

Alabama Gov. May Save Man Condemned For \$1.95 Theft



At the top of the above photos are the junior officers of the Interdenominational Ushers Association of North Carolina which convened at the St. Joseph CME Church in Chapel Hill last week. Reading from left to right, front row, they are, Miss Joyce Perry, secretary; Leo Leak, president; Miss Guytana Horton and vice president. Back row, left to right they are Misses Delois Washington, treasurer and Marilyn Hill, assistant secretary. The center photo shows the senior officers. Reading from left to right, front row they are: Fred Hines, treasurer, First Aid

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Burch Coley, Treasurer. Back row from left to right, they are: W. D. Pettiford, member Board of Directors; Milford Williams, supervisor, District No. 1; M. H. McCoy, supervisor, District No. 4; Albert Glenn, Supervisor, District No. 7; L. T. Wilkerson, Supervisor, District No. 5; Mrs. J. W. Jones, secretary, First Aid Department and Frank Grant, Supervisor, District No. 2. The photo at the bottom is a group of the officers and delegates assembled on the steps of the First Baptist Church of Chapel Hill.

New Civic Group Swings Into Action In Hillsboro

HILLSBORO
The Hillsboro Improvement Association, a newly formed civic organization, has thrown its support behind a movement in Orange County calling for a County-wide liquor referendum, it was revealed this week.

The move to join the proponents of a liquor referendum was the first community action taken by the organization since its founding two weeks ago.

The Association is circulating a petition backed by other

County groups which will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners at its September 2 meeting.

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The Reverend Morton Kurtz, official of the North Carolina Council of Churches, will be the main speaker at White Rock Baptist Church, according to an announcement from the church's pastor, the Rev. Miles M. Fisher. Rev. Kurtz will speak at the regular 11 O'clock worship service Sunday. For details, see col. 5, page 4, this issue.

Tarheel Woman Tells Elks Man Has Potential For Making Peace

By J. B. Harren
WASHINGTON, D. C.
The 59th grand lodge convention of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World (IBPOEW) opened its week of educational and administrative activities here (August 23-30) with a pilgrimage Saturday to the shrine of John Brown, the famed abolitionist, near Harpers Ferry, W.Va., where some 700 delegates saw the improvements made in the 255-acre farm once owned by Brown and marvelled the potential worth of this Elks project to America.

Charles P. McClane and Mrs. Bertha McKanlass are co-directors of the Shrine department.

Sunday morning 2000 Elks and friends packed to overflowing the Shiloh Baptist Church here for the annual memorial

service conducted by the Rev. R. H. Collins Lee, grand chaplain, and general exalted ruler Robert H. Johnson. Mrs. Beuna V. Kelley, grand secretary of the temple.

Rev. Mr. Lee, in his memorial tribute to the 410 deceased male Elks and 850 Daughter Elks who have answered the call of the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order, urged the half-million fraternal group to stand together and fight any force bent on disrupting the unity of the grand lodge.

Observers saw this as an obvious reference to litigation started by a disgruntled group in New Jersey alleging fraud and mismanagement in the affairs of the organization.

Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Annie See **ELKS**, page 8

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Charlotte Turns Back All New Negro Students

CHARLOTTE
All of the new requests from Negro pupils for transfer to white schools were rejected Tuesday by the City School board.

Charlotte, one of the three Tarheel cities to permit limited integration, thus put the brakes on school desegregation. Only two Negroes, who attended white schools last year, are being permitted to attend white school this year.

In all, the school board rejected some 23 applications from parents of Negro students. However, there were indica-

tions that some of the parents whose requests for transfer were rejected, may appeal the decision.

One of the parents whose child was rejected is Kelly M. Alexander, president of the North Carolina NAACP.

Following the action of the school board, Alexander had this to say:

"Speaking for myself as a parent, I will appeal. I will exhaust every constitutional remedy to see that my son receives a desegregated education."

This was the second time 18 of the 23 Negroes were refused permission to enter white schools. They were turned down last year on a similar request.



Attorneys representing plaintiffs in the Durham public school integration suit are pictured here during a conference following a pre-trial conference between lawyers from both sides and Middle District Court Judge

Edwin Stanley, held in Durham recently. Pictured here left to right are C. O. Pearson, chief counsel, M. Hugh Thompson, F. B. McKissick, W. A. Marsh, Jr., and J. H. Wheeler. The case has been regarded by many informed observers as the most important school integration suit in the state. They cite that the suit attacks the Pearsall Plan, the state's machinery for controlling desegregation. Trial in the case has been scheduled for September 26 in Durham.

Man Slated To Die September 5 For Robbery

MONTGOMERY, ALA.
Alabama Governor James Folsom broke the long silence maintained in the case of a 55 year old Negro handyman sentenced to die for robbing a white elderly lady of \$1.95.

Governor Folsom said early this week that he would wait until the courts act before he makes a decision as to commutating the sentence imposed on Jimmy Wilson.

A court appeal has been made to change Wilson's sentence from death to life imprisonment. Governor Folsom commented that he would commute anybody's sentence.

In breaking the silence on the Jimmy Wilson case, Governor Folsom said he would always lighten a sentence whenever he could.

However, Wilson's lawyer, Southern Gentleman Sheldon Fitts of Marion, Alabama, remarks that his client got off well. In Fitts' own words, "That nigger was lucky he wasn't lynched."

Scheduled to die September 5th in the electric chair, Wilson now waits calmly in the death row at Atmore Prison Farm, unaware of the national interest his case has created. He has served prison terms twice for theft. While letters are bombarding the office of Governor Folsom, others are being received by Warden Steve Nixon who is as baffled as the lawyer as to why people are so excited. The Warden insists that Wilson himself is prepared to die.

Meanwhile, the NAACP and other organizations are working against time in an effort to convince Gov. Folsom to commute the sentence to life imprisonment. And the lawyer - he feels there is nothing to be done since under Alabama law



PETE G. WALDON

Death Claims Durham's 'Most Popular' Cabbie

Pete Goins Waldon, veteran taxicab driver of Durham, died at Veterans hospital in Durham

See page four for obituary on Oscar Nathaniel Lee.

Tuesday night, it was learned this week.

Waldon worked for the Hills-side taxicab firm of Durham for the past several years. He was declared the city's "Most Popular Cabbie" in a poll conducted two years ago by the TIMES.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time.

Men To Compose Negro Fire Company To Take Physicals

Thirteen men have been selected to undergo the final phase of processing preliminary to being chosen to staff the city's first Negro fire company, Fire Chief C. L. Cox told the TIMES Wednesday.

However, he pointed out that according to the present schedule the original target date for placing the company in training will not be kept.

J. S. Stewart, City Councilman, told the TIMES that the original plans called for the completion of selection of the ten firemen and opening their training period by September 15.

Chief Cox said this week, however, that at the rate of present progress in selecting in the

company, it will be at least two or three weeks after that date before the company is ready to begin training.

The 13 men picked to undergo physical examinations have been instructed to report to Dr. Louis McKee, veteran Durham physician who has handled such physical examinations for the city, Chief Cox said.

The fire department official said further that Dr. McKee could not begin examining the men until September 9. Cox said that after the examinations, the selection committee would have to wait until the report of the physician before they can finish with the job of selecting the men who will make up the crew.

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Ike's Little Rock Stand Brings NAACP Applause

NEW YORK
President Eisenhower's declaration that "there can be no equivocation as to the responsibility of the Federal Government," in the event state and local authorities fail to protect citizens in the exercise of their constitutional rights drew praise from Dr. Channing H. Tobias, NAACP Board chairman, and Roy Wilkins, the Association's executive secretary.

The President made his statement at a press conference in Washington on August 20 in reference to the order of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals reinstating the Negro

students in Little Rock's Central High School in compliance with the United States Supreme Court ruling of May 17, 1954.

In a telegram to the Presi-

dent, dated August 20, Dr. Tobias said:

As Chairman of the Board of Directors of NAACP, and Personally, I congratulate See **IKE'S STAND**, page 8

Ushers Approve Tax Levy For Operating Home

CHAPEL HILL
The 34th Annual Session of the Interdenominational Ushers Association of North Carolina came to a close here Sunday morning at St. Joseph C.M.E. Church following the annual sermon which was preached by the Rev. Johnny J. Jones, pastor of the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church of Raleigh. Rev. W. R. Foughee is pastor.

Mrs. Roosevelt Disagrees With President On School Issue

NEW YORK
"Although a U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals has granted the Little Rock School Board additional time to carry on its fight against resumption of integration, you can be sure that the ultimate question will be far from settled," speaks the former First Lady, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

"I wish very much that instead of hinting that federal troops might be sent again to Little Rock, President Eisenhower would try a different approach.

"There are forces in the South that are big enough to want to obey the law and to treat child-

ren, whether they are white or colored, fairly. But these forces need encouragement and backing, and no one in this country except the President can provide the leadership that is necessary to give these well-meaning people the strength to make this difficult fight.

"I am quite convinced that if these people know that the White House will move to back them they will suddenly show up in far greater numbers than most of us realize.

"Instead of sending troops I wish President Eisenhower would go down to Little Rock and lead the colored children into the school."



Durhamite Jerry Scholes, currently working as a guide at the U.S. pavilion in the Brussels World's Fair, posed for this picture during a trip to Paris. According to Scholes' manuscript, he is standing on bridge across Seine River. Building in background in the Notre Dame de Paris. Letters to his parents, describing his adventures and impressions abroad, are currently being reprinted in the TIMES. The fifth in the series appears this week on page two.

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