

CONCORD NEWS

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KASPER GUILTY

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of whites and Negroes in schools of the south.

"We have filed a motion for a new trial," Dobbs said. "If that is denied we will appeal to a higher court."

William L. Shaw, another defense lawyer, also appeared "knocked off his feet" by the verdict. "We still don't believe the government proved its case," he remarked.

U. S. District Attorney John C. Crawford, Jr., who conducted the government's case, without outward expression, took the victory for his side.

Convicted along with Kasper, who was accused by the government of fomenting racial strife at Clinton, was Walter D. Nease, 32, who entered the previously hilly-white school here.

Willard H. Till, 43, Oak Ridge, Tenn., a machinist, Mrs. Mary Nell Currier, 39, Clinton housewife and mother of two children, Clyde Cook, 26, Oak Ridge, fireman, Alonzo Bullock, 52, part-time preacher and Clinton carter, William J. Brakelbill, 41, Clinton service station operator, and Lawrence J. Brentley, 50, car dealer of Clinton.

Knoxville is the hub of heavy Republican east Tennessee, which in many ways resembles the Deep South.

Originally, 18 Clinton residents and Kasper were charged with conspiring to violate U. S. Dist. Judge Robert L. Taylor's injunction barring integration of the court-ordered racial integration of Clinton High. Clinton is 20 miles northwest of Knoxville.

One of the original defendants died in a mental hospital and another, a 17-year-old youth, was sent to the state reformatory for car theft.

Family Threatened

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Mr. Holt said that his wife and children are interested only in obeying the law of the land.

The threats began Monday with the receipt of a letter, allegedly written by the Wake County Patriots of North Carolina. A similar letter was directed also to the Raleigh Board of Education, which threatened undertones. This was followed by a bomb threat and a "warning" telephone call on Tuesday.

Addressed to Joseph Holt, Sr., father of the young student, the letter was unsigned. Efforts to contact members of the Wake County Patriots have been futile, Mr. Holt's letter said.

"It has been reported that you have entered an application for the admission of one of your children to a high school maintained for white children."

"We suggest and request that you withdraw that petition for admission."

"White people are glad to help pay for the education of your children. They are not very happy, however, about your trying to push into their schools. These schools are an extension of their homes, provided for the training of their children. We would object equally strongly to allowing white people to intrude into your school and your home."

"We should like to have conditions of peace and goodwill to continue between the white and Negro people of this region."

"Your act helps to destroy that peace and goodwill."

Mr. Holt said that his desire to transfer his son was "sponsored by no organization except Mrs. Elywna Holt and myself."

"We want what's best for our son and we think it would be best for him to attend Broughton."

The Holts live only about six blocks from Needham Broughton High, but the distance between their home and Ligon is approximately three miles.

They sought to have young Holt entered during the 1956-57 school year, but the application was filed too late.

The Raleigh School Board has set a definite date to decide on the youth's application: Tuesday, August 6.

Mrs. Holt said a man telephoned her home Tuesday and said, "I am going to bomb your home and blow you up." Before he could continue, Mrs. Holt said she hung up the telephone.

A few minutes later a woman called and told the mother that she didn't like the idea of Mrs. Holt trying to get her son admitted to a white school. The woman suggested that the application be withdrawn.

Neither of the callers identified themselves.

Joseph, Jr. is the Holt's only child.

The letter written to the School Board follows:

"We urge you to reject all petitions for admission of Negro children to schools for white children. Approving these petitions would be making a beginning in the creation of intolerable conditions—conditions that would lower the educational standards and create a moral environment that prudent and wise parents will not tolerate. We should not consider ourselves under any moral obligation to help the courts destroy our schools and undermine the morals of our children."

MISS ASBURY

CONCORD—Miss Margaret Rose Asbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Asbury of Chestnut St. and a 1957 graduate of Barber-Scotia College, is spending part of this summer in La Paragua, Puerto Rico.

She is one of a group from various parts of the United States chosen by the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. for work in the mission camp.

There are more than thirty organizations, church related and private, in the United States and Canada, which sponsor youth service projects of various types at home and abroad. There are at least two other groups in Puerto Rico this summer and two scheduled for North Carolina communities, Swannanoa and Bricks.

These latter two are sponsored by the Congregational Christian Churches.

The more than 200 service projects here and abroad include work camps, community services, institutional services, working seminars, caravans, study seminars, individual services, international living, youth hostels, student travel and migrant ministry.

Pilgrim Fellowship

The first annual meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the North Carolina State Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, was held July 18 and 19 with First Congregational Christian Church of Concord as host church.

The conference was attended by young people of ages 12-24 and adult youth leaders from twenty-five churches in North Carolina.

The theme "With God — We Look" was chosen by the youth officers along with adult advisers after long hours of serious study and discussion.

An important part of the program on Thursday was a three-part discussion of the theme: Look at yourself led by Helen Hill, Rev. C. J. Carter, and Mrs. J. W. Morrison; Look at your vocational choice led by Daisy Steele, Rev. F. D. Morgan, the host minister, and Rev. E. O. Alston; and Look at our church led by Tony Stanley, Mrs. V. Barrett, and Rev. W. J. King.

Officers serving at this conference were Miss Annie White, president; Miss Daisy Steele, secretary; Rev. Wavie Alston, treasurer; Mesdames Viola Barrett and J. W. Morrison, adult advisers.

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Outstanding visitors to the conference were Rev. Percel O. Alston, director of Christian Education, Convention of the South; Mr. A. Knighton Stanley, president, Pilgrim Fellowship, Convention of the South; Dr. W. Judson King, president, Franklinton Center, Bricks, N. C.; and Rev. J. H. Hooker, moderator of Northeastern District Association.

Miss Mary Patton was official delegate from the host church.

Recreation

Twenty-four young people enjoyed the Teen Canteen, Swim and Dance at the Recreation Room and Lincoln Pool on Saturday night, July 20.

The girls were Brenda Howie, Emma Cherry, Donna Johnson, Patricia Covington, Martha Johnson, Mary Ruth Jenkins, Judith Withers, Vivian Crowder, Mary Griffin, and Margaret Howie. Boys were Moses Cherry, Ernest Hicks, Glenn Rogers, Leonard Griffin, Ralph Reid, Eric Knotts, Charles Wallace, James Hasty, Edward Black, David Little, Jimmy White, "Jerry" Evans, Charles Best, and Johnny Flake.

Free cokes were furnished by the local Coca-Cola Co.

Teen canteen is a year round feature of the recreation program.

Mrs. T. A. Anderson is a volunteer chaperone.

"Sonny" Springs, on leave from active navy duty, will continue the instruction in Junior and Senior Life Saving while Mr. Withers is away studying.

PERSONALS

Herman Cruise of Young Street is spending the summer in Atlantic City, N. J. He was a member of the 1957 graduating class at Logan School.

Mrs. Sadie Scott of Corban St. has been taking part in activities sponsored by the YWCA in Durham. The week of July 7th she went on a tour through Asheville, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Mammoth Cave, Kentucky and witnessed Paul Greene's play "Wilderness Road" at Berea College in Berea, Kentucky.

After her return to Durham, Mrs. Scott served as counselor at a girls' camp in Reedy Creek Park at Carey. Her granddaughters, Brenda and Sharon, White of Washington, D. C. and Cassandra Shuford of Concord, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Shuford of Broad Street, attended the camp.

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"The real truth is that the Senator, himself, leans far to the right of true American beliefs."

"We have read with a lot of interest the series of articles in the Saturday Evening Post, by John Barlow Martin, and feel ashamed that so many of our otherwise finer and just people of the South have such warped views of the civil rights question. We have lived in Central American countries and have seen a lot of these same sort of people mix and mingle socially, with the people of mixed bloods who predominate these same countries."

We have seen men from Mississippi and Alabama and Louisiana marry the native girls and bring them and their children back to the states, and no questions asked. Personally we have no objection to this if it is the wishes of those involved, but we do feel it is rank injustice to accept foreign born people of mixed blood and then to deprive our own American born people of the same sort of mixed blood of the right to vote and all other civil rights.

"I believe when the South awakens to the fact that second class citizens are a detriment to her progress, that prosperity and happiness should be shared by all, that no person is inferior to another unless they themselves create that inferiority by their own misconduct. That all are the children of God."

"We believe there is a solid core of white people in the South who express themselves in public. These are the colored citizens of the South make a majority, even here. And a majority is the ruling force in a real democracy."

"The House of Representatives voted by about two-thirds majority for the Civil Rights Bill. The Senate is about the same ratio according to public statements by the Senators. Then by what rule of right or justice has some opinionated handful of men the call to attempt to trick, or by filibuster, to prevent this bill from being voted upon?"

"We hope Right and the Civil Rights bill will prevail."

STATE BRIEFS

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will be heard during the three-day session. The Rev. M. P. McCleave is president of the BTU Congress while Darsett W. Headen serves as vice-president of the convention.

WILMINGTON GIRL DROWNS

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WILMINGTON—New Hanover County had its second drowning in two weeks Sunday in the vicinity of Bradley Creek. Eva Mae Williamson, 13, of Route 3, apparently fell into a hole while swimming in the muddy creek and drowned. Her body was recovered by sheriff's deputies about a half hour later, but she was pronounced dead on arrival at Babies' Hospital. Eugene Behler, a 10-year-old boy, drowned in the Cape Fear River on the previous Sunday when he was pushed into the water by a playmate.

VICTIM OF SHOOTING

LUMBERTON—Charles Henry Hines, of Red Springs, was shot to death Sunday night and his two companions have been arrested in connection with the death. James Fairley, 38, who is alleged to have fired the actual shots and Benny Fairley, 33, were arrested about 4 a.m. Monday by deputies after a long search. The shooting allegedly followed an argument.

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Rev. Wilson Bridge of Lachute, Quebec, Canada, the Rev. E. R. Michael of Charlotte, will exchange churches for a month this summer taking his wife and family to the parsonage of the Lachute United Church in Canada. In the meantime, Rev. Bridge will bring his family to the Little Rock A.M.E. Zion church here.

The pulp exchange took form when Rev. Bridge wrote an A.M.E. Zion minister in Winston-Salem about the plan. The minister in turn referred the letter to Rev. Michael and after several communications, both clerics agreed on details.

Rev. Michael stated that to his knowledge, "this will be the first time in America that a colored and white minister have exchanged pulpits."

He added, "we will not only exchange churches, but manes as well."

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gun on both herself and her husband. However, after the attempt on her husband's life she could not commit suicide.

Mrs. Ward took her own life Friday morning. She wrapped her housecoat around the top bunk of a metal double-decker bed and looped the housecoat around her neck.

Even though her feet and knees were on the floor, she slumped her body in such a condition that the loop tightened around her neck and choked her to death.

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"If it was in the winter, however, we would proceed to light the small two-burner oil heater in the middle of the room and wait until it was warm enough to remove our top coats and proceed to study. Sometimes we wonder how in this world did we Negroes ever accept it in such deplorable condition."

"We feel that the issue is not should the library be opened to Negroes, but it is a moral wrong in the first place for closing its doors to the Negro, due to the fact public funds were appropriated. We know it never should have been closed."

"Yes, Mr. Mayor and Library Board Chairman, our inspiration comes from outside sources and it has been embedded into our hearts by our constant prayers and faith in God and the dedication to God's eternal works."

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for reassignment of Negro pupils. Forty-one of these were rejected. Charlotte refused to transfer thirty-five Winston-Salem, three, and Greensboro, one.

Six will be transferred at Greensboro; five at Charlotte and one at Winston-Salem.

The decisions were reportedly made on the merits in individual applications and in accordance with the provisions of the state's Pupil Assignment Act, which gives local education boards authority to assign pupils to specific schools "so as to provide for orderly and efficient administration of such public schools."

"The act does not mention race."

School boards in the three cities mentioned and in Raleigh have had the reassignment requests since just after the last school year ended.

According to many legal experts, the limited desegregation approved Tuesday night will improve the state's legal position in administering the Pupil Assignment Act and the Pupil Plan, which provides for local option elections to close schools and tuition grant payments as steps to avoid forced "mixing."

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