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# Protests Will Made To Negro Relative

## 7-Year-Old Son Accidentally Killed By Mother's Gun

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Pictured above is a session of the Eighth Annual Realtors Institute held at the University of North Carolina last week. For the first time in Negro real estate, dealers attended the gathering which held courses

in Real Property Law, fundamentals of Real Estate, Brokerage, Applied Psychology, Appraising and Financing. Negroes attending the institute were Clifton Graves, Winston-

Salem; C. M. Winchester, Winston-Salem and Henry Goldston, Durham shown in the picture. The institute is sponsored by the N. C. Association of Real Estate Boards.

## Negro Teacher Fighting To Hold Cash And Property Left Her By White Aunt

JACKSON More evidence in a trial contesting the will of Mrs. L. M. Hawks, a Garysburg widow, who left \$25,000 in cash, a farm and other real estate to Mrs. Amanda Peale Horne, Negro, was heard here this week by an all white Northampton County Superior Court jury. Mrs. Horne is an instructor at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia and holds a Ph.D. degree from Chicago University.

The documents presented as the white woman's will and allegedly signed by her, described Mrs. Horne as "one I have looked after and considered my foster daughter since her birth, and knowing her to be my brother Charlie's daughter."

Contesting the will is Mrs. Lucy M. Gay of Garysburg, Mrs. Hawks' sister. The former filed a caveat charging that the signature to the will was obtained "by undue and improper influence and duress."

A Negro attorney, Charles

Williamson of Henderson, testified yesterday that Mrs. Hawks came to his office Aug. 20, 1951, and had him draw the will. He offered it for probate shortly after her death on March 7, 1954.

Mrs. Hawks instructed him to hold the will in his office, Williamson told the court, until after her death. One section of the document read: "to clear up any question, I had this will drawn up out of this (Northampton) county so no one will attempt to change my plans and I have left this will in the care of an attorney in Henderson to see that it is properly carried out."

The purported will bequeathed to Mrs. Gay for her lifetime one-half interest in two lots the sisters owned jointly in Garysburg and one-half interest in a farm of about 480 acres. At Mrs. Gay's death, the purported will stated, the "remainder of the said one-half interest to go to Amanda Peale Horne."

Boatman Garris, a Negro servant, was given \$3,000 by the

purported will. Mrs. Horne, in addition to \$25,000 in cash, received a 160-acre farm, a lot in Garysburg, and the one-acre "homestead."

The propounders rested their case about mid-afternoon. Mrs. Horne, 50, a graduate instructor at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., identified a total of 332 canceled checks most of which were drawn and signed, she said, by Mrs. Hawks from 1951 to 1953. One of the checks, she stated, was dated Dec. 27, 1951, and was payable to Mrs. Gay in the amount of \$600 for rental on the Newsome farm.

Supporting the propounders that they considered Mrs. Hawks at the time the will was drawn to be of sound mind were the testimonies of some 19 witnesses.

Expressing a contrary opinion was Thomas G. Joyner, Mayor of Garysburg. He said that he thought Mrs. Hawks was incapable of looking after her affairs. Agreeing with him was T. D. Stephens, Garysburg business man and farmer, who expressed the same opinion.

### THE COMMUNISTS WERE GLAD

## Augusta Georgia Cancels Soap Box Derby When Negro Boys Enter Race

AUGUSTA, Ga. The entry of the names of two Negro boys as contestants in a Soap Box Derby scheduled to be held here July 13, proved to be too big a piece of democracy for white parents to swallow. As a result, the sponsors have called off this year the annually held derby, "with reluctance" and regret that youngsters, already at work building their racers, were doomed to disappointment by the action.

Stating that the problem created by the entry of two Negro boys was only one of many, the sponsors said, "a multiplicity of problems, including the

withdrawal from the event of a large percentage of the entries, led to the belief that a successful derby could not be held this year."

Prime movers for the cancellation were members of the State Rights Council of Ga., Inc., who demanded the action, the sponsors report.

But they went on to report that a large percentage of the parents of the white boys who had registered, when asked as to their reaction to Negro boys participating in the affair, were totally out of harmony with the idea. This and entry withdrawal the sponsors said, caused the decision to cancel the event.

Officials in Charlotte, have issued an invitation to all boys who planned to race in the Augusta event. Several are expected to take part in the Charlotte derby, open to Negroes, June 29.

## Last Rites Held For 98-Year Old Woman In Apex

Funeral services for Mrs. Patience Locklear, 98, who died

# Chapel Hill Business Man Fumbles Suicide Attempt

## Kenneth Jones Fails In Third Try To Take His Life

What is reported to have been the third attempt to take his own life was frustrated here Monday morning when Mrs. Ella Boyd of this city discovered Kenneth Jones sitting in his parked car in the western section of the city with his wrists slashed and bleeding from the wound.

Mr. Jones, who is legless and a prominent business man of Chapel Hill, is believed to have made the latest attempt on his life because of being despondent over his condition, although he is alleged to have stated to relatives and friends that he attempted suicide because of domestic affairs and reverses in his business. Jones legs were amputated as the result of diabetes.

According to several persons interviewed here Wednesday Jones, who is a prominent member of the Trustee Board of St. Paul A. M. E. Church and treasurer of its building fund, had previously arranged all of his



KENNETH JONES

personal business affairs and that of the church in apparent preparation for the suicide attempt.

Because of his varied interests in business, civic and church affairs in Chapel Hill, Jones is highly respected and has many friends in and around the city. He is considered by many as

## Warrant Issued For James For Attacking Sisters

Two warrants for assault and battery were issued for Sidney T. James, Jr., here Wednesday by S. O. Riley, Clerk of Durham County Recorder's Court. James is charged with assault and battery by his sisters, Mrs. Julia James Yancey and Mrs. Nannie James Lash. Each sister, named the other as witness to the attack.

When contacted here Wednesday afternoon the brother of the two sisters denied attacking his sisters and stated he merely ordered them out of the home when his father expressed a desire for them to go.

Although the warrants gave no details of the assault and battery charges it is reported that it occurred when the sisters refused to leave the home after they had been ordered to do so by their brother.

Mrs. Yancey is a resident of Newport News, Virginia and Mrs. Lash resides in Salisbury. The brother resides with his father here at 310 Umstead St. Up until about three weeks ago Dr. James was a patient at Lincoln Hospital but since that time he has been residing at his home

at the home of her son, Willie L. Locklear, on Wednesday were held at the St. Mary Free Will Baptist Church near here on Friday, June 17, at 2:00 p.m. The officiating minister was the Rev. Mr. Burt of Raleigh. He was assisted by Rev. Walter Stewart and Rev. Levi Yates.

Mrs. Locklear was born in Johnson County. At an early age, she joined the Avery Grove Methodist Church. In 1877, she was married to the late Alverno Locklear. About 47 years ago, Mrs.

## FLA. GOVERNOR RE-CHECKING IRVIN CASE

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.

New evidence in the notorious Groveland rape case of '49 has caused Governor Leroy Collins to order an official check on it. Key Negro citizens appeared before the State Pardon Board stating how they were convinced of the innocence of Walter Lee Irvin, one of four Negroes accused of raping a young white housewife in Groveland. The incident set off a series of reprisals against Negroes in the area.

New evidence consisted of statements by the local doctor that no evidence of rape could be found on the young housewife. This impressed the Governor as he said that attorneys interested in the case had told him that no medical testimony had been produced by the state that a rape actually occurred.



WADE WAYNE PERRY

Wade Wayne Perry, 512 Umstead Street, Durham, has been selected the winner of The United States Law Week Award for 1955 by the faculty of North Carolina College, School of Law, according to Dean Albert L. Turner.

The Law Week Award is given annually by The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., to the seniors of selected law schools who, for the past year, have shown the greatest advancement in their scholastic achievements.

## FLA. FACULTIES JOIN NAACP EN MASSE

NEW YORK

All the teachers in the Negro schools of St. Petersburg, Fla., have become NAACP members during a local campaign, it was reported here this week by Miss Lucille Black, membership secretary of the Association.

Miss Black noted that the school principals were active in securing the memberships. The schools which have a 100 per cent NAACP faculty and their principals are: Davis Elementary School, Mrs. Amanda R. Howard, principal; Sixteenth Street Elementary School, John H. Hopkins, principal; Jordan Elementary School, Emanuel M. W. Stewart, principal; Sixteenth Street Junior High School, Frederick Burney, principal; and Gibbs High School, John W. Rembert, principal.

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## Boy IS Fatally Wounded When Pistol Falls From Woman's Apron Pocket



The above trio of North Carolina College coeds, Kitty Sneed, Janice Jones, and Shirley James, last week in Durham urged all Americans to cooperate with the Red Cross' many humane programs. Shown here under a special Red Cross banner loaned by the Durham chapter, the N. C. C coeds are pictured on the side of the college's regulation sized AAU pool which is the scene of one of the Summer School's most popular recreation centers. Miss Sneed, 20 year old rising senior, lives at 1001 Drew Street, Durham, with her mother, Mrs. W. G. Sneed. Miss Jones, center, "Miss North Carolina College of 1956" (correct year), is a rising junior from Ahooskie. A runner-up for the "Miss NCC" title last year, Miss Jones is majoring in com-

DUNN

A major catastrophe fell upon a home here this week when a pistol fell out of a mother's pocket. There was a sharp report and the next instant the woman's seven-year-old son collapsed, fatally wounded by a shot that had torn into his side.

Coroner Grover S. Henderson said his jury ruled that Mrs. Bessie Lee had accidentally killed her child.

He reported that Mrs. Lee was seated talking with a visiting minister with a .25 caliber automatic in her pocket. When she arose, the gun fell to the floor, fired and John Henry Blue, a son by a former marriage, was killed.

In explaining why she had the pistol, Mrs. Lee stated that on entering the house about 3 o'clock, she picked up a pistol she saw on the dresser and put it in the pocket of her apron.

The Rev. G. L. Ray, an eyewitness of the tragic event, came in a few minutes later. He was still sitting at the table when the bullet felled the lad who was standing near the table.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jesse R. Jones of Ahooskie. Miss James, editor-elect of "Campus Echo," prize-winning undergraduate newspaper, served last year as president of interracial Collegiate chapter of the NAACP. She makes her home in Jamesville, N. C., with her mother, Mrs. Iona James.