

TWO KILLED IN FAMILY SHOOTINGS

Police Seek Husband Of Slain Woman

WINSTON-SALEM—Police were still searching for Ralph Richardson, 44 year old golfer, who has been described by police as the chief suspect in the fatal shooting last week of his wife.

Captain W. R. Burke of the Winston-Salem detective bureau told the TIMES at midweek that a widespread alarm has gone out for Richardson.

His wife, Mrs. Helen Hairston Richardson, prominent school teacher, was found dead of bullet wounds in the head and chest by her brother who went to her home Wednesday night after she failed to keep an earlier engagement with him.

Her body was found hours after her husband had been convicted of assault charges which she brought against him in a local court. Richardson paid the fine and disappeared.

Mrs. Richardson had apparently intended to leave the city for a Thanksgiving trip to Washington, D. C. When she was discovered her body was found in her home already packed.

Local authorities said the Richardsons had had domestic troubles for the past two years.

Funeral services for Mrs. Richardson were held Saturday at First Baptist Church, where the shooting victim had been a long-time member. She sang in the church choir and taught a Sunday school class.

A member of the Carver high school faculty, she was well known and liked throughout the area. She had widespread professional, fraternal and civic affiliations.

Her husband, one of the few Negro professional golfers in the South, was described as a "meat dresser" by the police alert.

A former caddy, he was "pro" at the Winston Lake golf course.

N. C. Mutual In U. S. Chamber Of Commerce

President Asa T. Spaulding of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, has been notified by Arch N. Booth, Executive Vice President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, that the North Carolina Mutual has been approved for membership in the National Chamber, which has its headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Booth wrote in part as follows: "You are now a part of a dynamic, vigorous businessman's federation working effectively to promote a national climate based on policies which are in the best interest of all the people."

North Carolina Mutual is not a member of the Durham Chamber of Commerce.

Shelby Hosts Elks Session

By J. B. HARREN
SHELBY—The North Carolina Association of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World (IBPOEW) held its 40th annual mid-year conference here November 28-29 as guests of See ELKS, page 6



Mrs. Lee Tops Ushers to Win New York Trip

Mrs. Mary Lee, president of the Burlington Ushers Union, was declared the winner of the Presidents Contest which closed at the Ushers Home at Franklinton, Sunday November 29.

Mrs. Lee was awarded a free airplane round trip to New York with hotel expenses paid for one week. She had the highest number of points of any president in the contest. The exact date she will make the trip will be determined by Mrs. Lee.

Approximately \$2,000 was raised at the gathering Sunday which saw ushers from all over the state journey to the home for the occasion.

The sermon, preached by the Rev. A. S. Croom, pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Durham, was adjudged to be one of the best in the history of the organization, according to a majority of the officers polled. Music was furnished by the Durham Ushers Choir.

Mrs. Lee is a member of the See MRS. LEE, page 3



LIFE, TIMES OF JOHN BROWN TO BE PRESENTED TO TIMES READERS

Beginning with next week's issue, the Carolina Times will publish a series of articles by Dr. Vernon Johns, noted minister and theologian, on the life of John Brown—famous martyr of the raid at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, on October 16, 1859.

Dr. Johns, who has done an unlimited amount of research and study of the life and works of John Brown, is well-prepared to give the readers of the Carolina Times first-hand knowledge of the leader of the historic event at Harpers Ferry.

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Race Firemen Make Grade; They're On Their Own -- Cox

Acting Officers Are Selected

The experimental phase of Durham's first Negro fire company came to an end, for all practical purposes, this week.

Fire chief Cosmo Cox's announcement this week of the appointment of acting officers, withdrawal of department cadre and bringing of the company up to full strength apparently signalled the end of the "trying out" period.

Durham's first Negro fire station was opened a year ago at Fayetteville and Pekoe streets. The station, No. 4, was staffed with a company of ten recruits who had undergone approximately six weeks of basic training before the station opened.

They were headed by a cadre of four veteran firemen who directed their advanced training and supervised operation of the station.

Early this week, chief Cox pronounced the company ready to operate the station on its own and revealed that Walter Thomas, FIREMEN, page 6

"Left A Bad Taste"

Some 5,000 to March on Airport In S. C. Protesting Segregation

"It left a bad taste in the mouths of the citizens of Greenville," is the way the Rev. J. S. Hall, Jr., and others describe a recent incident in which Jackie Robinson was asked to use the "Colored" waiting room at the local airport.

Hall together with his wife, Gloster Current, director of branches for NAACP, and A. J. Whittenberg, president of the Greenville Chapter, say they also were included in the request. As a result the Greenville Ministerial Alliance (Negro) and the Greenville Chapter of CORE (the Committee on Racial Equality) led by its chairman, Hall, are planning a "Prayer Pilgrimage" on the airport on Jan. 1, Emancipation Day.

Some 5,000 persons are expected to participate by leaders of the pilgrimage.

Officials from all of the major Negro organizations of the state are expected to take part including the ELKS, Undertakers, and the NAACP, according to these same leaders who say this will be the first movement of its kind in South Carolina.

What is expected to be gained by the "Prayer Pilgrimage?" According to Hall:

"While we feel the courts of our land are agents through which laws are passed we, as ministers of the Gospel, also feel there is something a little deeper that brings men to men; that helps us realize we are our brothers keepers."

"If justice is to run down like water and righteousness as an See MARCH, page 6



GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES—The above group of persons was elected during the recently concluded Central-N. C. Conference to represent that body at the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in 1960. Shown are bottom row, left to right, Mrs. Eva Young, the Rev. R. L. Speaks, the Rt. Rev. R. L. Jones, presiding bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District, and Mrs. G. L. Madkins. Second row, left to right, are J. W. Har-

ison, George Zeigler, the Rev. G. L. Madkins, the Rev. J. W. Match, the Rev. C. V. Flack, the Rev. J. W. Young, W. T. Horton and Alexander Barnes. On the top row are the Rev. M. F.

Ward, Guy Mazyck, Mrs. Janie Speaks, the Rev. J. A. Arnold, the Rev. J. A. Brown and W. H. Steel. Not present was delegate the Rev. Edgar Jones.



RETIRING DURHAM MINISTER — The Rt. Rev. R. L. Jones congratulates Rev. J. Z. Siler for having been a pastor in the A. M. E. Zion Church for more than 50 years at the Central North Carolina Conference, which closed at St. Mark Church Sunday. Rev. Siler was the min-

ister at Mt. Olive A. M. E. Zion Church for a number of years, after successful pastorates throughout North Carolina. He chose to retire this year and even though active hopes to spend the remaining years leisurely, presiding occasionally.

Florida Reversal Seen First Break In Dixie's Pupil Assignment Front

NEW YORK — An opinion of a United States Court of Appeals reversing a lower court ruling which upheld the Florida Pupil Assignment law "appears to be the first clear breakthrough on these statutes," NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins said here today.

The decision, handed down in New Orleans, on Nov. 24, sent the case back to the federal district court with instructions to proceed

New Policeman Joins Force

Wesley Alfred Crudup, 32 year old former television and radio repairman, became the 15th Negro member of the Durham police force this week.

Crudup's appointment to the force was announced Tuesday by Police Chief W. W. Pleasants. He began duty with the force on the same day.

The new patrolman is married and the father of a two year old child.

In the past year, three other Negro patrolmen were appointed, bringing the number to 15. Appointed have been P. J. Allen, Arthur Carrington and Coolidge McCoy.

The Florida law together with the board's implementing resolution, the court held, does not meet "the requirements of a plan of desegregation of the schools or constitute a 'reasonable start toward full compliance' with the Supreme Court's May 17, 1954, ruling. The law and resolution do no more than furnish the legal machinery under which compliance may be started and effectuated. Indeed, there is nothing in either the Pupil Assignment Law or the implementing resolution clearly inconsistent with a continuing policy of compulsory racial segregation."

Segregation Continued — At the time of the trial, in 1958, the court noted, "for all practical purposes, the requirement of racial segregation in the public schools continued."

The ruling in the Shuttlesworth case in which the Alabama placement law was held constitutional "upon its face" does not apply in the Florida case because the former suit "was confined to an at-

Service Station Operator Shot By Daughter After Family Fight

—BULLETIN—
George A. Lett, 38 year old service station operator, died of a bullet wound in Lincoln hospital Thursday afternoon at approximately 5:05 p.m., hospital authorities said.

Lett had been in critical condition at the hospital since Monday night when he was admitted after having been shot with a .38 calibre pistol by his step-daughter.

Information concerning funeral arrangements was not immediately available.

George Allen Lett remained in "critical" condition at midweek in Lincoln hospital where he was taken Monday night after being shot by his 13 year-old step-daughter.

Lett was shot at his home, 1701 Fayetteville street, by the girl following a family argument, police reports say.

The .38 calibre pistol bullet went clear through his body it was reported.

According to police, Lett was shot by his daughter, Jackie Fore as she and her stepfather struggled for the pistol.

The girl was quoted by police as saying she shot Lett after he had hit her mother over the head with the pistol. She told police she snatched the pistol from his pocket as he started to leave the room. Lett caught her and was twisting her arm when she fired.

The girl's mother, Mrs. Dorothy Lett, was treated at Lincoln hospital for a head laceration.

Police also said that Lett admitted hitting his wife with the pistol during the argument.

His step-daughter was turned over to relatives after juvenile authorities were notified of the incident.

Lett, 38, is one of the partners of the Lett-Thompson Gulf service station, located at Pettigrew and Roxboro streets.

Both were notified recently by the Supreme Court clerk that their applications for admission were in order and that they could be admitted to the court on any day it is in session.

They will be introduced to the court by Washington attorney Frank Reeves at noon Monday.

Reaves is a member of the Washington D. C. law firm of Reaves, Robinson and Duncan.

Only six Negro attorneys of the city have been admitted to practice before the high tribunal. They are Attorneys C. J. Gates, M. E. Johnson, F. B. McKissick, C. O. Pearson, M. Hugh Thompson and J. H. Wheeler.

Spaulding, son of the late C. C. Spaulding, is general counsel for North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company. He was trained at Clark University, of Worcester, Mass., and received his law degree from St. John's University.

In his capacity as general counsel for N. C. Mutual, he supervises all legal work for the company.

He is a member of the board of directors of North Carolina Mutual, the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Mutual Savings and Loan Association, Bankers Fire Insurance Company, Southern Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company; is a trustee of White Rock Baptist Church; member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, the Masonic Lodge; and a member of the North Carolina State Bar Association, the National Bar Association. See ATTORNEYS, page 6



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Pool of Vote Efforts May Intensify Drive

NEW YORK — Plans for closer cooperation in a voter registration campaign in Southern states were discussed here yesterday by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King of Montgomery, Ala., president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Dr. King was accompanied by the Rev. J. Echols Lowery of Mobile, Ala., vice-president of the Southern group, and Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy of Montgomery, secretary-treasurer.

Wilkins said the conference, held at the NAACP national headquarters at 20 West 40th Street, had been suggested by Dr. King.

It was agreed that efforts of the two organizations to increase the registration of Negro citizens in selected urban centers of the South would be intensified in the presidential election year.

Wilkins announced, also that NAACP units in the North, stretching from New England to Colorado, and those along the West Coast from Seattle to San Diego, would have voter registration as a major activity in 1960.

Urban League Official to Tell Of Job Chances

Ann Tannehill, director of vocational services for the National Urban League, will be in Durham next week for a series of talks to Durham business leaders and students on broadening vocational opportunities for young Negroes.

Miss Tannehill will appear at North Carolina College Tuesday evening for a talk with senior women on careers for liberal arts graduates.

On Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., she will address a freshmen assembly at NCC in Duke auditorium. Following the address, she will attend a luncheon at noon at the Biltmore hotel with members of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs and the Durham Business and Professional Chain.

At 7:30 Wednesday evening, she will tell of job chances.

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Pictured above are ministerial and lay delegates of the Western North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Church to the General Conference to be held in Los Angeles, California, in May 1960. The front row consists of the delegates and reading from left to right are Rev. Melvin Chester Swann, pastor of St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church, Durham; Rev. D. Williams, Presiding Elder of the Greenville District; Rev. J. D. Davis, Presiding Elder of the Durham District; Mrs. Ruth Wadell, Sanford and L. E. Austin, Durham. Alternates in the back row are Rev. W. A. Page, Morganton; Miss Mae Hopson, Cary; Mrs. Lessie Morrow, Efland; Rev. L. S. Penn, pastor, St. Paul A. M. E. Church, Raleigh and Rev. G. G. Gam, Presiding Elder, Raleigh District.