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Body of Mother Missing Since Dec. 20 Found in Yadkin River



YEAR END REPORTS — J. H. Wheeler (standing left), president of Mutual Savings and Loan Association, and John H. Williams.



Wheeler (right) of Mechanics and Farmers bank, are shown delivering annual reports on the operations of their firms.

Ronda Woman Apparent Auto Mishap Victim

RONDA — The body of a young Negro woman, who had been missing since December 20, was recovered from the Yadkin River near here early Sunday.

Friends identified the body found trapped by a large submerged tree as that of 21-year-old Billie Bailey Dobbins of Rt. 2, Ronda.

The young mother of one child had been the subject of a search by as many as 125 volunteers from nine different rescue squads since the car she reported driving submerged in the river December 21, near the Clinch Road bridge here.

Coroner M. W. Green said a formal inquest to determine the cause of death would be held.

Positive identification was made by two of Mrs. Dobbins' close friends.

Mrs. Dobbins' husband, Rufus, a truck driver, was on a run to West Virginia, when the car was found. The vehicle's ignition keys were missing, one door was open and the woman's purse, coat, and one shoe were in the car. A skirt belonging to the victim was later pulled from the river.

White House Press Aide at High Point

HIGH POINT — The Annual Dinner Meeting of the Carl Chavis Memorial YWCA will be held on Monday, January 21. The guest speaker for the occasion will be ANDREW T. HATCHER, Associate Press Secretary to the President of the United States.

Hatcher has had a very interesting and successful career both as Educator, Editor, and politician.

North Carolina College Campus To be C-D Fall-out Shelter Area

North Carolina College has entered into an agreement with the office of Civil Defense, with approval from the North Carolina Department of Administration, to use areas on the campus as fallout shelters.

The college's role in this phase of the nation's defense program was announced recently by President Alfonso Elder.

In making the announcement, Elder also said the campus committee, chaired by Business Manager William Jones, would work with the Durham Civil Defense office in training and organizing shelter personnel.

Serving on the committee with Jones are Robert Duncan, Alexander Gardner, Marion Thorpe, James Price, Charles Alston, and R. P. Randolph.

The following areas will be used for Civil Defense on the campus: Annie Day Shepard Dormitory (Shelter: Basement Recreation Room); Old Senior Dormitory (Shelter Location: Basement Recreation Room); Home Economics Building (Shelter Location: Basement); Infirmary (Shelter Location: Basement Storage Room); Faculty

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Growth of 20 Percent Noted In '62 by Bank

A growth rate of slightly more than 20 percent for Mechanics and Farmers Bank was reported to stockholders at the annual meeting of the financial institution in Durham on Monday night.

John H. Wheeler, president of the bank, delivered the report on the bank's operations last year during his annual address to stockholders.

A large number of the firm's stockholders were on hand for the meeting, held in the bank's main lobby on Parrish street.

The stockholders elected one new director, William J. Walker, while re-electing the others to office. Re-elected as directors were Dr. Clyde Donnell, I. O. Funderburg, R. N. Harris, C. A. Haywood, W. J. Kennedy, Jr., E. R. Merrick, T. D. Parham, J. J. Sansom, Jr., J. C. Scarborough, A. T. Spaulding, C. C. Spaulding, Jr., A. E. Spears, J. S. Stewart, J. E. Strickland, J. H. Wheeler and C. W. Williams.

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The report showed that the bank's assets increased to more than \$12 million during the year. Assets at the end of 1961 were reported at \$10,112,308.45.

The increase represented an overall growth of 20.8 percent.

A big factor in the survey of last year's operations was the opening of the Charlotte branch. The new unit, located at Beatties Ford Road, was formally opened last spring.

Wheeler pointed out that 47 percent of the total increase in assets gains in 1962 was recorded by the Charlotte branch.

Taking a look toward the future, the bank president revealed hopes for reaching a goal of \$20 million in deposits by 1965.

Also, last year's earnings were slightly under that posted in



WALKER

W.J. Walker, Jr. Elected Director At Bank Meeting

William Jay Walker, Jr. was elected to the board of directors of Mechanics and Farmers Bank at the firm's annual stockholders' meeting held in Durham Monday night.

Walker was the lone new member elected to the Board as the stockholders voted to return the incumbent directors to office again.

Re-elected were Dr. Clyde Donnell, chairman, I. O. Funderburg, R. N. Harris, C. A. Haywood, Raleigh; W. J. Kennedy, Jr., E. R. Merrick, T. D. Parham, J. J. Sansom, Raleigh; J. C. Scarborough, Sr., A. T. Spaulding, A. E. Spears, Charlotte; J. S. Stewart, J. E. Strickland, Raleigh; Dr. C. W. Williams, Charlotte, and J. H. Wheeler.

Walker, 53, replaces the late Dr. L. E. McCauley, of Raleigh, on the board. Dr. McCauley died last year.

The new bank director is a

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Mutual Savings Assets Increase By \$.3 Million

Assets of Mutual Savings and Loan Association of Durham, increased by \$316,995.40 during 1962 to a total of \$5,212,473.43 at year's end, the institution announced at the annual shareholders' meeting held Tuesday night.

John S. Stewart, President of the Association stated that the new mark represents a gain of 6.48 percent from assets reported at the end of 1961.

According to the institution's 1962 Annual Report, net savings gains recorded during the year totaled \$264,828.25, bringing total savings held by the association to an all-time high of \$4,250,782.19.

The association also reported record dividend payments of \$158,668.08, based on a dividend rate of 4 percent.

The Annual Report also revealed that the association's mortgage lending volume rose to a record \$4,654,345.31 in 1962, approximately 9.88 percent above the volume of the previous year.

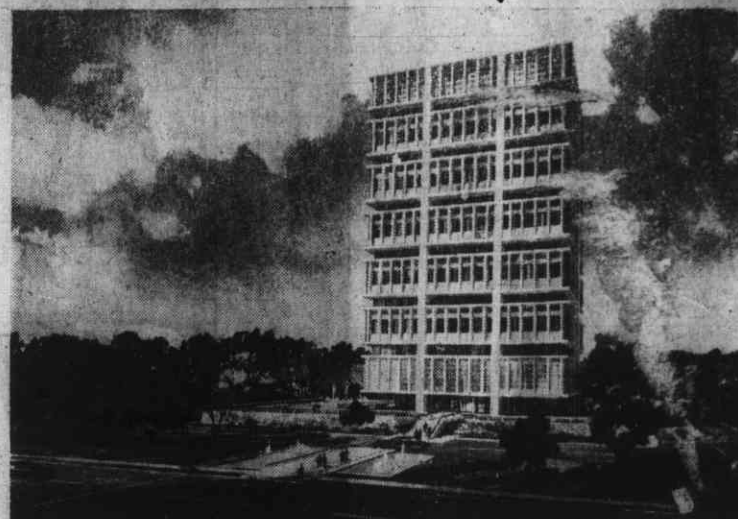
"The stronger mortgage lending activities of our association, and for the savings and loan business as a whole, in the face of a relatively modest national demand for housing, indicate that our associations are steadily reinforcing their leadership in this field," Stewart said.

He forecast a slight increase in housing and mortgage lending activities during the coming year.

All of the firm's officers and directors were re-elected for the year. The officers are E. R. Merrick, chairman of the board of directors; John S. Stewart, president; Dr. Clyde Donnell, vice-president; W. J. Kennedy, Jr., vice-president; G. W. Logan,

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NEW N. C. MUTUAL HOME OFFICE — Here is the architect's conception of how the new home office building for North Carolina Mutual Life

Insurance company will look after it is completed. The building is to be erected on the southeastern corner of the Chapel Hill-Duke street intersection in Durham. Street shown in front of the structure (center foreground) is Chapel Hill, and one at the right is South Duke street.

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Work To Start In Spring On \$5 Million Structure

The architectural design of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company's new home office, a twelve-story sculptured concrete building featuring a unique structural concept has been unveiled.

According to A. T. Spaulding, President of the firm, construction is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 1963 on the "Four Acres" site at the corner of West Chapel Hill and Duke Streets. The total cost of the project is expected to be in the \$4 to \$5 million range.

As planned, designed, and engineered by Welton Beck and Associates, Los Angeles and New York City architects, with M. A. Ham of Durham as associate, provision can be made for parking 300 automobiles on two and three-level parking structures placed among the trees on the south side of the site.

"The high rise structure will enable us to make the most desirable use of the site and at the See BUILDING, 6-A

New Office to Be City's 3rd Tallest

North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company's new home office will be the third tallest in Durham, when completed.

According to architect's plans released this week by the home office in Durham, the building will consist of 12 stories. Only two other buildings in Durham are taller, the Hill building, of 16 stories and the Jack Tar hotel, which has 14 stories.

Sit-in Ruling Could Become Far-Reaching

GREENSBORO — An audience was told last week at A and T. College that if the Supreme Court renders a decision favorable to defendants in the famed "sit-in" cases, it will be the most far reaching civil rights decision in the history of the country.

The speaker was J. Kenneth Lee, Greensboro attorney, who delivered the main address at Harrison Auditorium on Tuesday morning, January 8. His appearance was one of a series of lectures entitled, "Significant Issues of Our Times," being presented at the college this year. He spoke on the subject from the perspective of a lawyer.

Detailing the developments in the Supreme Court hearing of the "sit-in" cases, he told the audience that more than 100 lawyers, both white and Negro, many of them considered experts in constitutional law, were in Washington last November to collaborate on the cases which involved more than 1,700 arrests.

He described court decisions which deny that ownership of property gives the owner the See SIT-IN, 6-A

Daisy Bates Seeks Divorce

Mrs. Daisy Bates, state president of the NAACP during the 1957 school desegregation crisis in Little Rock, Ark., has filed for divorce against L. C. Bates.

Her suit alleged Bates had treated her with "abuse, contempt, and studied neglect". As editor-publisher of the Arkansas Gazette, a weekly news See DIVORCE, 6-A

Tarheel to Be Senior Bishop of AMEZ Church

Bishop Raymond Luther Jones, Salisbury, N. C., is slated to become chairman of the Board of Bishops of the AME Zion Church at its semi-annual meeting which will be held at St. Luke AME Zion Church 7th and Church Streets, Wilmington, N. C. Dr. A. J. Blake, Pastor, January 9, 12, 1963.

He will succeed Bishop W. J. Wall who has served the past six months. It is expected that Bishop W. J. Wall will again assume the duties as secretary which office he has held for a number of years.

He was elected both chairman and secretary at the July 1962 meeting and Bishop H. T. Medford was elected to serve as secretary while Bishop Walls was the chairman.

Ministers & Laymen Association will elect officers and it is felt that Dr. E. Franklin Jackson, Washington, D. C. would be re-elected as president. The office of the first vice-president was vacated by the death of Dr. S. P. Perry a short time ago. This office will be filled at the Wilmington meeting. Dr. G. W. McMurray, Birmingham, Alabama, who is the executive secretary, is expected to be re-elected also. Dr. I. B. Pierce, Indianapolis, Ind., treasurer since 1956 is a likely choice to succeed himself.

Wright-Michaux Marriage Annulled

COLUMBIA, S. C. — The marriage of Miss Beverly Ann Wright and Henry M. Michaux, Jr., of Durham, N. C., was annulled here last month, it was revealed this week.

Judge Legare Bates granted the annulment in an order entered on Dec. 21. M. Perry Columbia attorney, represented Miss Wright, who was plaintiff in the action.

The order by Judge Bates granting the annulment read in part:

"... the marriage was never consummated and that by reason of false and fraudulent representations in regard to actual marriage relations and by reason of fact that said parties have never lived together as man and wife that said marriage should be annulled and it is so ordered that the marriage contract entered into between the See ANNULLED, 6-A

Money Allegedly Stolen From Funeral Home

LAURINBURG — The arrest of two Negro servants on charge of stealing \$30,000 has solved a Laurinburg mystery.

Who was building a sumptuous two-story brick home in a fashionable white section here?

Miss Truemiller Polston, 54, and Miss Pinky Polston 50, were accused of stealing the \$30,000 over a long period of time from a safe where one of them was employed. They were believed to be investing it in Laurinburg's mystery mansion.

Residents of the neighborhood where the home was being built did not know who owned it. For months it has been source of rumors here.

The Polston sisters purchased the lot for \$6,000 through a white agent, sources said.

Police said Truemiller Polston was employed as a cook and maid by the victim of the theft, C. H. Morris, a Negro undertaker. The officers gave this account of the arrests:

For months, Morris suspected that money was being taken from the safe in his residence, on the second floor of his business establishment, the B. Morris Funeral Home.

Friday, while hiding in a closet, he undertaker watched his maid open the combination lock on the safe. He jumped from cover, grabbed the maid and called police.

Under questioning, Miss Polston implicated her sister, who works as a maid in the Scotland (county) Memorial Hospital and she was arrested.

Police searched the run-down house where the sisters live and found several boxes and suitcases full of new clothing.

The sisters were charged with grand larceny and held in the county jail under \$10,000 bond pending a hearing around January 15.

NAACP Issues Policy Stand On Meredith

NEW YORK — In the wake of James Meredith's threats to withdraw from the University of Mississippi, the NAACP said here this week that it will continue its efforts to help Negro students gain admission to all-white schools in the South.

The statement was released through the headquarters of the Legal Defense Educational Fund here this week by Jack Greenberg and Constance Baker Motley, chiefs of the NAACP legal staff and attorneys for Meredith in his case to enter "Ole Miss."

The statement read as follows:

"Though Mr. Meredith has announced he cannot continue his studies next semester at the University of Mississippi because of the unfavorable treatment and hostility there, this will not lessen our efforts to secure for other qualified Negro students the right to enter the University of Mississippi or other southern state universities. See MEREDITH, 6-A

N. Y. City Swears In Negro Fire Battalion Chief

NEW YORK — In New York City, Augustus Beckman has been sworn in as the third Negro battalion chief in the history of the city's fire department.

The 33-year-old chief succeeded the department in 1957 and will be in charge of the 10th Battalion in Lower Manhattan.

In becoming the third Negro to attain the high rank in the department, Mr. Beckman follows retired Chief William Williams and Battalion Chief Paul J. Glass.