

Hit And Run Driver's

BODIES FOUND IN LUMBER RIVER

It Couldn't Happen Here

Supreme Court Blasts Groveland Trial



Mayor Marshall Kurfrees paid tribute to Rev. Kenneth R. Williams, Negro Chamber of Commerce banquet given in the school cafeteria at Winston-Salem Teachers' College. The Twin-City citizens heard guest speaker, Oliver W. Hill, well-known Richmond, Vir-

ginia civil rights lawyer, urge the extension of democracy in America to all people or prepare to witness its collapse. Following the speaking, The Rev. Williams was presented a scroll signed by all attending guests. Dignitaries at the speaker's table were left to right: Mrs.

Williams, Reverend Williams, Mayor Kurfrees, Atty. Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Clark S. Brown. Mr. Brown is president of the Negro Chamber of Commerce. The program was broadcast over WSJS, a National Broadcasting Company affiliate, and WAAA.

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Reprisals Threatened For Wheeler Supporters

Certain and definite reprisals were promised for all members of the City Council of Durham who voted in favor of J. H. Wheeler for membership on the Board of Education, it was learned here this week when word leaked out that several meetings have been held among the reactionary forces of the city with the idea in mind of breaking up the labor-Negro coalition that has dominated the political picture here for the past two or three years.

It is hoped through an organized effort to work quietly up to the Primary Day, April 24, and then throw enough votes against incumbent candidates who voted for Wheeler to defeat them, it was said.

Wheeler's name was proposed by the Negro citizens as the only candidate they could recommend at this time. He had the backing of organized labor, the Voters for Better Government, the Committee on Negro Affairs and several other organizations of the city.

The Committee on Negro Affairs held that the recent Federal Judgement of Judge Johnson J. Hayes, the intricacies of the educational machinery and the difficult position in which any Negro who is placed on the Board will find himself, demanded that some person who had made a study of the educational machinery be named. As one of the attorneys for the plaintiffs the CONA felt that Wheeler at present was in a better position to fill the position than any other member of the race in Durham.

Not even Mayor Dan K. Edwards who voted for Wheeler is exempted to escape the wrath of the reactionaries and feverish efforts are being put forth to get some person who has the possibility of defeating him to enter the race for mayor. Among those who are reported as being asked to seek the position as mayor is former Judge James R. Patton.

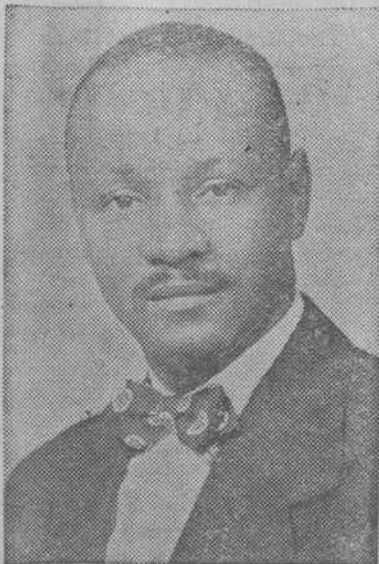
Some evidence that the CONA was right was revealed here Monday when the Board of Education announced only a few hours after the oath of office had been given two new members of plans to construct four major projects—three for Negroes and one for whites. Just how such plans will comply or not comply with the judgement dangling over the head of the Durham City Schools was not explained.

From all evidences the plans were already in the making before the two new members were sworn in and had one of them been a Negro he would have been absolutely unfamiliar with them even though three-fourths of the projects are said to be for Negroes.

RHO ALPHA CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY TO HOLD CONFAB IN MOBILE

Mobile, Ala.—Rho Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will be host to the Seventh District which will convene April 19-21. Andrew Brown, Basileus of Rho Chapter and Dr. W. L. Russell, District Marshall are making ready plans for this event. Registration will begin at 11 a. m. Thursday morning at the convention headquarters, Central High School, corner Saint Anthony and Lawrence Streets, of which Dr. B. F. Baker is Principal.

Dedication Speaker



John R. Larkins, Consultant on Negro Affairs for the State Board of Public Welfare, who delivered the principal address at the dedication exercise of the new James E. Shepard High School at Zebulon. Mr. Larkins spoke on "The Role of Education in the Atomic Age."

Fayetteville State To Hold Founder's Day

Lillington — Mrs. Eunice Ferguson, chairman of Founder's Day Committee, Fayetteville State Teachers' College Alumni Association announced Saturday that plans are complete for the observing of the first Founder's Day program for the college.

The program will begin at 11 A. M. in the college auditorium when faculty and students will render a program. Dr. J. W. Seabrook, president of the college, Alexander Barnes, national president and Dr. T. W. Thurston, presiding elder of the New Bern District, A. M. E. Zion Church will be among the speakers.

The business session of the association will be held in the afternoon at the Person Street Service Club. The alumni, faculty and students will make a pilgrimage to the grave of Dr. E. (Please turn to Page Eight)

To Speak Here



John Wesley Dobbs of Atlanta, Georgia, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons of Georgia, who will deliver the main address at the Men's Day Celebration, Sunday, April 15th at First Calvary Baptist Church. Mr. Dobbs is an active member of the Supreme Council Scottish Rite Masons of the Thirty-Third Degree, Southern Jurisdiction. He is founder and Co-Chairman of the Atlanta Negro Voters League, a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; a Pythian and an Elk.

Sets Aside Conviction In Florida Case

Washington, D. C.—The United States Supreme Court set aside here Monday the conviction of two Florida Negroes who had been sentenced to death for raping a 17-year-old white girl.

Not only did the court set aside the conviction but two of the justices lashed out at antagonism created by the newspapers in and near Groveland, Florida, the scene of the trial. They said that the trial was "but a legal gesture to register a verdict already dictated by the press and the public opinion which it generated."

The judgement was reversed, however, on the grounds that Negroes were excluded from the jury.

At the time the girl was raped mob violence broke out in Groveland in all its fury. A mob attempted a lynching, Negro homes were burned with many of the occupants fleeing the community. One Negro suspect who was arrested and another was killed when he resisted. Order was finally restored when troops were called to the scene.

Justice Jackson with Justice Frankfurter agreeing wrote that the trial of the two Negroes, Walter Irvin and Samuel Shepherd was an example of "one of the worst menaces to American justice." Justice Jackson stated later from the bench "it is becoming a question whether under modern methods of publicity a fair trial can be granted any man."

The written opinion charged that newspaper accounts of alleged confessions by the Negroes were read by members of the jury; but the confessions were never produced in court. "It is hard to imagine a more prejudicial influence," Justice Jackson wrote.

He said further that the crime stirred deep feelings which the newspapers exploited to the limit.

"If freedoms of the press are so abused as to make fair trial in the locality impossible," he wrote, justice should be protected by removal to another area.

A removal of the trial to another county was sought at the time by defense attorneys but this was refused.

In commenting further Justice Jackson wrote that it would have made no difference if Negroes had been included because he could not see "how any Negro would have dared to cause a disagreement or acquittal."

"The only chance these Negroes had of acquittal would have been in the courage and decency of some sturdy and forthright white person of sufficient standing to face and live down the odium among his white neighbors that such a vote, if required, would have brought."

Setting aside the conviction threw the case right back into the laps of the State Court. Just what steps, if any, local prosecutors will take had not yet been determined.



Miss Celia Elizabeth Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davidson of Durham, who was heard in her Senior Piano Recital last week at Howard University in Washington, D. C. Miss Davidson began her music studies at the Chamberlin Studio under Mrs. Margaret S. Shearin, at the age of five.

White House Arranges Two Conferences On Racial Matters With Acheson, Wilson

A. Philip Randolph has announced that the White House has arranged two conferences for April 12th, one with the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson and the other with the Director of Defense Mobilization, Charles E. Wilson for the twelve Negro leaders who conferred with President Truman on February 28.

At the February conference, Mr. Truman expressed interest in the following six issues presented at that time to the nation's chief executive.

- To use your power and influence to abolish, immediately, racial segregation in the nation's capital. Washington is the capital of the greatest democratic country in the world and yet we are incessantly embarrassed by virtue of the fact that it is the most segregated national capital on the earth.
- To appoint qualified Negroes on the administrative and policy making level of our government. We have had consultants and advisors, but we have had hardly any Negroes in government who actually shared in making and determining policies in the various branches of the government.
- To integrate Negroes in all new agencies that are being established and will be established as a result of this emergency. New agencies and new positions are being created all the time—Negroes are usually the forgotten people. Especially do we urge that Washington tell regional and state offices which the Federal Government has will set up with federal money that Negroes are to be utilized and integrated on the same basis as other peoples without regard to color, race or national origin.
- To appoint Negroes more widely in the foreign and diplomatic service of our country. The contribution of Ralph Bunche to world peace is one of the many contributions that Negroes would make if given a chance.
- To issue an Executive Order guaranteeing the maximum use of all manpower in all production efforts irrespective of color, race or national origin in the defense emergency and provide an adequate machinery for its enforcement.
- To abolish once and for all racial segregation of Negro soldiers in the United States Army.

The President appointed Mr. David Niles, one of his administrative assistants to work with the group in attempting to develop a program consistent with the six points.

Trial Of Trenton Six Held Up On Account Of Illness Of Defendant

Trenton — It was a hushed and tense courtroom that heard a court attendant announce at 1:50 on Thursday afternoon, April 5, that the re-trial of the "Trenton Six" on the charge of murder would be temporarily adjourned because of the illness of Collis English, one of the defendants.

English had been visibly uncomfortable during the latter part of the morning session of the trial and had been under surveillance by officers in attendance. Noticing the defendant mopping his brow and perspiring profusely, the sheriff and another officer moved swiftly to his side to offer him a drink of water.

At this point Superior Court Judge Ralph J. Smalley interrupted the cross-examination of a witness by one of the defense attorneys to inquire as to whether a recess was needed, but upon being assured that nothing was amiss, he directed the lawyer to proceed.

Later, during the luncheon recess, Dr. Edgar J. Fiestal and Dr. Frank A. Nonziato examined English, prescribed sedatives, and ordered twenty-four hours' complete rest for him before the trial could continue. His illness was diagnosed by the physicians as a leaky heart valve caused by an attack of rheumatic fever suffered in 1940.

Mother Of Siamese Twins Screams As Daughters Join Circus

Los Angeles, (CNS) — As her two year old Siamese twins were taken from County General Hospital to join the Clyde Beatty Circus, Mrs. Willie Jones, divorced and jobless mother of five other children, broke down in sobs.

The thought of her babies being started at for the price of 25c filled her with grief. But she promised it wouldn't be long before she'll have them back with her.

Mrs. Jones will receive \$10,000 a year according to the terms of a contract she holds with the circus as ruled by Judge Frank G. Swain.

The twins, Yvonne and Yvette, who are joined at the head, are traveling in the side-show in a sterilized trailer nursery. Venetian blinds are raised to view them. During their performance, the twins laughed, kicked and played normally.

JAMES E. SHEPARD SCHOOL DEDICATED AT ZEBULON

ZEBULON — "This building stands as a symbol of the hard work, sacrifices, and selfish service of the school administrators, the constructive leadership of your principal and teachers, the interest of the parents and people of this community in the development of the children. This is the fruition of the efforts of many individuals and a reflection of the improving human relations existing in this community."

Thus spoke John R. Larkins, Consultant on Negro Affairs for the State Board of Public Welfare, Sunday, April 8, as he delivered the principal address at the dedicatory exercises for the new Shepard High School here. The topic of Mr. Larkins' address was "The Role of Education in the Atomic Age."

"There is a grave and pressing need," Mr. Larkins pointed out, "to reappraise, evaluate and analyze our educational principles and concepts. We need to ascertain whether the things that are being taught are in harmony with current needs. We need to gear our educational programs to meet the challenge of a highly urbanized competitive and

complicated social order." He stated that all education should be directed toward building a better world, and that only to the extent that it did so was it of valuable. "If this school and its program are able to redirect the thinking of the children that attend here—if this building will serve as a beacon or guiding light and help this community to improve itself through constructive use, it will be worth the investment."

Emphasizing that this need to build a better world is more imperative than ever in the atomic age, when people stand at "the crossroads," Mr. Larkins concluded on a note of hope and challenge:

"There is a new era and a new day ahead. There is a surging tide swelling from the grass roots moving ahead to the shore where all men will be judged by ability to think and produce and not be classified because of race or socio-economic status. The spirit and fire of Democracy and Freedom have set aflame the hearts and souls of men all over the world... they are marching toward these goals."

Window Cleaner Wins \$56,000 In Sweepstakes

Jamaica, N. Y. — Leopold A. Mendis, who operates a window cleaning business here, can now take his "long rest."

The 54-year-old World War I veteran won a fortune Sunday when an English filled named "Nickel Coin" waded through the mud to win the Grand National Steeplechase in Aintree, Ireland.

Holder of a second-place Irish Sweepstakes ticket, Mendis will receive 20,000 British pounds, or \$56,000, in American money. Said Mendis, who lives at 14541 South road: "I'm going to use the \$56,000 to buy a new auto and take a long rest."

But he'll have to cough up approximately \$20,000 in taxes to Uncle Sam and varying state taxes will take from 15 to 20 per cent of the federal levy.

Other American Sweepstake winners were:

First prize, \$140,000: Jennie Rublous of 1488 Eighth Street, Brooklyn, New York, and Mrs. (Continued from Page Five)

River Yields Bodies Of Youths Who Disappeared After Hit-Run



Mrs. Alice P. Allen, Assistant to the President and Chairman of the Department of Business Administration at Miles Memorial College, Birmingham, Alabama will speak in B. N. Duke Auditorium, North Carolina College, Sunday, April 15 at 3:30 P. M. The local Rho Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority is sponsoring the appearance of Mrs. Allen. The program is a part of the national observance of Business Education Week which is observed at this time by all chapters of the Sorority. Mrs. Allen is past National President of the Sorority. Mrs. Ethel S. Berry, President of Rho Chapter, will preside at the meeting. (Please turn to Page Eight)

Lumberton — The bodies of David Carmichael, 17, and Ernest Scott, 17, both of Maxton, were discovered last week in the Lumber River about a mile north of Maxton on the old Red Springs Road.

Scott's body was seen floating on the water by some fishermen who reported it immediately. This led to a three-hour search for the body of Carmichael which was found in a sitting position under the wheel of a 1936 Chevrolet coupe in 12 feet of water.

The two youths had been missing since March 25 and had been sought by authorities in connection with a hit-and-run accident on that date. Witnesses had reported the car to have been a 1936 Chevrolet coupe, and police went on a search for it. Patrolman Enoch A. Chester found the car in Maxton. As he started to open the door, the auto speed away with its lights off. Chester reported that he gave chase out on the old Red Springs road, but lost it near the Lumberton River. That was the last time the car was seen until it was discovered last week-end.

Investigation of the case by the Highway Department, showed that the car had left the road and plunged into the river.