

Mass Meeting For Burlington Rape Victim Sun.; Citizens Aroused Over Efforts To Shield Man

Prepare For Ministry To Migrant Workers



Shown in the picture are James T. Jones, middle and James G. Crowder, Junior in Hood Theological Seminary, Livingstone College, Salisbury, with the Home Missions Council of North America Harvester they will us this summer in connection with their ministry to migrant workers in the eastern part of the state. This marks the third summer Mr. Jones has worked with the Home Missions Council of North America while Mr. Crowder is now receiving his training for his first year in the ministry to migrant workers. They are working under the supervision of Miss Frances Query, executive secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

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Durham To Honor War Hero With Gala Celebration

A mammoth parade and program will be held here soon, under the auspices of the Weaver-McLean Post of the American Legion, honoring 1st Lieutenant Ellison C. Wynn, hero of the Korean War. Although no definite date has been set for the big celebration it is definitely reported from reliable sources that the event will take place within the next several weeks with the blessings and cooperation of the War Department. Some of the top brass have indicated that they would like to see the occasion made one of the biggest in the history of the State.

Lt. Wynn arrived here from the West Coast last Friday on a 30-day leave and will spend the most of the time with his family, composed of his wife, the former Miss Meneva Holman and two daughters, Ellisine, 7, and Faye, 4. The Wynn's reside at 1205 Fifth Street.

The occasion in which Lt. Wynn proved himself a hero was during fighting in Kumeri, North Korea on the morning of last November 26. It was during the drive which was then reported by General McArthur to "get the boys home for Christmas." Lt. Wynn and Baker Company had driven far up a rugged terrain with other UN troops.

Suddenly the Chinese Communist launched a terrific drive that broke through every UN unit except Baker Company which was left surrounded on a hill with its commander wounded. Lt. Wynn took over the command.

With the nose of the hill only large enough for three men to dig in, Lt. Wynn said he put his men in a circle about the hill. "We held until I slipped a messenger through to see if he could contact the battalion and tell them we were running out of ammunition. Regimental headquarters ordered us to withdraw."

The siege lasted 12 long hours and when Baker Company withdrew at 2:30 P. M., 90 of its 125 men had either been killed or wounded.

Wounded himself in the face from mortar fire, Lt. Wynn led the withdrawal back to the UN lines, where he was taken to the hospital for treatment.

In speaking of the courageous stand at the time, Col. S. L. Marshall, roving expert on infantry operations in Korea said: "The company's stand was perfect." (Please turn to Page Eight)

Wynn Family Enjoying War Hero's Return



Above photo shows Lieutenant Ellison C. Wynn, war hero at home with his wife and two children. Lt. Wynn is spending a 30-day leave with his family here and will be honored with a gala parade and program here soon. Daughter Ellisine, age seven, plays a difficult number on her toy organ for her father while Faye, age four, even though listening holds tightly to her rag doll.

Durham Lawyers Employed To Assist In Case

By CALVIN JOHNSON
Burlington — You have got to come here and see and hear for yourself before you will believe that a thriving and growing city this size would attempt through its law enforcement agencies and its local newspaper to prevent a rank and rabid rapist, who committed his crime at the point of a gun, from being brought to justice.

You guessed it right, the man is white and the victim is a Negro woman.

Mass Meeting Sunday
Aroused as never before, because of refusal of the local white press to print even a word about the crime and because of the lack of cooperation on the part of local police authorities, Negro citizens will hold a mammoth mass meeting here Sunday afternoon, May 20 at four o'clock, under the auspices of the Citizen's Committee at the Jordan Sellers School. The Committee is attempting to raise funds to assist in the prosecution of the case.

The story is one of those sordid and revolting things that sometimes occurs in the South where white supremacy reigns in all its terror and tyranny.

The rapist, Eugene Reed, a textile worker, married and the father of two small children, one two years and the other 10 months. The victim, Miss Mildred Wagstaff, a highly respected young woman and a sophomore at Shaw University.

According to the facts, as gathered by representatives of the CAROLINA TIMES, Miss Wagstaff, who was home from school for the Easter holidays, was baby sitting in the home of the Reeds in the place of her sister, Mrs. Mamie Day, on the night of March 27 when she was alleged to have been wantonly raped by Reed at the point of a gun.

As the story unfolded it was disclosed that Reed who works at night, left his home, located about one mile and a half from the city, early in the afternoon but did not return before he was supposed to go to work on the same night shift with his wife at a local textile plant.

Mrs. Reed left for work sometime prior to 10:30 P. M., leaving Miss Wagstaff in the home alone with the children.

According to Miss Wagstaff, she retired to the back room of the four room dwelling shortly after Mrs. Reed left where the children were sleeping and went to bed. About eleven o'clock or sometimes thereafter, while she was sleeping with her face to the wall, someone nudged her in the back. When she awakened and turned over she discovered Reed sitting on the bed attired only in his underwear.

Raped At Point Of Gun
Miss Wagstaff stated when the man made improper advances to her, offering her \$5.00, she told him he had better get out of the room and leave her alone. When he insisted she said she stood up in the floor and Reed grabbed her arm and threw a pistol on her and stated "oh yes you are." He then put the gun in her chest and backed her at gun point into his own bed room up against a hollywood bed. He then pushed her across the bed and accomplished his aim while still holding the gun on her.

Reported To Sister And Mother
Miss Wagstaff stated that when she was able to get loose from the man she grabbed her clothes and escaped out the back door and went to the home of her sister and reported the act to her and then to the home of her mother where she again told what had happened.

When attempts were made to get a warrant for the man, local police authorities flatly refused. It was only after being turned down by several Justices of the Peace that the mother of the young woman was finally able to get a warrant issued by Magistrate R. E. Harden.

When Reed was finally arrested on a charge of rape, he was placed under a bond of only \$750. After the hearing before (Please turn to Page Eight)

Last Rites Held For DePriest In Chicago

Ex-Congressman Passes After Sudden Illness

Chicago — Ex - Congressman Oscar DePriest died here Saturday at the age of 80, at Provident Hospital following a sudden attack of illness on Thursday.

Mr. DePriest was born in Florence, Alabama, and upon moving to Salina, Kansas received his education in the public schools.

He came to Chicago in 1889, conducting a painting and decorating business until 1904. His entry into politics began when he served as County Commissioner of Cook County for ten years, 1894-1904. He began what is now a lucrative real estate business in 1909, and over a period of years, the DePriest holdings have vastly increased.

Oscar DePriest was destined for many firsts for his race, for in 1916 he became the first Negro member of the Chicago City Council; and between 1912-1922 was Alderman, member of the Illinois Commerce Commission; Committeeman, Third Ward, Chicago. He reached the apex of his career in 1918 when he was elected U. S. Congressman from Illinois' First District on the Republican ticket. He was the first Negro in the halls of Congress since Reconstruction Days.

He returned to private life in 1935, after an illustrious career in politics, and to his real estate business which he ran with his son, Oscar Stanton DePriest who survives. Also surviving are Mrs. DePriest and two grandsons.

Bunche, Gilkey A. & T. Speakers



These men have been selected to be the principal speakers at the A. and T. College Commencement Exercises. Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Pulitzer Prize Winner, will give the regular commencement address at 4 P. M., Monday, May 28.

Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, Dean-Emeritus of the Chicago University Chapel, will deliver the Baccalaureate Address at 11 P. M. Sunday, May 27. Both will speak in the Richard B. Harrison Auditorium.

THREE KILLED IN QUARRY BLAST NEAR MARTINSVILLE

Martinsville, Va. — John Finney, 33, of Bassett and Lee Hairston, 40, of Martinsville, were killed in an explosion at the Fort Trial quarry near here Tuesday afternoon. Also killed at the time was a white worker, and part owner of the mine, Fern Lambert of Knoxville, Tenn.

Winfred Hairston, 37, also of Bassett, was seriously injured in the blast.

As in a similar explosion which claimed three lives at the same spot last November, there was no explanation of the cause.

Pepsi-Cola Starts New Advertising Campaign In Newspapers, Magazines

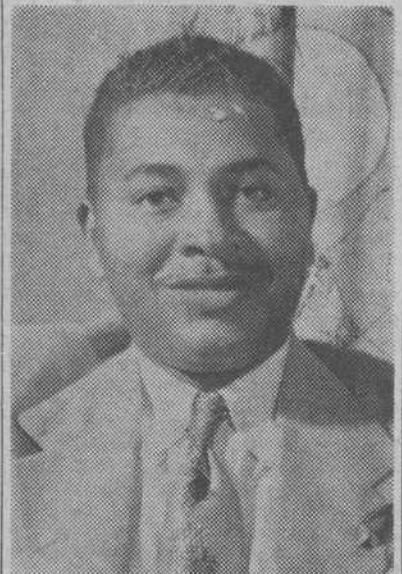
New York City — The Pepsi-Cola Company, which pioneered among large American companies in using Negro subjects and models in advertising, next week opens a full scale advertising campaign in thirty-five of the leading national weekly newspapers and two of the leading monthly magazines, according to Edward F. Boyd, Assistant Sales Manager of the Pepsi-Cola Company.

The ads appearing in the weekly newspapers will depict various scenes of young people in a "fun" setting, reflecting quality and dignity. Full page ad using portraits, to appear in "Ebony" and "Our World" starting next month, will continue the series originated by Pepsi-Cola four years ago called "Leaders in Their Fields." This series portrays prominent contemporary Negro leaders, though frequently not nationally publicized, and gives a concise summary of their important achievements.

Gordon Park, outstanding Life photographer, now on leave in Paris, will be the first subject in the new series. So great were the request in the past for copies of "Leaders in Their Fields" ad reprints from individuals, schools, and organizations that on two different occasions, the Pepsi-Cola Company reprinted these ads in brochure form for national distribution.

National Sales Staff
Nine members of the Pepsi-Cola national sales staff are now working in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Indianapolis, Indiana. Within the past two months, William E. Payne of Chicago, Ill. and formerly of North Carolina State College and the University of Iowa, was assigned to the Pepsi-Cola Regional Office in Chicago, Ill., and Jean F. Emmons of Chicago, Ill., a graduate of the University of Chicago School of Business, was assigned to the Pepsi-Cola Regional Office in Columbus, Ohio.

Councilman



Dr. William Hampton who was elected Greensboro's first Negro member of the City Council, in the City election May 8. He finished in fifth place with 5,219 votes in a field of thirteen candidates.

Final Rites Held For C. C. Craig In Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill — Last rites for Charles Christopher Craig, 56, of Chapel Hill were held at the Saint Paul A. M. E. Church, Monday, May 14 at 2:30 P. M. The Reverend R. L. Upshaw, pastor of the church, officiated.

Mr. Craig died at Duke Hospital Friday, May 11 at 4:00 a. m., as the climax of an illness which began in October 1949.

He was born in Orange County, the son of Manuel and Mrs. Sarah Craig. He attended the public school of Chapel Hill and A. and T. College, from which he graduated in 1916.

In 1919 Mr. Craig was married to the former Miss Lucy M. Stroud of Chapel Hill who survives him together with one son Charles C. Craig, Jr., and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Doris Farrington, both of Chapel Hill.

During the greater part of his life he was engaged in the contracting and building business, and as a citizen of Chapel Hill contributed much to the civic life of the community.

Up to the time of his death Mr. Craig was president of the Civic Club, Orange County Parent-Teachers Association, the Orange County Ushers Association and was an ardent supporter of several other local organizations.

In addition to a large number of local people, his funeral was attended by representatives of the North Carolina Ushers Association from Raleigh, Fayetteville, Wendell, Greensboro, Durham and Oxford.

Interment was in the Chapel Hill Cemetery.

Funeral For F. L. McCoy Held Here



Funeral services for Frank L. McCoy, 76, chairman of the board of directors of the local Mutual Building and Loan Association were held here at White Rock Baptist Church at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Miles Mark Fisher, pastor of the White Rock Church, officiated at last rites. He was assisted by Dr. E. T. Browne, pastor of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church.

Mr. McCoy died at his home 311 Umstead Street around ten o'clock Friday night after a lengthy illness.

He had lived in Durham since 1920. Before coming here he was a supervisor of the Southern Aid Society in Richmond, Va. Shortly after arriving in Durham, he became associated with the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Bankers' Fire Insurance Company.

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W.-Salem Man Appointed To N. C. Parole Board

Raleigh — Reverend Kenneth R. Williams was appointed to the State Advisory Board of Paroles by Governor Kerr Scott on Wednesday.

Rev. Williams succeeds Mrs. Walter G. Craven of Charlotte, whose term expired. He will serve the three-year term which expires January 12, 1954. In addition, he is a member of the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen. (Please turn to Page Eight)

Coming Home



Major Mary L. Mills, native of Durham, who for the past several years has served with the United States Public Health Service in Liberia, West Africa. Major Mills has been relieved of her duties there to return to the United States.

Welcome Home Lieutenant E. C. Wynn!!