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T. J. HIGH, JR.

Last Rites For T. J. High Here

Thomas James High, Jr., 42-year-old resident of 2504 Otis Street and husband of Mrs. Mary High, died at Lincoln Hospital here of a heart ailment Tuesday, December 4 at 10:50 A. M.

Although Mr. High had been in ill health for several years, he was not considered seriously ill until three days before his death when he was admitted to the hospital.

Mr. High was the son of Thomas J. High, Sr., and the late Mrs. Lucy Morning High.

He was born in Durham and had lived here all of his life. For the past eight years he had been employed at the Duke Hospital.

In May, 1940 he was married to the former Miss Mary Louise Hughes of Durham. No children survive.

Last rites will be held at the Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Friday, December 7 at 3:00 P. M. The Reverend H. H. Hart, in absence of the Reverend E. T. Browne, pastor, will officiate. Interment will be in Beechwood Cemetery.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are his father, Thomas James, Sr., his stepmother, Mrs. Mary High and five aunts and two uncles.

Local Group Protests Fla. Shooting

A Groveland Memorial Protest Meeting held last Sunday afternoon at the White Rock Baptist Church in Durham, adopted a resolution calling upon the President of the United States to urge the Justice Department to prosecute Florida Sheriff Willis McCall for murdering Samuel Shepherd and shooting Walter Lee Irvin, as these two handcuffed Negro youths were on the way to a new trial ordered for them by the United States Supreme Court.

Principal speakers for the NAACP event were Dr. Rose Butler Browne, who spoke on "Civil Liberties and Values," and Attorney C. O. Pearson, chairman of the Legal Committee of the North Carolina Conference of the NAACP. Attorney M. E. Johnson, president of the Durham Branch, officiated.

Separate resolutions were presented by Mr. Fred Edwards, representative of the State Board of the Daniels Defense Committee, and Miss Betsy Tyree, co-

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Reprieve Claim For Doomed Man Hoax

Claim Of Praying Evangelist Of Execution Stay For Clyde Brown Virtually Denied By Parole Officials

The claim by a praying evangelist here this week that she had effected a stay of execution for Clyde Brown, sentenced to die for rape, was virtually denied here by State Parole officers.

Reverend Mrs. Edna Graves, who operates a prayer band in High Point, mailed early this week to Attorney Frank Brower in Durham, a letter which stated that she had obtained a stay of execution for the doomed man. Attorney Brower turned the letter over to the TIMES for confirmation.

Poil Essick, assistant to the Paroles Commissioner, virtually denied the claim in telephone conversation to the TIMES Wednesday.

Brown, given a death sentence for raping a 17-year-old white girl in Winston-Salem last year, lost an appeal for a writ of habeas corpus from the U. S. District Court at Baltimore, November 3.

His death sentence had previously been upheld by the State Supreme Court.

Essick told the TIMES that his office had no information concerning an execution stay for Brown, and that, as far as he knew, Brown would die on schedule.

Essick stated that execution stays, granted by the Governor, are cleared through his office. He did say that Mrs. Graves had been in his office, at least on two occasions, but repeated that he knew nothing of her claim of obtaining a reprieve for Brown.

Mrs. Graves is known to prison officials because of her long time work with prisoners. She is said to have gone to prison on numerous occasions to meditate and pray with condemned men.

The letter which was mailed to Attorney Brower was accompanied by a picture of herself standing before a pulpit in a preaching pose. The letter contained a request for publication of an article concerning her success in effecting a reprieve for Brown and a plea for a new trial.

It stated, in part: "Rev. Edna Graves, who put her trust in Jesus Christ, in prayer, asked for a stay of execution for Clyde Brown, and it was granted."

"Now with the help of the citizens of North Carolina, she is trying to give him a new trial within 60 days."

"All churches and organizations wishing to donate to this cause, please send in your donations as soon as possible. (Continued from Page One)

Parents File Plea Citing School Bias

SUMTER, S. C. — The fight against the inequalities inherent in a segregated school system moved another step forward in South Carolina this week, as attorneys for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, representing the parents of more than fifty students of the Jim Crow Lincoln Elementary and High School, filed a petition here with city and county officials, charging discrimination against Negro school children.

Noting that the school has insufficient classroom space and that children are forced to attend school in four shifts, from 8 A. M. until 6:02 P. M., the petition charges that these hours "force them to have to go through the streets of the city after dark and in many instances long distances," thus contributing "to the possible moral delinquency of these and other children."

Because of existing inequitable conditions, the NAACP asserts, Negro children are being deprived of educational advantages afforded white children, in violation of the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. The petition asks immediate action allowing the parents to appear before the city and county boards of education for relief.

Rev. J. M. Hinton, president of the South Carolina State Conference of NAACP branches, indicated that if relief is not granted within a reasonable period of time, the case would be carried to the courts "with possibilities of becoming another Clarendon County suit."

Three Children, Left Alone, Die In Blaze Which Sweeps House

NEW BERN — Three small children, apparently left alone, met death in their flaming dwelling here last Friday.

The victims, children of Mrs. Francis Jones, were burned to death when fire virtually destroyed the upper story of their frame dwelling while their mother was away at work.

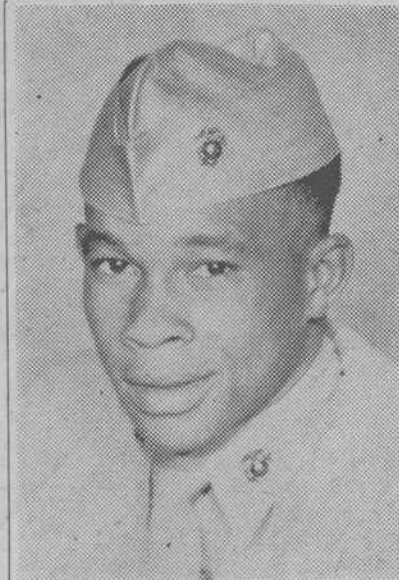
Dead are Jessie Mae, four; Bernice Maria, three; and Leroy, 13 months. Fireman said that they were

trapped by flames in the upper story of their house. An unidentified older sister, in whose custody the children were left, was prevented from reaching them by flames which lashed up the stairway, it was reported.

Reports on the possible cause of the fire had not been released by investigating firemen.

Funeral arrangements for the victims were incomplete here Saturday.

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Marine Pfc. Nathan N. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White, 515 McCoy Place, was injured in an automobile accident in Mexico recently. Pfc. White suffered broken legs in the accident which occurred while he was enroute to camp on November 21. Pfc. White is a graduate of Hillside High School.

Wife, Small Son Watch As Man Hangs Himself

LUMBERTON — A 24 year-old man solicited the aid of his small son in hanging himself, called his wife to witness his last curtain call and took his exit via suicide with the phrase, "Here I Go."

Roscoe Davis, a man apparently with a sense of the dramatic, hanged himself from the rafter of the front porch of his house near St. Paul's last Friday after getting his small son to bring him the rope and calling his wife at the last moment to witness the scene.

Or perhaps Davis had no idea of how realistic the scene he was staging actually was, for investigating officers said that he had been drinking heavily.

Davis made elaborate preparations for his last big scene. He told his son to bring him a rope, tied it to a porch rafter, climbed onto two chairs and slipped the noose around his neck.

Before kicking the chairs away, he called his wife, shouted "Here I Go," kicked away the chairs and dangled in mid-air before his bewildered son and horror-stricken wife.

The wife, frozen from horror for a few moments, ran for a neighbors house instead of cutting the rope. When the neighbors and St. Paul's police arrived, Davis was dead.

He had recently been in difficulties with the court on a drunken driving charge, according to Coroner D. W. Biggs.

Negro Captains Quaker Team

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MAN TAKES LAW IN OWN HANDS

Avenge Raped Sister, Metes Out Penalty

DANVILLE, Va.—A Halifax County man charged with raping and wounding a 15 year-old girl met death at the hands of the girl's vengeful brother amid a copse of dead and dying honeysuckle vines, scene of the alleged crime, here Monday.

Tommy Harris was the victim of the rare case of the kind of assumed self justice practiced by the ancients. He was shot to death from ambush while walking, chained between two law officers, through the scene of the alleged crime.

Harold Dixon, the avenger, gave himself up to law authorities and was placed in jail to await trial for murder.

According to police, Harris lured Dixon's young sister into a belt of woods where she was allegedly "mistreated" and criminally assaulted, shot in the shoulder. Wounded and distraught, she made her way home after three hours, and an alarm was given. Harris was arrested but he denied the charges.

Monday, Harris was taken from jail and manacled to Sheriff Luther Matthews and Deputy George Satterfield, was led to the woods where the attack was alleged to have occurred, the officers being desirous of recreating the scene. While the three walked among the honeysuckle vines, five shots rang out from ambush, and Harris' lifeless form slumped on his chains.

The two officers, unarmed and chained to the dead man, saw the gunman vanish but could not offer pursuit.

Later in the evening, Dixon surrendered to Sheriff Addison Tune on a murder charge. When officers, taking him back home to get a .22 rifle, the murder weapon, approached his home, Dixon leaped from the car and evaded three shots fired at his fleeing body to make an escape.

He surrendered again three hours later and this time was lodged in jail where he remained early this week.



REV. T. R. De ADWYLER

Youth Day Set At Church Here

Youth Day will be observed here at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church Sunday.

According to Rev. Harold Roland, pastor of the church, young members of the church will be in charge of conducting services for the entire day.

Speakers for the two services Sunday will be Reverend T. R. DeAdwyler and James C. Alexander, divinity students at Shaw University.

Rev. DeAdwyler will speak at the regular morning service and Rev. Alexander will be heard at the evening service.

Music for the day will be furnished by the church's junior chorus, directed by Mr. J. H. Gattis.

Youth Day is an annual feature of the Mount Gilead Baptist Church.

CHAIN TO ELECT OFFICERS

A special meeting of the Durham Business and Professional Chain for Sunday afternoon at five at the Algonquin Club has been announced by the organization's president, T. R. Speight.

Train Wreck Spurs Fight On Jim Crow

NEW YORK — The death of fifteen Negroes in a Jim Crow coach on the ill-fated "Southerner," which was involved in a disastrous wreck on November 25, gave new impetus to the fight of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to secure enforcement of the United States Supreme Court decision banning segregation in interstate commerce.

"The Association will not rest until all segregation in transportation is removed," NAACP Special Counsel Thurgood Marshall declared. Marshall sent letters to all branches of the NAACP, urging an immediate check of segregation policies of railroads in their localities to serve as a basis for an all-out attack against these Jim Crow practices.

In a letter to E. E. Norris, president of the Southern Rail-

way System, Marshall deplored the death of the fifteen Negroes in the segregated car. "This graphic demonstration of the evil of segregation cannot be overemphasized," he asserted. "But for the segregation policies of the Southern Railway, Negro passengers would have been distributed throughout the train and would have had an equal chance of survival."

The NAACP attorney requested an immediate discontinuation of the railway's segregation policy, "in obedience to the decision of the United States Supreme Court," and also "in the name of human decency." He indicated that the NAACP national office had received a number of complaints from Negro passengers being forced to sit in Jim Crow cars, and that the Association has been processing these cases and awaiting action by the railroads.

Leaders From Three Councils Meet In Wilson For Conference

WILSON—Scout leaders from three councils met here Saturday for a divisional training conference.

Scouters from East Carolina, Tuscarora and the Oconeechee councils were in attendance at the meeting.

M. D. Williams, conference chairman, presided over the conference which got underway with registration at nine o'clock. A formal opening program was held at ten o'clock at which Rev.

T. A. Watkins, Wilson, gave the invocation; Williams made introductions and M. M. Daniels, Wilson, welcomed the scouters to the conference.

Also during the morning session, Herbert Stuckey, Deputy Regional Scout executive, discussed progress in the various scout divisions during the year and R. H. Mozo talked to the conference on the three year program of the Boy Scouts of America.

An instruction period, divided into areas of interest, concluded the morning's session. Instruction period leaders were Paul Runge, who lead a group studying Region Six Leaders Study; Rodney Sener, Unit Basic Training; N. B. White, Getting Scouts at Summer Camp; Bruce Boyers, Advancement of Boys and Ralph Mozo, Boys Life and Boys.

A luncheon was held at 12:30 and at two o'clock a demonstration on the Model Divisional Roundtable was given by H. L. Owens and East Carolina Scouters.

The bulk of the remainder of the afternoon session was taken up by a discussion period on the same topics used in the instruction period during the morning session. E. A. Brown, Goldsboro, led a discussion of Region Six Unit Leaders Study; C. I. Bland, Goldsboro, Unit Leaders Basic Training; W. C. Taylor, Goldsboro, Getting Scouts to Summer Camp; Kelly Bryant, Durham, Advancement of Boys; J. M. Scholler, Durham, New Units and Together Plan; J. H. Betts, Durham, Decreasing Dropping Units; and G. D. White, Jr., Boys Life and Boys.

The conference closed with presentation of awards at five o'clock.

Action Resumes For Surviving Florida Victim

NEW YORK — Court action in the celebrated Groveland case, tragically interrupted when Sheriff Willis McCall of Lake County, Florida killed Samuel Shepherd, one of the defendants, and seriously wounded Walter Irvin, the other, was scheduled to resume Thursday, December 6, it was announced Friday by attorneys for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The NAACP is moving for a change of venue for the second trial of Walter Irvin, on the ground that the passion and prejudice in the community is even more severe now than at the time of the original trial. The convictions of Shepherd and Irvin, tried in Lake County in the late summer of 1949, were unanimously reversed last April by the United States Supreme Court, with Justice Robert H. Jackson issuing a biting opinion denouncing the role played by the local press in preventing a fair trial.

The NAACP holds that the publicity given the case since the shootings of the defendants, and the subsequent white-

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wash by local authorities of the "investigation" which followed, will stigmatize Irvin as having "attempted to escape" and jeopardize his chances for a fair trial in Lake County even more severely.

Also to be heard by Judge Truman Futch of Lake County Circuit Court are NAACP motions to disqualify the State's Attorney Jess Hunter, as prejudiced, and to suppress illegally obtained evidence. Alex Akerman, Jr., of Orlando, will represent the NAACP at the hearings. He will be assisted by Special Counsel Thurgood Marshall, Assistant Special Counsel Jack Greenberg, and Attorney Paul Perkins of Orlando.

Sheriff McCall's cold-blooded shooting of his prisoners on a dark country road, as he was transporting them from the

State Penitentiary at Raiford to attend the hearings (originally scheduled for November 7, the day after the shooting), and his exoneration by local and state authorities, had repercussions throughout the world.

The case was widely discussed by delegates to the Paris session of the United Nations General Assembly, with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky seizing upon it as a subject for a speech bitterly denouncing the United States and its racial policies.

Before leaving for Florida, Mr. Marshall summed up the present situation in these words: "As matters now stand two Negroes have already lost their lives as a result of this charge of 'rape' of a white woman; one being killed by a sheriff's posse and one by Sheriff McCall. Another is serving a life sentence. The fourth, Walter Irvin, although shot twice in the chest and once in the neck, must still stand trial and face the threat of the electric chair. This is typical 'Southern Justice.'"