

Hotel Clerk Admits Killing Executive On Sneak Date

N. C. Mutual's State Planning Confab Held At A&T College

GREENSBORO — Thirty-odd local managers and assistant managers of state districts of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company of Durham attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Planning Committee, March 25th and 27th.

Friday featured lectures on sales planning and management. Asst. Spaulding, newly elected president of the company, delivered the keynote address at the closing session on Friday. Other features on the Friday program included: panel discussions on "Gross Insurance Market," W. A. Clement, "Arrears and Conservation" and "Claiming a Share of the 1959 In-

CLU, associate agency director, gave a report on the company's agency department. Warmoth T. Gibbs, president of the college, delivered greetings to the group at the Friday afternoon session. Arrangements for the meet were handled under the supervision of N. L. Gregg, manager of the Greensboro District.

Registered At Hotel With Negro

CHICAGO (ANP) — A hotel clerk Thursday admitted killing a white executive who earlier had registered at the hotel with a Negro woman. He said robbery was his motive for shooting the man.

The victim was John L. Scott, 59 of Hinsdale, Ill. Scott, who was chief inspector for the Chicago division of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co., earned \$1,000 a month. In police custody is William Spencer, 36, night clerk of the Casablanca hotel. Spencer first told detectives he heard two shots then found Scott dying on the floor of his main floor room, not far from the hotel desk. Following a lie-detector test, which proved to be inconclusive, and a day of questioning, Spencer confessed to the police. He said: "After the woman left, I took a caseknife and forced the lock on Scott's door, he was dressing. I pulled a .38 revolver and said I wanted his money. We scuffled and the gun went off, the bullet lodging in a wall. I shot him in the back. I'm sorry. I only meant to rob him."



PRINCESS FOR A DAY — Little Miss Belva Lassiter of the Manly Street Christian Church, was crowned Princess for a Day for 1959 recently at a program held at the Oberlin Baptist Church. Miss Lassiter was victorious over contestants from many of the city's churches. Dr. Grady Davis is pastor of Oberlin Baptist, and the Rev. Tecumseh C. Hammons is Manly Street's pastor.

State College, where he received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1933. He joined CP and L in 1934 in valuation studies. In 1940 he was promoted to substation engineer and then to system planning engineer in 1954. He became assistant superintendent of substations in 1954 and in 1958 was named to the superintendent's post which he now holds.

Buchanan is active in professional, civic and religious organizations of the community. He is a member of the Raleigh Engineers Club, the N. C. Society of Engineers, and the local chapter of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. He has served eight years as Scoutmaster, 22 years as deacon of the Bayleaf Baptist Church, 20 of these as chairman of the board, and has taught the men's Sunday School class there for 22 years.



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For Polio: 98 Million Americans Delinquent

The fact that 98 million Americans still have not taken advantage of the Salk anti-polio vaccine was termed a national disgrace by Basil O'Connor, president of The National Foundation in a statement released on the eve of the fourth anniversary of the licensing of the vaccine.

April 12th marks the fourth anniversary of the announcement by scientists, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, that the Salk vaccine was "safe, effective and potent" and would prevent paralytic polio.

"The existence of this appalling number of unprotected Americans, including six million children under five years of age—at a time when there is ample polio vaccine and the surplus is spoiling on the shelves—is a poor commentary on our intelligence as a people," the head of the March of Dimes organization declared.

Mr. O'Connor remarked that indifference to polio vaccination persisted today despite the horrifying example last year, in the Detroit area, where an epidemic struck down 876 persons, 23 of whom died. In Detroit and in other areas where polio struck last year, the bulk of cases were from low income areas where relatively small portions of the population had secured the anti-polio vaccinations. So far in 1959 the number of polio cases has exceeded the number for the same period in 1958.

"Vaccination of both children and adults must start immediately if our nation is to ward off polio disaster next summer," Mr. O'Connor said, adding, "There is still time to get in two of the three shots before the polio season is upon us."

Xavier Names A Board Of Lay Regents

NEW ORLEANS (ANP) — The formation of a Board of Lay Regents at Xavier University was announced this week by Sister M. Josephina, president.

The Board will be composed of business and civic leaders to act as liaison between the University and the community, she said. Honorary Chairman is His Excellency, Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel, S. T. D.

Those who have accepted membership so far include Mrs. Milton P. Adler, prominent New Orleans civic leader; Horace Bynum, drug-store owner; Harry N. Charbonnet, secretary-treasurer of American Metal Works, Inc.; Donald W. Doyle, partner of Doyle, Smith and Doyle, attorneys; Francis Doyle, senior vice-president of the National Bank of Commerce; George J. Glover, of George J. Glover Co., Inc., contractors.

James Mary, President of Pioneer Oil and Gas Company; Clairborne Perrillat, treasurer of Perillat-Rickey Construction Company, Inc.; Louis Read, vice-president of WDSU-TV; Philip J. Schoen III, of Jacob Schoen and Son, Inc.; Shelley Schuster, executive representative of Robert Gair Division of Continental Can Company; and Maurice Stern, C. L. U., special agent for Union Central Life Insurance company.

Others who have accepted membership on the Board and who were previously associated with Xavier on the original Advisory Board are Charles I. Demochaud, prominent attorney; George Carpenter, consultant on secondary education to the Orleans Parish School Board; Haidel Christoph, president of Peoples Life Insurance company; Walter D. Kingston, investment broker; Omer F. Kuebel of Kuebel Realty company; and C. Taylor Walcott of Steiner Rouse and Co.

Charter members were installed at a dinner on Wednesday evening, March 18. According to the proposed constitution and by-laws, Sister Josephina said, the Board's duties will be "to improve relations between the community served by Xavier University and insure constant betterment of higher education to the youth of the area."

GARDEN TIME

Let's talk about water, in general, and then apply its use to the needs of plants.

You could, perhaps, write the history of the growth of man in terms of his great concern about water. The habits of men have probably been influenced more by their close association with water than with the land by which they earned their bread. Like air, water is so closely bound to man's evolution that it may well be the limiting factor in his destiny.

Maybe we can better understand the need for water in plant growth if we examine some figures to see how it constitutes the greater part of living plants: 90 per cent of the edible parts of such vegetables as cabbage and spinach; 85 per cent of the fruit of the apple and strawberry; 65 per cent of the green weight of leaves and succulent twigs; and 70 per cent of the weight of roots.

It serves as a solvent for mineral nutrients that enter the plant through the roots and acts as a medium through which substances are transported within the plant tissues. Approximately 3,000 gallons of water per acre, is required to mature a crop of peaches. This is the amount actually used by the tree and does not include water lost by run-off, seepage, or evaporation from the soil surface.

Tremendous quantities of water are lost by transpiration from the leaf surface. Some plants have structural adaptations which reduce water losses. These include: reduction of leaf surface in the needles of conifers, heavy cutin on the leaves of the jade plant, pubescent (hairy) leaves of the African violet and modified stems and leaves on the cactus.

How much water to apply? How often? Only you can determine this because so much depends upon your soil type, the equipment used, the competition from roots of shade trees, rainfall, wind and temperature. A suggestion or two may be helpful.

Ticket Demand Brisk For Tan "Exposition"

CHICAGO (ANP) — There has been a tremendous demand for tickets for the first annual Exposition of the Negro in Business and Culture set for the Coliseum here May 1-17, announced Belm Leavelle, Monday, editor of the New Crusader, who is sponsoring the Exposition.

"Everybody wants to go," Leavelle said as he pointed to stacks of mail containing requests for tickets from all walks of Chicago's business, civic, cultural, educational and music and sports world.

The Exposition will be the first of its kind to devote the entire theme and program to the contributions made by the American Negro to the culture and business advancement of the United States as well as to the world.

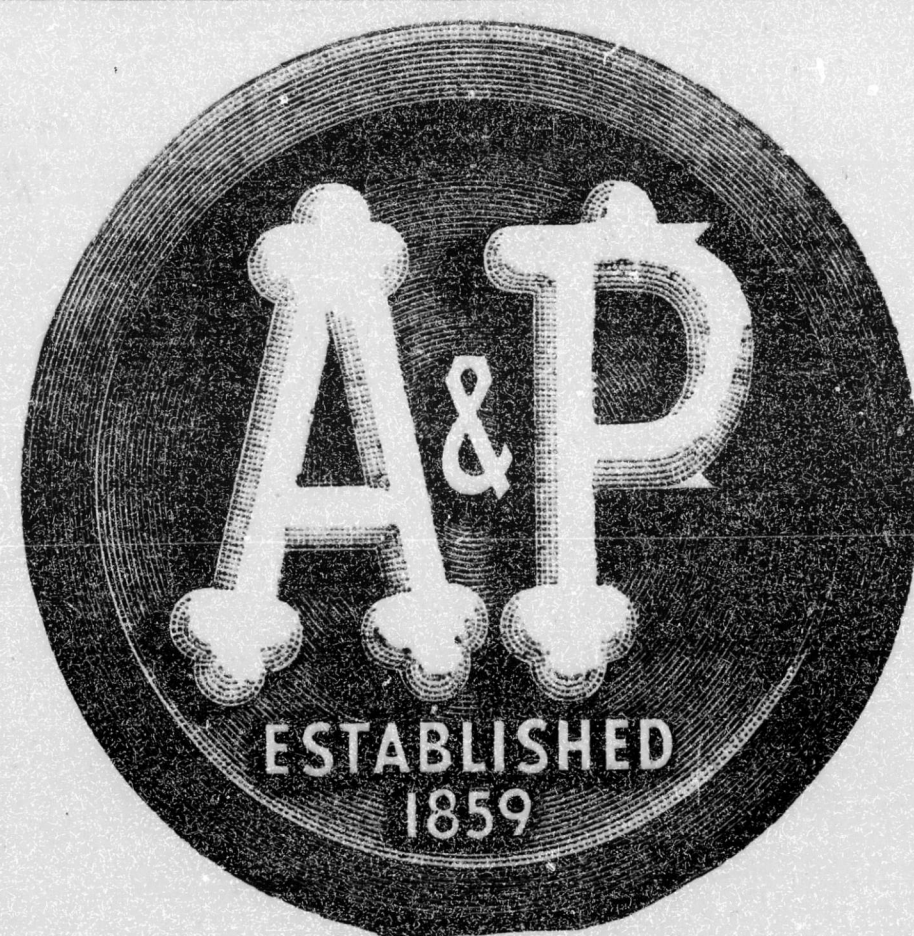
The Exposition, based on exhibits made by historical Negro explorers, scientists, inventors, politicians, will highlight the fact that Joan Baptiste Point DuSable, a French Negro trader, was the actual founder of the city of Chicago. Many other startling facts will be brought to the attention of the public in the Exposition for which hundreds of business, civic and manufacturing concerns have already purchased booths.

W. Buchanan Named Pioneer By CP&L

W. R. Buchanan of Raleigh, superintendent of substations for Carolina Power and Light Company, has been named a Pioneer by the company for completion of 25 years service. He will be inducted into club membership during the annual Pioneer meeting April 16.

Buchanan is a native of Little Switzerland in Western North Carolina. He was educated at Crossnore School and North Carolina

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