

MURDERED MAN'S DEATH A MYSTERY

BODY FOUND IN VACANT LOT TUES.

BULLET WOUND IN THE HEAD

No clue as yet has been found to the slaying of Will Dempsey Daniels whose body was discovered early Tuesday morning with a bullet wound in the head. The shooting apparently occurred Monday night for rigor mortis had already set in when the coroner arrived.

The body was face downward in a lot at the rear of Move Levy's store 544 Pettigrew st., with a sack of coal scattered about at the feet.

Although several persons reported having heard a shot around ten o'clock the previous night, the police weren't informed until around 6:45 the following morning.

The fact that very little blood was present in or near the vicinity of the body gives rise to the belief that Daniels was killed elsewhere and merely "planted" in that spot.

At first the sack of coal served as a possible clue, but on questioning night watchmen of nearby coal companies, they denied having shot anyone during the night. Besides, they all carry shotguns while Daniels was killed with a pistol.

There are however, other motives for the slaying, Daniels having had a record for house-breaking and larceny, at one operating under the alias of Will Stanley. Only three weeks ago he completed a three month term for stealing coal from the Seaboard railroad.

Doctor A. S. Campbell, county coroner, conducted the autopsy at the Duke hospital, at which time the bullet, a .32 calibre, was recovered. Officers expressed belief that the weapon used was a cheap type or that Daniels was shot at very close range.

The coroner's jury as yet has not reached a verdict.

Salary Fight To End

NORFOLK.—With the State Attorney General joining lawyers representing the local school board as defendant in a suit to compel the board to pay equal salaries to Negro and white school teachers doing the same work, announcement was made here this week by Assistant City Attorney Jonathan W. Old that the suit will be argued before Judge Allan R. Hanckel in the circuit court here April 20.

The suit, a mandamus action, was instituted by Miss Arline Elack, a teacher in the Booker T. Washington High school here March 2. Miss Elack, who is acting both for herself and for Negro teachers of Virginia, is represented by Thomas Hewin, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Leon A. Ransom, and Charles Houston, attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The Association is leading the salary equalization fight in Virginia, Maryland, Florida, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana.

GOP WONDERS WHY RACE TURN TO THE NEW DEAL

NEW YORK.—Unable to grasp the rudimentary fact that Negro voters turned to the New Deal because they were tired of fake Republican promises, and favored the progressive social program of the New Deal, the Republican "brain trust" this week appointed Doctor Ralph Bunche, Negro educator, to explore the reason for the Negro exodus from the GOP.

Dr. Bunche is head of the department of political science at Harvard University. He has been endorsed by Assistant District Attorney Francis E. Rivers who was in charge of Negro activities in the Eastern States for the National Association for the

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BILL INCREASING NCC FUNDS MEASURED



MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, the first lady of the land was among the notables attending the gala Premier of "The Swing Mikado" at the New Yorker Theatre in New York City on Wednesday night March 1st. Shown in the photo from left to right are: Florence Kerr, Assistant WPA Administrator;

Colonel Harrington, WPA Administrator; Mrs. Roosevelt, Harry Minturn, Director of the WPA Federal Theatre project of Illinois and producer of "THE SWING MIKADO"; Charles Baucree who plays the part of Yam Yam; Fiorella LaGuardia of New York City, Herman Green as Ko Ko.

KKK Tactics Draw Negroes Prison Term

LITTLE ROCK.—A State statute against night riding, aimed originally at such organizations as the Ku Klux Klan, will result in jail sentences of one year each against three Negroes, Henry and Dan Johnson and Henry's daughter in law, Mrs. Dollie Johnson, in connection with their activities during the cotton pickers' strike last fall called by the Southern Tenant Farmers union, the state supreme court decided Monday.

The three were convicted of putting written notices on plantation gates urging cotton pickers to strike for \$1 per 100 pounds instead of the 40 to 85 cents they were then getting. Added was the scribbled wording "stay out of the fields if you

don't want to get into trouble." Authorities said this statement conveyed a threat bringing it within the limits of the night riding statute.

The defense said the statute was illegal since it contravened the federal constitution by abridging freedom of speech, the right of peaceable assembly and a guarantee of equal protection to all under the law. The supreme court held that the strike notices themselves were not a violation of the law, and the Johnsons had a right to strike and urge others to join them, but "did not" have the right to intimidate and prevent others from working for the wages offered if the others wish to do so.

Pa. Gov. Asked Not to Extradite Southerner

NEW YORK.—The four lynch ing record of the State of Ala. and the impairment of public confidence in its courts, because of the "notorious" injustice of the Scottsboro case were urged by Arthur H. James, today as simple reason to refuse to permit extradition of Hartie Waters.

Alabama seek to have Waters brought back to its jurisdiction in order to prosecute him on a charge of striking a white man. The protest to the Governor of Pennsylvania was sent by the Republican National Committee during its disastrous campaign in 1936.

Advancement of Colored People March 13, in a telegram, signed by Walter White. The telegram said in part:

"The notorious Scottsboro cases are typical of attitude of courts of Alabama toward Negroes when charged with offenses, great or small, against white citizens. Waters has been model citizen of Pennsylvania. You will render great service to cause of justice by refusing to return Waters to a possible lynching."

GREENSBORO.—The ushers of the Greensboro District are looking forward to the mid year meeting and are making plans to be there in large numbers.

Virgin Island Organization Convenes

NEW YORK.—Representatives of Virgin Island organization in this city met this week to initiate a campaign for the appointment of another Negro Federal Judge for the Virgin Islands, to succeed William Hastie who has resigned the post of action to keep the Federal post in the hands of the race and will back the young and brilliant District Attorney in the Islands, James Bough for the post.

Negro Health Week To Be Observed

The National Negro Health Week committee plans to celebrate the Silver Anniversary of the Week April 2-9, commemorating its twenty fifth year, having been organized in 1915 by Booker T. Washington, and embraces his birthday which comes April the fifth.

Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, chairman of the Committee, plans a program worthy of the occasion stretching over the entire month. Sunday March 26, Doctor R. Olesen, Assistant Surgeon General, will be heard in a radio broadcast. Subject of his address and also the theme of the Anniversary observance, will be "The Citizens' Responsibility for Community Health." He will discuss laws subject both subjectively and objectively and it should be a valuable guide in the adaptation of the general observations to specific application by respective agencies and communities which will sponsor various radio programs. Time of the broadcast will be from 3:15 to 3:45 in the afternoon, over station WMAL Blue Network originating in Washington, D. C.

Rev. F. Rivers Barnwell will deliver the annual sermon Sunday April 2. His text will be from Matt. 7:12. Doctor Barnwell's sermon will be heard from Austin, Texas.

The Durham Medical Academy of which Doctor I. E. Turner

Courses Added At Two Schools

RALEIGH.—In the March 20 session of the North Carolina State Senate, representative Murphy of Rowan County introduced a bill which will call for additional appropriations totaling \$98,500 for the North Carolina College in Durham for the financing of graduate and professional courses. \$51,400 of this amount would be provided for the 1939-1940 school year and the remaining \$47,100 would be provided in 1940.

This bill has gone to a sub-committee of law state senate finance committee for study.

The introduction of this bill follows in the wake of an enabling act which authorized the Durham Institution to set up courses in law and pharmacy with no appropriation.

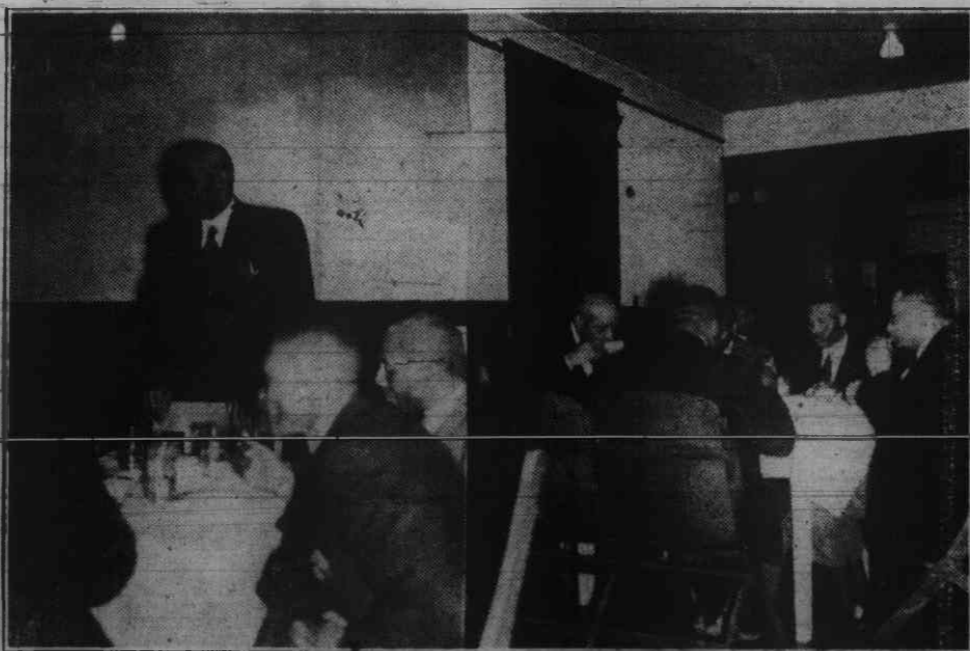
In the session of Wednesday, March 22, the senate education committee approved bills to add courses at the Fayetteville and Elizabeth City State normal schools so that the graduates of these institutions will receive A grade teaching certificates. The names of the two schools will be changed to teacher colleges. The colored orphanage of Oxford will also receive increased appropriation of \$3,500.

is president is cooperating with the national organization. A series of lectures have been planned.

Burnett Leads In Principal's Contest

Prof. Frank Burnett voted over A. Edwards each declare they will win the contest by a great majority. Wednesday evening breaking the tie which they maintained last week. Last week's balloting was tremendous but this week's balloting has surpassed the previous week by a great majority for Prof. F. G. Burnett. As the contest stands at present Prof. N. E. Cheek and E. D. Mickle are tailing very close in behind Prof. Edwards. Prof. F. G. Burnett and G. A. Edwards each declare they will win the contest by a great majority. Wednesday evening just before the deadline fell for the casting of votes, as many as 75 coupons fell in at one time. Many students from the different schools are yet trying to put their respective principal in the first place for next week. Send or bring your votes for your favorite principal on or before Wednesday evening at six o'clock.

GOOD-WILL TOUR BANQUETED BY NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL



Doctor L. K. Williams, president of the National Negro Baptist Convention took time out last week during the good-will tour banquet in the spacious auditorium of the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company to respond to the

words of welcome by W. J. Kennedy, treasurer of the company. The photo above shows Dr. Williams delivering the response while other ministers are busily engaged devouring the luscious repast.

WHEN MAGNATES MEET



During the recent good-will tour of the National Baptist Convention, Doctor L. K. Williams, president of the convention was a Durham visitor for the first time. The above photo shows Doctor Williams who is also president of the Victory Life Insurance Company and C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company in a farewell greeting in front of the Mutual home office building.

Sharp Decline In Adult Illiteracy

RALEIGH.—More than 3,000 Negro public school teachers, in 70 counties in the State, are now doing volunteer teaching of adult Negro illiterates. This campaign is directed toward reaching the "fifth" Negro.

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New CME Church Pastor Making Progress

Rev. N. H. Humphreys, who took over the pastorate of Saint Matthew CME Church last December, is a man equipped with a program.

Since his arrival, the church has not only continued to duplicate its reputation for service, but also, it has shown ever greater progress in the last three months.

Rev. Humphreys although a native of Roxboro, came to Durham when he was ten years old. He completed his education at Kittrell College and Howard.

Entering the ministry twenty years ago being licensed by the Philadelphia, Washington Conference, his second appointment found him at Saint Joan, Washington, where he remained for five years where he built, and paid for the parsonage that in itself is usual.

From St. John, Washington Rev. Humphreys went to Saint John, Newark, N. J. greatly reducing that church's bonded debt.

Appointment at Charlotte and Atlanta followed. Holsey Temple in Atlanta gained at \$3500 reduction in its debt by the appointment.

He next made a cross country trek which ended at Saint Philips Temple, Los Angeles, where his most outstanding work

was accomplished. Where he took over duties at St. Philips Temple in 1929, the church had a membership of 300 carrying a \$41,000 mortgage. When he left in November 1937, after having been there nine years, the membership had increased to 150, with the mortgage had decreased to a mere \$11,000.

Destined by nature not to be inactive, Rev. Humphreys was a member of the Republican state executive committee, and president of the Inter-denominational Leaders Alliance composed of 150 members.

His next appointment was Sidney Park in Columbia, S. C. from whence he came to Durham.

The bishopric needs men like Rev. Humphreys. And in no instance will such service go unrewarded.

MISS BERTHA HERAN

PASSES AWAY

Six year old Bertha Heran of Rougemont, N. C. passed away at the Lincoln Hospital and was buried in Harris cemetery. Her death came as the result of severe burns which she received. She is survived by her father and an uncle.