

Virginia Union's Proctor Is New A&T President

Bennett Co-ed, 2 A&T Men

3 STUDENTS DIE IN CRASH

Easter Holiday
Wreck In Sumter
Fatal to Three

SUMTER, S. C. — Three college students from the Sumter area were killed in an auto-truck collision near here last Saturday (April 16) morning.

James H. Brown, 27, a graduate student of nearby Oswego, S. C., and Andrew D. Palmer, 21, a junior of Sumter, both attending A&T College in Greensboro, and Miss Lillie Mae Blanding, Sumter, a senior at Bennett College, Greensboro, died following injuries in the crash at approximately 6:30 a.m., on U. S. Highway 15, near White's Mill, 25 miles north of Sumter.

Miss Blanding and Brown died instantly and Palmer succumbed in a local hospital Saturday afternoon.

The three were motoring home for the Easter holidays when the tragic head-on collision occurred.

Rufus Landis, 39 of Umatilla, Fla. driver of the truck, was injured and remained in a Sumter hospital.

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Jackie Robinson To Crown N. C. Mothers of Year

RALEIGH — Two NAACP "Mothers of the Year" will be crowned here May 1 by Jackie Robinson during the annual Freedom Day Celebration ceremonies of the N. C. State Conference of NAACP branches.

Some 4,000 persons are expected to attend the largest membership solicitation rally of the conferences "Marching March" (Continued on page 6)

Nurses Lay Plans For Convention

Preliminary planning for the convention in Durham on May 25 and 26 of the Licensed Practical Nurses was made at a meeting of Durham Licensed Practical Nurses held at the Cates convalescent home on Saturday, April 9.

The group discussed details for housing the delegates to the convention.

Mrs. Frank Adams presided over the meeting and read the convention schedule. In addition to housing, social activities to be held in connection with the convention.

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YOUNG ARTIST TO APPEAR FOR YOUTH

Don Shirley Trio to Play Concert in Durham Mon.

The Don Shirley trio, regarded as the "long hair" exponents of modern jazz, will play a concert in Hills Auditorium Monday night, April 25.

The group is officially sponsored by the "Youth Wants to Know Forum" of the Merriek-Moore Memorial Park Association.

This will be the second trip to Durham for the young pianist. He appeared at North Carolina

College in 1956. At that time his ensemble was a duo.

Shirley was born in Kingston, Jamaica in 1927 and began learning the piano from his mother. A child prodigy, at nine he was invited to study with Mittolovski at the Leningrad Conservatory of Music. He later studied with organist Conrad Bernier and Dr. Thaddeus Jones, of Catholic University, Washington, D. C.

He made his concert debut with the Boston "Pops" orchestra in June, 1945.

He has to his credit four organ symphonies, a group of small pieces for piano, two string quartets and a piano concerto.

Shirley is most famous in jazz circles for his ability in crystallizing popular music idioms by using some of the more serious techniques and forms.

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KAPPA DELEGATES—Delegates to the Provincial meeting of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity here

last week gathered for this group picture. Photo by Stanback.



KAPPA OFFICIALS—Top ranking officials of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity are pictured here at a banquet held during the fraternity's Middle Eastern Provincial meeting in Durham last week-end. Seated are Frank G.

Burnette, of Durham, Polemarch of the Middle Eastern Province, and C. Roger Wilson, of Chicago, Grand Polemarch. Standing is J. T. Hawkins, former vice grand Polemarch. Photo by Stanback.

Burnette Re-Elected Head of Kappa Fraternity in Three States

Frank G. Burnette, principal of Lyon Park School of Durham, was renominated to the administrative post of Polemarch at the end of the three day Middle Eastern Provincial Meeting at North Carolina College recently. of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Other officers named were Charles Owens, West Virginia State College, Vice-Polemarch; J. M. Holloway, Keeper of Records and Exchequer; Parnell Longus, West Virginia State College, Strategus; Walter Smith,

Ushers Association In 36th Annual Mid-year Session Sun., April 24

FRANKLINTON —The Interdenominational Ushers Association of North Carolina will hold its 36th annual Mid-year Session at the Ushers' Home on Highway 1 near here Sunday, April 24.

The meeting will be presided over by L. E. Austin President of the Association.

It is scheduled to get underway promptly at 12:00 noon with a thirty minutes devotion period conducted by Chaplain Thomas Broadnax of Greensboro. Appointment of committees and instructions to officers and delegates will follow. The meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Following the meeting of the Board reports from the various Unions of the state will be made after which reports of the Finance Committee and the treasurer will

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PERRY

Pupils Charged 'Delinquent' For Part in Sit-Down

STATESVILLE — A Juvenile Court Friday found three students delinquent because they had taken part in sit-down strikes at segregated store lunch counters here recently.

The three are Phillis Sharpe, Gloria Feimster and Mary Dorothy Phiffer. All are honor students at Unity high school.

Attorney R. C. Ervin, of Winston-Salem, will appeal the action to Superior Court.

Last week, the three students along with five others, were found

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WELCOME!—Officials of A&T College welcome Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, right center, president of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., who last Tues-

day was elected new president of the college. He succeeds Dr. Warmoth T. Gibbs, left who is retiring. Others in the photo at right are: Robert H. Frazier,

Greensboro, chairman of the Board of Trustees and H. A. Scott, Haw River, member of the Personnel Committee.

NEW PRESIDENT NORFOLK NATIVE

Noted Virginia Educator Is Named New Head of Greensboro School

GREENSBORO — Dr. Samuel DeWitt Proctor, 38, president of Virginia Union University at Richmond, Va., since 1955, was named Tuesday as president of the Agricultural and Technical College here.

He is to succeed Dr. Warmoth T. Gibbs, 68, who has reached the age of retirement. Dr. Gibbs was named president emeritus by the Board, and invited to remain on the staff.

Robert H. Frazier, chairman of the Board of Trustees, made the announcement following a meeting of the board held here at the college on Tuesday afternoon, April 19.

Dr. Proctor attended the meeting and accepted the appointment to become effective on July 1.

A native of Norfolk, Va., the new president is a graduate of Virginia Union in 1942, holds the B.D. degree from Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania and the Ph. D. degree from Boston University.

He served as professor and dean at Virginia Union, 1949-1953, and as vice president from 1953 until his election to the presidency there in 1955.

He participated in a study of foreign missions for the American

Edmonds To Address Emmanuel Service

Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, North Carolina College history professor, will be the main speaker for the Women's Day program to be held at Emmanuel AME Church on Sunday, May 1.

Dr. Edmonds will speak at the regular 11 o'clock worship hour at the church which is located on Kent Street.

Women's Day program will be based on the theme of the church's 72nd anniversary, being celebrated all year long by the church.

Wilkins Says Civil Rights Laws 'Far Short'

NEW YORK — The civil rights bill as passed by the Senate "falls far short of meeting the needs of the people," NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins charges in a statement this week.

The bill, previously passed by the House, was adopted by the Senate on April 8 after almost two months of futile debate. It was passed by a vote of 71 to 18 and returned to the House of Representatives where it awaits final action.

The NAACP leader expressed

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Key Issues Facing AME Conference Are Budget, Nichols, Gen. Board

Seating of the General Board, the Bishop Nichols case and the budget are expected to be among

Area Clergymen Have Key Roles

Two area clergymen are expected to take leading roles in the forthcoming AME conference in Los Angeles. They are the Rev. J. D. Davis, presiding elder of the Durham district, and the Rev. Melvin C. Swann, pastor of St. Joseph's Church.

Swann is chairman of the delegation from the second district, which includes the states of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and

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the major issues confronting delegates to the general conference of the A. M. E. Church which opens in Los Angeles on May 4.

Some 1,000 delegates will probably attend the meeting, held once every four years.

Perhaps the most passion-charged issue facing the conference is one dealing with the budget and money matters. An economy movement centered among influential laymen over the past three years seeks to pare down the church's growing expenditures by holding the number of active bishops to its present total of 17.

This group contends that the church's present membership can

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EDITORIAL Day of Destiny for Durham Schools

Saturday, April 23 will be recorded by future generations as the day of destiny for the city and county schools of Durham. It is most unfortunate that both the city and county boards of education have followed such a rigid pattern of segregation in administering the affairs of the city and county schools that no self-respecting Negro can find it possible to cast his ballot in favor of the \$6 million school bond issue.

A careful review of the board's action since the 1954 decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, on the question of segregation in the public schools, will disclose that the city and county boards of education have not exercised one grain of "good faith" in their programs of integration. On the other hand the lone Negro member of the city board has been snubbed and ignored when he has tried to place on the agenda a discussion of this important question.

It should be remembered by members of the Boards of Education that since the decision, under the "separate but equal" philosophy, Negroes no longer have any defense at law. The only defense which the courts recognize is that of integration. When members of the boards of education of both the city and county repeatedly refuse to listen to the only representative Negroes have in the field of education it leaves the latter with no choice but to vote against a measure which from all intents and purposes is designed to widen the differential now existing between white and Negro schools instead of lessening it.

The recent investigation made of the Durham city and county schools by Dr. Thomas H. Henderson, an expert in the field of education, speaks for itself and tells in no uncertain terms the deplorable conditions now existing in the Negro schools of the city and county of Durham.

Here is what his investigation had to say:

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