

Sanford Citizens Ask For Dismissal Of Principal Stray Bullet Kills School Girl

SCENES AT STRAY BULLET SLAYING



Shown above is Detective F. A. Privette examining the bullet hole in the window pane at Lucille Hunter School through which the death dealing slug passed when it struck and

killed little Annie Delores Martin while she sat at her desk last Thursday. The bullet is alleged to have been fired a half a mile away during a gun battle between two

brothers. Inset is Annie Delores, the slain child. The two brothers are being held by police pending an investigation. — Courtesy, The News and Observer, Raleigh.

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13 SENTENCED IN S. C. FOR ATTACKING NEGRO

Group Of Lee County Citizens Ask Removal Of Prof. W. B. Wicker

A committee of Negro citizens appeared before County Superintendent of School here Wednesday morning and requested the removal of Professor W. B. Wicker as principal.

The request which was in the form of a letter charged that the principal has "failed miserably in supervising the agriculture program" and that his nephew J. B. Brown who is in charge of the work has failed to cooperate with the Vocational Agriculture program and the Veterans' Administration program.

Prof. Wicker is also charged in the letter of using his position "to hand out jobs to individual friends, relatives and those who fit into his bias objectives."

Representatives of the Carolina Times were also told that behind the unrest in the Negro school situation in Sanford and dissatisfaction with the administration of Prof. Wicker is the fact that he has by maneuvers and other tactics prevented the Negroes of Sanford from obtaining a city school.

White citizens of Sanford have five city school buildings while the Negro citizens have none. The only school available to their children is the Lee County Training School which is not financed from city tax funds.

The representative indicated that behind the request for removal of Prof. Wicker is an effort to avoid an equalization school suit similar to those brought in Durham, Wilson, Plymouth and Chapel Hill.

He stated that Negro citizens of Sanford do not feel that they can secure the cooperation of local school authorities without the removal of Wicker.

Lee County Co-ordinating Committee Sanford, North Carolina February 12, 1951

Mr. J. J. Lentz, Superintendent Lee County Schools
Dr. Waylon Blue, Chairman Lee County Board of Education
Re: Mr. W. B. Wicker, Principal Lee County Training School.

1. He fails to cooperate with the churches and ministers in the community.

2. He uses his position as the "Spoil System" mentioned in early American History, to hand out jobs to individual friends, relatives and those who fit into his bias and petty objectives. At present four of his relatives are employed in the Lee County School System.

3. He insists in employing a large majority of out of county teachers, while there are many persons in this county, who are qualified and tax paying citizens. Out of thirty teachers employed in the Lee County Training School less than twenty percent are citizens of Lee County. Yet we have many qualified persons, who are citizens of the county forced to teach in other places as far as Georgia, or do domestic work etc.

4. He uses his position as principal as a system of collecting funds at the sacrifice of the children should have in class and other activities and objectives. Our children are often sent uptown during school hours begging or soliciting funds.

5. His personal disposition is unpleasant to patrons and often to those under his administration. The Parent-Teachers Association has become a farce. Many patrons refuse to attend because they have lost confidence in the programs (which he calls his).

6. He uses fear in exerting his authority instead of demonstrating the spirit and principles of democracy.

7. He fails to cooperate with the churches and ministers in the community.

8. He is not in sympathy with the Boy Scouts of America, the greatest youth movement in the world.

9. He is opposed to any organization in the community that is for uplift purposes among the adults, except something he can dominate.

10. The public opinion in the community is against him.

We, the citizens, parents and patrons of Sanford and Lee County sincerely beg of you to make the change as requested by us.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee County Co-ordinating Committee
D. H. Gilmore, Chairman
Mrs. Mildred McCoy Smith, Secretary
Lonnie Alston, Treasurer
N. J. Stewart
Mrs. Viola Hadley
J. L. Thompson
Robert Byrd
James Jackson

To Sing Here



Wallace Thompson, of New York City, will be presented by the church Community Center at White Rock Baptist Church, Sunday, February 18, at 7:30 P. M.

Mr. Thompson is steadily being recognized as one of the great singers of this generation. In all parts of the country audiences and critics are unanimous agreement that as the Boston Globe says he is "gifted with a voice of rare quality and he uses it knowingly."

Wife Pres. Trent

Much Improved

Salisbury—Dr. W. J. Trent, President, Livingstone College, announced that his wife, Mrs. Hattie Covington Trent, who has been confined to her home since the night of February 2, is much improved.

There was much concern over her illness for quite some time and her physicians were uncertain about the outcome. She began to show signs of improvement during the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Trent is well-known throughout church circles. She has written several books. Her preparing of a pageant that depicted the life of the A. M. E. Zion Church was the outstanding feat of the sesquicentennial celebration of the church.

Sentenced To Prison

For Wife's Death

Forty-three year old Walter Evans, a truck driver, was sentenced to 18 to 25 years at hard labor in the state prison this week for the fatal beating of his wife, Mrs. Naomi Evans, last month. He pleaded guilty to the charge of second degree murder.

Evans told Judge Dan K. Moore that he kicked and choked his wife while he was in a jealous anger. She died shortly afterward. Judge Moore commented, after hearing several character witnesses who appeared in Evans' behalf, that "he must have left his character at work the night he beat his wife."

The truck driver has a lengthy court record which includes six offenses charging assault on a female, three of them with a deadly weapon, and a seventh charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

14-Year-Old Son Freed For Slaying To Protect Father From Mobbists

Greenwood, S. C.—History of a new sort was written in South Carolina court annals here Monday when 14 white men pleaded guilty to charges of criminal conspiracy in an attack on a

Negro and were sentenced by Circuit Judge T. B. Greener of Edgefield. The men received sentences of one year in jail or a fine of \$600, the balance to be suspended upon the serving of two months or payment of \$200.

Not only did the Court pronounce sentence on the 13 men, but it freed Clayton Moore, Jr., 14-year-old son of the victim of the attack, when Solicitor Hugh Beasley requested a directed verdict of Judge Greener of not guilty.

The boy was being tried for the first degree murder of George S. Ferguson, Abbeville white man, one of the members of the mob.

Ferguson was slain by the boy when he, with 14 other white men, went to the home of Clayton Moore, Sr. and attacked him.

Sheriff J. Cal White testified that the men told him they attacked Moore because he had been showing a photograph of a nude white woman.

Deputy Sheriff P. R. Underwood stated that Moore was a highly-respected citizen of the community and that he knew nothing of the photograph.

All of the 13 men were placed under probation for two years, and were given 30 days in which to raise the fine.

One of the original 14, Adrin Davis of Abbeville, had his sentence suspended but was placed on probation. The Sheriff testified that Davis had cooperated with the officers in giving them a full account of the attack.

Sheriff White said that Ferguson was killed when Clayton's son answered his father's call for help. The boy grabbed a shotgun and fired at the men, killing Ferguson instantly.

Solicitor Beasley said the boy had a perfect right to go to the defense of his father and his home against a band of men who

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Yale Dean Slaps Race Discrimination In Institute Of Religion Address

Raleigh — In his address to the fourth session of the 1951 Institute of Religion Dean Liston Pope, North Carolina native (Thomasville) and dean of the Yale Divinity School, told listeners here Monday night that "race tensions are mounting rapidly in Africa and Asia as well as in the United States, and the future of our western civilization may depend to considerable degree on our ability cooperatively to resolve these tensions."

Dr. Pope spoke on the subject, "Christianity on the other. A civil struggle." Said he, "If Asia and Africa are totally alienated from the western nations, we shall have lost a major part of our struggle with Russia. And Russia has already all but succeeded in convincing non-white peoples that she is their champion against the imperialism and chauvinism of the western powers."

Against such weapons, atom bombs are helpless," he said, "and we had better realize—and quickly — that Russia's proclamation of racial equality can be combated only by a better demonstration of racial equality than Russia can produce." "In a world struggle, what we do to our neighbors at home has become as important for the outcome as what we do to our enemies abroad."

Dr. Pope was introduced to the session by Dr. Edwin M. Poteat, pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church. Dr. Pope is a graduate of Duke University and Yale University.

Enumerating the progress made in race relations in America during the past 10 years, Dr. Pope pointed to the fact that Negro baseball players have been admitted into the big leagues and Jackie Robinson has become a hero for the sand-lot gangs.

"This," he told his audience, "is very important; we can remember that prejudice against immigrants was largely broken down in this country when football players and baseball players with unpronounceable names became heroes to the kids."

Cites Dr. Bunche.

A Negro, Dr. Ralph Bunche, has achieved one of the highest posts in international affairs, and has recently been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; a fraternity at Amherst College defied its national organization by admitting a Negro boy to membership; the President of the United States has ordered the elimination of segregation in the Armed Services. Lynching has nearly disappeared, and anti-Semitism, while still in existence, appears to be declining.

"The Supreme Court has probably had more effect than any other agency in the advancement of rights for minorities," Dean Pope said. "It has not yet ruled on the legality of segregation as such—though it is

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\$75,000 Raised For Livingstone On Founder's Day

Salisbury — With representation from the 12 Episcopal Districts of the A. M. E. Zion Church, the 97th Anniversary of the founder of Livingstone College, Joseph C. Price, was held here today.

The service began at 10:30 A. M. when the student council conducted a program in the honor of the founder in the auditorium. Musical selections were made by the college Octette with Helena Anderson, James Tillman, Zebrie Coaston, L. Clifton Dillingham, Guy Hawkins, Charles Ward, and Doris Massey. Reverend H. H. Little, Professor Practical Theology of Hood Theological Seminary, represented the faculty.

The highlight of the anniversary was the report of monies collected throughout the church and by the faculty and student body. Founder's Day is set apart as the day on which all monies for the Livingstone Endowment Fund is reported and turned over to President W. J. Trent.

Faculty, \$418.00.
Student Body, \$218.75
1st Episcopal District, Bishop B. G. Shaw, \$9260.52.
2nd Episcopal District, Bishop William J. Walls, \$1004.20.
3rd Episcopal District, Bishop J. W. Martin, \$8205.25.
4th Episcopal District, Bishop Cameron C. Alleyne, \$9207.40.
5th Episcopal District, Bishop William C. Brown, \$3669.24.
6th Episcopal District, Bishop W. W. Slade, \$8141.12.
7th Episcopal District, Bishop B. F. Gordan, \$6496.00.
8th Episcopal District, Bishop Frank W. Alstork (Deceased), \$7083.50.
9th Episcopal District, Bishop Edgar Watson (Deceased), \$7429.10.
10th Episcopal District, Bishop James Claire Taylor, \$1034.34.
11th Episcopal District, Bishop Raymond L. Jones, \$1830.20.

Bishop W. J. Walls, whose district comprises New York, New England, Western New York and the Allegheny Conference, lead the Episcopal Districts and president Trent not only praised his report but paid a glowing tribute to all of the bishops, general officers, pastors and the entire membership of the church for this fine expression of faith in the institution and the respect that it showed for a man who looked beyond the American horizon, who built a college on the ideals of Christianity and dedicated to serve Negro Boys and Girls.

The reports were made at the afternoon session when more than \$75,000.00 was turned in.

To Preach Here



Reverend F. O. Bass, pastor of the Mt. Vernon Church of High Point, who will preach at the Ebenezer Baptist Church here Sunday, February 18th. Reverend Bass is a former Durham citizen and pastored in Reidsville before being called to High Point.

8,000 Raised For St. Joseph Building Fund

In the first report to be received in a campaign to raise \$20,000 for its new educational building program, Reverend D. A. Johnston, pastor of Saint Joseph A. M. E. Church, announced here Sunday night that a total of \$8,708.43 had been raised.

Reverend Johnston said that the campaign would be continued until every member had an opportunity to contribute to the building fund.

Construction of the educational building and renovation of the main auditorium of the church at a cost of over \$90,000 is fast reaching completion. Contractors are expected to turn over key to the new addition about the latter part of March.

Rev. Johnston stated this week that efforts will be made to complete the drive in March at which time an additional \$12,000 must be raised.

Following the completion of the reports Sunday night, a Founder's Day program was rendered by the women of the church who presented Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, as the principal speaker.

In her address, which was one of the best heard here recently on the founder of the A. M. E. Church, Richard Allen, and its history, Dr. Edmonds paid high tribute to Allen as a man of courage and foresight.

She called attention to the challenge and example of racial self-respect which the founding fathers of the A. M. E. Church left to those of us who now live, by refusing to be relegated to

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