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NO ARRESTS FOR LOUISIANA LYNCHING

Jury Runs True To Form; No One Identified

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (Special)—A prediction that the grand jury investigation of the hot pepper lynching here October 19, of 19 year old Tommie Williams would result in a "whitewash" of the entire affair, was confirmed here Tuesday, October 18, when no indictment was returned on the ground that the evidence presented was insufficient to bring action against members of the mob.

The prediction was contained in a letter written by Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and addressed to Senator A. J. Ellender at his home in Houma, Louisiana on the same day the grand jury made its report. A copy of the letter was also sent to the Senator's office in Washington, D. C.

Pointing out to the horrible torture of the victim and the mass approval from the community of whites who witnessed it, White asked the senator whether this was not further convincing evidence "that the only hope of saving such a community is federal legislation against lynching." Ellender played a leading part in the 90 day filibuster conducted by southern

reactionaries in the Senate during the last session of congress. He talked for six days against anti lynching bill.

Setting forth facts reported by a white Louisiana investigator, the NAACP secretary's letter said in part:

"We are further informed that at least one of the four leaders of the mob had previously participated in at least two lynchings."

"We are told that at least ninety five per cent of the white people of the community not only favored the lynching but were enthusiastic. One white minister spoke for himself and others when he said that they would do nothing and would remain entirely aloof from any efforts to restore decency to the community in helping to apprehend and punish the lynchers. A student at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute is reported to have declared "I didn't get out there until he (Williams) had been shot to pieces and then I let out a big whoop. I felt just like the home team had won."

"In the light of these facts we ask if you do not agree that the only hope of saving such a community is federal legislation against lynching."

Governor To Speak At A. & T. College

A and T ART STUDENTS HONOR DEPARTING DIRECTOR



Last week the dramatic art students at A. and T. College gathered in the experimental stage laboratory to give a farewell party to Percy Bond, their director who is leaving the college to take up duties as

Director of Negro Division, N. C. branch NYA. Mr. Bond was a pioneer in the new type of dramatic work now emphasized by the Moccry theatre group in N. Y. City and had laid plans for the year to build production around the world crisis and the

struggles of the Negro and white tenant farmer in the South. He will be succeeded in the capacity of Director of Dramatics by Charles C. Green, a graduate of the dramatic arts department of the University of Iowa.

Distinguished Educators To Be Present

GREENSBORO, Oct. 28th. (Special)—Governor Clyde A. Hazy of the state of North Carolina will be the principal speaker at the building dedication service to be held at A. and T. College Sunday, November 6 at 4 p. m. Two buildings, the new girls' dormitory and the home economic practice house will be dedicated at this time.

Distinguished educators from various sections will also be on the program. Miss Pearl Garrett will bring greetings from the student body and Kemlin Greer, vice president of the alumni association will bring greetings from the faculty. Educators scheduled to speak include: Dr. David Jones of Bennett College who will bring greetings from the private institutions in North Carolina; Colonel J. W. Aerrickson, Administrator Dean of North Carolina State College who will represent the Greater University of North Carolina; J. N. Scarborough of Fayetteville State Teacher College who will bring greetings from the state institutions; and Dr. John N. Davis, West Virginia State College, who will represent the land grant colleges of the nation. Rupert T. Picken, member of the state legislature and a citizen of High Point will bring greetings from the North Carolina law making body.

Immediately following this service ground will be broken to inaugurate the new building program for the next year.

Governor Hazy was invited to deliver the principal address on the basis of his record as one vitally interested in Negro education. He has consistently encouraged education generally and has given impetus to the emphasis now being placed on needs for technical education. Long a friend of A. and T. College, he has manifested particularly close interest in the affairs of the school since he began his gubernatorial term.

REV. FRANK MORRIS LAID TO REST

Rev. Frank Morris, Baptist minister of Ebenezer Baptist Church died at his home on Pettigrew Street last Wednesday afternoon October 19, after a lingering illness of heart trouble of several months. Rev. Morris joined the Ebenezer Baptist church immediately after he and his wife moved to Durham several years ago. Rev. Morris was survived by a wife, Mrs. Martha Morris, a mother two brothers and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at the Ebenezer Baptist church, Friday night, Rev. T. A. Grady officiating.

gains made by its many units scattered all over the state and will lay plans for the further integration of the Negro into Federal, State, County and City programs which have as their objectives, improved health conditions, greater opportunity for economic security and the general welfare of all the people of the state.

Highway Patrol Uses Tear Gas In Reign Of Terror

BY JAMES H. BOYKIN

SMYRNA, Ga., Oct. 26. (ANP)—A mob of 500 angry white people burned a two story elementary school house in a three day reign of terror here last week.

The uprising was an outgrowth of the double murder the previous Saturday night of a white woman and her aged father and the beating of the dead woman's son.

News of the murder came to light Monday morning when Cecil Pauls, nine year old son of the dead woman, regained consciousness and made his way to a neighbor's house. Willie Russell, whom he had said beat to death his mother and her father with an ax handle, knocked him unconscious when he sought to intervene.

RUSSELL ATTACKED BY COUPLE

Tuesday afternoon Atlanta and Fulton county police reported that Willie Drew Russell had confessed the crime.

He said he went to the victim's house about eleven o'clock Saturday night drunk to collect a \$5 debt. The aged victim hit with a walking stick and the woman struck him with a baseball bat.

Police held the dead as Mrs. Christine Camp, 26, and her father as George Pauls, 66, Cobb county old age pensioner.

Russell was arrested about 10 o'clock Monday morning on a construction job in Grove park.

MOB FORMS AT NOON

The mob began organizing about noon or as soon as it was learned that Willie Russell had

been arrested in connection with the murder.

The first rioting occurred Monday evening and night when a gang of 500 white people set fire to the two story colored school house and burned it into ashes.

No school was conducted Tuesday for colored children. Several children from the county appeared, but, finding the school turned down, they returned to their homes.

The mob became enraged because state officials refused to remove Russell from the Fulton county jail and turn him over to Cobb county officials. Negroes were attacked with sticks and stones.

HALT TRAFFIC

Violence broke loose again Tuesday night when a rejuvenated band of white Georgians invaded the colored section of the town, stormed houses with rocks and stones.

While one group of gangsters was searching street cars another section of the gang was stoning and chasing colored people from downtown streets.

I stopped in the baroque town a few minutes Wednesday. For the first time I saw Negroes willing to get off the sidewalk on their knees, with hats off, every time a white man passed by.

There must have been more than 20 Negroes victimized Monday night alone. The mob was reported dispersed late Tuesday night when State Highway Patrol men appeared on the scene and fought with tear gas.

Negro Community Fund Drive Begins Nov. 1

H. M. Michaux, Secretary, committee and captains and manager of the Union Insurance and Realty Company, announces that the first meeting of his full committee will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 1938 at 8:00 o'clock p. m. at the Harriet Tubman Branch of the YWCA 312 Unstead Street. All of the persons who served as members of the Initial Gifts Committee during the 1937 campaign, several new members of the

committee and captains and captains of the various districts are expected to be in attendance at the meeting next Tuesday evening. Prof. James T. Taylor, Dean of Men, North Carolina College, and Mr. J. J. Henderson, Book keeper, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, have been selected by Mr. Michaux as assistants in heading the campaign among Negroes this year.

N. C. Christian Confab Closes

By Rev. T. J. Moore
The 72nd session of the old historic North Carolina Christian Conference, of which Rev. J. A. Henderson is president, was with the Mount Zion Christian church at Hoffman, near Rockingham, beginning October 31 and ending October 14.

The Tuesday evening session consisted mainly of welcome addresses in behalf of various religious and civic organizations. The addresses made everywhere

N. C. Mutual Celebrates 40th Anniversary

BY F. MORINE DIXON

"As long as it is God's will, I want this institution to move, for men to support their families, and God will let it live. That is what I am interested about and God knows it. I want this institution to live, and she will."

On October 20, more than one thousand employees and 250,000 policyholders celebrated the fortieth birthday of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and renewed pledges of loyalty and devotion to the ideals of the founders of this great institution. It has lived and will continue to live, and our heritage (the lines quoted above) given to us by the late John Merrick, founder and first president of the company, will continue to enrich the minds of honest men down through the ages.

In commemoration, the Home Office officials and employees assembled in the auditorium of the Home Office building, on Thursday afternoon. With W. D. Hill, Assistant Secretary Controller, serving as chairman, the program began with music led by our Cashier, Mrs. B. A. Whittead, and a prayer of thanksgiving led by W. J. Kennedy, Jr., Vice President, Secretary. Words of appreciation and dedication were given on behalf of the officials by Mr. E. R. Merrick, Vice President, Treasurer, on behalf of the field force, by Aaron Day, Supervisor of Sales Training, on behalf of the clerical staff by Miss Sallie Whittead, said in closing, quote:

"It is a matter of pride to us all that the company has kept

pace with the changing times and now standings, as an enduring monument to the vision of foresight and integrity of the founder's and I add my word of commendation and appreciation for the service North Carolina Mutual has rendered the race, the state and the nation."

Our President and third president of the institution, C. C. Spaulding, was the speaker of the hour. Though speaking with pride and dignity, there was an air about him of humble gratitude to the Supreme Being. Beginning by reading the selection "Our Talents" from W. C. Dunlap's "CHEERFUL COMMON SENSE," he challenged the group assembled to use their talents to the best possible advantage. Telling the story of the beginning of the company and bringing it up to the present day, he stated that John Merrick and Aaron Moore founded more than an insurance company—they founded a SERVICE STATION that must go on. He emphasized the fact that the officials and employees must grow with the company—in efficiency, in morale, and in business training. In other words, "Never Cease Moving." "Where will we be forty years hence?" was the question asked. "What will we have contributed to an institution that is going on and on and on?"

Throughout the day, the building was filled with beautiful flowers from business establishments and firms of the city. Seemingly, the Mutual is continuing to create an atmosphere of interracial good will among the fellow citizens.

State Committee On Negro Affairs In Fourth Annual Session

Large Delegation To Be Guests Of Rocky Mount Unit Nov. 6; At St. James Baptist Church, East Thomas Street

ROCKY MOUNT, Oct. 25th. (Special)—Negroes from all over the state will be present to

participate in the fourth annual session of the North Carolina Committee on Negro Affairs, Sunday, November 6.

Several issues of grave importance to the race will be discussed and it is expected that recommendations will be made to the next State Legislature regarding

ing a State Home for Negro girl delinquents. A plan will be suggested to the committee relative to the establishment of a state institution for Negro feeble minded of the state.

According to the president, Attorney Hosea V. Price, the Committee will check on civic

Lynch Town Can't Understand Why Anbody Would Object

ROUSTON, La., October 25, (By Robert McKinney for ANP)

—This wideeyed, Klu Klux Klan town of ignorant, tobacco chewing farmers, where sugar cane, cotton and strawberries are king and Negroes are considered "working tools," is in a fury over the recent lynching of youthful R. C. Williams. Williams was suspected of slaying a white man Robert Blair, and beating his woman companion to death. The lynching was the most brutal and outrageous of any ever catalogued in the annals of states crimes. Williams out of a smokehouse on his grandmother's property he caught a group of young boys called "we got the Blair killer."

The mob held state police and sheriff at bay with rifles and riddled Williams' body with bullets; they burned his poster with iron rods and hung his neck to a pine tree; they gave some of his fags to the blood hounds and burned the remains. Although Sheriff Elyan Thigpen who is reported to have said that Williams confessed having killed Blair and his companion, claims every attempt was made to stop the mob from taking Williams. There are many who charged that little or no effort was made, and that Williams was not given a chance to any a word.

But, the town is in a fury

because its Christians and liberal minded people know that Senator Allen Ellender "didn't know what he was talking about on the senator floor when he urged that the states could take care of lynching without any interference of the federal government," because its Judge, E. L. Walker, has angrily instructed a grand jury to investigate the lynching, showing a desire to punish the lynchers, stating, "Lynch law has never prevailed in this parish. It will never prevail here. Our courts and our laws are ample to afford protection to our people under any and all conditions."

The town is in a fury because Rouston pastors have unanimously condemned the lynchings of Williams. Dr. W. E. Lockridge of the First Baptist church said, "Our community has suffered a disgrace in the eyes of all the civilized world." It was this statement that left the ignorant farmers awe stricken; they can't understand why all of this commotion should be taken over a Negro. They are being agitated to feel that killing a Negro isn't a crime by sons of the leading men in Rouston who are reputed to be affiliated with the Klu Klux Klan and who are charging religion as "being too fundamental." Some of the farm-

ers have threatened to quit their churches before they will be made to feel sorry for the lynching, or accept the condemnations of the clergy. Others are indifferent because state officials have said nothing about the lynching.

Equacious Senator Allen Ellender spoke at a state fair a few days ago, talking about sugar cane. He didn't even intimate anything about the lynching; in part, the senator said: "You can't blame Pres. Roosevelt or Secretary Wallace for reducing the amount of sugar cane planted. I can see prosperity for the cotton farmer and there is none in worse fix than he is. If we take care of him, we can take care of the others." On the same program, Governor Leche said, "Such great institutions as the South the realization of the possibility Louisiana State fair bring to us ties of the great country we have down here."

The majority of the Negroes living in Rouston, and in Lincoln parish are jittery; they are suspicious of white people because word is going around that Williams was the wrong man. Some of the farmers say they will lynch every "nigger" until they get the right man.