

Parents Charged With Killing Son



Miss Alexine Clement of Durham, center, is shown here being crowned "Miss North Carolina Scholastic" at Durham Athletic Park last week during the halftime of the NCC-Tennessee State College Homecoming football game. President Alfonso Elder of NCC crowned Miss Clement, while Miss Joyce McLendon, Dudley High School, Greensboro, right looks on. Miss McLendon was runner-up in the contest. In second picture Miss Sadie Marie Williams, left, Warrenton, junior, and Miss Delores Darden, New York junior, adorn the first place Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's float. Motif was gridiron with huge golden football. Pretty coeds, however, outshone the ball. Miss NCC Alumni of 1951 was Miss Maxine Haith of Winston-Salem alumni chapter. She is shown here during coronation ceremonies with J. T. Taylor, president, national NCC Alumni Ass'n. Miss Catherine Inman of Wash., D. C.; Mrs. Bernice H. Turner, Durham chapter and Miss Naomi Plummer, Weldon. Last panel shows Delta Sorority float.



Members of the Lott Carey foreign Baptist Mission are shown boarding a Pan American Airways clipper at New York just before departing for Liberia where they will attend the dedication of the new Lott Carey Mission school at Brewerville on Nov. 4. They will spend two weeks more visiting Italy, France and England. Shown in the picture are left to right, Rev. R. L. Taylor, Richmond, Va., Dr. Sommerville, executive secretary of the convention, Washington, D. C.; Lewis Griffen, Washington, D. C.; Rev. G. W. Thomas, Oxford, N. C.; Ralph Cooper, Passaic, N. Y.; Miss Alberta Finch, Pittsburg, Pa.; Mrs. Elizabeth Spencer, Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Ellen S. Alston, Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. A. J. Payne, Baltimore, Maryland. In the back row is Rev. O. S. Bullock, Washington, D. C. and at the end of the first row is Rev. C. T. Murrey, Washington, D. C. Also on the steps are Reverends A. W. Brown, Richmond, Va.; Jackson Lindsey, Wadsworth, Ohio; A. J. Payne, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Florence Carter Richmond, Va.; Reverends J. J. Glow, Portland, Oregon; E. H. Bouey, Richmond, Va.; E. T. Browne, (See arrow), K. O. P. Goodwin, Winston-Salem, N. C.; and Samuel Bullock, Boston, Mass.; in the door of the plane. Photo—Pan American Airways

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Foul Play Suspected In Fire Which Takes Mother, 4 Kids

Statesville—Police are conducting a full scale investigation here into the possibility of foul play in connection with a fire which took the lives of a mother and her four children last Wednesday.

Mrs. Frances Murry, 28 years old, and her four children, Beatrice, seven; Johnnie Mae, six; John Henry, Jr. and Rose Anne, one, perished in a blaze which leveled their frame house about nine o'clock.



Last Rites Held For Pfc. Maxey

The investigation was launched when Coroner Marvin D. Raymer said that parts of an investigation of the victims' skull were missing. A medical examination is being made to determine whether the missing bone material was shattered either by explosion from intense heat or from some mishap prior to the fire.

The fire came at the height of a civil defense test and many nearby residents thought at first it was part of a mock raid on the city inasmuch as bright flares were used in the test.

The father, John Henry Murry, a railroad employee, told police he was at a taxi stand playing checkers at the time of the fire. He stated that he left the house about 7:30.

The victims were apparently trapped in the bedroom of the house. The coroner reported that bodies of the three older children were found in one bed, the body of the baby in her bed, and body of the mother, lying face down, on the floor.

Frank Dalton, a school teacher, attracted to the fire by cries of a baby, said he tried to gain entrance to the house by kicking in the windows, but flames drove him back.

Couple Jailed After Autopsy Shows Arsenic In Dead Son

Lumberton — Young parents in their late 20's were charged here last week with murdering their four and one half year old son to collect his \$2,500 worth of insurance money.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leach of nearby Red Springs have been arrested as result of an investigation in connection with the death of their son last July. The investigation grew until the child's body was ordered exhumed and an autopsy was performed.

Leach, formerly employed at the McNeil woodworking plant near Red Springs but working at Fort Bragg when arrested, is being defended by the law firm of Johnson and Johnson.

Sheriff McLeod told the Times no information had been gained as to where Leach had gotten the arsenic. He also declined to state when a trial would be held.

The couple, jailed here, denied that they are guilty.

Autopsy reports indicate that there was a presence of a lethal dose of arsenic poisoning in the body.

Physician Malcom McLeod denied in a telephone conversation to the TIMES late Wednesday newspaper reports that three other children of the family had been suffering from symptoms of arsenic poisoning.

The child died on July 13 after being taken to a Red Springs physician and given the usual remedy for a stomach ache.

Suspicion in the case was first raised by Red Springs police chief Norman McRaney who called in Sheriff McLeod and the State Bureau of Investigation for assistance in the investigation.

Investigation revealed that Leach had purchased in June four insurance policies, one amounting to \$1,000 and three others for \$500 each, all with

Foundation Gets Five Grand More

The James E. Shepard Memorial Foundation has received an additional cash grant of \$5,000, it was announced here last night by James T. Taylor, the foundation's director.

Taylor said the gift had been made by the Independent Aid, Incorporated of New York.

The Shepard Foundation is named for the late Dr. James E. Shepard, founder and first president of North Carolina College. Its purpose is to provide scholarships for worthy Negro students.

The foundation has set a \$250,000 goal. At this time about \$75,000 in cash and pledges have been contributed, according to Taylor.

The foundation last received a \$5,000 grant from the Burlington Mills Foundation of Greensboro.

Admit Pamlico Schools Are Unequal; Settlement Sought

Raleigh — A spokesman for defendants in the school segregation suit in Pamlico County admitted, though somewhat reluctantly, and belatedly, here last week that the schools at Oriental, located in Pamlico, are unequal.

State Attorney General Harry McMullan said here last Thursday that defendants in the suit being brought by a group of Negroes at Oriental for equal facilities "are in a position where we will have to admit that schools in Oriental are unequal."

This concession by the State's Attorney General is regarded by many to be extremely late in coming and a definite understatement of the condition of the schools for the white and Negro races at Oriental.

Attorney M. Hugh Thompson, Durham lawyer retained by a group of Negroes at Oriental to file suit on their behalf in federal court, told the TIMES that conditions of the Negro schools in Pamlico county are "among the worst imaginable."

Local whites at Oriental, confronted with the possibility that their school system may become integrated, held a stormy meeting last week to discuss the alternatives of digging into their pockets for \$60,000 to erect a new Negro elementary school or of giving up one of the white elementary schools to Negroes. These alternatives were said to offer a means of settling the school issue out of court.

The choices that Oriental school officials faced were re-

duced to three when Attorney Thompson filed suit in Eastern District of federal court asking that segregation be eliminated until equality can be obtained in the county's schools.

Emmett Whitehurst, special counsel for the Pamlico Board of Education, has told the board that "unless we can say to the court that one of these courses (erecting a new Negro elementary school or giving up one of the white schools to Negroes) within a reasonable length of time, it is my opinion that the court will probably order non-segregation."

Many observers say that "the plan to turn over the white school to Negroes or the move for integration will have to be followed, pointing out what they term the inability of the county to finance the needed heavy building program now.

Killed In Korea

One local soldier was killed in action Korea and another wounded, according to Department of Defense announcements this week.

Pfc. John P. Barbee, grandson of Mrs. Estella Horton of 1516 South St. was announced this week killed in fighting. Pfc. Lindsey McDaniel, 517 Lipwood Ave., was listed as wounded on Oct. 4.

No details were given in the announcement of Pfc. Barbee's death.

Pfc. McDaniel, 19-year old son of Mack McDaniel, was (Please turn to Page Eight)

Local Church To Observe Anniversary During Week

The Covenant Presbyterian Church will observe its 58th anniversary with a full week of programs each night, beginning Monday and continuing through next Monday, Nov. 12.

Solomon B. Dukes, Jr., chairman of the overall anniversary committee listed as features of the church celebration a Bazaar sponsored by the women of the church, Anniversary Sunday Nov. 11, and the Anniversary Fellowship Dinner which will conclude the celebration.

The church is located at Lincoln and Massey avenues. Rev. J. A. Cannon is pastor.

Dukes also stated that each organization of the church will be responsible for a program during the week series. Participants of the program will be announced at a later date, he stated.

The Bazaar is set for Friday night Nov. 9.

Dr. Rose Butler Browne, Education professor at North Carolina College, will be the main speaker for the Anniversary Dinner to be held on the final night of the celebration series.

Dr. David Bradley of the Duke Divinity School, will deliver the Anniversary Sunday sermon Nov. 11 Services for this occasion will begin at 10:55. (Please turn to Page Eight)

Gotham Mayor In Stork Club Row

New York—Mayor Impellitteri, just back from an extended tour of Europe, jumped into the Josephine Baker-Stork Club row by announcing that he would not patronize the club, or any other club that practices discrimination.

The Mayor's statement was made in response to questions (Please turn to Page Eight)

Principals in the dedication of North Carolina College's new \$950,000 James E. Shepard Memorial Library are shown here. Left to right are R. N. Gantt, acting chairman of the NCC Trustee board, chairman of the \$4 million building expansion program; Dr. Alfonso Elder, President of North Carolina College; Dr. G. D. Barnes, State Grand Master of the North Carolina Masons, Founder's Day speaker; Dr. D. Hiden Ramsey, general manager, Asheville Citizen-Times, dedication speaker, Saturday, D. Eric Moore, Dean of NCC's School of Library Science; and Benjamin Smith, newly appointed N. C. College librarian. The building was scheduled for formal dedication Saturday, November 3. It is named for the late Dr. James E. Shepard, the college's founder and first president.