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Paige's Ph. D. Claim Denied By A. and T. College

City Council Votes Against Rezoning On Benbow Road

City Council Tuesday voted against rezoning a 40-acre tract of land off Benbow Road for use as site of a 256-unit Negro housing project.

By a vote of three to two, the council turned down the petition of W. H. Weaver Construction Company for rezoning the area from residence A to apartment usage.

The council disposed of the rezoning matter in 20 minutes. Council members Mack Arnold, Paige Holder, and Mrs. C. W. Dwiggin voted against the rezoning, and Mayor Ben Cone and E. L. Faulconer voted for the measure.

Robert H. Frazier, who had earlier stated his opposition to the rezoning, was absent from the session, and Roy Morgan declined to vote, stating that he owned property in the affected area.

After the vote was taken, Morgan told the council that he would have voted for rezoning had he not had an interest in the property. He termed the rezoning matter "one of the most heated fights in council history."

More than 200 spectators, most of whom were Negroes, were present at the special session held in the courtroom at city hall.

Major opponents of the rezoning were Negro residents of Benbow Road and adjoining areas, and several white residents near the site of the proposed Negro housing project.

An unexpected move was made before the special session, when city council members were served with an injunction restraining them from passing the rezoning measure without a three-fourths vote.

The injunction was issued by Judge F. Donald Phillips, and required the interested parties to appear before him at 2 p. m. Tuesday. The injunction was asked by N. E. Hargett, Jr.

Marriage Performed At Shaw

The marriage of Miss Lucille Elizabeth Brown to Clarence J. Elliott Tuesday afternoon, August 16, at 3:30 o'clock in University Church, Shaw University, was announced recently. The ceremony was performed by President Robert P. Daniel of Shaw.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, John A. Brown of Statesville. She wore a street length dress of azure blue crepe trimmed in lace, with an off-the-face blue felt hat and other navy blue accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

The maid of honor, Miss Dorothy Mae Elliott of Vass, sister of the groom, wore a gray crepe street dress with a V-neckline and dark brown accessories with

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School Principal Gets New Position



J. EARL WHITLEY

J. Earl Whitley, former principal of the Florence Elementary school, has been appointed by County Superintendent E. D. Idol, as supervisor of Negro rural schools of Guilford County. Prof. Whitley is a 1932 graduate of A. & T. College in the field of natural sciences. His first position after graduation was that of principal of Benson Elementary school in Benson, N. C., which he held for two years. During that time the faculty was composed of six teachers. In 1935 he was appointed to the principalship of Florence Elementary and High school in Guilford County, succeeding Walter McNair. He served in that capacity for 14 years, with the exception of three years, 1943-46, at which time he served in the U. S. Army as special instructor in a special training corps, and one year at Columbia University at which time he received his Masters degree in Supervision and Administration. He has also done further study toward a professional certificate.

During Prof. Whitley's principalship at Florence school, the teaching staff grew from a five-teacher school to a nine in 1943, and from a non-standard high school to a standard in the same year. Through his administration he has been able to organize a more coherent school community through the cooperation of the Parent - Teacher organizations, and especially the P.-T. A. The school, under the supervision of Prof. Whitley, has been approved as one of the best equipped rural schools in Guilford County, which includes a modern cafeteria which seats 66 pupils, multi-purpose auditorium, audio-visual aids, intercommunication system, and equipped science department. It serves the entire southwest section of Guilford County.

It was during Mr. Whitley's leadership at Florence school that

Superintendent Idol saw fit to promote him to his present position. His duties are concerned with the direction and supervision of instruction in both elementary and high schools of Guilford County.

Taking over as principal of the Florence school will be Prof. Victor Blackburn of High Point, who served as principal of Gibsonville Elementary school.

Mr. Whitley is a member of St. Matthews Methodist Church, and holds offices of assistant superintendent of Sunday school, secretary to the Board of Trustees, and assistant chairman of the Steward Board.

Woman Awarded \$5,500 In Damage Suit

A Guilford Superior Court jury Tuesday awarded a Greensboro woman \$5,500 damages in her "nervous breakdown" suit against two partners in a Negro taxicab company.

Mrs. Ruby C. Wilcox of 1406 18th Street, a wife and mother, charged that she suffered shattered nerves and mental anguish when she was assaulted January 30, 1948, by Leroy Pickard, driver for McRae Taxi Company.

Pickard was convicted on an assault charge in the case February 9 this year in Municipal County Court and given a suspended sentence.

In her civil complaint, Mrs. Wilcox said her ride in the taxi, which included a stop for drinks of liquor against her will, gave her a nervous breakdown.

She brought suit for \$10,000 against Wiley McRae, John Harris, B. W. Tatum, and D. E. Tatum, trading as McRae Taxi Company, and Pickard.

When the Tatums failed to file an answer to her complaint, the court clerk ordered judgment against them by default.

Tuesday's jury action was against the Tatums only. A judgment signed by Judge F. Donald Phillips of Rockingham orders them to pay Mrs. Wilcox \$3,000 compensatory and \$2,500 punitive damages. The other actions will be heard later.

FUSCHIA GARDEN CLUB HOLDS MEETING

The Fuschia Garden Club held its regular meeting Friday night, August 26, at the home of Mrs. Martin at 208 Regan Street, at 8:00 o'clock.

The meeting was opened with a discussion on plants for Fall and Spring, flowers and the time to plant them. Mrs. Martin also showed a lovely arrangement of flowers in vases, and pot plants. The president, Mrs. Fincher, gave a brief talk on plants and bulbs.

The meeting closed with a delightful repast.

College Officials Embarrassed By Former Student Of A. & T.

President F. D. Bluford of A. & T. College stated that J. Clemont Paige, former graduate of A. & T. College, class of 1948, was not an honor student and the statement published in the Greensboro Daily News, dated Sunday, August 28, that he has earned a Ph. D. degree at the age of 19 is greatly embarrassing to the institution. He further stated that it is definitely impossible to earn a Ph. D. from a B. S. degree within three years. Paige only completed his B.

S. degree at A. & T. College just one year ago. What he stated as being a native of Siler City, N. C. in the rural area of Chatham County is true and also his family life as to the number of brothers and sisters he has may be true, but it is doubtful that he is in position to educate one of his younger brothers and sisters which is indicated in Sunday's Daily News.

It was stated in the Greensboro Daily News that 19-year-old Clemont Paige is the youngest Negro ever to be granted a Ph. D. degree by any American university. It further stated that Paige received his doctorate last January from McGill University in Canada in the field of Physiological Psychology.

The FUTURE OUTLOOK staff made a thorough investigation through the registrar's office at A. & T. College of Paige's whereabouts and his record at that time. The registrar, Prof. C. R. A. Cunningham, presented us all of his qualifications which shows that Paige was just an average C-grade student at A. & T. and was teaching at Bethune-Cookman College at the time he was said to have been studying toward a Ph. D. No request has ever come to them for his transcript to do any further study toward a masters degree less known a Ph. D.

In 1947, which was stated as being the year he received his masters degree in Bacteriology from the City College in New York, Paige was a student at A. & T. College working toward his B. S.

President Bluford of A. & T. College stated that he doubted very seriously that he had been invited to deliver a paper on "An Exploratory Investigation of the Commensality of the Sea Anemone and Hermit Crab with Comparative Reference to the Existing Symbiotic Relationship Among Mankind," before the British Association for the Advancement of Science at New Castle-Upon-Tyne.

President Bluford stated that he seriously doubted but it may be possible that the paper could be delivered by Paige.

It was further stated that Paige finished high school in New York, but records show in the registrar's office at A. & T. College that he finished from the Chatham County Training School in Siler City, N. C., in 1945, at the age of 15. It is true that he finished college in three years by attending three full sessions of summer school.

President Bluford further stated that all elevation and honor and promotion of any A. & T. College graduate is done through the recommendation of the institution and no such recommendation as so stipulated in Sunday's paper of all these credentials concerning J. Clemont Paige have ever been called to his attention and as far as A. & T. knows

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Man Murdered By Ax

James Creech was killed with an ax at his home, 1201 Gorrell Street, about 5:30 a. m., Friday, September 2. The investigating officers, Sgts. D. B. High and R. L. Paschal, are holding Creech's wife, Leola Creech, for further investigation.

Creech's body is at Brown's Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Brown Named On Shaw U. Staff

Appointment of Bennie Brown as Buildings and Grounds Assistant at Shaw University was announced recently as a step toward maintaining high physical plant standards at the institution. Mr. Brown is a graduate of Georgia State College with a B. S. degree.

The naming of an assistant in this area was indicated as a result of tremendous plant expansion of the past several years. Seven buildings, including the three-building Rex Hospital layout, have been added within the last four years. In addition Shaw University has purchased a number of houses near the campus of which five have been remodelled and put into service as faculty homes.

Another faculty change involves the designation of Dr. W. B. Pettiford, well known Raleigh doctor, as University physician. Dr. Pettiford earned his A. B. degree at Johnson C. Smith University and the M. D. degree from Meharry Medical College.

The new school physician will start under a broadened health plan, recently adopted by the institution, and put into operation for the first time this year. Under terms of the plan Shaw University students will be given comprehensive health coverage for the school year.

Allowances for care through the University infirmary, for hospitalization at St. Agnes hospital, surgery, prescriptions, and special consultations are included under the arrangement. The service will be available only to boarding students and non-resident students living in Raleigh. Special increased provisions are made for athletes.