



**NEW SCHOLARSHIPS** — Dr. L. A. Rorrence, Arkansas AM and N's vice president for administration, accepts \$1,000 check from recording star, Carla Thomas, to establish the first of a series of Carla Thomas Scholarships to be established by the vocalist.

## Scholarship started by Carla Thomas

PINE BLUFF, Ark. — Miss Eleanor Roosevelt, America's recording star, presented Arkansas AM and N College with a \$1,000 check last week to start a Carla Thomas Scholarship Fund. This represented the first of a series to be established by the popular vocalist.

The occasion was the Fifth Annual Women's Day Convocation for which Miss Thomas was principle speaker.

Miss Thomas, the daughter of W.D.I.A.'s (Memphis) Rufus Thomas, a graduate of Tennessee A and I and currently pursuing a Masters degree in English Literature at Howard University, spoke about Women; Meeting the 20th Century Challenge.

In doing so, she acknowledged the woman's struggle for equality... for centuries women have been regarded as nothing more than honored chattel. It seems incredible today in 1967 that it was less than 50 years ago, one generation, that women in America won the right to vote. Miss Thomas said.

### Rights hearing set for San Francisco

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights announced this week that it will hold public hearings in the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Area, beginning May 1.

The purpose of the hearing will be to collect information concerning civil rights problems in the Bay Area counties of San Francisco, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Mateo, Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Santa Clara and Solano.

Miss Thomas then noted... "the world knows the names of Susan B. Anthony, Jane Adams, Margaret Sanger and

## With Our Men In the Service

Airman First Class Harry M. Higgs, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Higgs of 113 Stokes St., Durham, has arrived for duty at Blytheville AFB, Ark.

Airman Higgs, a navigation equipment repairman, previously served at Yokota AB, Japan. He is assigned to the Strategic Air Command, America's long-range nuclear bomber and missile force.

The airman is a 1964 graduate of Durham High School.



**ALBRIGHT**

Staff Sergeant Willie I. Patterson, son of Mrs. Ida J. Patterson of 202 Beach St., Durham, is a member of the U.S. Air Force's 835th Supply Squadron at McConnell AFB, Kan., that recently won the title as most outstanding supply unit in the Tactical Air Command (TAC).

Airman Glenn K. Albright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delma R. Albright of Graham, has been selected for technical training at Sheppard AFB, Tex., as a U.S. Air Force aircraft maintenance specialist.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. His new school is part of the Air Training Command which conducts hundreds of specialized courses to provide technically trained personnel for the nation's aerospace force.

## 'Black-faced' bank bandit found guilty

BALTIMORE — Black-faced bandit Charles F. Wagaman, 34, New Stanton, Pa., was found guilty by a federal court jury this week in the \$23,045 robbery of the Rosedale Savings and Loan Association.



**BENSON**

U.S. Attorney Thomas J. Kenny told the nine-man, three-woman jury that Wagaman covered his hair and blackened his skin with a cosmetic preparation in an attempt to lead witnesses to believe that he was a colored person.

Wagaman was arrested the night after the Dec. 2, 1966 robbery of the Rosedale Savings and Loan Association, near the Club Troc at 400 E. Baltimore St.

BALTIMORE POLICE officers testified that when taken into custody Wagaman had in his possession \$8,249 — \$959 in his pockets and \$7,290 in a brown leather briefcase.

Taking the stand in his own defense, Wagaman testified that he was walking along Baltimore St. on the night of Dec. 3 and was looking for a friend in the Baltimore area who he wished to visit before completing trip to Pittsburgh, Pa.

Wagaman said that the briefcase in his possession contained an assortment of soiled shirts and that he took it to the Club Troc and asked the manager to hold it for him until he returned.

The manager of the club placed the leather briefcase on a beer cooler.

Court records show that an informer told police that Wagaman was in the vicinity of the club with a large amount of money.

WHEN OFFICERS confiscated the bag they discovered that the serial numbers of 47 of the \$1 bills matched the numbers of bills taken in the robbery of the loan association.

Wagaman's defense attorneys contended that someone put the money in the bag after it was entrusted to the manager of the club.

Arresting officers also testified that when Wagaman was taken into custody he bore traces of a "black substance" around the neck and the ears.

Also found among Wagaman's effects was a cosmetic coloring device in a dark brown shade.

\$23,000 was taken in the robbery and federal agents who handled the investigation theorized that Wagaman had already met with and divided the proceeds of the robbery with the two accomplices.

Captain Dwight M. Benson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight M. Benson of 1801 W. Pettigrew St., Durham, has been decorated with the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Norton AFB, Calif.

Captain Benson was awarded the medal for meritorious service as an assistant operations officer at a forward U.S. Air Force combat base in Southeast Asia. He was cited for his outstanding skill, knowledge and duty performance.

He is now at Norton with the Air Force Inspector General Activity.



**SUGGS**

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Airman Earl L. Suggs, whose mother, Mrs. Edna M. Hall, resides on Rt. 1, Deep Run, has been selected for technical training at Sheppard AFB, Tex., as a U.S. Air Force construction specialist.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. His new school part of the Air Training Command which conducts hundreds of specialized courses to provide technically trained personnel for the nation's aerospace force.

## Dixie must mix schools this fall

NEW ORLEANS — The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Wednesday ordered all grades in all public schools in the Deep South desegregated by this fall.

It decreed "a unitary school system in which there are no colored schools and no white schools, but just schools."

"School segregation is 'inherently unequal' by any name and wherever located."

The 12-judge court, in an 8-4 decision, ordered boards of education to give prospective students a choice of schools in the system, and to use facilities, including buses, as feasible to help get each to the school of his choice.

The ruling covers Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Florida, as well as the Canal Zone.

**THE COURT RULED:** Pupils must be assigned to schools in all grades, including kindergarten, without regard to race or color starting with the 1967-68 school year next September.

No student can be excluded from any school activity, including athletics, because of race or color.

All school facilities and meeting rooms which are open to non-students "shall be open to all persons."

Race or color must not be a factor in hiring, assigning or promoting teachers, except to correct the effects of previous faculty and staff segregation.

THE COURT said it was not condoning neighborhood schools in the north and west which practice de facto segregated neighborhoods.

But it said that no cases involving "that sort of school system" had been brought before the 5th Circuit Court.

The court ruled that if colored citizens are ever to enter "the mainstream of American life, they must have equal educational opportunities with white children."

THE COURT HELD that school officials "have the affirmative duty under the 14th Amendment to bring about an integrated school system."

"It is not enough," the court said, "for school authorities to offer minority children the opportunity to attend formerly 'white' schools."



**UGANDAN VISITOR** — Mrs. Felicity Muganwa, left, of Uganda is in America as special guest of the American Women in Radio and Television and the State Department.

She is shown here with B. F. Sisk (D-Calif.), and Mrs. Goh Thean Chye of Malasia at a reception recently held at the State Department. Miss Muganwa will study and observe

broadcasting techniques in major U.S. cities during her three-month stay. In Uganda Miss Muganwa is responsible for the production of children's programs for the National Service.

## 100-Year-Old School to Close in High Point

HIGH POINT — The William Penn High School, founded in 1867, as The High Point Normal and Industrial School by the Quakers of North Carolina, will be closed in the Spring of 1968. An integrated high school will replace Penn.

The William Penn High School has long been considered one of the leading Negro high schools in the South. It has graduated a number of students who have become productive and outstanding citizens in the High Point community and the nation.

The closing of William Penn has struck a kind of sentimental note throughout the High Point community. Those living in the community who have graduated from the school, will silently reminisce of days gone by when the school closes its doors for the last time.

The current principal at William Penn, S. E. Burford, is an energetic and resourceful man who has been principal at Penn for thirty-three years. Former students describe him as competent, prudent and a host of other adjectives—all complimentary.

Prior to Mr. Burford becoming principal, there were two other principals, A. J. Griffin and E. E. Curtright. Some of the older High Point citizens still sing the praises of these two educators. This sort of sentiment concerning William

Penn prevails throughout the community.

It is this sort of prevailing sentiment which stimulated the William Penn High School Alumni Association to make plans for a massive reunion of all William Penn graduates from across the nation.

The alumni association is making plans to have the graduates come back to William Penn for a reunion in the Spring of 1968 when the regular graduation ceremony is held.

Mr. Burford said, "We hope to get every student who has graduated from William Penn to come back to the 1968 graduation ceremony."

The alumni association is making an appeal to anyone knowing a William Penn graduate to send the name and address of the person to Mrs. Fairma Robertson, 724 East Washington Drive, High Point, or to the school.

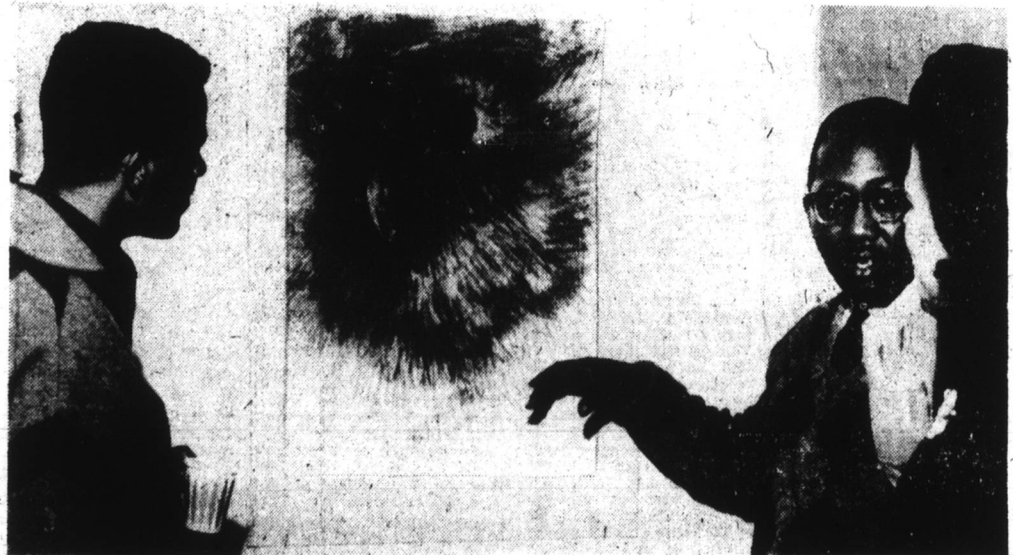
After more than 100 years, the doors of William Penn High School will close for the final time in the Spring of 1968. "The Spring of the year," commented one former student at Penn, "isn't that ironic—this is the time of year when most structures open their doors, but dear Ole Penn will close hers forever."



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## Spring Time And Art In The Colleges



**ONE-MAN SHOW** — Miss Rita Bennett, left, Concord, N.C., who gave a one-man

art show at Bennett College recently, explains some of her work (particularly the

one painted on both sides, foreground) to two students, Misses Audrey Blaylock, Albany, Ga., and Sharon Gittens, New York City.



**ART DISCUSSION** — North Carolina College graduate Charles L. Smith (center)

explains the finer points of a work by A. B. Jackson to art student William V. Har-

ris and Mrs. Sadie Hughley during an exhibition of works by Jackson at the college.

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