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NAACP ATTY. BLASTS N. C. NEGROES

Daughter of Prominent Durham Family Slain

Husband Held On Open Charge, Says Accident

DETROIT, Mich. — Police were holding early Wednesday Parker D. Penick, 41, on an open charge in connection with the fatal shooting Tuesday night of his wife, Mrs. Irma Cox Penick, daughter of a prominent Durham, N. C., family.

Penick told police he was showing his wife a foreign pistol at their home Tuesday night when it discharged, striking her in the head.

Police said the bullet entered just below the hairline, tearing off the top of Mrs. Penick's head.

The .45 caliber, foreign-made automatic, was fully loaded, police reported.

Inspector Richard Miller, of the Detroit homicide division, said Wednesday no official ruling had been made in the incident.

"We're conducting several tests," he explained, and added that it would probably be a day or two before formal action is taken.

The shooting took place at the Penick home at 701 Pliny st., late Tuesday. Mrs. Penick was dead on arrival at the hospital.

The victim was a teacher in the public school system of Detroit. At one time, she and her husband were employed by the Great Lakes Insurance Company.

Her husband, member of a prominent Detroit family, is a salesman for an aluminum firm.

Unconfirmed reports say the couple had just returned from a two-day hunting trip. It is reported that they were frequent hunting partners and maintained a lodge across the border in Canada.

Mrs. Penick was the daughter of the late George W. Cox and Mrs. George W. Cox, Sr., of Durham, N. C. She was 43. Her immediate survivors include one brother, George W. Cox, Jr., of Durham, N. C., and a sister, Mrs. Nola Mae Tompkins, of New York. Details of the funeral arrangements were not available Wednesday.

Wilkins Guest At Party For The 'Lost Class'

FARMVILLE, Va. — NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins turned up here as a surprise guest at the Christmas party for the 1,700 youngsters locked out of school in Prince Edward County because the school board abolished the public school system rather than comply with a United States District Court ruling to desegregate the schools.

Also scheduled to participate in the celebration were ballad singer Maxine Sullivan and gospel singer Mahalia Jackson. The latter was to be heard via a special tape recording of Christmas carols because she was unable to be present in person.

Wilkins brought greetings and assured the children of the Association's continued support to achieve equal and unsegregated public education for them.

In his informal remarks, he took as his text Isaiah 9:8-7—"For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given; and the government shall rest upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government there shall be no end."

"Our children," Wilkins said, "deserve the best preparation because the great responsibilities of the future must inevitably pass to them."

Further, he pointed out, "a community's moral health may be judged by its awareness of the future."

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CONTRIBUTE TO NEEDY— Members of the Durham Square Club are pictured here stuffing boxes with grocery which were distributed to needy families of Durham during the Christmas season. Pictured here left to right are C. P. Felder, T. N. Nichols, U. M. George, Bob Pinsky, James Fulton and Herbert Williams. The group gave approximately \$50 worth of groceries, and an additional number of toys which were distributed by the Christmas Cheer fund.—Rivera photo.

Anderson is Elected President of Greensboro's Bi-Racial Ministerial Body; Move is A "First" in N. C.

GREENSBORO — In a history-making move for this city, the Rev. C. W. Anderson, pastor of massive United Institutional Baptist Church, was last week installed as president of the 137 member Ministerial Fellowship here.

Anderson thus becomes the first Negro president for the Fellowship, which is comprised of some 130 white and 30 Negro ministers of the city from all denominations.

The new Fellowship president was born in Anderson, S. C., and holds bachelors degrees from J. C. Smith University and Gammon Theological Seminary. He was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Shaw University in 1953.

Dr. Anderson has had wide experience as a pastor in North Carolina. Before coming to United Institutional here, he pastored Mt. Pleasant, at Belmont, First Baptist, at Dallas, and First Baptist of Asheville.

He came to Greensboro as pastor of United Institutional in 1939, and in the past two decades under his leadership the church has developed into one of the largest in the state.

Since his tenure as pastor, United Institutional has erected an ultra modern sanctuary valued at over \$200,000 and its membership has increased from slightly over 300 to more than 2,000.

Recently, a pastorium, located at 1012 Broad Avenue, was erected by the church at a cost of \$50,000. Present plans call for the building of a \$100,000 educational building on the site now occupied by the former structure formerly used for the church.

In addition to his ministerial work, Dr. Anderson is active in civic and community activities. He belongs to the Masons, Elks, Shriners and Odd Fellows. He is

Funeral Slated for Mrs. Cowan, Prominent Teacher of Asheville

ASHEVILLE — Mrs. Dorothea Stuart Cowan, of 28 Clingham Avenue, Asheville, died at an Asheville hospital early Sunday, December 27. At the time of her death was a teacher in the Shiloh School.

Mrs. Cowan was the wife of Vernon D. Cowan, teacher at Stephens-Lee High School. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stuart. She was born in Greenwood, S. C. August 31, 1906, but had resided in Asheville for most of her life.

She received her A.B. Degree at South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, S. C., and earned the Master of Arts Degree at Columbia University in New York. For many years she was a teacher in the public schools of the City of Asheville and Buncombe County.

Mrs. Cowan was a member of the First Nazareth Baptist Church where she served as organist until the time of her death. She had also served Hopkins Chapel Church, St. James A. M. E. Church, and Mt. Zion Baptist Church as organist.

She was a charter member of Gamma Gamma Omega Chapter of the South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, S. C., and earned the Master of Arts Degree at Columbia University in New York. For many years she was a teacher in the public schools of the City of Asheville and Buncombe County.

Had Beaten Daughter Father Draws 2 Year Term On Assault

A 33 year old father who beat his six year old daughter so severely she had to be hospitalized received a two-year prison term Tuesday in Durham Recorder's Court.

He was Guy Dooley, of 308 Cobb street, convicted Tuesday of assault and battery against his daughter.

Judge A. R. Wilson also ordered a psychiatric examination for the man.

The incident occurred on Monday, Dec. 21 at the Dooley home on Cobb street. The girl's mother, Mrs. Dorothy Dooley, told the court that when she returned from a shopping trip she heard the child screaming inside the house.

Her husband refused to let her in, she said, and she had to get a cousin to help her force the door open. When she got inside, she said she found the child unconscious.

Mrs. Dooley took the girl to the police station to obtain a warrant against her husband.

Seeking a warrant against her husband, Mrs. Dooley took the severely beaten child to the police station Monday night, Dec. 21, when she was ordered to rush the girl to a hospital.

Police said the girl's face was badly swollen and her body was trembling.

At the trial Tuesday, the girl Anthonia testified that her father beat her in the face.

A Review of 1959 Integration, Toure Visit, Monroe, A & I Provide Year's Top News

Integration of Durham city schools was rated the top news event of the year by the TIMES staff.

Five Durham Negro youngsters, Jocelyn and Andrea McKissick, Anita Brame, Lucy Jones and Alonzo Vickers, broke the ice at three previously all-white Durham schools.

A sixth, Larry Scurlock, late enrolling because of an out-of-town job, joined them a few days later.

The five were several strong contenders for 1959's most important event as the year brought of far-reaching incidents in its wake.

Among these were as follows: The precedent-making visit of Guinea president Sekou Toure to the Chapel Hill-Durham area. When Toure was entertained at a dinner in Governor Hedges, it marked the first time that the leader of a black African republic had been hosted by a southern state official.

The announcement of the purchase by a group of ten Greensboro businessmen of a 120-acre country club. Though modest in comparison to country resorts, the incident gave evidence of the economic power of the Negro professional class in the mid-South.

The suspension and re-election of Robert F. Williams of the Monroe NAACP. Williams, first suspended for his "meet violence with violence" stand and then re-elected by the local branch, symbolizes a new militancy among young Negroes of the South.

The A&T College accreditation. Though the Greensboro Institution had been putting its house in order for several months to become accredited, the TIMES probe of the situation accompanying the school's effort brought to light some unsavory conditions in the school's administration.

Election of the Rev. R. M. Pitts, of Winston-Salem, as president of the North Carolina General Baptist Convention, largest Negro religious denomination in the state.

Other stories which rated high in importance were the million dollar marijuana raid which broke up a gang operating in Raleigh; the split among Negro leaders over the nomination of Algernon Butler for federal judgeship; the suicide attempt of Winston-Salem Teachers College business manager A. I. Terrell; Civil Rights Com-

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Durham Man Renamed to Head Omegas

NEW YORK — J. Gregory Newton, North Carolina College professor, was re-elected for the second successive year to head the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Dr. Newton's election to the top office in the 25,000 member fraternity came near the close of the organization's annual meeting here Tuesday.

Three other area residents are slated to hold official positions within the fraternity for the coming year.

E. F. Corbett, public relations director for A&T College, of Greensboro, was re-elected editor



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of the "Oracle," the fraternity's publication.

Newton indicated that he would re-appoint Charles A. Ray North Carolina College public relations director, to the job of co-director of public relations for the fraternity, and Alexander Barnes as traveling representative of the sixth district.

Newton, who is professor of political science at NCC, was first elected Basileus of the fraternity in the 1958 national conclave.

He is a native of Washington, D. C., and received his formal training at Lincoln University and

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For Illiterates Reading Class To Be Given at Avery Boys Club

John Avery Boys Club, at Branch and Proctor streets, will serve as a center for the Reading program currently underway in a four-state area of the Southeast to reduce illiteracy.

It was announced this week that registration for classes, and actual teaching of reading will take place at the club.

The program to reduce illiteracy is being sponsored regionally by the Literacy Movement of the Southeast. Its headquarters are at the Campbell Folk School of Brasstown, which is providing leadership for the program.

Approximately 1,000,000 functional illiterates in the four state area of North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama is the target the movement hopes to reach.

The work of teaching is being carried on by television stations, newspapers and civic organizations in the area. Ten selected commercial TV stations are scheduled to broadcast classes each morning during the program. These classes will be fur-

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Marshall Hits Acceptance of Assignment Plan

NEW YORK CITY — Thurgood Marshall, Chief Counsel for the NAACP, took the south to task, with emphasis on North Carolina, for its seeming complacency in the fight for complete integration, as he addressed the 48th Grand Council of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Monday morning, at his New Yorker Hotel.

The NAACP lawyer to delegates that the failure to grooves to stand up in the program of integration. He said the people of North Carolina accepting the "Assignment Plan" and bemoaned the fact that it is permitted to continue in there are children in 100 miles who would never get a of integration.

He called upon Negro youth to wait upon any boy of an Negro families should 30 times their children be transferred to a school that offers a ham-

facilities for education with an er of transferring a Negro child to a school where the youth's Negro process was too slow as not available to all Negro children in should apply and sons in charge would selves face to face with said Marshall.

He was mindful of the fact that too many Negroes were willing to accept makeshift programs and failing to say to the proper authority that separate schools were not only morally wrong, but constitutionally wrong. He deplored the

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Probe Power to Be Tested More In Coming Year

NEW YORK — With the growing use during 1959 of the investigatory powers of state legislative committees as a device to destroy integration forces in the South, the fight which has been waged by 34 Americans, two of whom are now in jail, to preserve the First Amendment rights of free speech and association against encroachment by such committees, will be merged in 1960 with the struggle to end segregation.

Such a connection is seen in the similarity of the cases of Dr. Willard Uphaus, 69 year old theologian, now imprisoned in the Merrimack County Jail, Boscawen, New Hampshire, and the cases of three Florida ministers recently threatened with jail sentences for refusing to turn over membership lists of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to a Florida state legislative committee.

This was the opinion of the Committee of First Amendment Defendants, in a statement issued this week.

Dr. Uphaus was imprisoned on Dec. 14 following his refusal for a final time at a "purge hearing" in Concord, N. H., to surrender guest lists to a one-man "subversive" hunting legislative committee run by N. H. Attorney General Louis C. Warren. His refusal was based on First Amendment grounds, on his conscience and on the Biblical injunction not to "bear false witness."

Dr. Uphaus won a partial victory when an indeterminate sentence which would have kept him in prison for life was reduced to one year. The success of a growing movement for clemency, supported editorially by the New York Times, the Washington Post-Times Herald, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the New York Post and other leading newspapers would

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GET OMEGA POSTS — These two North Carolinians were re-appointed to key positions in the Omega Psi Phi fraternity at that organization's annual conclave recently concluded in New York. They are Ellis Corbett (standing), A&T College Public Relations Director, who was re-appointed editor of the "Oracle," official fraternity publication; and Charles A. Ray, North Carolina College Public Relations director, re-named co-director of the frat's public relations department.