



Array of Dignitaries Set for N. C. Mutual Ground-Breaking

RALEIGH DEMONSTRATIONS SCORE VICTORY

Foreign, National Luminaries to be At Friday Event

An array of international, national and local dignitaries were scheduled to take part in ground breaking ceremonies for North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company's new \$5 home office building Friday.

The ceremony is scheduled to be held at noon on the site of the new structure at Duke and Chapel Hill streets.

Some of the dignitaries expected to take part in the ceremony include S. Edward Peal, Liberian Ambassador; Senator B. Everett Jordan, State Insurance Commissioner Edwin S. Lanier; and the daughter of the company's founder.

The ceremony will be preceded by a 15 minute concert by the North Carolina College band. The Rev. Melvin C. Swann, pastor of St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church and vice president of the Durham Ministerial Alliance will give the invocation.

A. T. Spaulding, president of North Carolina Mutual, will deliver a welcome address for the ceremony.

LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR

Brief speeches from representatives of all segments of the international, national, state and local life will be given. Included will be remarks from Liberia's ambassador Peal, Senator Jordan, Commissioner Lanier, George Kirkland, chairman of the County Commissioners.

Also, Dr. Charles A. Ray, president of the Durham Business and Professional Chain; J. Wesley Lewis, president of the Durham Chamber of Commerce; John H. Wheeler, president of Mechanics and Farmers Bank and representing affiliated institutions and the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs; Dr. Alfonso Elder, president of North Carolina College; Dr. Herbert Herring, Vice President of Duke University; Guy Mazzyk, representative of local labor unions; the Rev. A. L. Thompson, president of the Indemnominational Ministerial Alliance; and Watts Hill, Jr., president of Home Security Life Insurance Company, whose main office is located next to the North Carolina Mutual's building site.

FOUNDER'S DAUGHTER

Some 15 persons, including the daughter of the company's founder, company officials, and civic leaders will take turns in shoveling the first earth for the company's new building.

They include Mrs. Martha Merrick Donnell, daughter of John Merrick, one of the company's founders; W. J. Kennedy, Jr., chairman of North Carolina Mutual board of trustees; North Carolina Mutual president Spaulding; George V. Allen, president of the Tobacco Institute and Duke University trustee; Mayor E. J. Evans; J. S. Stewart, City Councilman; Labor union leader Mazzyk; Rev. Thompson; and North Carolina Mutual District office representatives C. E. Johnson, Mrs. Jocelyn Peters and E. J. Clemons, Atlanta, William Lee, Richmond, and William Hardaway, Chicago; and Andrew C. Epps, president of the North Carolina Mutual Forum.

BUILDING READY IN 1965

Kennedy will deliver a closing speech for the ceremony.

J. W. Goodloe, senior vice president and secretary of the company, will preside over the activities.

In addition to the North Carolina College band, the Hillside high school special chorus, and the North Carolina College choir will furnish special music.

Work on the 14 story structure is expected to be completed in 1965. The site for the building was formerly known as "Four Acres," home of the Benjamin Duke family. It was purchased at a cost of \$3 million.

Coroner Rules Out Foul Play Suspicion In Suicide Death of Young Durhamite

Witness Reports Seeing Woman Take Fatal Dose

BULLETIN — Durham County Coroner Dr. D. R. Parry said late this week that his findings in an autopsy conducted on the body of Mrs. Alena Gore indicated that her death here Sunday was "suicide."

Was it planned murder or contemplated suicide that claimed the life of Mrs. Alena Gore, 24-year old Negro, on Sunday, May 12.

An ambulance was summoned to 204 S. Roxboro St. around 4:15 p.m. The patient, Mrs. Gore, was taken to Lincoln Hospital, but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Solicitor Dan Edwards Tuesday drew up an order directing Dr. J. J. Gunter, pathologist at Watts hospital, to perform an autopsy on the body and report his findings to him.

Policeman O. W. Justice, who first answered the call to the victim's home, quoted a witness, Betty Meyers, as saying she saw the woman swallow a quantity of sleeping pills about 2:30 p.m. However, the witness, Betty Meyers could not be located by police Sunday night, Justice said.

Dr. D. R. Parry, Durham County Coroner, said the woman "apparently committed suicide." However, the coroner did not rule out accidental death or foul play. See WITNESS, 6-A.

Prominent Va. Physician, Dr. Penn, Takes Life

ROANOKE, Va. — Dr. Harry Penn, 61, nationally known dentist and civic leader, died of a self-inflicted bullet wound in the chest on Thursday morning, May 14.

According to police, his son Harry T. Penn, Jr., discovered the body in a pool of blood on the floor of the office located in the Penn Building on Center St.

A .38 calibre pistol was found nearby. The son told police he knew of no reason why his father would commit suicide.

Dr. Penn was last seen alive at approximately 5:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 11, at First Baptist Church, Rev. Emmette Green, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Lincoln Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Letitia S. Penn; one son, Harry T. Penn, Jr., and one daughter, Miss Mary A. Penn.

School Boycott Gains Momentum in Durham

The three weeks old boycott of East End elementary school gained momentum this week with reports of attendance at the Durham school falling off to less than one third of the enrollment.

Attendance at the school early this week was reported at 170 students. The school's enrollment is 750.

At issue in the case is the objection of parents to the continued use of part of the building for double sessions. The Board of Education decided on this plan in the wake of a fire three weeks ago which destroyed over half of the school's plant.

The Rev. A. D. Moseley, a spokesman for the boycotting parents, said they did not object to using surviving portion of the building for classes, but wanted students whose classrooms were destroyed in the fire transferred to other nearby schools which have vacant classrooms.

In the meantime, the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations intervened in hopes of effecting a settlement of the problem this week. The Committee and a group representing the East End parents held two meetings early this week, but there were no reports of progress made during the talks.

Also during the week, Senator Claude Currie, of Durham, introduced a bill in the state legislature aimed at waiving legal requirements to permit speedy construction of the school.

Currie said his bill was designed to enable the rebuilt school to be ready for use in the fall.

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MAP STRATEGY IN EAST END SCHOOL ISSUE — Leaders of the East End School boycott are pictured here prior to a meeting with members of the Mayor's Human Relations Committee early this week. Shown in the center are Ellis D. Jones, prominent civic leader and businessman of the East End community, and Atty. Floyd E. McKisick, spokesman for the group. Parents of the community are keeping their children out of school in protest over the board of education's decision to use a portion of the school for double sessions. Half of the plant was destroyed by a fire several weeks ago.

Man Gets 25-30 Years In Slaying Of Lacy McCoy

James Henry Savoid pleaded guilty to second-degree murder Tuesday in Superior Court and was sentenced to 25-30 years in prison for the March 7 slaying of a Lacy McCoy, 39 year old Negro of Glenn St.

Detective Frank McCrea testified that Savoid, 27 year old Negro of W. Enterprise St., fired once at McCoy "just to scare him" as he was leaving the home of Shirley Adams, 308 E. Enterprise St., at approximately 10:50 p. m. on Thursday, March 7. Savoid fled the scene of the slaying and was arrested later at his home.

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GA. SENATOR VISITS ALMA MATER — LeRoy Johnson (left), first Negro elected to the Georgia State legislature since Reconstruction, is shown here with North Carolina College president Dr. Alfonso Elder during the young lawmaker's visit to his alma mater last Friday where he delivered the main address for a student awards day program. Johnson, a graduate of the NCC Law School, said the South is making progress in the problem of race relations.

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IN TARBORO

Youth, 17, Kills Mother Because She Refused Use of Family Car

TARBORO — Willie Rufus Thigpen, 17 year old Negro and 11th grader at Carver High School in Edgecombe County was arrested here late Thursday night, May 9, and charged with the shotgun slaying of his mother and 15 year old sister.

Sheriff Tom Bardin stated that Thigpen told a companion at 8 p. m., he intended to kill his mother because she had taken his driver's license.

About 8:30, the boy went to his tenant farm house, shot his mother, Mrs. Mary Ruth Thigpen in the chest. Dr. hearing his sister, Dorothy, starting to telephone police, he fired through a window and killed her. A deputy sheriff arrested the youth as he drove into Tarboro with his infant sister. Sheriff Bardin said Thigpen admitted the killings. He was charged with murder and jailed without privilege of bond.

Local Pastor Enrolled In Pastoral Care Class At 3 Hospital

WINSTON-SALEM — The Rev. Charles E. Tyson, pastor of Asbury Temple Methodist church in Durham, is enrolled in the current class of the School of Pastoral Care at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

See REV. TYSON, 6A

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MRS. GORE

RALEIGH FIRMS URGE END TO SEGREGATION

RALEIGH — Mass demonstrations staged by hundreds of students here for the past several weeks appear to have won a significant victory, according to qualified observers.

Leaders of the city's business community have been aroused to the challenge of the demonstrations and have responded by backing a movement calling for desegregation of the city's downtown restaurants and theaters.

Early this week the merchants bureau and a group of prominent businessmen, who, together, control a major portion of the city's economic life, supported a statement calling for the end to segregation in government and business facilities which serve the public.

In addition, an interracial committee, composed of the city's most prominent business men and outspoken Negro leaders, was formed to work on a solution to the problem.

The committee got underway in the wake of a statement by a Negro leader declaring that no solution would be possible until segregation in all places that serve the public is ended.

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WHITE

All Rank Within First Five Five Ok'd by Duke Are Top-Ranking Students

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES — The first five Negro high school graduates who will be admitted to Duke University this fall are the top ranking students of their respective classes.

This fact was disclosed in a survey of the five, identified this week by the Carolina Times. The students to be admitted are Mary Mitchell and Nathaniel B. White, Jr., of Hillside High, Durham; Gene Kendall, of Dudley High, Greensboro; Cassandra Elisabeth Smith, of St. Anne's Academy, Winston-Salem; and Wilhelmina Matilda Reuben, of The Mather School, Beaufort, S. C.

All will receive scholarships, the exact amounts of which were not disclosed. However, it was revealed that the amounts of the scholarships will vary in each case, depending upon need of the student.

The three girls are the first ranking students in their schools. Miss Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie L. Mitchell, of 916 Plum St., Durham, is valedictorian of Hillside high school's graduating class of 208. She is the third of five children in the family to enter college. An older brother and sister are honor students, one at A. and T. College in Greensboro, and another at North Carolina College in Durham.

Her mother is employed at Southern Uniform and Towel Company in Durham and her father works at the Durham plant of the American Tobacco Company.

Miss Smith intends to become a pediatrician and indicated that she would like to major in pre-medical studies at Duke.

The third girl to be accepted is Miss Reuben, 16, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. O. R. Rueben, of Sumter, S. C. Her father is president of Morris College and her mother, is a member of the college faculty.

She is enrolled at The Mather School, of Beaufort, a private church school, where she is the top student in her class.

Miss Reuben likes music, plays the piano and trumpet and wants to study for the legal profession. She is the oldest of four children. The other, Lucy, 13, Anna Marie, 12, and Odey, 7.

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