



BANDIT PLANNED TO KILL VICTIMS

1,000 Youngsters Attend Thompson's Funeral



WELCOME YOUNG MAN—Says New York City Mayor Robert F. Wagner, right, to Callis Brown, sit-in demonstration leader at North Carolina College, Durham. Young Brown visited city this week as guest of Department of Welfare NAACP branch. From left are Edward Cox, Brown, Welfare Branch President Miss Mary Lefson and Mayor Wagner.

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EYEWITNESS TO WALLTOWN GUN BATTLE: "He Was Going To Shoot Us After Taking The Money"

"I believe he would have killed us both to keep us from talking after taking the money."
These were the words of the sole witness Saturday night in Durham's Walltown section to a gun battle between a night spot owner and a bandit which left both men dead.



SINGLETARY Eyewitness

from a bullet in the forehead. Perry died a few feet from the club after having been hit by three slugs.
Funeral services for both men were held Wednesday.
Singletary's opinion that Perry intended to kill them both is based on a short conversation between Perry and Branch shortly before the battle.
Singletary said as Perry was stuffing his pockets with money, he had taken from the cash register, he paused and said:
"I guess you'll all will know me the next time you see me."
Branch replied: "No, we won't know you."
"The last man did," Perry retorted.
It was at this point, Singletary



BRANCH Victim



PERRY Robber

He is Edward Singletary, 19, a rising senior at Hills de high school, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Singletary of 1024 Berkeley st. Singletary was inside the "Social Club," operated by Sloan Branch when Branch met his death in a gun duel with Jesse Perry.
Perry, 24, wanted for parole jumping, and robbery had robbed Branch of \$45 at gunpoint when Branch pulled a pistol touch-



BISHOP LOVE

Negro to Serve on State Board To Be Named at Morticians Meet

The first Negro to serve on the State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers will be selected at the annual convention of the Funeral Directors and Morticians, which will convene in Durham June 14 through 16.
Some 300 persons are expected to take part in the three day meeting here, spokesmen for the convention said in Durham this week. Appointment of a Negro to the

State Board, which supervises embalming and funeral practices in North Carolina and administers examinations for embalmers licenses, will climax a more than five year effort by the Negro group to gain representation on the state body.
J. A. Carter, of Durham, an official of the convention which will meet here, said the State Board granted the Negro group the right to appoint a member who will serve in an advisory capacity to that body.
Headquarters for the convention will be at the Spaulding Elementary School on South Roxboro Street where the registration of delegates will open at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 14. The first general session will be held at 11:30 a.m.
A welcome address will be delivered at the opening general session. See MORTICIANS, page 6-A

Testimonial Set For Rev. Moore

Reverend and Mrs. Douglas E. Moore will be honored at a Public Testimonial given on Tuesday, June 14, at 8:00 P.M., Asbury Temple Methodist Church on Lawson Street. The testimonial is being spear-headed by Dr. Melvin Chester Swann, the minister of St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church.
The Reverend Moore, who has served as pastor of Asbury Temple nearly five years, will leave for extensive training in French at Yale University and will attend Boston University, briefings in

PROTEST LEADERS ATTEND RITES Companion in Wreck" Steadily Improving" at Durham Hospital

An estimated 1,000 mourners, mostly high school students and leaders of the Durham segregation protest movement, attended funeral services Monday afternoon for William Douglas Thompson, 17, who was killed in an automobile accident last week.
Officials of St. Joseph's A. M. E., where the funeral was held said the crowd was one of the largest ever to assemble at the church.
Although Thompson was a member of St. Paul Baptist, services were held at St. Joseph's, headquarters of the student segregation protest movement in Durham.
Thompson was one of the first students arrested in connection with activities in the protest movement. He was described in the obituary as "a conscientious, courageous, daring young Negro American concerned with the total future of the oneness of mankind."



MRS. PRATT

Leaders of the protest movement served as pallbearers and floral bearers.
Thompson died instantly late last Wednesday night in an automobile wreck on highway 55 just inside the Durham city limits.
His companion in the ill-fated auto, William Bowling, 18, of 41-E Ridgeway avenue, was reported "greatly improved" at Lincoln hospital this week.
Hospital authorities said Bowling suffered a brain contusion and a fracture of the upper jaw. He regained consciousness 36 hours after the accident.
Hundreds of the curious thronged around the accident scene and the wrecked car for nearly three days following the crash. The automobile, a 1955 Pontiac, was described as a "total loss."

Funeral Rites Held In Durham For Mrs. Pratt

Mrs. Pantha Estelia Johnson Pratt, of 1818 Cecil street, was buried in Durham Sunday following funeral services at Kyles Temple A.M.E. Zion Church.
The Rev. George T. Tharrington, Kyles Temple pastor, delivered the eulogy. He was assisted during the service by the Reverend F. Yelverton, pastor of Mt. Calvary Holy Church, C. E. McLester, pastor of Morehead Avenue Baptist, and R. L. Speaks, pastor of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion.
Burial rites were conducted at Beechwood cemetery.
Mrs. Pratt, a well known resident of Durham, died at a local hospital on Thursday, June 2. She

Durham Youth First Negro To Get Undergrad Degree at N. C. State

Irwin R. Holmes, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Holmes, of 1403 South Alston avenue, became the first Negro to finish the undergraduate school at North Carolina State College in Raleigh when he received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at the college's commencement exercises on May 29.
Holmes entered the Raleigh institution in 1956 after finishing Hillside high and took part in a number of extra-curricular activities, including holding the post of co-captain on the varsity tennis team.
Holmes barely missed graduation with honors.

National PTA Congress Meet In Columbia, S.C.

RALEIGH—Hundreds of Delegates from 15 States which comprise the membership of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, will attend the 34th annual convention which will be held at Benedict College and Allen University, Columbia, S. C., June 19-22.
Mrs. Cora Mowery, Past President of NEA will bring the keynote address and the closing challenge—"In Pursuit of Quality" will be delivered by Dr. John W. Davis, President Emeritus, West Virginia State College.
Mrs. A. B. Kight, National President, will preside at all sessions. See PTA, page 6-A

Liberian Envoy To Be at St. Aug. On Wednesday

RALEIGH—The Honorable Geo. Arthur Padmore, Liberian Ambassador to the United States will speak at St. Augustine's College on June 15, at 8:00 p.m.
The former Assistant Secretary of the State of Liberia presented his credentials at the United States Department of State on April 7, 1957.
Larry and Joycelyn were two of five Negro students admitted last year for the first time to all-white high schools in Durham.

Sam. Davis' Plan To Take White Wife Causes Row

LONDON, England — Sammy Davis, Jr. got a real taste of racial prejudice here Tuesday when a crowd of British racists hurled epithets and shouted "go home, nigger" as the entertainer announced his engagement to a Swedish actress.
About 30 British fascists gathered outside the Pigalle where Davis has a \$12,000 per week engagement and heaped abuse on the young star after he finished his act.
They waved banners that said See SAMMY, page 6-A

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