

# BAPTISTS CLOSE SUCCESSFUL MEET FOUR DIE IN AUTO SMASH

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### 2 DEAD IN PISTOL DUEL

#### Both Victims Are Murdered With Same Gun

DURHAM— Another pistol battle in which both victims were shot and killed with the same pistol took place in Durham's Walltown section Monday afternoon when Sam Harris, 58-year-old man killed Miss Glendora Core, 28, at her Fourth Street home after she had sent a .32 calibre bullet into his liver. She died soon after reaching Duke Hospital having been shot in the lower abdomen with her own pistol. Harris, who jerked the pistol from the woman and fired a shot into her body, died Wednesday after falling to rally from an emergency operation at Duke Hospital.

The fight, which predated the double killing, began on the back porch of the woman's home and continued as the couple entered the house. When Miss Core reached her trunk, she is said to have reached in it taken her small pistol to shoot her enraged "friend".

He dramatically staggered toward her and wrested the pistol from her trembling hands, then

#### Father Of T. A. Hamme Dies

DURHAM — Last rites for Ottoway Hamme, age 77, father of T. A. Hamme, farm agent for Durham county were held Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of the deceased in Granville county, near Oxford. Mr. Hamme succumbed to a short illness Monday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock.

Mr. Hamme was born in Granville County November 12th 1862, the son of Nathan and Mrs. Lucetta Hamme. He had lived in Granville county all of his life and was highly respected.

The deceased was a member of Big Zion A.M.E. church for a long number of years. The pastor

the shot that spelled almost instant death for her.

NO VACATION FOR THEM



These three Durhamites who are Wilbur E. Hill, Orange County Elementary School principal, Miss Odessa Moore, Durham County Nurse and James Speight, local service station attendant. Miss Moore's 64 year old mother, Mrs. Lillie Jordis, also died in the crash.

### Death Car Hits Beer Truck Enroute To N. Y.

DURHAM — A pall of sadness hovered over Durham this week as the gruesomely bruised and mangled bodies of four vacationists were returned here Monday. James Speight, 25 year old service attendant; Wilbur Hill, 24, Orange County school principal; Miss Odessa Moore, 35, Durham County nurse, and her mother, Mrs. Lillie Jordan, 64, met instant death early Sunday morning on the highway four miles south of Fredericksburg, Va. when Miss Moore's new Plymouth, driven by Speight, crashed into the side of a huge south-bound beer truck. The group left Durham Saturday around 2:00 p. m. for Winston Salem and from there they continued north with the intention of spending three weeks in New York. The wreck in which the car was completely smashed, occurred around 12:30 A. M. Sunday and the local police department notified the relatives of the victims near 10:00 a. m.

According to information received from undertakers who handled the bodies soon after the wreck, all of them were unbelievably mangled and parts of their bodies torn completely away. Miss Moore's head was completely severed from her body and is said to have been thrown from the car while she was pinned inside. Speight, the driver seems to have had almost every bone smashed; he was crushed in the wreckage so badly that it was necessary to tear away parts of the car to remove him. His head was almost completely severed also. Hill's body was thrown from the car, and according to undertaker McLaurin here, he sustained a broken neck, back, right arm

and left leg. He had numerous lacerations and bruises. A part of Mrs. Jordan's face and head was torn away.

**FUNERALS WEDNESDAY**

James Speight was the son of Willis Speight of this city and was employed by his brother at the Midway service station here. Funeral services for him were held from the Washington Branch Church in Greene County near Snow Hill Wednesday afternoon with the Ames Funeral home in charge. His father and three brothers, Theodore, Albert and Charlie survive.

Wilbur Hill was a popular graduate of North Carolina College and was principal of Gravelly Hill Elementary school in Orange County. He has also been principal of the Buck Mountain elementary school in Chatham County. He was a member of the Piedmont Board of Athletic Officials. His largely attended funeral was held at the Saint Joseph A.M.E. church of which he was a loyal member at 4 p. m. Wednesday with the McLaurin Funeral home in charge. Burial was at Beechwood cemetery here. He leaves his father, I. J. Hill, and three brothers: Henry, Bruce and Earl, of Durham.

Miss Odessa Moore and her mother, Mrs. Lillie Jordan, were natives of Winston Salem and their bodies were taken there for burial. Miss Moore had been a member of the nursing staff of the Durham Health Department since 1937.

She studied at the John Andrews Memorial Hospital, Tuskegee Institute, and received two years of college training at Teachers College in Winston-Salem. She was at one time a

### Army Wants Negroes Now

Sergeant Hubert H. Stephens, Durham recruiting officer, was informed this week by the United States Army Headquarters in Charlotte that approximately 200 Negroes would be added to the 41st Engineers corps at Fort Bragg the latter part of August.

Sergeant Stephens is sure that the applicants could easily be secured as this is the first time that an allotment has been given him for race applicants. The local office was issued an allotment of 12, to be accepted and sent to Fort Bragg August 15.

The Colored division has its separate theatre and recreational units at Fort Bragg. The entire 41st Division of Engineers there is made up of Colored soldiers. Requirements, Sergeant Stephens explained, as well as most benefits are the same for Negroes as that of white soldiers.

### Colored Youth Council Formed

A Southern Negro Youth Council has been set up in Durham with aims toward building a New South for the Negro, to remove unjust and unconstitutional discrimination, to bring democratic rights to the Negro people and to better the social, economic and political position of the Negro people. It is a part of a South wide movement and will affiliate with the Southern Negro Congress with headquarters in Birmingham.

Already local councils have been established in the East Durham and Hayti neighborhoods and additional councils will be formed in the other districts of Durham. The Durham Youth Council will attempt to coordinate activity in the city of Durham and will work with unions, church groups, civic organizations, social and professional groups which can affiliate with the Youth Council.

The Council has been active already for it presented Richard Wright, prominent writer, who spoke under its auspices at the White Rock Baptist Church a few weeks ago. The Council at present is supporting a campaign to bring low cost housing to Durham. It is cooperating with all groups, Negro or white who also wish to have a low cost housing project in Durham.

W. Wilson Barbee, 304 Amber St., has been elected as temporary Chairman and will continue the organization of the Council. All those who are interested in joining the Council or who wish further information as to the program and purposes of the Durham Negro Youth Council are cordially invited to write Mr. Barbee.

ON THE OPENING DAY



Left to right Mrs. Viola McMillan of Tarboro, President Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention; Rev. P. A. Bishop of Rich Square, Vice-president Conclave; Henry T. Raleigh, Secretary Baptist Training Union; Prof. R. W. Brown of Winston Salem president State Sunday School Convention; the lady seated at the desk is Mrs. H. Sills of

### Conclave Largest In History Of Organization

BY WILLIAM A. TUCK  
RALEIGH— Friday, August 9, marked the close of the most successful and most largely attended session in the history of the North Carolina General Baptist Conclave which held its five day meeting at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. The nation's leading ministers and churchmen were

guests of the conclave, bringing greetings from all of the 10,000,000 Baptists of the nation, and there were nearly 5,000 delegates in attendance. Music for the conclave was furnished by at least 25 different choirs from many different churches in the state. The climax of the musical program was the appearance of the famous "Wings Over Jordan" choir Thursday night.

The highlight of the opening day of the conclave was the report made by the general secretary and conclave director, Rev. Wendell C. Summerville. He told the 2,000 that attended the opening sessions that since the beginning of the unified plan four years ago, contributions to ward Christian education and mission board work had been increased over 500 per cent. \$57,000 in cash has been contributed to the program, and all the 53 unit associations in the state have marched forward with unsurpassed cooperation," he said.

He continued: "In this movement we are thankful to the white Baptists of this state; their work toward helping us start and assisting us at various times has contributed tremendously toward the realization of even greater things."

The opening night was officially known as welcome night and outstanding citizens and officials of the city of Raleigh were gracious in their welcomes to the Baptists. Representing the ministers of the city, Rev.

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### Queen City Woman Killed In Auto Wreck

CHARLOTTE— Death did not take a holiday this week-end in "The Queen City of the Carolinas."

The much feared one stalked on the beautiful Wilkinson boulevard Sunday evening early and as he left he took with him a well known Miss Anice Grier, 24, of 723 East First street, who was killed almost instantly in an automobile accident about 7 o'clock.

Young Miss Grier, member of a well known family here, was riding in car which overturned near the Municipal airport. She was badly mangled, police said, after investigations by them.

Driving the car and receiving a badly lacerated arm was Robert Twittie, of 329 South McDowell street, and also in the car was Miss Fannie Marshall, of 521 South Alexander street, who was not injured. Another person, a young man, was in the car, it was stated, but left before police arrived at the scene of the accident. It was not stated whether he was injured or not.

It was reported by police that Twittie was racing with another car on the boulevard and lost control of his car, a 1934 model Ford. He was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital where he was treated and is held pending a coroner's inquest.

The dead young lady was the wife of a local boxer, Battling Henry Hood, of this city, and other survivors are her parents.

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DISCUSS SUCCESSFUL CONCLAVE



Left to right Dr. J. T. Hairston, president General Convention of North Carolina; Rev. Wendell C. Summerville, of Raleigh General Secretary and Director of Conclave; and Dr. Robert P. Daniel, President of Shaw University. The photographer caught them in an optimistic mood while they were discussing in the lobby of the Raleigh Memorial auditorium the predicted success of the 1940 Baptist Conclave being held this week, August 6-9. (Photo by Sam Hood).

WELCOME NIGHT AT THE CONCLAVE



On the speakers' platform on the opening night of the General Baptist Conclave we see a group of prominent Negro leaders who welcomed the Baptist to Raleigh. Left to right: Mrs. Viola McMillan, president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary convention; Nelson Harris, Director of Education at Shaw University; Rev. Scott, representing the Ministerial Alliance; Dr. J. T. Hairston, president of the General Baptist Convention; Rev. C. E. McLa-