



DO THE SHADOWS OF THE STARS... Your question will be answered...

# DEAD LISTED IN NATCHEZ TRAGEDY

## Only Two Band Members Escape Horrible Fire

NATCHEZ, Miss., (ANP) — Here is a partial list of identified dead in the dance hall tragedy Tuesday night which claimed approximately 200 lives: Walter Barnes, Chicago band leader, and nine members of his orchestra, Juanita Avery, Dallas, vocalist; Paul Scott, Indianapolis, trumpet; James Coles, Huntington, W. Va., saxophone; John Reed, Huntington, W. Va., saxophone; Calvin Roberts, Cincinnati, trombone; Harry Walker, Cincinnati, guitar; Clarence Porter Fort Myers, Fla., piano; Jesse Washington, Chicago, saxophone, and John Henderson, Augusta, Ga., saxophone.

Several school teachers and social leaders were also victims, among them Prof. Woodrick McGuire, music teacher at Brumfield high school and member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity; Misses Jessie Craig and Alva Miller, teachers; Miss Pearl E. Jackson, secretary to Dr. A. W. Dumas, president of the National Medical Association; Miss Thelma Lloyd, former Universal Life Insurance company secretary, and Ed Frazier, operator of the Rhythm Night club where the holocaust occurred.

Others identified were: Green, James Dennis, Bernice Wimley, Willie Chain, Jeanette Harris, Mamie Johnson, Joe Bainer, Alfred Minor, Denise Nicholson, Matilda Toller, Junior Ellis, Vernon McMillin, Jerry Dean Conway, Alma Springs, Charles Haggon, Mary Gladys Olen, Edward Olen, Albert Confer, Tosetta Williams, Henry Jackson, Bessie Holmes, Johnnie Boy Logan, Willie May, Prince Anderson, Emma Shaw, Elbert Bigg, M. Russell, Mose Nelson, W. E. Johnson, Mary Shaw, N. E. Kingsbury, John Bernard, Learned Franklin, Elroy Woods, Baby Willis, Delia Simmons, Clarice Johnson, Cornelia Odum, Ethel Scott, Willie David, Lily Whethers, Dorothy...

JMC — Being a weekly reader of the CAROLINA TIMES and one of your followers, I would like to have my question put in print. Is the job that has been offered me in Winston-Salem what it is cracked up to be or not?

Ans: No, and you are very wise in not accepting it. The person who is influencing you there does not have any intentions of paying what he says he will. Stick to the job you are holding now as you are able to save money too.

MED — Should I continue with this man or let him go? Is he just "keeping me for a song and sing it himself?"

Ans: LET HIM GO and good riddance. If SIX YEARS is not enough time in which to make up his mind, he certainly does not have any thoughts of marrying you. He might not be keeping you for a song, but he surely is using you for a "good thing."

WW — Will my wife do the right thing from now on? Must I trust her?

Ans: — At the present your wife is aware of, and regrets the error of her way of living. She is sincere in her desire to be a better person, but she is short of will-power. There is no way of telling just how long this mood will last. Trust her until she betrays your trust, then take the next step.

LAD — My husband is not working regularly and things are not so good with us. Should I write my mother or aunt for help. Should I go home for a while or stick with my husband?

Ans: STICK WITH HIM... although things may not be easy or so very pleasant for a time, life will be no harder for you than it will be for your husband. Do not ask your people for aid unless you are more in need than at present. Remember that the darkest is always just before the dawn.

SH — Does my daughter have something on her mind that is causing her to sit so worried?

Ans: Yes she is confronted with a very personal problem that has her a bit worried. Do not attempt to question her to the nature of this problem as it would worry her more. If you will take no notice of her worrying, she will be able to work out of her troubles without harm being done.

EG — My husband loves me, but for a week or two. Why does he do this?

Ans: The Moon has nothing to do with these periodical forays of your husband's to parts unknown. He goes because he wants to go and not because anything is forcing him to go. The next time that he prepares to leave, tell him that IF HE GOES, HE NEED NOT RETURN.

KNC — Mr. Wallace I am so thrilled that I can hardly wait to have my answer. Tell me if the boy I recently met is really from New York as he claims and does he mean well?

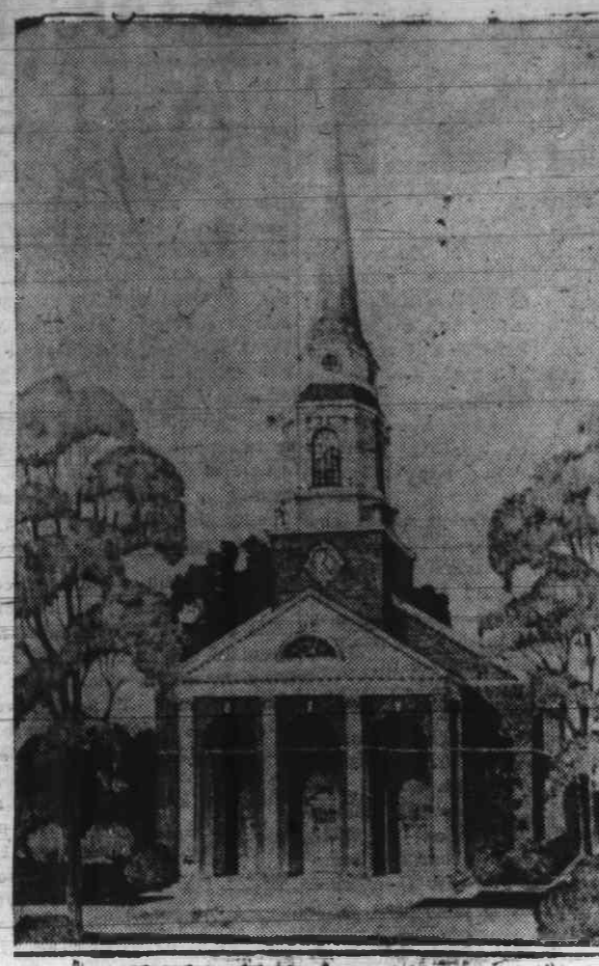
Ans: Well the truth must come some day and this time is as good as any. Your friend lives with his parents over on Cameron Street and has never seen New York. He'll make a swell young man to pal around with, but he isn't getting serious with you.

## Protests Cut In School Funds

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Protesting in the name of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and seventy organizations of national and local character in the District of Columbia, Leon A. Ransom, Howard law school professor and a member of NAACP's national legal staff, appeared before the Senate Appropriation sub-committee here April 25 to urge that budget monies for local Negro schools be raised to a decent proportion.

Despite the fact that the local board of education had submitted to Congress a budget that would have allotted Negro schools money in proportion to white schools on the basis of a population ratio of Negro schools to 13.5 percent, allocating 86.5 per

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MEMORIAL CHAPEL, BENNETT COLLEGE

Architect's drawing of building to cost \$150,000, the gift of Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer of New York City, to Bennett College, located in Greensboro, N. C. Construction under the supervision of Odie Clay Poundstone, Atlanta architect, is scheduled to begin in June. The Memorial Chapel is one of the gifts totaling \$445,000 which have recently come to Bennett College.

## Charlotte

BY MRS. BESSIE HARDY — The members of the Independent Order Odd Fellows met with John Saunders at his home on E. Hill Street last Monday evening. The club will meet with James Stroud, president, on S. McDowell Street, Monday night April 29. Archie Nixon, proprietor of Archie's Grill on East First St. is a patient at Good Samaritan Hospital.

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## Churchman Tells Whats Wrong With Methodism

BULLETIN — MONTGOMERY, Ala., — Chaplain Hurla Blast at Schenning, Electioneering Candidates for Bishopric Assails Politics of the church and the Power of General Officers. . . Calls Local Church and Pastors the Basic Unit of Methodism... Gives 3-Point Program for Correction of Denominations' Defects...



DR. BLUFORD F. GORDON

MONTGOMERY, Ala., — In a remarkable "Open Letter to Negro Methodists," Dr. Harry V. Richardson, widely known clergyman now serving as chaplain of Tuskegee institute, this week directed a caustic, verbal blast at the politics and electioneering methods of candidates for the bishopric and general officers of the two major Negro Methodist bodies, both of which will soon hold general conferences.

Dr. Richardson's frank airing of what he considers the shortcomings of church representatives both cleric and laymen has evoked nation wide discussion and focused public attention on next month's general conference. Hurling his opening blast at candidates for the Episcopacy Dr. Richardson sounded off:

"To see an aspirant for the bishopric the highest place of Christian service that we have — to see such an aspirant buttoning people, passing out bills and trading votes in order to be chosen a successor to Christ, is really a pitiful spectacle. It is using the most worldly and un-Christian methods to secure the most Christ-like position. I cannot imagine Jesus running up and down Palestine with a sign on His back reading: 'Elect Me Savior of the World!' He made it, all right, but not by campaigning or passing out bills. He made it by humble, self-sacrificial service, the kind of service that paid no cash reward.

"Then, too, everybody knows

CANDIDATE some new members and build up some of our falling down church buildings! And one can render this service much better as just an ordinary worker living close to the people than he even can as a high-salaried general officer who only blows into town occasionally in a high powered automobile. We must pray and work earnestly for the time when those among us who aspire to the most Christ like places will be chosen by methods that are at least a little more like Christ's.

"But the thing that is most disturbing about the campaigning is that it wastes the general conference's time in something that is not important. It really makes little fundamental difference to the church whether one in bishop is elected or one hundred. It doesn't matter much who edits some paper or who holds some particular job. The general officers are not the church. They work for the church, they live on the church. As far as the church is concerned, their election simply means more general salaries to be paid by an already burdened membership, and more general bosses to beat and drive the average Methodist preacher who already is flogged and driven far beyond his due.

"We have been trained to look in the wrong direction. The truly important part of the local pastor and his flock. If all the general officers should suddenly be taken to heaven, there still would be millions of Negro Methodists and a living Negro Methodist church. But if the local churches were all suddenly to perish, there would be no church for the general officers to preside over. The local church is the truly significant thing. It is the basic unit from which all else is made.

"For example, Negro Methodist denominations today do not know how many members they have. Continued on Page Four

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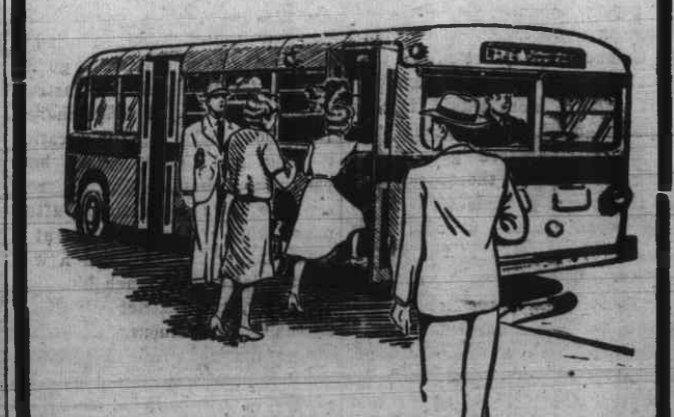
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