time Clark County probate and juvenile court judge and a Wittenberg alumnus.

Young School Teacher Testifies Against MD.

WINSTON-SALEM Dr. James P. Hightower, the 49 year old naturopathic physician of 2223 Manchester St., who had been accused of using drugs and instruments on a young unmarried Edenton school teacher to cause her to have a miscarriage, was fined \$1,000 and put on probation for five years here in Forsyth Superior Court last Monday, February 11th.

Judge George M. Fountain of Tarboro, presiding, had put off passing judgement on Dr. Hightower from the day of the trial Monday, February 4th until this past Monday. In addition to the five year probation, and fine, Dr. Hightower was also placed on a three to five year suspended sentence and ordered by Judge Fountain not to practice naturopathic or any other healing art or profession for the next five years.

During the trial, (without jury) the court room was filled to capacity. However, Tuesday and Wednesday, the crowd grew thinner. Court recessed Thursday and Friday (Feb. 7-8) and convened

Monday morning at 10 a.m. Dr. Hightower entered a plea of nolo contendere in the case, but though he offered no defense, several character witnesses appeared in his behalf.



DR. HIGHTOWER

Edenton police notified here and the doctor was arrested on January 15 after the teacher gave birth to a dead premature baby January 13 in Edenton at the home where she resided.

The young school teacher, Miss Ellen Marie Perry, 21, of 2000 Cannon Street, this city, testified that she went to the physician's office on East Third Street Monday, Dec. 24, 1956 on the advice of a friend whom she said knew of her pregnancy. There, she stated, the doctor used instruments and gave her drugs to induce the miscarriage.

For this, she said she gave Dr. Hightower \$75. Miss Perry apparently became frightened at the time for the (continued on page 8)



This is all that remained of a barn converted into a home for eight persons near Durham after it was consumed by flames Wednesday which took the lives of four small children. See details, this page.

CITIZENS UP IN ARMS

Farm Agents Center Of Unrest In Oxford

OXFORD Evidence of continued unrest among farm families of Granville County flared anew here last week in the wake of two meetings of citizens held at the County Courthouse.

At a meeting of Granville County farmers, January 22, charges against Mrs. M. P. Powell, home demonstration agent, were drawn up and Jones at A. and T. College was asked to call for her resignation.

The charges against Mrs. Jones were signed by 89 farm people of the county. Detailed complaints against her in the

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Economy Move May Cut Thirty From Colleges

Two of North Carolina's predominantly Negro colleges may face faculty reductions of nearly 30 persons, according to press reports this week.

A Durham daily newspaper published reports to the effect that North Carolina College stands to lose 10 of its teaching faculty and Elizabeth City may have to drop 14.

Although the newspaper failed to identify the source of its report, it is believed that the reported proposals for a reduction in the faculty of the two schools came from the Advisory Budget Commission.

Charles A. Ray, News Bureau director at North Carolina College, said Wednesday that no college officials had seen the (Please turn to page Eight)

22-YEAR-OLD CONFESSES

Shawtown Hi School Senior Shot To Death

DUNN A shocked Shawtown high school community crowded the Star Baptist church here Wednesday to attend the funeral of one of the school's most popular students.

Dead was 19 year old James E. Melvin, a senior at the school. He fell victim Saturday night to bullet wounds inflicted at the hands of a 22-year-old "one time loser."

Melvin was shot in the side late Saturday with a pistol fired by Claude Clegg. He died early Sunday enroute to the Dunn hospital.

Police arrested his slayer

Sunday. He is being held in Harnett County jail under \$2,500 bond.

The shooting occurred late Saturday as the result of a reported fight between Melvin and Clegg. Two frightened and unidentified witnesses to the

shooting told Coroner R. L. Pate they saw Clegg whip a pistol from his pocket and fire at close range.

The bullet struck Melvin in the left side. Police said the weapon used was a .38 calibre (continued on page 8)



JAMES MELVIN

Winston-Salem Ministers Petition Legislators To Rescind Jim Crow

WINSTON-SALEM A request calling for the abolition of North Carolina's "obsolete" Jim Crow laws was sent to the State legislature this week by the Inter-denominational Ministers Alliance here.

The letter, drafted at a January meeting of the Ministers' Alliance by its Public Affairs Committee, called on the legislature to abolish state laws "now in conflict with the Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public transportation, education and recreation."

It was addressed to Governor Hodges and members of the state legislature W. F. Womble, Clarence E. Stone and Calvin Graves, and members of the legislature's Judiciary Committee.

Dr. Jerry Drayton, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church and secretary of the Winston-Salem IMA, said the Alliance will follow up the letter with practical blueprints of how segregation laws can be ended.

Complete text of the letter follows:

Gentlemen: Southern leaders and legislators are constantly contending that they are capable of dealing with and solving racial problems on a fair basis without coercion. Therefore we are appealing to you to abolish the obsolete North Carolina state laws which are now in conflict with Supreme Court decisions outlawing segregation in public transportation, education and recreation. (Please turn to page Eight)



REV. DRAYTON

Closer Scrutiny Of 'Pressure Groups' Sought

RALPHIGH A stepped up legal assault on the NAACP by the State of North Carolina appeared in the making, according to best informed interpretations of Governor Luther Hodges' address to the opening session of the state legislature Monday.

Planted in the midst of massive proposals to legislators for economic measures generally regarded as progressive was the Governor's request for tightening up of registration laws applying to propaganda groups.

Best informed observers in the State capital believe that the Governor was obviously referring to an effort within the state to enforce registration of officials of the NAACP.

The Governor's reference to this issue was slight and since (Please turn to page Eight)

COURT BEARS DOWN IN VA.

RICHMOND, Va. Virginia, thinking itself fortified by its Governor's rock-ribbed policy of "no quarter" in the desegregation issue, found several of its cities squirming under abrupt federal court orders to desegregate this week.

Already cities of Charlottesville and Arlington have been ordered to desegregate. This week, Tidewater cities of Norfolk and Newport News were ordered by U. S. District Judge Walter E. Hoffman to desegregate by August 15.

"We might as well get merri-ly on our way," Hoffman told (Please turn to page Eight)

Pioneer Civil Rights Teacher To Speak At NCC

Dr. James M. Nabrit, Jr., the man who organized at Howard University the first course in Civil Rights to be taught at an American Law School, will be the speaker for the Forum Committee at North Carolina College at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Mar. 19.

The Forum Committee is a non partisan faculty-student group that presents speakers of various political and economic beliefs.

Dr. Nabrit who received his education at Morehouse College and his legal training at Northwestern University, has participated in virtually all major civil rights cases for the past fifteen years.

He is also a member of the President's Committee on Government Contracts. Among major civil rights (continued on page 8)

FIRE FIGHTERS STOPPED BY NARROW ROAD

A fire which snuffed out the lives of four small children, whose ages ranged from eleven months to six years, and totally destroyed the one-room barn-dwelling in which they had lived with their mothers and grandmother since a fire destroyed the home of the grandmother about a year and a half ago, occurred about five miles from here around 11:30 A. M. Wednesday. The home was located on S. Miami Blvd.

Dead are Larry Eugene Owens, 6, and Ann Owens, Children of Elizabeth Owens; Penny Sue Owens, 11 months, daughter of Bertha Owens and J. L. Owens, 5, son of Mrs. Mary Naurk of Elyria, Ohio, and sister of the other two mothers.

Three other children who were attending school at Merrick-Moore School in the county probably owe their lives to the (continued on page 8)

Durham Scout Unit Celebrates 25th Anniversary

One of Durham's oldest Boy Scout troops observed its silver anniversary here this week as part of its celebration of national Boy Scout week.

Several prominent adult Boy Scout workers of the Occochee Council and citizens of the community were on hand at White Rock Baptist Church Monday night for Troop 55's 15th annual Parents' banquet, which also marked the unit's 25th year.

One of the highlights of the banquet program was a presentation of "Troop 55 in Retrospect" by William G. Pearson, II, one of the four founders of the troop. Pearson recollected the early years of the troop and remarked on the important contributions it had made to the community. Nine members of the troop, (continued on page 8)



Two of the many units in the Governor Hodges' inaugural parade in Raleigh last week were the Winston-Salem Teachers College and North Carolina College bands. Here, the two bands are shown marching down Fayetteville Street from the Capitol. Winston-Salem's band is left and the North Carolina College band is center. A portion of the thousands who lined the parade route is shown at right.