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KKK Threatens S. C. Minister in Airport March

GREENVILLE, S. C. — A person calling himself the Grand Dragon of the KKK has threatened Reverend J. S. Hall, Jr., chairman of the Greenville chapter of CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) and leader of the Emancipation Day Prayer pilgrimage to the Greenville airport.



HALL

This is the airport where Jackie Robinson, Rev. Hall, and others were asked to move out of the 'white' waiting room.

Reverend Hall says that he is "not at all disturbed" by the threats. He goes on to say that the prayer pilgrimage is necessary "if justice is to run down like water and righteousness as an ever flowing stream."

First of Kind in State
Rev. Hall said that officials from all of the major Negro organizations in the state will participate in the prayer protest, called by CORE and the Greenville Ministerial Alliance. Leaders say that the pilgrimage will be the first movement of its kind in South Carolina.

A legal challenge to the segregated waiting facilities in the airport is pending in the courts. A request for a temporary injunction was denied last July by Federal Judge George Bell Timmerman.

Officials Won't Comment
Greenville Mayor J. Kenneth Cass said he had no comment on the protest demonstration.

Chairman Olin H. Spann of the Greenville Airport Commission said, when asked for comment, that any would have to come from the full commission, which will hold a meeting December 15.

Police Chief P. P. Oakes had no comment. He said, however, there were many legal aspects of such a meeting that would have to be interpreted.

Reverend Hall said, "Whisper a prayer for us."

Southeastern Lawyers Meet Opens Friday

RALEIGH — Approximately 75 Negro lawyers from Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia are expected here this week-end for the annual Fall meeting of the Southeastern Lawyers Association. This will be the first meeting for the newly elected slate of officers of the Association, who were named at the organization's June meeting.

Attorney Lisbon C. Berry, Jr., executive secretary, said from Durham this week that the organization will hear a representative of the North Carolina Industrial Commission and the Attorney General's Office during the two-day meeting.

A smoker, at the Lakeview club Friday evening, will open the week-end meeting for the Association.

The group will get down to business on Saturday morning in the first of a two-session business meeting scheduled for Bloodworth street, YMCA at 10 o'clock.

Three speakers will be heard by the organization during the after-noon session.

ALEXANDER NEW SECRETARY Move Made to Curtail Term of Grand Master To Three Years

WILSON—The meeting of the 1959 Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina came to a close here Wednesday afternoon after one of the most far-reaching shake-ups in the history of the state organization.

The session saw the incumbent Grandmaster G. D. Carnes retired with the title of Past Grandmaster. He will be succeeded for the top position by Clark Brown of Winston-Salem who, prior to his election, was Deputy Grand Master.

Elected as secretary to the post held for the past several years by the Reverend C. W. Lawrence of Charlotte.

The most important move according to a statement given this newspaper by Alexander, was the passage of a resolution which limits the tenure of office in the position of Grandmaster to three years.

In the past Grandmasters of the organization could serve as long as they wished.

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Body of Winston-Salem Murder Suspect Found in Golf Lake

WINSTON-SALEM—The body of a 44 year-old man sought since last Thanksgiving in connection with the fatal shooting of his wife was discovered here last Thursday in Winston Lake.

The city rescue squad, using grappling hooks, found the body of Ralph Richardson, professional golfer, about 40 feet from the bank of the lake, which is adjacent to the municipal golf course where Richardson was instructor.

He had been the object of a widespread police alarm after the body of his wife, Mrs. Helen Hairston Richardson, well known school teacher, was found on Thanksgiving eve.

Mrs. Richardson had been killed as she prepared to leave for a holiday trip to Washington, D.C. by bullet wounds.

Her death came six hours after she testified against her husband in a local court on charges of assault.

Detectives said they found Richardson's billfold and other personal belongings in a pavilion at the side of Winston lake Tuesday.

Two notes were also discovered, reportedly assigning the dead man's personal belongings to friends and for payment of an indebtedness.

The rescue squad was called to search the lake Thursday morning. About a half hour after operations began, Richardson's body, fully clothed was dragged from the lake.

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Funeral Held in Holly Springs For Slain Durham Businessman

Last rites for George Allen Lett, of 1701 Fayetteville street, were held at the First Baptist Church in Holly Springs Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. J. W. Albright, pastor of First Baptist, officiated at the services at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Burial services were held immediately following in the church cemetery.

The deceased was a well-known Durham business man who was co-operator of a service station. He died in Lincoln hospital last Thursday from a bullet wound inflicted by his teenage step-daughter.

According to police authorities, the wound resulted from a brief scuffle between the girl and her step-father over a .38 calibre pistol.

Lett is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Lett; three daughters, Wanda Jean Fore, Jeanette Marie Fore and Jacqueline Fore; his parents, Mrs. Meater Scott and Gertha Lett; three sisters, Mrs. Mable Saunders, Miss Idell Lett, and Ida Mae Lett; four brothers, Hilton, Aredist, Harold and Oland Lett; four nephews, one niece and several aunts and uncles.

Burthay was in charge of funeral arrangements.

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1500 at Anderson, Cowles Tribute

NEW YORK — 1,500 NAACP members and friends packed the Hotel Commodore Grand Ballroom here this week to honor Marian Anderson and LOK magazine Publisher Gardner Cowles at the Association's third annual \$100-per-couple Freedom Fund dinner.

Miss Anderson was cited in "appreciation of the significant contributions she has made to the leveling of racial and national barriers . . . and through her accomplishments as ambassador of goodwill to the whole world."

The world-famed contralto responded saying "It is with deep humility that we accept the honor bestowed this evening. There are, of course, in one's heart, many things she would like to say but probably not the right words to express them as she would like to have them known."

"This great race of ours, of which I am so deeply proud and happy to belong, is one that is on the march which will certainly take it to its goal," Miss Anderson continued.

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WHEELER'S SOUTH AFRICAN TRIP PART OF 24 COUPLE U. S.-AFRICAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM SPONSORED BY PRIVATE ORGANIZATION TO BETTER RELATIONS

NEW YORK — John H. Wheeler, President of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham, North Carolina, has arrived in the Union of South Africa. It was announced last week by Frank S. Loeschler, a Fellow of the United States-South Africa Leader Exchange Program.

Wheeler will be in the Union for a month, returning to the U. S. around Dec. 20. He will confer with business leaders of the several racial groups and attend the Ecumenical Church Conference in Johannesburg as a fraternal observer from the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Wheeler is one of seven Americans selected to go to the Union this year by the U. S. S. A. Leader Exchange Program of the African-American Institute, Dr. Loeschler, director of the program, said.

The United States-South Africa Leader Exchange Program, established in 1958 to further understanding between South African and American professional, business and civic leaders, expects to exchange twenty-four couples in 1959 and 1960, Dr. Loeschler said.

The program, which is supported by the contributions of American and South African foundations, corporations and individuals, is sponsored in the United States by the African-American Institute, a private non-political organization founded to foster closer relation between the people of the United States and Africa.

Among the other distinguished Americans selected to visit the Union this year under the auspices of the program are Holding Carter, Pulitzer Prize-winning Editor and Publisher of the "Delta Democrat-Times" of Greenville, Mississippi, and David A. McCandless, Director of the Southern Police Institute of the University of Louisville, who recently returned

to the United States; Dr. Lorus J. Iltis, Professor of Zoology, University of New Hampshire, and Dr. i. McLeod Bryan, Professor of Christian Social Ethics, Wake Forest College; Dr. Guy B. Johnson, Professor of Anthropology and Sociology, University of North Carolina, and Dr. Clinton L. Rossier, Chairman of the Department of Government, Cornell University.

The following South Africans have come to the United States in 1959: S. V. Peterson, principal of the Athlone High School for Coloureds, Cape Town and prize-winning poet, Professor E. P. Groenewald, Dean of the Faculty, Pretoria University; Dr. F. J. de Villiers, Adviser of Industrial Development to the Government of South Africa; Dr. D. Hey, Director of Nature Conservation, Cape Province.



TO SING FOR VIRGINIA PUPILS—Mahalia Jackson (pictured here in one of her typical concert moods) and Maxine Sullivan have volunteered to give a free show to help boost morale of 1,700 youngsters deprived of Prince Edward County, Va.

Acceptance Marks 4-Year Try By School

GREENSBORO — A&T College was last week admitted to full membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The announcement was made at the Thursday session of the annual meeting of the Association being held last week at Louisville, Ky.

The admission of A&T marks the successful conclusion of a four year effort on the part of the college to meet all conditions for full membership without altering any phases of its basic program.

Officials at the college had stated previously that the delay in gaining membership in the Association was due primarily to the failure to meet standards in a few areas of the college's wide offerings.

The A&T program is administered through six basic schools, including the Schools of Agriculture, Engineering, Nursing, Education and General Studies, the Technical Institute and the Graduate School.

"This means," said Dr. Warrmoth F. Gibbs, president, "that all conditions for admission for all schools and departments at A&T have been satisfactorily met."

He continued "while we are happy about being admitted to full membership in the Association, we are happier about the progress and the improvements which have been made at the college. We are better prepared to do a better educational job."

The college was first placed on the list of approved colleges by the Southern Association in 1936. In 1957, the first colleges with predominant Negro enrollments were admitted to full membership and the Association set up a four-year program in which these colleges would have the opportunity to correct the deficiencies required for full membership.

That year A&T was listed with a star, indicating that the institution was failing to meet one or more of the major standards of the Association.

The star was removed last year, 1958, which indicated that certain minor deficiencies needed correcting.

The evaluation committee first visited the college in 1956, shortly after President Gibbs had been named acting president.

During the period, the faculty has been strengthened with the addition of several persons with advanced degrees. The major facilities of the college have been improved, modern and up-to-date instructional equipment added and library resources increased.



Hodgin Resigns; Dr. Gibbs Slated To Retire

GREENSBORO — The Carolina Times learned from a reliable source here this week that the special committee, appointed and composed of members of the A&T College Trustee Board will continue its search for a new president of the institution to succeed Dr. W. T. Gibbs who is scheduled to retire at the close of the present school term.

Dr. Gibbs has already reached retirement age and is expected to step down from the top position at the close of the school in June or early July of next year.

The Trustee Board is scheduled to meet on December 16, but is not believed that the special committee appointed to find a successor will have completed its work in time to name the man who will succeed Dr. Gibbs by that time. It is hoped, however, that the job may be accomplished before the close of the year, the Times learned.

The Times also learned that E. R. Hodgins, for the past 30 years or more the business manager of A&T, has resigned his position, effective at the close of the present school year. Hodgins is also beyond retirement age. The Committee appointed by the trustees to find a capable successor to Dr. Gibbs will not have the full responsibility of selecting a business manager to succeed Hodgins but will leave the matter principally up to the new president to recommend a successor to Hodgins, the Times learned.

Hodgins received his appointment from A&T's Trustee Board and to a large extent is not answerable to the president. This situation is believed by many to be responsible for much of the misunderstanding which has obtained between Gibbs and Hodgins from time to time. As a result, the Times learned.

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ATTENDED CONFERENCES — Vice-President and Secretary J. W. Goodloe spent the week in New York City attending two important meetings: The Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Institute of Life Insurance at the Waldorf-Astoria, December 8. On Friday, December 11, he attended a Leaders Program at the World Affairs Center. Following this program, he visited the United Nations.

Shriners Make Gift

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and 1st Jurisdiction, Inc., Saturday presented a check for \$10,000 to Howard University for medical research in sickle cell anemia, a blood disease prominent among darker races.

This marks the Shriners second grant in as many years for the study of the disease, and the third grant which the Shriners have made to the University for medical research.

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