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# Mayor Hatcher Takes Office

## NEGROES EYE POLITICAL OFFICE

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## Miss. Swears In Negro

The political pot of the state is really boiling and from all indications it looks as if the Negro can play a prominent part. The NAACP has announced that it will scan all candidates very closely, without regard to party.

Negro candidates are offering for many offices and more are expected as the deadline for filing nears. Dr. Reginald Hawkins, Charlotte dentist, is putting together a group that says they are going to land the governorship for Hawkins. The recent meeting of his supporters and well wishers, started many people thinking.

There is also the speculation that with Liet-Gov. Bob Scott and Melville Broughton knocking each other over the head, for the Democratic nomination, many things can happen. David Stith, Durham, a business school president, has already announced that he plans to take on Nick Gallifinakis, for Congress. There are other Negroes, throughout the state, who are watching the political weather vane to make up their minds.

The new law, giving the state district judgeships, has caused many Negro attorneys to look twice. In Raleigh, George Greene, has already announced and it is believed that Assistant City Court Judge, Samuel Mitchell will throw his hat in the ring. Judge Winborne's friends are expecting his announcement at anytime.

Representative James Gardner, North Carolina's freshman congressman, announced in Raleigh Wednesday morning that he was entering the race, on the Republican ticket, for governor of the state. The announcement came as no surprise to those who have been watching the youthful politician, from Nash County.

His announcement means that he will take on John L. Stickley of Charlotte for the GOP nomination, in the first Republican primary for that office, in quite sometime.

The potent Negro vote is said to be asking many questions about his candidacy. The fact that he is a majority stockholder in Hardee's Chain and there has been little promotion of Negro's, in the eating establishment, could be a barrier. There is also the fight of the Elks to put Negroes in some of his offices, from Washington down, which is not expected to help any.

Many Negroes are considering changing their party label, to aid in building a strong two-party system in the state. Many of them are waiting to see the type of candidates that the GOP will field. Negro Republicans are planning to become more vocal on the county level and hope to enlist enough support to be delegates to the national convention, slated for Miami, Fla., in August.

## Fla. Father Must Face Jury Trial

ARCADIA, Fla. - A trial date of June 10 was set Tuesday for itinerant fruit picker James Richardson, charged with first degree murder in the poisoning of one of his seven children.

The date was set by Circuit Court Judge John Justice who said the trial might last up to three weeks.

Richardson was indicted by a Hillsborough County grand jury Dec. 5.

The seven young children died late in October after eating a meal laced with deadly parathion. Richardson and his wife were at work in the citrus grove at the time.

A coroner's jury later accused Richardson of all seven deaths, but when the grand jury investigation was transferred to Hillsborough County at the request of the defense attorney, only one indictment was returned.

Defense Attorney James S. Robinson of Daytona Beach has indicated he will file a motion for dismissal and if that is denied, he will file a motion to move the trial out of this rural area.

Richardson is free on \$7,500 bond.



FIRST SINCE '90s - Jackson, Miss.: Negro educator Robert Clark takes the oath of office in the House of Representatives here Jan. 2. Clark is the first Negro to hold a seat in this body since the 1890s. The 1968 Mississippi Legislature convened at noon here Feb. 1.

## "I Will Feel My Way As I Go" Says Clark

BY JAMES I. JONES  
JACKSON, Miss. - Rep. Robert G. Clark marched briskly by the statue of late segregationist Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo and into the Mississippi House of Representatives Tuesday, to (See CLARK, P. 2)

## White Man Sentenced In Chowan

EDENTON - Ralph Nixon, white, 20-year-old youth who was convicted of shooting into the home of Oliver Bonner, Friday night, was found guilty on five counts, by Judge Fentress Horner, Monday and was given a year on each count. He was also sentenced for violating a parole, on a sentence that he was given for breaking and entering.

The testimony showed that Nixon and another white youth, after they had consumed a quantity of beer, began riding around town. The other youth testified that Nixon said he was going to shoot something and when they passed Bonner's house, Nixon fired on it.

Nixon was placed in jail, after he decided to appeal the sentence, under a \$5,000 bond, which he was not able to furnish. Persons who were interested in the case, including Sheriff Goodwin, said that Nixon was lucky that he was not tried for murder, in view of the fact that the bullet could have taken the life of some person, in the house.

Edenton has been the scene of much disorder, in recent years over integration. There have been several demonstrations, one of which was carried out at a drug store, said to have been owned by the mayor. It is the home of Golden Frinks, SCLC representative, in the state.



## NC Mutual Installs Goodloe

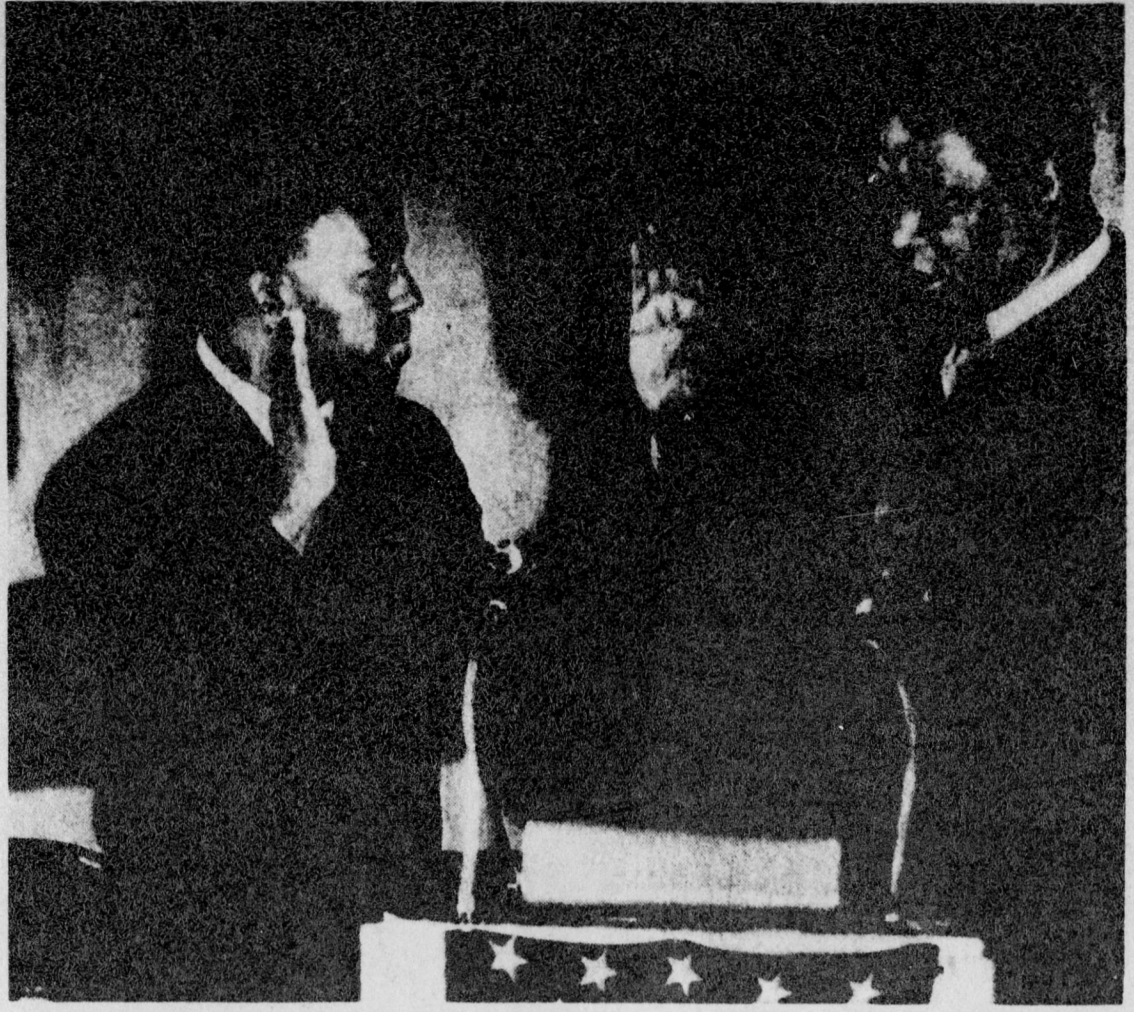
Joseph W. Goodloe, president, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company was officially installed Tuesday morning as the company's chief executive officer in a program held in the home office auditorium. Immediate Past President Asa T. Spaulding presided over the program in which the Scripture was read by Mrs. Helen R. Jones, manager, Policy Services Division and a solo rendered by Edna B. Thompson. (See INSTALL, P. 2)

## Durham's Lincoln Hospital Fund Drive Over Half Way

DURHAM - With the target date about one week away, according to Asa T. Spaulding, chairman of the Lincoln Hospital Fund Drive, he is highly encouraged by a report made Friday. Spaulding said that approximately \$47,000 had been raised and there was approximately \$8,000 pledged, but had not been collected.

The drive was set up to raise \$103,000 in one month. He was quite appreciative of the part being played by the United Organization for Community Improvement and the community councils of Operation Breakthrough. He reported that the two agencies had raised 97% of their respective quotas.

Spaulding, who retired from the presidency of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company Jan. 1, said that he had been assured that if the Durham community raised \$80,000 there would be another \$20,000 coming from without the state. The Negro-controlled hospital is said to be in debt to the tune of \$103,000 and has been adding to that deficit.



SWEARING IN - Gary, Ind.: Richard G. Hatcher, (L) was inaugurated as the first Negro mayor of Gary here Jan. 1. Hatcher was sworn in by U. S. Judge James Parsons (C) in Downtown Memorial Auditorium before a racially mixed crowd of some 2,500 persons. He pledged to wipe out the "seeds of discord" and the "poison of racism." (UPI PHOTO).

## Gary Mayor Issues Law And Order Rule

GARY, Ind. - Richard G. Hatcher, the second Negro to be sworn in as mayor of a sizable American city, let it be known at his swearing-in ceremonies Monday, that the city was going to have law and order.

He issued an edict to undesirable elements that told them they were not welcomed any longer, in Gary. The city has long since been known as a haven for mobs, crooked politicians, bride-taking city officials and racists. He began by saying that persons who wanted to stir up strife between the races were unwelcome. He told those who were bent on crime and violence they would have to find another city to ply their trade.

He warned those who would bribe law enforcement officers and those officers who would receive bribe, that there was not enough room in the city for them. He called upon all freedom loving people to join hands with him and help him to make Gary a City of goodwill, instead of a crime ridden-city. A city with respect for the rights of others, regardless to race or creed.

He started off by naming a Negro as City Attorney and a white man as head of the police department. He indicated that he would surround himself with people who had a forward look on things and not those who were narrow minded, filled with bigotry, selfishness and deceit.

It is to be remembered that Hatcher had no bed of roses to land the city's top job and even though he had been a member of the legislature and a councilman, there were those who said that he was not fitted for the mayor of a city, torn with so many segments of humanity.

More than 2,000 crowded into the building to see Hatcher take the oath and there were many others who could not get in. The ceremony was held inside, due to the inclement weather. The day was climaxed with a ball that typified the fact that there was a new mayor in Gary and that meant a new day.

## Murderer Trapped In State

DURHAM - The strong arm of the law reached all the way from Washington Saturday and grabbed up Frederick Archie Brooks, 26, after he fled the scene of the murder of a woman, in the nation's capital, after an attempted robbery.

The accused man was arrested at the home of his sister, by FBI agents, assisted by members of the Durham Police Department and the Durham County Sheriff's department.

The arrest was effected on a warrant drawn by the Metropolitan Police Department, that charged him with interstate flight from Washington to avoid prosecution on a murder charge.

Information received here revealed that Brooks is alleged to have stabbed Helen Odessa Pressley, 24, on Dec. 18. The woman is said to have been the victim of a robbery attempt. It is alleged that a group of persons standing nearby, gave chase and the would-be robber turned on them with a sawed off shotgun and escaped, without firing the gun.

A description of the man was given to police and Brooks was immediately sought as the suspect. He is alleged to have left Washington and headed for Durham. Local officers maintained a stakeout, in the area Brooks was expected to visit. As anticipated, Brooks made his (See TRAPPED, P. 2)

## Three Held In Night Spot Death

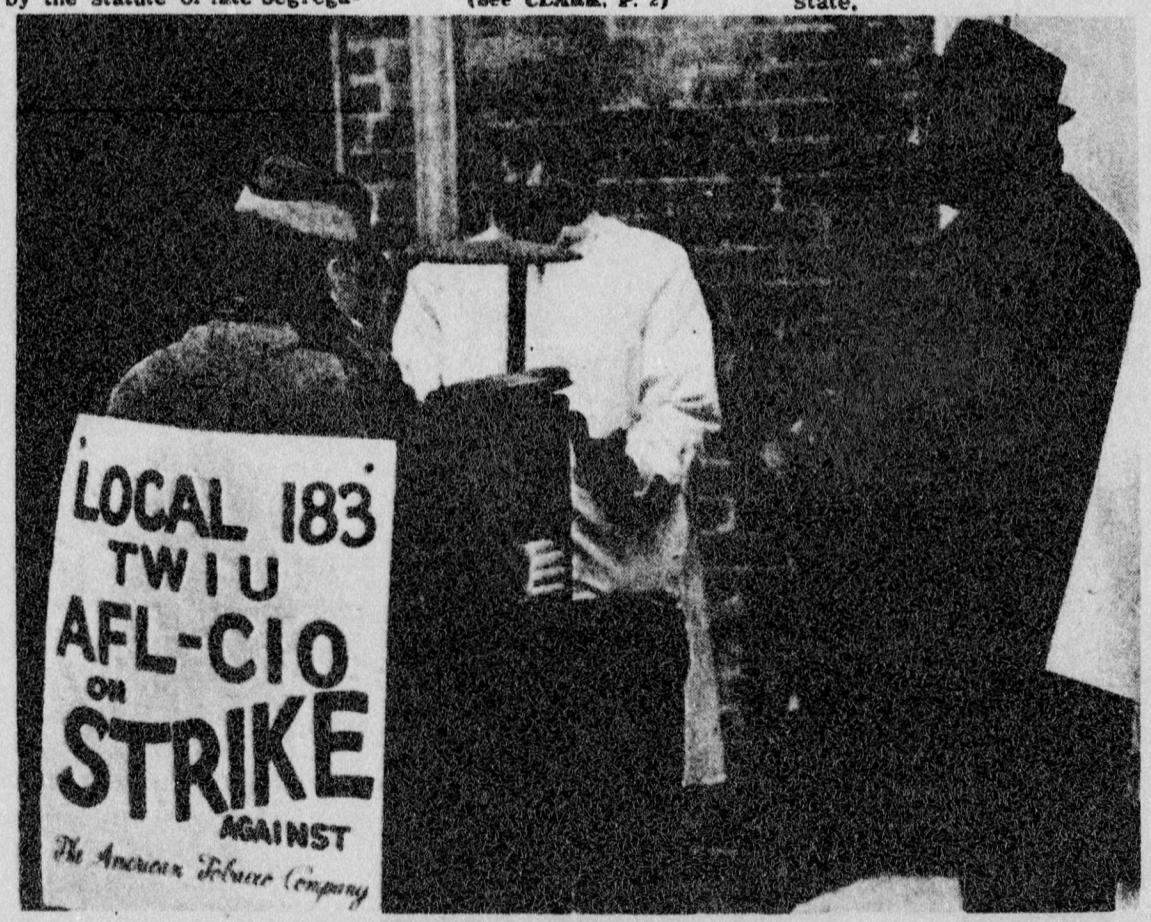
LOUISBURG - Buck Green, 24, Curly Wilson Green, 22, and John Martin Wilkerson, Jr., 18, who live near Creedmore, were held in the Franklin County jail, without bond Thursday night, for the alleged slaying of Robert Lee Mitchell, whose body was found Wednesday morning, by two boys, who were looking for their rabbit box.

The two boys, Lezin Plaxand Raymond Harry told investigating officers that they discovered the body of the man, who had been missing since Christmas eve night, in the woods, about 300 yards from a night spot, where he was last seen alive.

The accused men are said to have admitted the slaying and told the officers that they had engaged in an argument, with Mitchell, over a girl. They are alleged to have ganged up on the man and to have fired several shots at him. They will face a preliminary hearing January 16.

Five cartridges, said to have been fired, were found near the night spot. An autopsy, on the body, revealed that Mitchell had been killed by a bullet, that struck him in the head. It also showed that he had been (See HELD, P. 2)

**WEATHER**  
Temperatures during the period Thursday through Monday will average below normal in N. C. Daytime highs are expected to average 37 to 45 in the mountains. Mostly in the 40s elsewhere in N. C. except in the 30s along the coast. Lows at night in the lower 30s in the mountains and northern N. C. ranging to 30 over southeastern N. C. No great changes in temperatures until cooler about Sunday. Precipitation will total 1.4 to 7.5 of an inch occurring Thursday and again about Saturday and Sunday. Normal high and low 82 and 61.



TAKING A BREAK - Durham: Members of the Tobacco Workers International Union take a break from their picket line duties in front of the American Tobacco Co. plant to warm themselves with a portable heater. Union spokesmen said the strike will affect more than 5,000 workers in three American Tobacco Co. plants. The strike was called shortly after midnight Sunday Jan. 1 following the breakdown of negotiations. (UPI PHOTO).

**SWEEPSTAKES NUMBERS**

302 ☆☆ 6120 ☆☆ 7690

WORTH \$75    WORTH \$45    WORTH \$60

Anyone having current BLUE tickets dated Dec. 30, 1967, with proper numbers, present same to The CAROLINIAN office and receive amounts listed above from the SWEEPSTAKES Feature.

**Don't You Want To Win?**  
It seems incredible that there has been no winner in Sweepstakes for two weeks, with so much money in the "Kitty." There is now in the Raleigh stores, that participate in Sweepstakes, the sum of \$180. This money has stacked up for two weeks. The management of the CAROLINIAN wants to give this (See SWEEPSTAKES P. 2)

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## FROM RALEIGH'S OFFICIAL POLICE FILES THE CRIME BEAT

### BABY DIES IN SLEEP

Lucille Throbs, 24, 414 E. Martin Street, related to police how her 4-months baby, Linwood Throbs, was found dead by her, at 7:30 a. m. Friday. She told police that she fed the infant at 4 a. m. and he appeared in good health. She alleged that she tucked him in bed and when she went to see about him, at 7:50 a. m. he was dead. Investigation is said to have revealed that there was no foul play and that he died in his sleep.

### BEATEN WITH CHAIR

Carolyn Marie Smith, 416 Daker St., alleges that her husband, Robert Lee, was not so nice to her Friday night. She told police that they had an argument and that he hit her with a training table chair, on the head, inflicting a 1 1/2" cut. She said she would sign a warrant.

### MOTHER-IN-LAW TAKES OVER

John Davis Dunn, 319 E. Martin St., filed a complaint against his mother-in-law. He alleges that he and his wife were having an argument and his mother-in-law decided that she would settle it. According to his report, she ended up hitting him with a soda bottle, which made a 1 1/2" cut on his forehead. He listed one Henrietta Williams, same address, as the mother-in-law.

### LOST MONEY, NOT PANTS

Gurney Lister Alston, 113 S. Blount St., alleges that he hung his pants on the bed post, on the night of Dec. 29, but when he awoke at 6 a. m., on the 30th his pants were gone. He began a search and found them, along with his brother's pants, on the front porch. He also says that he found his billfold on the sidewalk, with \$39 missing. His brother, George, was supposed to have locked the door when he came in. Even though George's pants were said to have been found on the front porch, there was nothing said to have been missing from them. (See CRIME BEAT, P. 3)