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CNA ASKS FOR RACE JURYMEN

Say Negroes Missed By Chance Alone

DURHAM—The question of Negroes serving on juries was laid squarely before the Durham county commissioners here Monday morning when a committee of the local branch of the Committee on Negro Affairs appeared before the commissioners to lodge a complaint about the absence of members of their race from jury service for the past 40 years.

The Negro Affairs Committee was told that it was only through chance that Negroes in Durham county had not been chosen for jury service since names of Negro taxpayers were always included in those put in the box from which the names are drawn.

One of the members of the Negro Affairs Committee replied that he did not believe the law of average would permit at least one Negro from being selected in the span of 40 years had Negro names been placed in the box from which the names were drawn. In spite of this contention of the committee the County Commissioners insisted that they were doing the right thing by Negro taxpayers in so far as the jury question was concerned.

Contrary to the custom followed in Durham county Negroes have been called for jury service in such counties as Nash, Wilson, Orange, Wake, Mecklenburg and many others. Durham where Negroes are heavy taxpayers, and where there is supposed to be an unusual amount of Negro intelligence, still lags behind on permitting Negroes to serve on juries.

Following on the heels of the appearance of the Committee on Negro Affairs before the County Commissioners was the announcement of the names of

jurors for another term of Durham county superior court in which no names of Negroes appeared.

DOCTOR WARREN FETED ON BIRTHDAY



Dr. Stanford L. Warren, noted Durham citizen, was tendered a banquet on his 77th birthday by the staff of the Lincoln Hospital in the dining room of that institution late last week.

Testimonials attesting the fine qualities of Dr. Warren as a physician, a friend, tireless executive, husband, father and friend were emphasized by all who spoke. The master of ceremonies punctuated the program with pungent remarks. The affair had a unique origin and human appeal as touching as the famed physician's life.

Seated at the banquet table from left to right are Miss P. N. Carter, Dr. Warren, Dr. J. E. Shepard and Doctor C. C. Spaulding.

May Boycott Armstrong In California

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—A local citizens' committee composed of Dan Shaw, Harry Levette and Leon H. Washington Jr., will form the nucleus of a nation-wide citizens' committee to boycott all Henry Armstrong fights if Armstrong fights Cefirino Garcia under the promotion of Charlie McDonald who will not permit Negroes to fight in the Hollywood Legion stadium.

According to Shaw, Armstrong stated definitely that he would not fight for McDonald as long as the Jim Crow condition existed in Hollywood. The next day, however, the metropolitan papers carried pictures of Armstrong signing a contract to fight Garcia under the direction of the Holly crowd. Recent a group of citizens appeared before the state athletic commission protesting the un-American tactics at the Legion stadium. At the Legion convention a protest was made by the local Benjamin J. Bowie post. Nothing has been done to remedy the condition.

"We believe Henry," said Washington, "has a splendid chance, by refusing to fight for Hollywood Legion, which undoubtedly will be the biggest gate of the year, to help end the Jim Crow ban at the Hollywood stadium. I believe that when Henry realizes the importance of this matter, he too will cooperate in helping stamp out this unsporsmanlike procedure on the part of the legion."

Assault Remains Mystery

CHARLOTTE—Freddie Bruce McCain, well known nineteen year old youth of North McDowell Street, died on Tuesday afternoon about one thirty at Good Samaritan Hospital about 12:30 on October 20, after he was given treatment for a nasty knife wound in the head a portion of the knife being broken off.

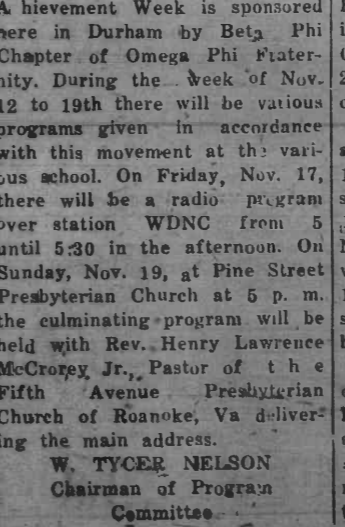
It is said that McCain had previously been treated for the wound by a physician who sewed up his head with a piece of steel still in the boy's head.

He seemed to have rallied to treatment, and after several days was carried home, but on Tuesday he was taken much worse, and died about an hour after being rushed to the hospital.

As unusual feature of the case is that the police department representative called police headquarters on Tuesday afternoon, and was told by the records department that there was no record of the boy's death in the department files, and that there was also no record of an assault on Wednesday, October 17. Future developments in the case, if any, will be carried in later issues of this newspaper.

McCain was a former student at Second Ward High School and a member of the Little Rock A.M.E. Zion church. He was employed by the S. H. Kress Company at the time of his injury. Funeral arrangements have not been completed as this is written.

KNIFE WOUND FATAL



FREDDIE BRUCE MCCAIN

MISS TALLADEGA'S VICTORY SMILE



Miss Lyda Constance Merrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Merrick of Durham, was unanimously chosen by the T Club to lead the Homecoming festivities at Talladega College on Nov. 11 when the Grimson Tornadoes meet the Fisk Bulldogs. Miss Merrick is a Major I student in the department of economics, a person of unusual grace and charm and held in esteem by her fellow students. Her sister Vivian graduated from Talladega's in 1937.

Smith Prexy Speaks To Presbyterians

Tells Objectives, Achievements and Needs of Institution, Church Status Sesqui-centennial Fund Raising Campaign.

PITTSBURG, Pa. (AP)—Last Sunday, addressing a meeting here held in connection with the Presbyterian church's sesqui-centennial fund-raising campaign, President H. L. McGrorey of Johnson C. Smith university, Charlotte, N. C. told of the objectives, achievements and needs of his institution.

He told the prominent church and lay leaders: "Doubtless the most significant forward step ever taken by Johnson C. Smith university was that of assuming self support in 1938, after having been aided by the missionary boards of the Presbyterian church for 71 years.

"This was a bold venture on the part of the controlling board of the institution. In fact, many persons thought the action to be very risky. The trustees and administration, however, were thoroughly convinced that, having been nursed for 71 years it was high time for the child to gain its own equilibrium and walk."

Reciting the school's achievements, Dr. McGrorey said: "The institution which was founded on faith by two consecrated men 72 years ago has been developed into a school of high learning of first class distinction, so recognized by state and national educational associations of the country, namely, various state boards of education, the Southern association of colleges and secondary schools, the Association of American colleges, and the American Council on Education. This recognition was based on several state and national surveys of the institution and the record of its graduates in the large graduate schools of the country, and the record of its product in public life and service."

Dr. McGrorey then told of the present needs of the school. He said: "Johnson C. Smith university was chartered and operated 65 years for men only, but in 1932, in order to enlarge its usefulness, the charter was changed and women were admitted. The admission of women, however, created an immediate necessity for an additional dormitory.

Negro Affairs Committee To Meet In Raleigh

RALEIGH—A meeting of the Executive Board of the North Carolina Committee on Negro Affairs will be held Sunday afternoon November 19 at Raleigh, in the dining room of the Arcade hotel at 2 o'clock. It was announced this week by Attorney Hosea V. Price, prominent lawyer of Winston-Salem and chairman of the organization.

The main purpose of the meeting to be held on the 19, of November is for the selection of a chairman of the committee on politics. Other important matters will also be discussed at the meeting, according to Attorney Price.

Other officials of the committee are Mrs. Irma Neal Henry, Winston-Salem, Secretary; J. W. Holmes, Raleigh treasurer. The Executive Committee is composed of C. C. Spaulding, Durham chairman; Rev. Geo. A. Fisher, Raleigh; W. D. Hill, Durham; James T. Taylor, Durham; W. H. Hannon, Salisbury; and R. N. Harris, Durham.

The committee was organized several years ago and since that time has figured much in the advancement of the cause of the race in North Carolina along political, social, educational and civic lines. It has branches in all of the principal cities of the state and is planning a broad program of expansion that will include many of the smaller towns in 1940.

EDUCATIONAL ADVISOR



J. L. Eason, educational advisor of the CCC camp located in Durham. Prior to becoming connected with the CCC work Mr. Eason was connected with educational work in the public school system of North Carolina. Under his direction the educational department of the Durham camp has gone forward until it is considered among the best.

BEAUTY COLLEGE OPENS

DURHAM—Mrs. Zerlina Bradley, well known beautician of Durham and New York announced this week the opening of Starks Beauty College number 2. The college to be operated in Durham will be located at 203 1-2 East Chapel Hill street on the second floor of the Warren-Strudwick building.

Mrs. J. Quinn Rogers well known beautician instructor of Durham will assist Mrs. Bradley as instructor of the college.

Bill In Congress Seeks W. Indies Isles For U. S.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—British and French possessions in the West Indies will be ceded to the United States in payment for World War I debts, if Senator Lundeen of Minnesota, who has introduced a bill in congress to that effect, has his way.

But should Uncle Sam get these islands, of primary importance in defending both the North and South America from European aggression under the Monroe doctrine, the tremendous Negro population would in all probability take a step backward. The nation's colonial policy has never been of the best, and the introduction of present American prejudices and methods of dealing with minority groups would spell trouble.

Analyzing the situation and looking into the geographical distribution, it is seen that the British possessions predominate in the West Indies, with a total area of 10,427 square miles and a population of 1,286,074 inhabitants.

The French possessions embody 1,073 square miles, with a population of 474,268. The Dutch possessions are much smaller, being only 403 square miles with a population of 56,522 inhabitants.

Chief exports of the islands are sugar, molasses, cocoa, nutmeg, cotton, mace, lilies, onions, potatoes, rum, sponges, coffee, bananas, vanilla, maize and salt with products being confined to certain islands as in the case of Bermuda, which specializes in lilies, onions and potatoes. Jamaica is famous for its rum and the other products are distributed among the many smaller islands which comprise the group.

Mechanics & Farmers Bank To Pay \$50,000 To Xmas Club Members

DURHAM, N. C. Nov. 11—The Mechanics and Farmers Bank announced this week that it will pay out more than \$50,000 in Christmas savings to 2200 members of its 1939 club on December 1st.

Checks are now being drawn and will be ready on December 1st for the large number of persons who joined the local Bank's 1939 Christmas saving club. No payments for the 1939 club will be received later than Nov. 13, the date on which memberships in the new 1940 club will be available.

The Christmas Saving Club of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank is believed to be the largest of any Durham banking institution in the amount of money to be paid out, if not the largest in membership.

Sponsors Achievement Week

DURHAM—National Negro Achievement Week is sponsored here in Durham by Beta Phi Chapter of Omega Phi Fraternity. During the week of Nov. 12 to 19th there will be various programs given in accordance with this movement at the various school. On Friday, Nov. 17, there will be a radio program over station WDNC from 5 until 5:30 in the afternoon. On Sunday, Nov. 19, at Pine Street Presbyterian Church at 5 p. m. the culminating program will be held with Rev. Henry Lawrence McCrorey Jr., Pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church of Roanoke, Va. delivering the main address.

W. TYCER NELSON Chairman of Program Committee