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N. E. HARGETT'S ACQUITTAL PENDING

Court Exonerates Mebane Formerly Indicted For Murder

Over ruling a motion to drop the bill of indictment on the grounds of a legal technicality, Rogers goes to trial Friday for the murder of 17-year-old Howard Moore, white Herald carrier boy. The technicality which threatened to quash the charges was the fact that the indictment named two persons as actual murderers of the boy while only one was being brought to trial.

In order to avoid such a procedure, Solicitor William H. Murdock moved the charge against Bonny Mebane, formerly indicted along with Rogers, there by granting him his freedom.

The selection of 23 jurors, which began at 10:30 Thursday, has been completed. The all white jury was chosen from a special venire of 100.

At the request of the defense counsel, Rogers was examined by Dr. R. S. Crispell, Duke University, psychiatrist, however the attempt at an insanity plea was thrown out.

Judge Q. K. Nimocks will preside at the trial which promises to be somewhat on the sensational side.

Rogers' court appointed attorneys are Sigmund Meyer and C. W. Hall.

During the entire court preliminaries, Rogers showed no sign of emotion. Even the selection of the jury failed to arouse his interest in the proceedings. However, on leaving the court room he did tell the sheriff that he didn't want to go to the gas chamber. He further expressed the fact that sexual perversion was the sole cause for his act.

South's Effort At Education Shown

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24th. (UNP)—Appointed by the President to assist in formulation of a policy on education, the advisory committee on education reported today that a majority of the states are in dire need of federal funds if adequate school facilities are to be provided for their communities.

That appropriation per child in the United States varies from \$12.00 in some states to \$74.00 in states having larger tax resources and that proportionately speaking the poorer states are paying a larger portion of their income for education than are those richer, the committee revealed that with a unit expenditure of \$74.67 California headed the list followed by New York with a \$74.24.

The least amount on each school per year amounting to \$12.16 is spent by Arkansas. Alabama run second in the low spending bracket with \$14.55 followed by Mississippi with \$15.48; South Carolina with \$15.71; Georgia with \$15.82. Emphasis was laid by the committee that Federal aid is a necessity if the standard of

Howard Univ. Called Not So 'Lax'

BY DANIEL CHASE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24th. (ANP)—Following the published resignation of Judge Nathan Clayton, white, a member of the faculty of the law department of Howard university, comes the statement in a signed open letter that the charges of laxity and "impermeable feeling" in administration of affairs there are unfounded. All the charges made by the part time professor of law have been categorically denied, four members of the law faculty putting their signatures to the denial, Prof. Bernard S. Jefferson, W. Robert Ming, Jr., J. M. Mabritt and Prof. Leon Ransom.

Howard, according to the report, is enjoying the best era in its history. There is reported a 34 percent increase in enrollment in its graduate school, and announcement has been made that within a short time a program of instruction will be considered which will make possible the beginning of work leading to the doctorate. The present development of graduate study in Negro education is limited to work for the master of arts and master of science degree.

The number of students has increased in the graduate school from 43 in 1926-27 to 320 in 1937-38.

Woman Held In Shooting Of Ill. U. Student

TEACHES THRIFT



W. A. QUILLIAN

Supervisors of thrift club activities of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company, which are modeled after children's hour and birthday party radio broadcasts, being especially designed for children between the ages of 1 to 15. Mr. Quillian, former Scoutmaster of the City of Atlanta, also did special work in training children for the A.M.E. church in the Gate City.

WISE SAYING

The world is all right; only the people in it need changing.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24. (UNP)—William Spurrier, 20 year old sophomore student, white, in engineering college of the University of Illinois, lay near death in Eurnham City hospital after having been through the lower part of his body, the bullet pierce his liver.

Spurrier, it is alleged, was shot as he, along with five companions; all white, and also from the University of Illinois, were attempting to force their way into the Pullman Hotel about 1:30 a. m., after an evening of beer drinking.

Mrs. Margaret Strother, colored owner of the hotel, now facing a possible murder charge if Spurrier dies, stated that the group arrived at the hotel at approximately the time mentioned and when they demanded admittance she told them that they were too late. Angered by the refusal, Jack Pierce of Detroit, Michigan a member of the group is alleged by Mrs. Strother to have tossed a beer bottle through the window of the hotel, after which Mrs. Strother being showered by the glass, seized a .32 caliber pistol and fired four or five shots out of the window. One of these shots struck Spurrier, Was Apart From Group.

It is alleged by Spurrier's companions that at the time that he was struck he was standing apart from the group and in the street, already, previous to the decent upon the hotel, having expressed a desire to go home.

Will File Murder Charge. Three young Negro women, residents of the hotel, were arrested but later released. If

Sorority Plans Revision Of Security Law

BULLETIN

Files Suggestions with House Ways and Means Committee; Readers Asked to Urge Revisions Designed to Halt Discrimination

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24th (ANP)—Declaring that in its present form it discriminates against a large percentage of Negro workers and is not at all satisfactory to workers in general, the Non-Partisan Lobby for Economic and Democratic Rights, sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, last week filed with the Ways and Means committee of the house a brief detailing proposed revisions in the Social Security act.

At the same time William P. Robinson, lobby representative, called a press conference to write letters to the Ways and Means committee asking that these revisions be made. It was pointed out that enough communications of this nature will be bound to have an effect and may result in the passage of legislation benefitting thousands of workers now excluded under provisions of the act.

According to the brief, the present law discriminates against young and women workers, since benefits are based on earnings and these classes are generally paid lower wages. It makes no provision for additional compensation for each dependent. It does not provide compensation for loss of income suffered, does not guarantee an income equal to a minimum standard of living, does not provide for changes in the cost of living, and does not provide that the present benefits are to be made available immediately.

"It does not include farmers, domestic, the self employed, casual workers, employees of charitable, religious and educational organizations; does not insure those at present unemployed or who suffer other disability, but only a small number of those who may become unemployed or suffer disability in the future," the brief sets forth.

The brief pointed to a survey of 22 states made by the American Association for Social Security and the finding that unemployment insurance paid less in 1938 than "the totally inadequate home relief." At present benefits are being paid in 28 states and all but Virginia have either unemployment insurance, old age assistance and aid to the blind and dependent children.

The lobby recommends specifically:

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

THE PROPER COURSE TO PURSUE. Unless necessity demands this is the last editorial we expect to write on the matter of providing graduate courses for Negroes in North Carolina. We feel that our utterances on the question for the past several weeks are sufficient to give the members of the North Carolina general assembly, and other interested citizens, the opinion of a majority of the Negroes in this state. Our final word shall be more of a farewell than an attempt to inform or enlighten.

Frankly we have watched with a degree of chagrin the developments with regards to the establishment of graduate courses for Negroes in North Carolina. The chagrin now changes into sympathy as we have come to realize more fully than ever before that a majority of North Carolina white folks, regardless of their claim to superiority, are miserable and weak.

No race of human beings can forever stultify its conscience, can forever lie, can forever perpetrate such dastardly deeds as that

RECEIVES APPOINTMENT



MATTHEW F. ELAND

A graduate of the Department of Business Administration, Hampton Institute, who has recently been added to the staff in the business office, Bennett College. Mr. Eland was for three years assistant manager of the E. C. Commissary at Hampton Institute.

"It provides no safeguards to prevent administrations against workers' interests is not nationwide in scope, and its costs are paid directly on payroll taxes and indirectly by sales taxes upon workers and consumers, therefore tending to undermine the standard of living of the workers which thereby makes it contrary to the very interests which social security intended to protect."

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Coroner's Jury Votes For His Release; Judge Has To Sign Verdict

Hot Principals Race Seen

According to the first week's tabulations, a very heated race is in sight with regards to the Principals' Popularity Contest. There's only thing wrong; as of date, we have received more votes from out of town than from our readers right here in Durham.

Great are the spoils which will go to the winner, so you had better get busy in favor of your choice.

All of us are planning to go to the World's Fair of the world's largest city. All of us would like to go cheaply as possible. But when it comes to going free, well that's new of the old "man bites dog" variety! But that's just what the CARO-

LINA TIMES is offering your eight principals of Durham for winding up first and second respectively in our popularity contest.

Help your favorite win by clipping out the coupon on page seven and send or bring it to our office.

This week's tabulation shows Prof. Frank Burnett of the Durham School in the lead. Although Prof. Burnett has a small school he will have the support of a fine and loyal group of people who know what it takes to win out in a popularity contest. It will be remembered that Rev. T. G. Grady, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist church in (PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 8)

Negro Girl Heads New York State Communists

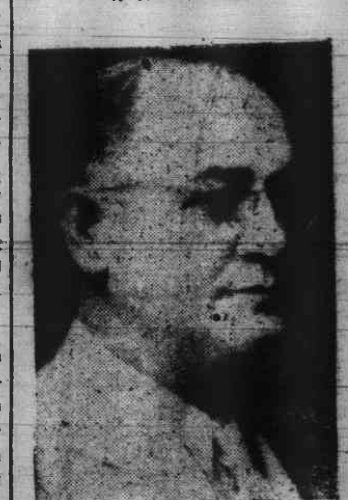
NEW YORK, Feb. 24th (CNA)—Claudia Jones, 23 year old Negro and youth leader, was elected by acclamation chairman of the New York State Young Communist League at the second Empire State convention of the organization. Her nomination for the office was greeted with a spontaneous demonstration of 400 cheering Negro and white delegates, and white delegates, and the election by acclamation followed.

Misa Jones is an active member of the Coordinating Committee for Youth Action in Harlem. She is also active in the Federated Youth Clubs. A member of the Young Communist League for the past three years, she was recently placed in charge of the Harlem regional organization of the League.

The state convention was held at the Odd Fellows Hall, 106 East 106th Street this city, during the past week end, and had as its central theme the rallying of all youth for the defense of peace and the preservation and extension of democracy. This theme was emphasized by special decorations of the mammoth backdrop in the Odd Fellows Auditorium. In the center of this backdrop, stood a huge paper mache of a young girl holding aloft a sign reading "Build the YCL." To the right of this figure, a painting, dated 1863, depicted a slave breaking the chains that held him, with a scroll of the Emancipation Proclamation in the background. To the top foreground of the painting, the face of Abraham Lincoln looked forth.

There were panels on employment, work among the Negroes, and the Negro's role in the (PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 8)

WINS AWARD



DR. L. A. HOWELL

Of Tampa, Fla., one of the country's best known dental practitioners, members of the National Dental Association's executive board, who was presented with the Tampa Negro Chamber of Commerce annual award for outstanding citizenship.

'Uncle Tom' Book Censored

BERLIN, Feb. 20th (CNA)—"Uncle Tom's Cabin" is not a suitable book for German children to read, in the opinion of Nazi educators.

Education Counsellor H. A. A. Meisnau, addressing a Hitler Youth gathering, said Uncle Tom's Cabin was not a desirable book, because it runs counter to our racial ideals.

(Special to Carolina Times) GREENSBORO, Feb. 24th.—A coroner's jury acquitted N. E. Hargett early today for the slaying of Willie Headen there last Thursday. After a brief deliberation on the matter, the jurists labelled the case as being one of justifiable homicide.

The only thing now standing in the way of Mr. Hargett's complete exoneration is signature of the verdict by the presiding judge.

Headen was killed last week when he attempted to assault Mr. Hargett with a hammer after the latter had discharged Headen for dishonesty. However and prior to his employment by the undertaker, there were several instances on record of misconduct on Headen's part. In one case, he had served three years for shooting an officer of the law.

Having been in the undertaking business for a number of years, Mr. Hargett is prominent all over the state.

Final hearing in the case will be rendered at a later date.

Saved By Absence Of Race Jurists

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 24th. (UNP)—Justice J. W. Hawkins, spoke for the court here recently when he said that the case of J. D. Johnson, colored, 17 was within the rule of the United States Supreme Court which provides that consistent failure to have Negroes on juries constituted a "prima facie case of the denial of equal protection which the Constitution guarantees."

John had been convicted of assault on a white woman, but his death penalty assessment was reversed by the Court of Criminal Appeals last Wednesday and Johnson's indictment was dismissed through the intervention of Justice Hawkins.

BILL WOULD PUT KKK ON SPOT

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 24th. (CNA)—Rep. J. B. Davis, of Newman, is leading a fight to suppress the terroristic Ku Klux Klan in Georgia headed by Imperial Wizard Hiram Evans.

Davis is author of a bill making it a misdemeanor to wear a mask, hood or other regalia the purpose of concealing identity. The measure was before the Georgia House's on the State of the Republic last week.

"This bill is aimed directly at the Ku Klux Klan," Davis said. "I think the Klan has brought shame and disgrace to our state."