

Court Delays Sister Gary - AME Zion Dispute



PHILIP FREED OF MURDER CHARGE



SISTER GARY

ATTACKED GIRL 19-Year-Old Draws Time On Three Counts

A 19-year-old youth this week was given three road terms totaling five months after being convicted in Records Court of three charges.

Drawing a 90-day term for assault on a female, 30 days for assault and battery on a police officer and 30 days for resisting arrest was Gayle Ledbetter of 916 Scout Drive.

Patrolman J. C. Reese testified he was on routine check shortly after 10 p.m. Monday near the corner of S. Roxboro and Cora Streets.

"I saw Ledbetter and the girl struggling in the alley; he was trying to throw her to the ground," Reese told the court.

"I jumped out of my car and ran toward them, at which time he broke and ran. I caught him and he started fighting and kicking me.

"After I got him handcuffed, we returned where the girl was and she told me that she did not know Ledbetter, and that he grabbed her as she walked past the alley. He (Ledbetter) had already torn her coat off before I saw them."

The victim of the assault, Carolyn Thomas of 211 Elliott St., signed the assault on a female warrant and was in court to testify, but was not called to the stand. The defendant told the court that "I did know her. I ran from the officer because she told him I had hit her."

Claims to Church Property to Be Aired In Dec. 14th Session

RALEIGH—The trial of a church dispute involving the Rev. Mable Gary Philpot and the A. M. E. Zion Church is scheduled to take place here on Monday, Dec. 11.

The issue, which will be placed before a Wake County Superior Court, is who has the rights to the church property located at Hill and Edenton streets here.

Located on the property is a church which A. M. E. Zion officials contend is Grace Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church and belongs to that denomination.

The Rev. Mrs. Philpot, better known in religious circles as Sister Gary, and her followers claim the property is Wesleyan Church of Deliverance and belongs to their congregation.

The dispute arose in early November following the annual conference of the North Carolina A. M. E. Zion Church during which Sister Gary was assigned by the conference to a church at Fayetteville.

After the conference, Sister Gary notified church officials that she and the Grace Memorial congregation had decided to withdraw from the denomination and retain possession of the church property.

The congregation changed the name from Grace Memorial A. M. E. Zion to Wesleyan Church of Deliverance.

On the following week A.M.E. Zion officials reacted by sending the Rev. L. P. Perry to Raleigh to assume the pulpit of the church in the name of the denomination. But he was restrained by police on orders from Sister Gary from entering the church.

officials obtained a restraining order barring Sister Gary and some 25 others of the congregation from the church property.

Two weeks ago, when Sister sought to return to the church premises to conduct worship services, she was met by the restraining order and prevented from entering the church. She and her congregation have been holding services since at a local mortuary.

Sister Gary and her congregation are being represented in the action by attorney Herman Taylor, of Raleigh.



Golden To Speak At Dinner For Roy Wilkins

NEW YORK—Harry Golden, the distinguished North Carolina journalist, author and philosopher, will be the featured speaker at the New Year's Day dinner in tribute to NAACP Executive Sec'y Roy Wilkins, Mrs. Jessie Vann, chairman of the dinner committee, announced this week.

The dinner to be held at the Hotel Roosevelt here on Jan. 1 will honor Mr. Wilkins for his 30 years of service and leadership in the Fight for Freedom as a top executive of the NAACP.

A life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Golden is author of such bestsellers as "Only in America," "For 2c Plain" and "Enjoy, Enjoy." His latest book, "Carl Sandburg" is an intimate account of his good friend, the great poet and biographer of Abraham Lincoln.

RETIRES—The Rev. T. C. Graham, prominent Durham Baptist minister, announced this week his retirement from the pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church of Bahama. He is scheduled to formally step down after 25 years on Jan. 7. See page 8-B for details.



NEW PASTOR AND FAMILY—The Alexander Moseley family is the new family now occupying the parsonage of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church of Durham. Members of the family are pictured here. At left is the Rev.

Moseley, newly elected pastor of Mt. Gilead, his 11 year old daughter, Alexis, and his wife, the former Miss Earle Cleves. A special series of services is currently being held at the church nightly in connection

with the formal installation of Rev. Moseley. The final service in the series features the Rev. Miles Mark Fisher, of White Rock Baptist Church, who will speak at Mt. Gilead on Sunday afternoon at three p.m.

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MRS. OLIVER AND WILBUR

INQUIRING REPORTER Durhamites Have Mixed Feelings About Davis' Joining Redskins

Emile Davis, Syracuse University's All-American Heisman Trophy winner is somewhat of a controversial subject in sports circles in the wake of the National Football League's and the American Football League's draft selections.

Davis, the first Negro player ever to be awarded the Heisman Trophy, was drafted last week by the Washington Redskins of the NFL, the only team in that league without a Negro player, and he has also been drafted by the New York Titans of the AFL.

Much discussion and argument have been made as to which team Davis should sign with. Arguments hold that if Davis signs with the Redskins he might not be able to perform his best because of the pressure under which he will be playing. Others say he should sign with the "Skins" in order to break the all-white barrier.

Durhamites have varied opinions on the subject. After several spot inquiries, the CAROLINA TIMES reporter came up with the following answers to the question, "With whom do you think Davis should sign?"

James Bynum, NCC employee, 1714 Noble St.: "Because the



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Redskins have never had a Negro player, I'd like to see Davis the first. They couldn't have picked a better player."

Claude Smith, NCC student, 517 Elmira St.: "If he goes to the Redskins I feel he'll be traded. I'd rather see him sign with the Titans; but if he goes with the Skins and is as good as reports say he is, he should have no trouble."

Joe Garner, NCC student, 302 Umstead St.: "I think Davis should sign with the Skins, because if he's successful with them it might spark them to get more Negro players."

Mrs. Cecilia Crumpler, secretary, 15-C Dorothy Dr.: "He ought to sign with the Redskins because the situation should present a real challenge for him."

Charles Bowling, asst. band director at NCC, 1512 and half Fayetteville St.: "I think Davis should go with the Skins the NFL is an established league and his earnings should be greater because of his affiliation with that league."

Jesse DuBose, 1-3 Cornwallis St.: "I think the Titans would be his best bet because there he wouldn't be playing under so much pressure. It's just like choosing between New York and Mississippi to live."

Miss Leonora Jackson, asst. mgr., 1211 Lincoln St.: "I think Davis should sign with the team he thinks he can do the most

Mother of 12 Happy to Have Son Safe Again

Although Mrs. Geneva Oliver, of 119 Barnum street, has seven other sons, 10 year old Wilbur is probably the most precious to her right now.

For he has been returned to his mother's side after an ordeal last Saturday in which he spent five hours trapped in waist deep water inside an 11 foot hole.

Young Wilbur, like all other adventuresome boys his age, was exploring a wooded area near his home last Saturday when he slipped into an 11 foot hole waist deep in water.

He was finally rescued after being discovered by a passing postman.

"It was just the goodness of the Lord that my boy was saved," Mrs. Oliver remarked this week.

Following his rescue last Saturday, Wilbur was taken to Duke hospital where he was treated for a few bruises, shock and exposure.

Wilbur showed few ill effects from the ordeal by mid-week when the TIMES photographed him with his mother. He smiled broadly and appeared to enjoy the role of celebrity in which See SAFE page 6-A

Will Sarah Stay At Durham's Holiday Inn?

Will Sarah Vaughan be able to stay at the Holiday Inn motel when she comes to Durham for a benefit concert for the NAACP next week?

This question was posed this week when representatives from the organizations sponsoring her here next week went to the famed hostelry in downtown Durham to confirm her reservations.

When the Inn officials discovered that the reservations for Miss Vaughan, made in her legal name of Mrs. C. P. Atkins, were for a Negro, they balked.

An unidentified clerk told John Edwards, a member of the Durham Business College NAACP unit who went to the hotel to check on the reservations that the hotel had not customarily accepted Negro guests.

A check with Mrs. Ora Nichols, assistant manager of hotel, revealed that the hotel has so far not had any Negro guests, but she left the possibility open that it might do so in the future.

"Up until this point, we have not been integrated," Mrs. Nichols explained, but she added that the matter of Miss Vaughan's reservations would be See SARAH, page 6-A



IN CONCERT—Miss Lenoris Witherspoon returns to Durham next week where she will appear in a concert Tuesday night, Dec. 12 at the St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church. A Durhamite, and a former member of St. Mark, Miss Witherspoon has been a voice student in Philadelphia.



PHILIP

Case Against Durham Surgical Dealer Dismissed

KINSTON—Winston Philip, 56, 412 S. Mangum St., accused last year with the first degree murder of a Kinston school teacher, was acquitted of that charge this week before Superior Court Judge W. H. S. Bur-gwyn.

The jurist ruled Tuesday that the State had not presented sufficient evidence to warrant a murder conviction.

Philip, operator of the Durham Surgical Supply Co. on Mangum St., was charged in the Dec. 27, 1960 murder of Mrs. Ruth Graham Tillery of Kinston, widow and mother of two children.

Mrs. Tillery's body was found near an abandoned school building on the outskirts of Kinston about 2 a.m. on the 27th. According to investigating officers, the woman's dress was pulled up to her neck and her underclothes were missing. A large rock was lying near her head.

Medical evidence at the trial showed that the eighth grade teacher at Adkin High School died from exposure after being knocked unconscious by a blunt instrument. Evidence also showed that the woman had not been sexually attacked, but had been pregnant shortly before her death and had aborted.

Philip's arrest came after police were told that Mrs. Tillery See PHILIP, page 6-A

Bobo Hinton Lou Groza Woos NCC Draftee For the Browns

Charles "Bobo" Hinton, tackle, became the highest draft grid choice in the history of North Carolina College when the Cleveland Browns plucked him in the second round of the National Football League Draft, Monday, in Chicago.

The 6-5, 240 pound Raleigh native surpassed his hometown buddy, John Baker, who was the fifth draft choice of the Los Angeles Rams in 1958.

Cleveland wasted little time in getting a representative here to try and get Hinton's name on the dotted line. Lou Groza, famous place-kicking specialist with the Browns, sped here by airways to talk to Hinton. Groza found other scouts here as Hinton was the fourth draft choice of the Dallas Texans, American Football League. A Canadian League scout was also on hand.

Groza said, "we plan to make a defensive player out of Hinton. He has the physical capacities to play National Football League ball." However, if he doesn't work-out on defense then we can use him on offense."

When asked why the Browns went so high to get Hinton, Groza said, "we have heard nothing but good reports on this fellow; Lou Michaels (Cleveland offensive tackle) scouted him once, and I saw him in practice on one occasion. We liked what we saw." "Let's see it, Bladdick's See GROZA, page 6-A



LOU "The Tee" GROZA AND "BOBO" HINTON

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