

BISHOP NICHOLS SUSPENDED

On Lookers Watch In Horror

Woman, 63, Nearly Amputated By Car

WINSTON-SALEM — Mid-day shoppers along downtown Liberty Street watched in frozen horror as a runaway automobile pinned a 63-year-old woman pedestrian against the sides of building and dragged her some 36 feet nearly cutting off her legs.

Described by shocked witnesses as the most horrible spectacle ever seen in city traffic mishaps, the accident took the life of Mrs. Patti Harris of

nearby Bethana. Mrs. Harris' flesh was still clinging to jagged edges of plate glass store fronts along the route she was dragged by the car, and pieces of broken bone remained on sidewalk after ambulance had taken her to a hospital.

The victim died at Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial hospital about 1:30 p.m. The accident took place around 11:10 a.m. Driver of the car which drag-

ged Mrs. Harris to death was Mrs. Minnie Smith Taylor of 3303 Renon Road, who was reported as telling investigating police that she "blacked out" and apparently lost control of the car. She reportedly stated she could not remember starting the car nor arriving at the scene of the accident.

Mrs. Taylor was admitted to Baptist hospital where she was treated and discharged. Four children, walking with

Mrs. Harris, narrowly escaped injury when Mrs. Taylor's Chevrolet jumped the curb travelling south on north Liberty Street, and struck the victim. The impact knocked Mrs. Harris into the front of a display case glass at the Center theater and dragged her along about 36 feet against buildings and sidewalk before dumping her through the plate glass window at Rominger's furniture store. The automobile then turned

back to the street and hit a parked car and a pick-up truck, knocking the truck into another car.

Both of Mrs. Harris' legs were broken and she suffered severe head injuries and internal injuries of an undetermined extent.

She is survived by one adopted son, George Harris; three sisters, Mrs. Harriet Doswell of Stanford, Conn., Mrs. Lilla (Please turn to page 8)



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Prelate To Appeal Trial Decision

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Bishop D. Ward Nichols, presiding prelate of the Eleventh Episcopal District of the AME Church was found guilty on five of seven charges by a church court here Saturday, August 30, following a trial held in Mt. Zion AME Church, before a committee consisting of one bishop and four elders.

The charges were preferred by presiding Elder M. M. Lindsey of the Gainesville District

of the AME Church and W. B. Stewart, former president of Edward Waters College, who was ousted by Bishop Nichols several months ago.

The verdict was reached at 10:00 P.M., Saturday, following a trial that was begun at 10:00 A. M. Monday morning, and automatically suspends Bishop Nichols until the General Conference in 1960 at which time final disposition of the case will be made.

The charges included maladministration of his office by refusing to permit the finance committee in the Central Florida Conference, failure to send all monies collected for the minimum salary fund as required by the law of the church, furnishing the Episcopal Residence from college funds, employment of a cook, chauffeur and payment of his secretary by the college, illegally raising money for a community project to be built on the college campus, channeling of \$25,000, donated by the City of Jacksonville away from the college operating account into an improvement fund.

Immediately following the argument of lawyers on both sides, Bishop R. R. Wright, who presided over the trial, presented the case to the jury which after deliberating five and one-half hours returned a verdict of guilty on five counts.

A deathly silence hovered over the packed church as Bishop R. H. Primm, jury foreman, announced the verdict to the audience that had come from all parts of the church. Said Bishop Primm:

"The committee considered the need to exercise wisdom and vigilance and to protect the laws of the church as well as safeguard its heritage. Realizing the conditions we have to face, though it tears our hearts, we find the defendant guilty."

When the verdict was announced several bishops and ministers were seen to shed tears while Bishop Nichols shouted, "the court was stacked, I was unfairly treated, I will be vindicated by the church. I have committed no sin."

Notice of an appeal to the Judicial Council of the church was filed by counsel for Bishop Nichols. He was represented by Attorney Ernest Jackson of Jacksonville and Attorney Lawson Thomas of Miami.

Bishop Nichols also charged that Bishop Wright was "out to get me." In reply Bishop Wright prefaced his pronouncement.

Anniversary Of Union Gathers Labor Chiefs

The 20th anniversary celebration of the Tobacco Workers Local Union No. 208 was held at the W. D. Hill Recreation Center on Fayetteville Street here Saturday, July 27 at 3:00 P.M. The program was presided over by Guy Mazzyck, president.

Words of welcome were extended by Lee E. Jones, recording secretary.

Greetings were brought from various organizations of the city, including the Durham Ministerial Alliance, represented by Rev. D. A. Johnston, president and pastor of St. Joseph's AME Church; Public School System by J. M. Schooler, principal, Whitliff School; Durham Committee on Negro Affairs by J. H. Wheeler, chairman; International Union, by Geo. Benjamin, second-vice president; NAACP by Attorney C. O. Pearson, chairman of the Legal Redress Committee and the City of Durham by Mayor E. J. Evans.

Recognition of visiting representatives of other local unions was by A. J. Stanley, president of local 204.

The principal address was delivered by J. S. Stewart, secretary-treasurer of the Mutual Savings and Loan Association and member of the Durham City Council.

Music for the occasion was furnished by St. Mark AME Zion Choir No. 2. Mrs. Sum-mega Solomon read a brief history of the organization. Highlighting the program was the presentation of a trophy to Roy

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The above photo is that of the Officers and Shop Committee of the Tobacco Workers Local Union, No. 208 of Durham which celebrated its 20th anniversary recently at the W. D. Hill Recreation Center. From left to right, standing, they are Richmond S. Stewart, Frederick H. Gunter, Roy Trice, Jr., members of Shop Committee; Alphonzo Haskins, chairman; Johnnie B. Philyaw, member, Shop Committee and Roy Trice, Sr., former president and member of Shop Committee. Seated from left to right are Guy Mazzyck, Lee E. Jones, recording secretary; Willie Bullock, financial secretary; Burch Coley, trustee and Willie Teasley, sergeant-at-arms. Not shown on the picture are Walter O'Day, vice-president; Isaac Robinson, guide; Geo. Carrington, chaplain; Fred Hines and E. J. McCoy, trustees.

Durham's School Board To Remain Lily-White

For the third time in 10 years the City Council of Durham turned a deaf ear at its session here Monday night to the pleas of Negro citizens for representation on the City Board of Education.

Local Negro leaders presented the name of former councilman R. N. Harris, who had the

endorsement of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs and various other Negro groups of the city, but the Council named Alston Stubbs, young white attorney, instead. Also re-elected to the board were Mrs. John Dailey and Herman Rhinehart.

The voting was 11 for Rhinehart; Mrs. Dailey, nine, Stubbs, eight and Harris five.

J. S. Stewart, Negro member of the Council stated immediately after the election of Stubbs that the result was disappointing.

"Mr. Mayor and members of the City Council, frankly I am disappointed. Negroes are being continuously told not to disturb the friendly relationship in Durham. What alternative do Negro leaders have? We are always told to wait until next time, yet no Negro has ever been elected to the Board of Education in the history of Durham. How long is next time?"

In order to be fair you have to place yourself in the other person's position. Suppose the situation were reversed in Durham's school system—40 per cent white and 60 per cent Negro. Would you feel that you are entitled to representation on the School Board?

"Gentlemen, we have approximately 40 per cent of the school population and it is a reflection on the City of Durham that we cannot have a qualified Negro on the School Board."

The name of Harris was presented by Dr. C. E. Boulevard, member of the faculty at N. C. College. He stated that "Harris was being offered as one who can bring people together when we need them."

Mayor Evans who voted against Harris in referring to the presentation of his name said, "I feel within the area of conflict whoever is chosen from the Negro group would be the target of both groups, white and Negro. However, I feel the Negro group will eventually have representation on the school board."

The vote of councilmen was as follows: Mayor Evans-Rhinehart, Dailey, Stubbs; Stewart-Rhinehart, Dailey, Harris; Luther Barbour-Rhinehart, Dailey, Harris; Ben Roberts, Rhinehart, Dailey, Stubbs; James Farley-Rhinehart, Dailey, Stubbs; Floyd Fletcher-Rhinehart, Stubbs, Harris; Walter Biggs-Rhinehart, Dailey, Stubbs; R. W. Grabarek-Rhinehart, Dailey, Stubbs; J. T. (Please turn to page 8)



Mrs. Lillian Fisher Amis of 1112 Pine Street, Durham, has received a \$3,000 public health traineeship award.

She will study in the graduate program at North Carolina College where she received the B. S. degree in 1955.

Mrs. Amis has been granted a leave of absence from the Carrolton City Schools, Carrolton, Ga., to do graduate work.

She was a health coordinator in the Carrolton Schools. —Jack C. Haldean, Medical Director, Division of General Health Services in the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, notified Mrs. Amis of her grant.

The Winston Mutual Life Insurance Company celebrated its 51st anniversary in grandstand style. The observance began last Saturday night, August 3rd with a banquet honoring outstanding agents, managers and other employees. There were 68 persons present to join in the feasting.

Atty. W. Avery Jones was toast-master and Alderman William Crawford was guest speaker. In his speech Mr. Crawford said, "We should live objectively. A man's reach should exceed his grasp in admonishing the officials and representatives of Winston Mutual to think big and continue to do big things."

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School Boards Reject Old Fort And Raleigh Negroes

Cities Refuse To Desegregate

School boards at Raleigh and Old Fort this week rejected requests by parents of Negro children that the students be assigned to white schools for the coming term.

The McDowell County school board rejected 68 applications from Negro pupils to attend the white school at Old Fort on a technicality. This action came Monday night.

One night later, on Tuesday, the Raleigh school board voted 5-1 against the admission of Joseph Hirman Holt, Jr., to the all white Needham Broughton high school.

The 86 refused by the McDowell school board were denied admission to the white school on the grounds that the applications had been drawn on improper forms and were not submitted to the proper officials.

The applications were received by County School Superintendent Melvin Taylor on July 17 in the mails. They came from Atty. Samuel S. Mitchell of Raleigh.

The board held Monday that such applications for transfer must be made to the principal of the school affected. It also said the county form, which has reportedly been in use for several years, should have been used.

All Negro pupils in Old Fort are forced to attend schools at Marion, some 15 miles away. There is no school for Negroes in the town. The last Negro school was closed in 1951.

Monday's denial of admission to the Old Fort school of Negroes was the second made by school authorities here. In 1955, five Negro children who went to the white school on opening (Please turn to page 8)



Dr. J. M. Hubbard, Sr. of Durham, second from left, was renamed secretary of the integrated trustee board of North Carolina College at Durham, recently. Dr. Hubbard is one of three Negro members on the board. Others are Ernest B. Johnson, Winston-Salem, third from left, and J. W. Black, Rocky Mount, seventh from left.

Other board members shown are, from left to right: T. W. Ellis, Jr., Henderson; Hubbard, Johnson, B. I. Satterfield, Timberlake, R. M. Gantt, Durham; NCC President Alfonso Elder, J. W. Black, Walter Jones, Jr., Rockingham, and Bascom Baynes, Durham.

Bank Moves Into Newly Renovated Raleigh Office

Formal opening of the new Mechanics and Farmers bank building at 13 Hargett Street, was scheduled to take place here Thursday, according to a recent announcement from the bank president, J. H. Wheeler.

Operating at 133 Hargett Street since May while workers renovated the old building, the bank was set to greet customers at its original site in a building remodeled into an ultra modern structure at the opening of business Thursday.

An open house was scheduled following the close of business from five until nine to permit the public to inspect the new building and its facilities.

Opening of the new building coincides with the celebration of the bank's 50th anniversary.

President Wheeler said the new building represents a significant addition to the other modern facilities maintained by the bank.

In addition to the bank here, Mechanics and Farmers operates two other offices. The main banking office is located in the heart of the uptown Durham business district and another office is situated in the growing Southside business district.

Three Teachers Fight Ouster By Allen University President

There Allen University professors, ordered to resign by president Frank R. Veal, refused to quit and indicated this week that they will resist attempts to oust them from the

college staff.

Two of the teachers who have been asked to quit are white and the other is a Negro. They are Dr. John G. Rideout, chairman of the Humanities Division; Dr. Edwin Hoffman, chairman of the Department of Teacher Education; and Dr. Forest O. Wiggins Wiggins is the only Negro.

Veal was quoted as saying that the three were asked to resign because the move would be "better for the university and its program."

However, one of the teachers asked to quit insisted that he had been given no reason for his requested resignation.

Wiggins, a professor of Psychology and Romance languages, said President Veal mentioned something about improvidence in a conversation he remembered, but added he was given no other reason.

Speculation arose as to whether the fact that all three had advanced political and social ideas had something to do with the President's request.

The names of Rideout and Wiggins were reportedly on the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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OPEN HOUSE

Open House was held at Winston Mutual for the public last Sunday, August 4th to complete the celebration of its 51st anniversary. The completely remodeled home office with its air conditioning was opened to the public Sunday afternoon from 4 to 9 p.m. Officials estimated that approximately 2,500 persons attended the opening.

Guests were greeted at the door by president E. E. Hill, vice-president and attorney W. Avery Jones and medical director, Dr. John R. Henry. As visitors passed the official greeters, they saw in the Southeast corner of the recep-

Witness Tells Of Vote Denial In Tuskegee

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Several residents of Tuskegee, Ala., charged here this week that only a sparse number of Negroes in rural Macon County, Ala.—where Tuskegee is located—are permitted to vote.

The spokesmen, representatives of the Tuskegee Civic Association, stated that in Macon County during the past two months 73 Negroes have appeared at the registration site. Only 33 of these were permitted to make formal application to the Board of Registrars and only seven received certificates of registration.

They said that the U.S. Department of Justice has investigated the Macon County voting situation and has found that a number of white persons who filled out voting questionnaires incorrectly were permitted to register and vote while Negroes were not permitted to register even though they had correctly completed the questionnaire.

The Tuskegeans spoke at a meeting here on July 30, Tuskegee has been in the news lately because of enactment by the Alabama legislature of a law which shifts 3,000 Negroes from the Tuskegee city limits to rural Macon County. The new city lines excluded 400 of 412 Negro voters registered in the city.

Tuskegee is the site of Tuskegee Institute and a U.S. Veterans Administration hospital. Macon County has 28,000 Negro residents and 4,671 white residents. Pending before the Alabama legislature is a bill which would abolish Macon County altogether and place portions of it in five other counties. The purpose of the measure, as stated by its sponsors, is to reduce to a minimum the possibility of a Negro majority at the polls.