

McArthur Newell Elected to Head New Farmers of America Group

GREENSBORO — A 16-year old schoolboy was last week named president of the North Carolina Association of New Farmers of America.

McArthur Newell, a rising senior at the Georgetown High School, Jacksonville, was installed at the closing session on Friday at the organization's 32nd annual convention at A and T College. May 31-June 3. Newell served last year as secretary of the farm youth group.

Other officers elected and installed were: Alexander Dawson, Belhaven, first vice president; Thurman Purnell, Halifax, second vice president; James Adams, Roaring River, third vice president; Armstead Joyner, Henderson, secretary; Milton Howell, Tarboro, treasurer and James Eator, Littleton, reporter, J. W. Warren, district supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, with headquarters here at A & T College, is advisor.

Nearly 500 farm youths, members of nearly 150 chapters in the State, attended the sessions. The New Farmers of America honored a man who had served it for 28 years.

W. T. Johnson, Sr., district supervisor of Vocational Agriculture and executive secretary of the State NFA was cited for his outstanding service to the group. He was presented a silver service, a gift from the farm youth organization with which he had been associated, in one capacity or another since 1932.

The presentation, made following the closing business session on Wednesday night, was handled by Benjamin Jones, Conetoe, first vice president of the organization and S. C. Anderson, Vo-Ag teacher at Rocky Point, representing the teachers of Vocational Agriculture. That citation triggered a series given by the organization.

Joseph Lee Smith, a student at the Sampson County High School, Clinton, was awarded the Star Modern Farmer Degree, the highest citation available to a member, for his outstanding record in farm projects.

Five prominent North Carolinians were awarded the Honorary Modern Farmer Degrees, including J. S. Stewart, Durham, city councilman and secretary-treasurer of the Mutual Savings and Loan Association, Durham, who delivered a main address; W. H. Laney, principal of the Sedalia High School, Sedalia; J. H. Twitty, principal of the John Chavis High School, Cherryville; Dr. F. A. Williams, dean of the Graduate School, A and T College and Isaac C. Rogers, Sr., Vo-Ag teacher at the Phillips High School, Battleboro.

The convention was climaxed with the naming of State champions in the series of contests sponsored by the organization.

Carl Kearny, Conetoe, took first honors in the supervised farming contest, sponsored by the Chilean Nitrate Educational Fund at Raleigh. Herman Scates of Madison, was named runner-up.

In the corn production contest, sponsored by the Plant Food Institute, the following winners were listed: Rufus Warren, Pendleton, first; Morrell Fennell, Clinton, second and Charles Jones, Conetoe, third.

Harry Lee Gregory, Henderson, took first place in the sweet potato production contest, sponsored, also, by the Plant Food Institute. Others finishing close behind were: Warren Alton Cannon, Sayboro and Julius McLaughlin, Morven.

James McCoy, a junior at the Conetoe High School, Conetoe, won out in the quartet contest. Other winners in that category, included: Perquimans County Union High School, Winfall, second; and George Byrd of Sedalia, in that order.

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DR. SMITH

First Negro Becomes President Of Pennsylvania Dental Society

AMBLER, Pa. — Dr. Sylvester B. Smith of this suburban Philadelphia community set two precedents recently when he was elected president of the Montgomery-Bucks County Dental Society. Chosen by unanimous vote, the highly regarded dentist thus became the first Negro and the first Ambler resident to serve this post in the group's 30-year history.

As president, Dr. Smith heads a selective group of some 400 dentists in Montgomery and Bucks Counties. Boasting one of the largest memberships in the state of Pennsylvania, the Society is a component of the Second District Dental Society, the Pennsylvania State Dental Society and the American Dental Association.

Dr. Smith, for years an active member of the organization, also set a historic "first" for Negroes in 1957 when he accepted the chairmanship of the Program Committee, said to be one of the most important assignments within the group. That same year, Dr. Raymond L. Hayes, head of the Department of Endodontics at Howard University's School of Dentistry, became the first clinician of color to lecture to the Society. The following year, Dr. Thomas J. Pinson, also of Howard University and one of the country's leading Oral surgeons, spoke before the group.

A spokesman for the society said that the unanimous election of Dr. Smith to the office of president is further testimony "that there are those in the world who are implementing the principles of democracy upon which this great country was founded."

By virtue of his election, the new president becomes a delegate to the American Dental Association's Convention. Among other affiliations incidental to his profession are the Odonto-Chirurgical Society of Phila., the Omicron Kappa Upsilon, an honorary dental society, and the National Dental Association.

Guidance Clinic At N. C. College Gets Underway

North Carolina College will sponsor in cooperation with the United States Office of Education a Counseling and Guidance Institute June 13-July 22. The program is authorized by the National Defense Education Act.

Participants approved for the program will receive a stipend of \$75 per week and \$15 per week for each dependent for the 6 weeks program.

NCC Business Manager William Jones recently signed a contract for \$44,214 to cover 48 enrollees.

Dr. Ray Thompson, counselor, teacher-trainer at NCC, will direct the program.

The staff will include Dr. Wiley Bolden, Professor of Education and Psychology, Clark College, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Carol C. Bowie, Associate Professor of Psychology, North Carolina College at Durham; Dr. Roger D. Russell, Assistant Professor of Education, Hofstra College, Hempstead, N. Y.; and Mrs. Alice T. Solomon, Counselor, Wake County Schools, Raleigh, N. C. Mrs. Emma Marabale will serve as secretary for the institute.

Persons interested in the program should direct inquiries to Dr. Ray Thompson, Director, Counseling and Guidance Institute, North Carolina College, Durham, North Carolina.

Singers Cancel Southern Tour

PHILADELPHIA — After completing a six-state tour, Clara Ward announced today that she and her Ward Singers will not tour South America as planned, but will appear in special musical programs in the U. S. and Canada, and a Broadway production.

Having visited Florida, Texas, Louisiana, Missouri, Kentucky, and West Virginia in recent weeks, the Ward Singers would have added considerable mileage to the 900,000 miles they have traveled had they visited South American countries.

Instead, the Ward Singers will appear on programs at the Newport Folk Festival, Hollywood Bowl, Washington's Griffith Stadium, and the Emancipation Celebration to be held in Windsor, Canada, in late July.

Later this year, Miss Ward and the Singers will appear in the Theatre Guild's Broadway production of Langston Hughes' "Tambourines To Glory."

A&T SELECTED AS PILOT IN STUDY ON ADULT EDUCATION

GREENSBORO — A&T College has been selected as the pilot institution for the Co-sponsored Research Study in Adult Education for Negro Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Warmoth T. Gibbs, president of the college, stated that the project seeks to discover the adult education needs and potentialities in the A&T service area and aims at the development of instruments useful in institutional self-analysis in relation to adult education. He said that the information gained here would be made available to 40-odd other institutions interested in broadening their programs in adult education.

Grier, Harrisburg and George Hill, Pollockville. The awards of \$200 each are given annually to promising students who plan to major in Agriculture.

Dr. William E. Reed, dean of the School of Agriculture, said that all selectees had accepted the scholarships and will enroll at the college this fall.



NFA OFFICERS—New officers installed last week at the 32nd annual convention of the North Carolina Association of New Farmers of America at A&T College, included from left to right: (seated) McArthur Newell, Jacksonville, president; Alexander Dawson, Belhaven, first vice president; Thurman Purnell, Halifax, second vice president; and James Adams, Roaring River, third vice president. Those standing are: Armstead Joyner, Henderson, secretary; Milton Howell, Tarboro, treasurer and James Eaton, Littleton, reporter and J. W. Warren, district Vo-Ag supervisor, adviser.

GAVE ATTACKER AN "EVEN BREAK" Sloan Branch Paid the Supreme Price For Not Knowing About the World Inhabited by the Outlaw

Sloan Branch, ordinary citizen well-liked by his Walltown neighbors, made many little mistakes during his 33 years. But they were of slight consequence.

He went to Walltown elementary school when he was a youngster, then on to Hillside where he played on the school's football team, graduated in 1949, got married and set led down to raise a family.

He had eight healthy children—Larry, 13; Sloan, Jr., 12; Michael, 11; Patricia, 9; Mary B. Jerry, 6; Stanley, 5; and Marshall, 3—and lived with his growing family at his father's house at 1000 Berkeley street.

With eight kids and a wife to support, he obviously had little time for frivolities. He went to work at Liggett-Myers tobacco factory and opened up "the Social Club," a combination Jockey-club and dance hall where teenagers flocked, to supplement his income.

Pretty soon business was going well for him at the club, located at Onslow street and Club Boulevard. It became a favorite "hang-out" for teenagers in that community, and Sloan was beginning to make plans for his family.

He employed two assistants, Edward Singletary, 19 year old Hillside student, who worked in the evenings and helped him clean up and Josephine Garrett, who opened the place around noon each day while Sloan was at work in the factory.

When Branch would get home in the evenings, he would clean up, go to the club to relieve Josephine and stay until closing time, around midnight.

What little time he had left over from his two jobs, he would divide between his family, the Doric Lodge, 28, Masons and the St. John Baptist Church.

He was described by Frizelle Days, one of Walltown's best known citizens as a "clean cut, hard-working young man who tried to provide for his family."

By nature and circumstance, he believed in accepting his own responsibilities and of giving every body an even break. This was his biggest mistake, although he never knew it.

When Jesse James Perry, 24, a modern day version of the legendary western outlaw, entered his place late Saturday night, personalities from two vastly different worlds collided

with explosive results.

Jesse, about the age of the average college graduate, had compiled an unenviable record of irresponsibility disregard for authority and the rights of others.

He had served four years in jail for smothering the eight-month old infant of his common-law wife. At that moment, police were looking for him for 1: jumping parole in Granville County, 2: robbing a Durham taxi driver; and 3: robbing Womble's grocery store.

Even the gun he held on Branch was stolen, taken earlier in the day from Coy Burton, of 912 Gilbert street.

By nature and by training, Perry was a man who ran from his responsibilities and had a healthy disgust for the rights of others. He believed in giving nobody a break, not even himself.

So, when he let Branch out of his sight long enough for Branch to get his gun, the odds were all in his favor. Edward Singletary Branch's Assistant, who was looking on in terror, told the TIMES this week he believed Branch had enough time to have killed Parker while he was banding over reaching for the money on the floor. Why he didn't will remain a mystery.

Singletary believed that Branch, in his characteristic manner, was giving Perry a break. Branch thought Perry would drop his gun and call off the robbery attempt when he saw the situation had changed, Singletary believed. For Branch it was natural, if fatal, mistake.

In Branch's world, the habit of giving an "even break" is not considered a flaw; it is a virtue. But Branch was now in a strange, new world, one he did not know. He had been thrust suddenly into it by Jesse James Perry. In Perry's world, "giving an "even break" is always a mistake, a big one.

Branch paid the supreme price for not knowing.

Six Gets Sears Scholarships

GREENSBORO — Sears Roebuck Foundation scholarships were awarded this week to six graduating seniors of North Carolina high schools.

The names of the winners are: James A. Lomick, Bessemer City; Bobby H. Miller, Richland; Alonzo Flowers, Jr., Lilesville; Milton Harris, Tarboro; Alonzo

Bennett College High School Science Institute Faculty Named

GREENSBORO — Faculty for the National Science Foundation Summer Institute in Mathematics and Science for high school students to be held at Bennett College was announced this week by Dr. J. Henry Sayles, director.

Serving again as associate director will be Dr. Chauncey G. Winston, chemistry. Teaching biology will be Van S. Allen, M.S. and W. L. Young, M.S. Carl O. Clark, M.S., will teach physics, and Dr. Roy Lee, chemistry.

There will be three teachers of mathematics, Dr. Frederic R. Crownfield, Mrs. Clara H. Echols, M.S., and Chang L. Wu, M.S. Visiting lecturers this year will include:

Dr. Leigh C. Anderson, chemistry, University of Michigan; Dr. Herman Branson, physics, Howard University; Dr. James S. Lee, biology, North Carolina College at Durham; Dr. Harold W. Lewis, physics, Duke University; Dr. Kelso M. Morris, chemistry, Air University, U.S. Air Force; Dr. Henry S. Roberts, Jr., zoology, Duke University; Dr. Walter R. Talbot, mathematics, Lincoln (Mo.) University, and Dr. Maurice Whittinghill, zoology, University of N. C. Classes will begin on June 20 and the institute will close on July 29.

Institute Draws From Six States

GREENSBORO — Sixty-teachers from six-states have been selected as participants in the A&T College Summer Institute for High School Science Teachers.

The Institute, sponsored by the National Science Foundation will begin on Monday, June 13, and continue for six-weeks through July 22. It will offer concentrated courses in chemistry, physics, zoology and botany.

Dr. Gerald A. Edwards, chairman of the Chemistry Department and director of the Institute said this week that all spaces and stipends under the program had been filled.

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KEYNOTER — Dr. Eugene A. Gillis, regional medical director for the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C., will keynote the joint conventions of the Old North State Medical Society, the Old North State Dental Society and their pharmacy and women's auxiliary sections at A&T College, Greensboro, June 14-16. He is a former member of the National Board of Medical Examiners.