

MAN TURNED INTO HUMAN TORCH

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Teen-Agers Douse Man With Oil, Set Him Afire in Fuss Over TV

CHARLOTTE—Three teen-agers who made a human torch out of a 76-year-old man because he wouldn't permit them to see a television program on his set have been charged with murder.

The murder charge was lodged against the three youths Sunday after their victim, William A. Taylor, died in Good Samaritan hospital of first degree burns.

The three teen-age boys doused the man with kerosene, set fire to the fuel and left him in the burning house late Saturday night.

Taylor was pulled from a burning bed in his home around 1 a. m. Saturday by neighbors who saw the flames in the house.

The three youths were first charged with maiming with fire, but the warrant was later changed to murder when Taylor died Sunday around 12:45 in the hospital.

The three are Gus Parker, Jr., 18, of 711 Canton street, Theodore Gill, 17, of 1011 N. Johnson street, and Clarence McCollough, Jr., 18, of 901 Putnam Court.

The victim told police the youths poured kerosene over him and set it afire during an argument over what TV programs to watch on a set in his home.

One of the youths told police that the man was doused and set afire by only one of them.

They admitted leaving the house while the kerosene was burning on the floor around the stove.

The three went to a nearby club and stayed until it closed about 15 minutes later.

When police talked to the victim outside his home, he was able to give only the first names and a general description of his assailants.

Ambulance attendants said his body was saturated with kerosene when they picked him up.

Boy Kills Mom Who Disliked His Negro Lover

MELROSE, Mass.—An 18-year-old white youth was charged this week by police for murdering his mother when she refused him permission to marry his Negro sweetheart.

He is Richard T. Seaver, who was picked up in Boston Monday by police searching for a teen-age gang of hand-bag snatchers.

During questioning on the gang thefts, he blurted out a story of slaying his mother in their Melrose home, seven miles from Boston.

Police investigated and discovered the body of the boy's mother, 42-year-old Mrs. Eleanor Lee Seaver, in a closet of an unused bed room.

She had been stabbed 30 times with scissors and a broadknife, struck on the head with a hammer, and strangled with an electric iron cord.

The name of the youth's Negro sweetheart was not available.

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STOCKHOLDERS HEAR REPORT—The scene shows the stockholders of Mechanics and Farmers bank assembled in the firm's main office in Durham where they listened to the report of the bank's condition.

Burgaw Blaze Kills 4, Hurts 6, Destroys Home

BURGAW—Four persons were killed and six others injured when a fire destroyed a five-room frame house here Monday night.

The dead were all children, ranging in ages from 13 to two years. Three adults and two other children were hospitalized with burns as a result of the fire.

The house caught fire when flaming oil from a heater exploded, shooting the blazing oil throughout the five-room house.

Firemen found only smoldering ruins when they arrived at the home, in Maple Hill, about 20 miles north of Burgaw. Bodies of the four children who died in the flames were discovered after firemen sprayed water on the ashes.

The home was the residence of the Richard Hardman family.

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ANNUAL REPORT MADE

Bank Resources Show Gain; Officers Praised

Stockholders of Mechanics and Farmers Bank held their annual meeting in the bank's main office here at 116 West Parrish Street on Monday night, January 4, at seven thirty o'clock.

In report to stockholders President J. H. Wheeler cited progress made by the bank during 1959. Total resources at the end of the year were \$7,996,000 and deposits due individuals and corporations were \$560,000 more than at the end of 1958.

Earnings for the year were also reported to have been satisfactory and sufficient for payment of a four per cent dividend to stockholders after adding to surplus and various reserves including the reserves for bad debts.

It was also reported that during 1959 the bank's common capital had been increased from \$315,000 to \$350,000 in keeping with an amendment to the bank's charter approved by stockholders in November, 1957. This amendment provided for periodic sales of additional stock and the declaration of a stock dividend, which when completed would increase the bank's common capital from \$225,000 to \$350,000.

In referring to recent efforts to strengthen the personnel of the bank, President Wheeler called particular attention to the fact that I. O. Funderburg, Cashier, had completed his studies at the Stonier Graduate School of Banking, Rutgers University, New

Brunswick, New Jersey and that his thesis was one of 27 selected from a graduating class of 353 for placement in the Rutgers University Library and the Library of the Harvard School of Business Administration.

A glowing tribute was paid J. C. Scarborough, Sr., who has served as a member of the Board of Directors for over 51 years and is the last living member of the original Board elected when the bank was founded in 1908.

Wheeler stated that since his connection with the bank, Scarborough had served without compensation and had been remarkably consistent in his attendance at meetings of the Board and Executive Committee.

Also cited for his faithful support and service to the bank was Dr. Clyde Donnell, Chairman of the Board of Directors. Dr. Donnell was presented a token of esteem on behalf of the Bank's officers and employees on the occasion of his retirement as Vice President of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company.

In his remarks, Dr. Donnell praised the Bank's personnel for faithful and efficient service to the public and urged the officers and stockholders to use their influence in building a bigger and better institution. He opined that with proper effort and cooperation, the bank's resources could be increased to \$10 million within two years.

All of the Directors were re-elected by stockholders. They are Dr. Clyde Donnell, R. N. Harris, C. A. Haywood, W. J. Kennedy, Jr., L. E. McCauley, E. R. Merrick, T. D. Parham, J. C. Scarborough, Sr., A. T. Spaulding, C. C. Spaulding, Jr., J. S. Stewart, J. E. Strickland and J. H. Wheeler.

At the first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors held later during the week, the following officers were elected to

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Final Rites Set For Man Struck By Automobile

Funeral services have been scheduled for Saturday afternoon at Oak Grove Freewill Baptist Church for David Morrissey, who died at Lincoln hospital Tuesday.

A resident of 1005 South Alston avenue, Morrissey died from injuries sustained when he was struck by an automobile near his

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MORRISEY

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Donnell Retires, Watts Appointed As N. C. Mutual Medical Head

The retirement of Dr. Clyde Donnell as medical director of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and the appointment of Dr. Charles D. Watts as his successor was announced this week.

The announcement came from the firm's president Asa T. Spaulding, who explained that Dr. Donnell's retirement became effective on Jan. 1.

The prominent Durham physician had held the post as medical director for the company for the past 40 years. He was elected to the position in 1920.

He was also made a member of the board of directors at the same time and held the position of senior vice-president and medical director at his retirement.

His successor, Dr. Watts is a leading young physician in local and national medical circles.

A native of Greensboro, Dr. Donnell was graduated from A&T College in 1907 with a B.S. degree. He continued his formal training at Howard, Washington

and Harvard universities, receiving an A.B. degree from Howard in 1911, an M.D. degree from the Harvard Medical School in 1915.

Dr. Donnell became medical director of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company on Jan. 12, 1920. In January, 1959, he was given the added position of senior vice president by the company.

The retiring North Carolina Mutual officer is prominent in state and regional medical and business circles. For 32 years, he was secretary and treasurer of the Old North State Medical Society. He was founder of the Durham Academy of Medicine and former general secretary of the Journal of the National Medical Association.

He was instrumental in the growth of Lincoln hospital, where he served as president and chairman of the board of trustees. In 1953, the Old North State Medical Society named him Doctor of the Year.

Dr. Donnell is a member of the National Negro Business League, the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs, the Durham Business and Professional Chain, St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

He is also chairman of the board of directors of Mechanics and Farmers Bank, vice-president of Mutual Savings and Loan Association.

He is married to the former Miss Martha Merrick, and they

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"MAN OF THE YEAR"—Herbert E. Tucker, right, Boston, Mass., attorney and former head of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, was honored as "Omega Man of the Year" at the fraternity's annual Grand Conclave held in New York City, December 27-30. He accepts the plaque from Dr. M. J. Whitehead, left, Washington, D. C., chairman of the Achievement Week Observance Committee as Dr. I. Gregory Newton, grand basileus, looks on from center.

EDITORIAL

Lip-Service Leadership is Not Acceptable

This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. Matt. 15:8

Southern-born and southern-educated Althea Gibson put on a big race pride show of lip service at Norfolk, Va., the other day when she pretended to be incensed at the segregated seating of spectators at an exhibition tennis match in which she was playing. Althea is traveling with the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team as an added attraction. In referring to the jim crow seating arrangements, the famous tennis star is reported to have had the following to say:

"I don't like it. I didn't know this sort of thing still existed."

"This is a sport — an international thing — and yet, you have some people sitting here some people sitting there."

"There's only one difference between us — our color. Our eyes are the same, our mouths are the same. Just what the hell is

the matter?

"Do these people (whites) think there is such a big difference that they have to sit by themselves?"

"I don't want to skirt the law, but there must be something wrong with the law, just think, adults acting like that."

"I have been accepted as an individual. I don't want to be a pioneer in this sort of thing. And I don't want to do anything that would bring discredit on the group I'm with or Abe Saperstein (Globetrotters promoter) but personally, I think I have a right to say the things I feel."

This is an entirely different attitude from that assumed by Miss Gibson when she failed to give her moral support to the son of Dr. Ralph Bunche when he was refused membership at Forest Hills in New York. The Forest Hill courts are owned by the Westside Tennis Club that barred young Bunche from membership. Althea played on the occasion and in referring to the Bunche incident stated that

Mrs. King, A&T Staff Member Is Funeralized

REIDSVILLE—A counselor to girl students at A&T College died here on Tuesday, December 29, following a brief illness.

Mrs. Sarah B. King, Reidsville, a native of Rockingham County and teacher in the Leaksville public schools for 19 years and more recently a dormitory counselor at A&T College, was stricken while on holiday leave.

Funeral services were conducted at the Reidsville Zion Baptist Church on January 1, with Rev. E. L. Kirby, pastor of the church, officiating.

The deceased came to A&T College in October 1957. An active church worker, she served as advisor to the Baptist Student Union on the campus during the period of her employment.



DR. DONNELL



DR. WATTS

NAACP and King's Group to Join Forces for 1 Million New Voters

ATLANTA, Ga.—A coordinated cooperative south-wide drive to register an additional 1,000,000 Negro voters during the first 10 months of 1960 will be conducted by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Announcement of the joint effort was made here on Dec. 28 by NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., SCLC president, following an all-day conference of 23 representatives of the two organizations. In a news conference after the meeting, Dr. Wilkins explained that the drive was an extension and acceleration of voter registration campaigns already initiated by the two organizations.

The meeting, Mr. Wilkins said, had been called by Dr. King and himself "to make plans for coordinating cooperative activity to raise the registration of Negro

voters prior to the 1960 elections." Dr. King told reporters that the two organizations had agreed to conduct "an intensified campaign throughout the South" designed to raise the present number of registered Negro voters from 1,400,000 to 2,500,000. This figure was selected as an attainable and realistic goal.

The campaign, Mr. Wilkins asserted, will be non-partisan and will be conducted on a neighborhood basis with door-to-door canvassing block by block. Neither organization, he said, attempts to tell voters for whom to cast their ballots. He expressed the anticipation that the new voters will support candidates with the best civil rights records.

The NAACP leader said that the campaign seeks to stimulate voting in local and state elections as well as national elections.

Dr. King announced that his organization planned to increase its

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