

Teachers Salary Case Cleared

N. C. Mutual Officials Entertain Mrs. Avery



The above photo is one taken here and five of the hosts of Mrs. Lula Avery at the party given in her honor by the officials of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. Pictured with her are five of the hosts. First row left to right: G. W. Cox, vice president, Agency Director; Mrs. Lula Avery; W. D. Hill, Assistant Secretary Com-

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Fire Halts Funeral Rites Of Dr. Williams

Supreme Court Upholds Conviction Of Wife-Killer

Charlotte — The North Carolina Supreme Court, in session Nov. 7, upheld the conviction of Azor Brown, sentenced to death by asphyxiation last July by the presiding judge of the Catawba County Superior Court on a first degree murder count of slaying his wife, the late Mrs. Martha Brown.

The case was reviewed by associate Justice Herriot Clark who ruled that the case was tried in accordance with law and that the charge of the presiding judge was fair.

This opinion, handed down by the Supreme Court, seals the doom of Brown, unless the governor intervenes. Otherwise Brown will be asphyxiated at Central Prison November 22nd, in keeping with the state law fixing death on the third Friday after an appeal is denied.

Associate Justice Wallace Winborne, wrote an opinion granting Stewart Chambers, sentenced to death by a Lenior County jury, for first degree burglary, a new trial. Justice Winborne ruled a new charge was warranted because of an omission in the charge of the presiding judge. The judge failed to inform the jury, Winborne said, that a verdict of non-burglarious breaking and entering, carrying a penalty of imprisonment instead of death could be returned.

Lockhart Addresses Colored Teachers Association

Charlotte — The Mecklenburg County Teacher's Association met at Second Ward High School Saturday, November 9, C. E. Moreland presided.

Mrs. Nellie B. Dykes paid a very high and glowing tribute to Miss Eloise Rankin as she presented her to the body. Miss Rankin in turn introduced Supt. J. C. Lockhart.

Supt. Lockhart gave a very informative and inspiring address. Among some of the things stressed were: that the future of education in the Negro race rests in the hands of the teachers. Again that schools exist to educate children, not to employ teachers and officials, also that the conduct of pupils reflect their attitude of teaching; that is, an educator usually gets just about what his public thinks he is worth.

Some very important announcements were made by the Supt. relative to the local county school.

The address was well received by the teachers. Several of whom expressed words of appreciation.

E. S. Potts, publicity committee chairman.

Fire Partially Destroys Olivet Baptist Church As Thousands Await Funeral

Southernaires Coming For Concert



When the Southernaires come to Durham on Monday, Nov. 18, at the City Armory, local concert goers will be privileged to hear a group that is ranked among the greatest vocal ensemble heard today over the radio or on the con-

Chicago (ANP) — Tragedy, which struck eight days before when Dr. L. K. Williams, president of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., was killed in airplane crash near Charlotte, Michigan, struck again Wednesday morning when fire partially destroyed historic Olivet Baptist church drove into the street 4,000 mourners awaiting the funeral services for Dr. Williams, also, its pastor. Damage was estimated at \$50,000.

The crowd, including distinguished leader, from all parts of the nation, began assembling before 9 a. m. Services were to start at 11 o'clock that morning. About 10:30, with every available seat filled, and other hundreds standing inside the auditorium, the Rev. Joseph Branham, assistant pastor, discovered flames in the third floor classroom.

Running downstairs, he found three policemen on duty there, Sgt. Carl Nelson, former bodyguard for Joe Louis; Sgt. Thomas Chapman and Patrolman Louis Frank, the latter two white. All return to the classroom to try and subdue the blaze but it had gained too much headway. A fire alarm was turned in immediately by Officers Louis Steinberg and Robert White, on duty outside who Please turn to page Eight

Virginia Teachers Agree To Salary Parity In Three Years; Accept \$129,000

Norfolk, Va. — Following a conference here, Thursday, Nov. 7, members of the Norfolk Teachers Association voted to accept an offer made them by C. Alfred Anderson, city attorney, of \$129,000 to be paid them over a period of three years, thus equalizing their salaries with those of white teachers at the end of this period.

The offer was made in connection with the Melvin O. Alston case, which involved an action against the Norfolk schoolboard by Mr. Alston, a local school Please turn to page Eight

THOUSANDS, UNDAUNTED, BY FIRE ATTEND DR. L. K. WILLIAMS RITES

Chicago (ANP) — Undaunted by the flames which engulfed historic Olivet Baptist church, 20 minutes before the funeral services last Wednesday morning, the thousands of visitors and friends, who attended the funeral paid their last tribute of respect to Dr. L. K. Williams, president of the National Baptist Convention, in front of the church after the fire was under control.

It was also revealed that the Rev. D. V. Denison of Selma, Ala., vice president of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., will succeed Dr. Williams as president.

The Rev. Joseph H. Branham, assistant pastor of Olivet and close friend of Dr. Williams for several decades, despite the shock of the leader's sudden death and the morning's fire, was never this unable to see that services were carried out efficiently in the afternoon. He remarked afterward that despite the fire, the services which attracted thousands to the street were quite fitting since Dr. Williams had always been a man of the people and the open air rites gave all the people a chance to see and hear.

The Rev. D. V. Denison, vice-president presided. The scripture lesson was read by Rev. T. S. Boone and prayer was offered by the Rev. T. O. Fuller, Memphis. The obituary was read by Editor R. C. Barbour of the National Baptist Voice, Nashville and Attorney W. H. Haynes read re-

solutions and telegrams. Speaking from the subject, "A Great Man Has Fallen in Israel," the Rev. A. L. Boone, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist church, Please turn to page Eight

N. C. Mutual Entertains Former Durham Resident

Durham — Approximately one hundred guest assembled at the Algonquin Tennis Club House on Friday evening at a party given by the officials of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company in honor of Mrs. Lula Avery of Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Avery, wife of the late John Avery former vice president Secretary of the North Carolina Mutual, having made her home in Chicago since the death of her husband was visiting in the city for the first time after an absence of eight years.

The party was a very gala and successful affair, and was heartily enjoyed by all who attended. During intermission the guests paused to pay tribute to the honoree in the form of a short program with Mrs. B. A. J. Whitted, cashier of the Mutual, as Mistress of Ceremony the program related was wittingly and

effectively presented to the group. Remarks were made by J. H. Wheeler, George W. Cox, Dr. J. N. Mills, W. J. Kennedy and Mrs. Mary Shepard. Guest soloist was Miss Virginia Williamson.

The gift presentation was made to Mrs. Avery by Miss Dotie Mae Bridgetorth, in the capacity of a matching set of air line luggage.

In response to the presentation Mrs. Avery in a most earnest manner thanked the group for the splendid reception she received to the city and for the many kindnesses and considerations shown during her brief stay.

After the program the music continued and a delightful repast was served in buffet style. Hostesses for the occasion were Mesdames Mary F. Carr, Hattie Meadows, Johnnie Thompson, Evelyn Rogers, Eula Harris, Please turn to page Eight

Charlotte Negro Chamber of Commerce Inaugurates Membership Drive

Charlotte — In a most colorful setting in J. C. Smith's factory and flanked by beautiful flowers and a delightful repast, the Charlotte Negro Chamber of Commerce was extended greetings and congratulations from individuals representing all phases of life and occupations upon its successful organization.

The festivities began with the singing of the Negro National Anthem, after which invocation was given by the Rev. J. H. Powell. The master of ceremonies, W. H. Moreland expounded fully as to the merits of such an organization and in words befitting the achievements of, he introduced Dr. H. L. McCortey

As their name implies, these singers are true sons of the South, singing the melodies of their native soil with an artistry that has seldom been equaled.

With nearly two thousand songs in their repertoire their programs are full of variety. Their repertoire covers three centuries of Negro music including African chant, spirituals, slave songs, Negro songs of contemporary time. They are also able interpreters of other kinds of vocal music, presenting classics and ballads as effectively as they do songs of their own race.

Their personnel includes:— William Edmonson, basso, Homer Sith, tenor, Jay Stone Toney, baritone, Lowell Peters, tenor and Spencer Odum, accompanist and arranger.

C. C. Spaulding On Draft Board

C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company was appointed to the local Draft board, according to a statement released by the Draft Board Committee.

Mr. Spaulding is the only Negro appointed in this section. The appointments to the Draft Board are made by a special committee, and in turn the committee submit the names to the Governor of the state, and then to the President of the United States for approval. Please turn to page Eight

Kryl's Symphony Orchestra At Tuskegee Nov. 30

Tuskegee — One of the feature attractions scheduled by the Tuskegee Institute Entertainment Course for this season is the performance which will be given in Logan Hall Saturday evening, November 30, by Kryl's Symphony Orchestra of 50 players and his famous soloists. Since the announcement was made by the management of the entertainment course that the Kryl Symphony Orchestra would be one of this season's attractions, considerable interest has been manifested by the entire Institute and community population, and an audience that will tax the limits of Logan Hall to its utmost capacity is assured for Kryl and his musicians. Kryl's success with the masses and the classes alike is easily understood by those who study him. His genial personality his unaffected manner and his Please turn to page Eight

"Coop" Is Magic Word At Tuskegee These Days

Tuskegee, Ala. — Coops organized at Tuskegee. "Coop" is the magic word at Tuskegee Institute these days. A cooperative store for the families in the community will open for business around January first. The five rural laboratory schools have already formed a coop which under the supervision of W. A. Shields, of the School of Education, is handling all groceries and supplies for these centers.

In a recent interview Mr. Shields stated that in a few months he hoped to extend the benefit of the rural coops to the families in the community. Under the leadership of Corris Landers, college sophomore, a student coop has been organized. It has received the support of President Patterson, Dean I. A. Please turn to page eight