



SYMBOL OF DISTRUST - Smithfield, N. C.: The above sign is said by many residents of this eastern Johnston County town to have caused much of the racial disturbances which resulted in a week-long curfew being imposed on the area Monday night, following rock-throwing and gunfire incidents here. Some twenty-one persons were arrested Monday night for curfew violations, including carrying concealed weapons. Twelve were Negro and nine white. Another contention of local leaders is the segregated cemetery in which a Negro soldier is buried. This sign is located at the west city limits of Smithfield. (UPI PHOTO).

Banker Named Ass't Treasurer Of State's Democratic Party

Prominent North Carolina banker and Democrat, John Hervey Wheeler of Durham, was appointed last week to the position of assistant treasurer of



J. H. WHEELER

the State Democratic Party. He thus became the first Negro ever to hold major office in the hierarchy of the state party. The party is believed to have taken what is considered only the first step in bringing more Negroes back into the Democratic ranks. Negroes were known to be disgruntled following a walkout at the State Convention, held in Raleigh, when a group of black dissidents, led by Dr. Reginald A. Hawkins, unsuccessful Negro candidate for governor, walked out of the sessions, held at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

President of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, with headquarters in Durham, Mr. Wheeler, an attorney-at-law, is a leader in Negro political circles, having held many top positions in both national, local and state organizations.

The announcement of his appointment came as a surprise to many Negro leaders in the state, both in Raleigh and Durham. However, State party

treasurer, John A. Williams, Jr., of Raleigh, indicated that he was not surprised in the least.

Mr. Wheeler's acceptance of the position was confirmed Wednesday by an official of the party, Charles (Chuck) Barbour, Executive Director.

Wheeler's appointment is rumored to be just one of many planned as a means of broadening the base of participating by Negroes on the policy-making level of the party organization.

The bank which Mr. Wheeler heads is Negro-owned. It has branch offices in both Raleigh and Charlotte.

He holds memberships in many organizations. Included among these are: President, Durham Committee on Negro Affairs and a member of the North Carolina Good Neighbor Council.

Mr. Wheeler was on hand at the August Democratic National Convention, held in Chicago, Ill.

HA Employs Negro Exec. Here

Robert B. Broughton, chairman of the Raleigh Housing Authority, announced Tuesday the appointment of Harold E. High as Community Services Coordinator. He will assume his duties Oct. 1. High, a grad-

uate of Washington High School and Shaw University, also holds the M. S. degree from Gallatin College in Washington, D. C.

With offices located in Halifax Court, Mr. High will become the first Negro to assume an executive position with the Raleigh Housing Authority.

In the newly-created position, High will coordinate existing community resources presently operating in the projects and will involve community service agencies and tenants' councils in the development and operation of new services. He will consult with the management staff on the social implications of management policies.

He will also assist tenants in their dealings with the Authority through the tenants councils and will assist in interpreting the Public Housing Program to the community.

A Marine Corps veteran of World War II, High taught at the Governor Moorehead School (See H. E. HIGH, P. 2)



HAROLD E. HIGH

Survey Shows Middle-Class Blacks Strive To Keep Poor Brothers Out

CLEVELAND - Of all people, middle-class Negroes are battling efforts to build a low-income development in their communities, according to a recent survey.

Residents of the Lee-Seville live in newly built homes comparable to the \$20,000 homes which abound in the area. But rents would be only \$40 to \$80 a month.

Residents of the Lee-Seville (See MIDDLE-CLASS, P. 2)



REPORTED DEAD, STILL ALIVE - Detroit: S. Sgt. James O. Williams is greeted with a big kiss from his mother, Mrs. Inez Williams, at Metropolitan Airport late Sept. 23 after the 22-year-old soldier from suburban River Rouge was mistakenly identified by the Army last week as killed in action in Vietnam. Williams was then ordered back to this country due to the distress the mistake had caused his mother. (UPI PHOTO).

Turns Self In After 25 Years

NEWARK, N. J. - Clarence Clark, 58, who escaped from an Alabama prison camp in 1943 while serving a sentence for killing a fellow convict 17 years before, has turned himself in to local police.

According to Newark police officials, Alabama authorities are preparing extradition papers. But that doesn't bother the soft-spoken black man, who threatened to hold his breath until he's dead should he be returned to prison.

Clark said that he had murdered a convict who terrorized other inmates with beatings. When the man came at him with a letter opener, Clark grabbed it and plunged it into him. "It was 6 a. m. March 13, 1926," he said. And he was only 16. Since escaping from the prison camp, Clark has lived under the name of Calvin Johnson in nearby Colonia. He is married and has four children. Clark hopes his good record during the last 25 years will save him from being returned to prison.

Prophet Dies Broke; Made Over \$3 Million

PHILADELPHIA - Prophet John the Conqueror made \$5-million during his lifetime by predicting "Lucky numbers hits" for his followers. But he couldn't take it with him. Nor did he die a rich man.

The self-styled evangelist, who once wore diamond rings valued at more than \$50,000, died without funds. He apparently had used up most of his fortune several years ago during his unsuccessful legal battles with the federal government and postal authorities.

The bearded "lucky numbers seer" was sentenced to jail in 1956 after being convicted on charges of using the mails to defraud.

His newspaper advertisements urged readers to "Write (See PROPHET JOHN, P. 2)

Smithfield Jim Crow Burial Cited In Racial Fracas

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Week-Long Curfew Is In Effect

SMITHFIELD - Discrimination in the selling of burial plots to blacks and whites, especially for the burial of veterans of the Vietnam War, was cited here Monday night by a school principal and an undertaker as one possible cause of the unrest and racial disturbances which clamped a week-long curfew on this Johnston County seat Monday afternoon.

On Monday night, 21 persons were arrested for violating the curfew, imposed by the City Council. Included among those arrested were twelve blacks and nine whites. The charges ranged from carrying concealed weapons to violating the hours of the curfew.

In Selma Memorial Gardens, unpaved roads leads well back of the section reserved for whites burials to a small section marked for the interment of Negroes. The Gardens, located between Selma and Smithfield on Highway 301, holds the body of Private First Class Lee Arthur Watson, 22, who died in Vietnam in April of this year. A tiny marked points out the location.

According to W. E. Wiggs, who operates the cemetery for the town of Selma, plots in the "white" section sell for between \$100 and \$150, while plots (See SMITHFIELD FRACAS, P. 2)

OPEN HOUSING TESTED IN CITY

Shot 3 Times, Lives



TREASURY HUNT - OR DIGGING FOR? - Sycamore, S. C.: Three women dig busily through the debris of a Seaboard Coastline train derailment here Sept. 23 as railway crews prepared to clear tracks of debris and twisted metal left when 41 box cars left the tracks Sept. 21. No one was injured in the derailment but huge shipments of soap powders and other goods were scattered in the wreckage. (UPI PHOTO).

Raleigh Family Reveals Threats By Many Whites

A Raleigh white man, whose neighbor is the new assistant professor of drama at Shaw University vigorously denied Tuesday that there had been a scuffle, growing out of a campaign to harass the professor, who is a black man. The case is under probe by the FBI.

James W. Lawing, white, of 2533 Remington Rd., the neighbor of Professor Howard Caple, the new resident, said a local afternoon daily newspaper, claiming there had been a scuffle, was wrong on this charge. Remington Road, located off Glascock, is in the Rollingwood subdivision, slightly northeast of Longview Gardens. Mr. Caple is quoted as hav-

ing told the press that his family had been under continued (See DENIES SCUFFLE, P. 2)

NAACP MEET

Mrs. Millie Dunn Veasey, president of the Raleigh branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) announced this week that an important meeting is being called for Sunday, Sept. 29, at 4 p. m. at the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church. Final plans will be made for attendance at the 25th State Convention of the N. C. Conference of Branches, to be held in Greensboro Oct. 10-13. All members and friends are urged to be in attendance.

'Billy Hill Had Brick:' Rifleman

The failure to leave the residence of another man when ordered to do so almost proved the undoing of Billy Doyle Hill, whose encounters with Raleigh police date back many years. Hill is now recuperating from three rifle shots in the body at Wake Memorial Hospital, where his condition early Wednesday afternoon was listed as "satisfactory."

Isaac Ralph Crowder, 58, of 405 Bledsoe Ave., admitted to Officer Norman Artis at 10:47 a. m. Sunday, that he shot Hill, 33, of 326 Fowle St., three times because Hill "would not leave my house and had a brick in his hand."

Mr. Crowder also admitted bodily carrying Billy to the front door and when Hill got outside, Crowder stated, "he told me he was going to burst my g. d. head open with that brick."

"I ran inside," said Crowder, "and got my rifle. When I came back to the door, I told him to drop the brick. He refused."

It is believed that Mr. Hill was advancing on Crowder with the deadly weapon, ready to strike, when Crowder let loose with a barrage of three shots, two striking Hill in his left and right upper hips and the third finding its mark in his left wrist.

When Officer Artis arrived, he discovered Hill lying on the ground with the brick close beside him.

Mr. Crowder was arrested on a charge of engaging in an affray with a deadly weapon, while a similar warrant awaits Hill when he is released from the hospital.

No date for the trial had been set at CAROLINIAN press time.



ALIVE, BUT! - Uyo, Nigeria: A little girl is shown at a government-controlled refugee camp at Uyo, Nigeria, in photo made by a representative of the U. S. Catholic Relief Services. The organization said that the camp is virtually cut off from outside assistance and that more than half of the refugees are in need of intensive hospital care. (UPI PHOTO).



DR. L. H. NEWSOM

Dr. Newsom New Prexy At Smith U.

CHARLOTTE - Dr. Lionel H. Newsom, former president of Barber-Scotia College in Concord, and presently Associate Director of the Institute for Higher Educational Opportunity in the South, a component of the Southern Regional Education Board of Atlanta, has been elected President of Johnson C. Smith University by the University's Board of Trustees.

Dr. Newsom will succeed Dr. Rufus P. Perry, who last week announced his retirement as of Dec. 31, 1968, after serving the 102 year-old Charlotte institution for eleven years.

In making the announcement, Dr. James E. Allen of New York, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, cited Dr. Newsom's long and distinguished record as an Educator and Administrator.

"Dr. Newsom brings a rich and varied background to his new position. He is an able administrator, sound scholar, and a human leader."

"Beginning our second century," Dr. Allen continued, "this type of leadership is needed to continue the amazing record of achievement made by retiring president, Dr. Perry."

Born in Wichita Falls, Tex., Dr. Newsom was reared in St.

(See DR. NEWSOM, P. 2)

Attitudes On Church Changing

ARLINGTON, Va. - The Consultant on Church Union has a hard but not necessarily long eumecumenical road to travel, according to its newly-appointed general secretary.

The Rev. Dr. Paul A. Crow, Jr., in a report to the Consultation executive committee meeting in the Holiday Inn here, Sept. 18 - 19, said that church union is not so much dependent on a time factor as it is on "changing the outlook of our constituencies toward the church."

He indicated that such a change of attitude will require the reversal of the history which has produced the differences (See CHURCH UNION, P. 2)

The Crime Beat

From Raleigh's Official Police File

STRIKES MON, 72, WITH STICK

Mrs. Veola Mitchell, 72, of 712 S. West St., informed two cops at 9:19 p. m. Saturday, that her daughter was hitting her son and then turned on her and started striking Mrs. Mitchell on the arms and face with a broom stick. Mrs. Mitchell said the daughter, Mrs. Ellen Louise Mitchell, 32, same address, had been drinking.

When the officers arrived, the woman started cursing her mother and then turned to the cops and began cursing them. After the elderly Mrs. Mitchell signed a warrant for assault with a deadly weapon and the officers attempted to take her into custody, Miss Mitchell began to strike them "and she spit on us about five times," one of the patrolmen reported. The woman was finally subdued and taken to jail.

"KNOCKDOWN, DRAGOUT" BATTLE

Miss Lena Woods, 31, 112 Pender St., told Officer J. E. Moore at 4:20 p. m. Saturday, that she was at 608 Dorothea Dr. and that she had been drinking. The woman further stated that she and her boyfriend, Aubrey Dempsey Walters, 33, same address, had an argument and he proceeded to strike her on the head with his hands and fists and knock her down.

The complainant declared that Walters then picked up a large stick and "hit me in the mouth." This final act caused a two-inch laceration on her lips and a bruised face. Walters was jailed on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. (See CRIME BEAT, P. 3)

WEATHER

Temperatures during the period, Thursday through Monday, will average below normal for the western half of the Carolinas. Daytime highs will average in the upper 60s and lower 70s. Night-time lows will be in the upper 40s. Precipitation will total three-quarters of an inch or more for the northeastern part of North Carolina, occurring as scattered thundershowers Thursday and again about Sunday.