

SMITH ALUMNI SEEK HIGHER POST FOR McCROREY

CATHOLIC BOOKS
PRESENTED PUBLIC
LIBRARIES

NAZARETH (Special) — Negro and white public libraries in North Carolina have been presented more than 1700 Catholic books by the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association. In a step toward the elimination of religious bigotry in the state, it has been announced here.

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PTA Congress Holds 3rd Session 2 Found Dead In Woods

Couple Dies In Auto From Monoxide Gas

Greenville — Redmond Moore, 47, and Mrs. Fannie Howard, 33, were found dead of monoxide gas poisoning in Moore's car, parked in some woods near the old Stantonburg road, four miles from Greenville about 9:30 a. m. Monday.

Pitt County Coroner Griffin H. Rouse said the couple had been dead some time. He said it was a case of accidental poisoning and that there will be no inquest.

Moore's wife, Mrs. Laura Moore, and James Howard, Mrs. Fannie Howard's husband, live in Greenville.

Moore and the woman had been missing from their homes since Saturday night. When they failed to return this morning, their families requested police to search for them. Moore was slumped in the back seat and the woman on her knees on the floor, leaning against him.

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Bilbo Hearing Opens In Miss.

Jackson, Miss. (NNPA) — The same fear of violence which kept colored people from the polls in the July 2 Mississippi primary still gripped the majority of them last Monday as the Senate campaign investigating committee began hearings into charges that Senator Theodore G. (The Man) Bilbo intimidated colored voters.

Despite a "Stop running, stand up and fight" slogan adopted by colored leaders here indications were that many key colored witnesses, for reasons of personal safety, will not testify against Bilbo unless subpoenaed by the committee.

Fully aware of this, Republican members of the committee last Sunday promised to throw their support behind a petition that the committee's power to subpoena witnesses be used if they fail to appear voluntarily.

Senator Styles Bridges, Republican of New Hampshire, told reporters he would press for use of subpoenas. He said he did not believe election officials involved in the charges would come forward voluntarily. Senator Allen J. Ellender, Democrat of Louisiana, committee chairman, also stated that the committee may have to subpoena witnesses who fail to appear.

J. D. Collins of Greenville, Mississippi, has already notified the Mississippi State Progressive Voters League that he will testify only if subpoenaed. Mr. Collins would be a key witness in the trial since he is one of the colored men "invited" by white political leaders of Greenville to a session at which he was told that colored people must not go to the polls. At the meeting he was sent to carry the word to all potential colored voters in Greenville.

Senator Ellender arrived here Sunday and immediately took the position that if there were individual violations of Mississippi's election laws, the remedy lay in the State courts.



Pearl Schwartz, sister of actress Lou Swartz, was elected at the November Convention of the Missouri State Association of Negro Teachers in Kansas City, Mo., to serve as Executive Secretary. Miss Schwartz had just completed a most successful term as President. During her regime there was established Equalization of Teachers' Salaries throughout Missouri, and several other

progressive things. Miss Schwartz is continuing to receive messages of praise for the many accomplishments — and is not letting up but lending full support to the newly elected President, Earl Thomas of B. C. She is a teacher at the Washington Technical High School in St. Louis, Mo., and her general office for MSANT will be at her home, 1721 Cora in the same city.

NMA TO MEET IN LOS ANGELES

ST. LOUIS (NNPA) — The board of trustees of the National Medical Association, which met here last Sunday, resolved the controversy over the next meeting place by voting 7 to 2 to hold the 1947 convention in Los Angeles.

2 CHARGE BEATINGS AS BILBO PROBE CONTINUES

Jackson, Miss. — Two men Tuesday swore that they were beaten because they sought to vote last July in a Democratic primary election in which Senator Theodore G. Bilbo of Mississippi was nominated for a third term.

The witnesses testified at the hearing which is conducted by the Senate Investigating Committee that Bilbo campaign tactics kept them from exercising their constitutional rights as voters.

Yonardo R. Collier of Gulfport testified that on July 2 when he and his wife entered the city hall to vote, one of a group of white men in a corridor stuck out his arm and stopped him.

"You people don't vote here today," he quoted the white man as having said, "Come back tomorrow."

He said 10 or 15 white men then swarmed over him and beat him until he lost consciousness and threw him out of the city hall porch. His wife who protested was also flogged.

Richard E. Daniel testified that he was not allowed to vote at Gulfport was struck by two white men who ordered him to "take that na off," then taken to a jail and beaten unmercifully by a police officer named "Williams."

He displayed to the committee clothing splashed with brown stains he said was blood from injuries in the beating.



DR. H. L. McCROREY

Dr. Hardy Liston Deems As Next Smith Prexy

Representing thousands of alumni of Johnson C. Smith University, a special meeting of the General Alumni Association at Greensboro last Thursday decided upon a seven-point program, with the elevation of Dr. Henry Lawrence McCrorey, 83-year old president, to the post of "President Emeritus" of the institution, and the choice of a younger and more energetic man to take his place as active head, with Dr. Hardy Liston, present executive vice-president being deemed unacceptable to the alumni group, for the presidency, as the most outstanding point in the program. However, closely following this, in importance, and seemingly hinged upon the principle point, was the decision to ask for alumni control of the athletics of the university. This latter fact was imparted to the members of the Smith football squad in the dressing-room between the halves of the Smith-A. & T. game, and the players cheered to the rafters, went back upon the field, and twice surged down to the Aggie one-foot line, even though they lost the ball on fumbles. It was understood also that the alumni would back Coach Byrd Crutcher, new football mentor, and give him such backing as needed in the coming years.

Special Meeting

Acting under the authority granted him by Section Two, Article Seven of the Constitution of the General Alumni Association, Attorney Thomas H. Wyche, of Charlotte, President of General Association, called the meeting, with time set for Thanksgiving afternoon prior to the annual Turkey-Day clash, and representatives from numerous chapters were heard from, either in person, by proxy or by telegram and letters. The trend of all the communications was in full accordance with the desires of the body to execute a program designed to bring a greater measure of co-operation between the school and its alumni.

There was no castigation of Dr. McCrorey at the meeting, nor were any reflections cast upon him. However, it was the unanimous opinion of the group that there should be a change in the active presidency of the institution, and that such could be more easily effected if Dr. McCrorey were to become "President Emeritus." A motion that such a suggestion be made in the form of a recommendation, and given to the President and the Board of Trustees was made and passed.

A number of complaints were made as to the performance of Dr. H. L. McCrorey, now Executive Vice-President of the university, and the body expressed its feeling that Dr. Liston was not its choice for the position, should Dr. McCrorey elect to retire.

Alumni Want Athletic Control

Expressing dissatisfaction with the failure to exploit the school's opportunities in athletics, the group voted to request that the control of athletics at the university be turned over completely to the alumni.

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CATHOLIC SISTERHOODS ACCEPT NEGRO CANDIDATES

ST. LOUIS, Miss. (Special) — Negro girls who feel called to the religious life as Catholic Sisters will be welcomed into the community of the missionary Sisters, Servants of the Holy Ghost. It is announced in St. Augustine's Messenger here.

"This is especially good news for us," states the publication of St. Augustine's Seminary, A Society of the Divine Word Institution for training Negro candidates for the Catholic priesthood, "since the Servants of the Holy Ghost, or Blue Sisters as we call them because of the colored of their habit, were founded by our own beloved founder, and have been closely associated with us in much of our missionary work. They staff eight of our Negro schools in the South."

Announcement was also made recently that the Sisters of St. Mary of the Third Order of St. Francis, whose headquarters is in St. Louis, have admitted three colored postulants to their community. This community of 325 professed members and novices conduct 12 hospitals and 4 nurses' training schools in the U. S.

Among the other Catholic Sisterhoods which are interracial are: The Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate, New York; the Sisters of Social Service, Los Angeles; the Dominican Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, Marbury, Ala.; and the Carmelite Nuns of Boston, Grand Rapids and Indianapolis.

CORONER INVESTIGATES DEATH OF LOCAL MAN

RALEIGH — Coroner Irving M. Cheek Tuesday was investigating death of Wilbur Boyd of 512 Montague Lane who died of undetermined cause at St. Agnes Hospital about 2:00 Tuesday afternoon.

Officers said he had no bruises or lacerations on his body and that he apparently died of "natural causes." Dr. G. W. Smith of the local Police Department said after a preliminary investigation that investigation indicated Boyd went home drunk Saturday afternoon and that he was admitted to St. Agnes Hospital about 11:00 Saturday night in an unconscious condition.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON COIN GOES ON SALE

Rocky Mount, Va. — S. J. Phillips, President of the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial, announces that the Booker T. Washington 50-cent piece are being coined at the Denver, Philadelphia and San Francisco Mints, and will be ready for distribution on December 14th.

This coin will be one of the most interesting in American history in that it is the first coin ever to be minted in honor of a Negro and the first ever to be designed by a sculptor of the same race. The coin was designed by Isaac Hathaway of Lexington, Kentucky.

Coin may be secured through the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial, Rocky Mount, Virginia, at a cost of \$1.00 each plus 10-cents for postage and mailing for those coined at the Philadelphia and San Francisco Mints, and \$1.50 each plus 10-cents postage for those coined at the Denver Mint. These coins will make valuable keepsakes, incentives, prizes and gifts, and will be cherished for historical and educational purpose as well as serving as a tribute to Booker T. Washington, who gave a full measure of service to all mankind.

FIVE APPLY FOR REGULAR ARMY

Five applicants were accepted for the Regular Army last week, Lt. Jewell M. Pace, Raleigh Recruiting Sub-Station Commander, has announced.

Applicants accepted were James W. Woodruff, 19, Route 1, Selma, for 18 months unassigned. He served 22 months with the Navy during the war, discharged Nov. 1, 1946 as First Class. Roy G. Jenkins, 17, 421 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh, for 18 months unassigned. Clarence M. Kirk, 21, Knightdale, for 18 months unassigned. He has 1-1-4 years at State College. James M. Faircloth, 18, Route 2, Smithfield, for 18 months unassigned. Charles L. Godfrey, 19, Route 5, Sanford, for 18 months unassigned.

VOTE AGAINST INVESTIGATION OF GI TRIALS

Washington, D. C. (NNPA) — The Senate war investigating committee last Tuesday voted 6 to 4 against sending a subcommittee overseas to investigate the operations of the American Military Government in Germany and Austria.

Involved in the demand for the inquiry were charges of misconduct by colored troops in the American occupation zone in Germany.

STUDIES CASE OF YOUNG KILLERS

Raleigh — Barring intervention by Governor Cherry, two young Sampson County men will die for murder in the State's gas chamber on December 13.

The two — Herman Matthews, 19, and Calvin Coolidge Williams, 19 — were previously scheduled to die on November 15, but were granted reprieves by Governor Cherry to permit further study of their case. With the ending of the reprieve period several days ago, the executions were automatically set for December 13.

Matthews was 18 and Williams 17 when they allegedly lured John Addison, also a race man, into the woods on the pretext of selling him whiskey and then shot and robbed him. The two were convicted last May in Sampson Superior Court. The State Supreme Court reviewed the case in late October, and rejected an appeal for a new trial.

THIRD ANNUAL CONGRESS OF NEGRO PARENTS AND TEACHERS GREAT SUCCESS

Despite the delay and unpleasantness at the beginning of the session, due to two gatherings trying to occupy the same place, at the same time, we finally got off to a good start in the library of the school, instead of the auditorium, to which we were invited.

The President, Mrs. Hattie Royal, opened the morning session with "America," the entire body standing.

"Invocation" by Rev. O. H. Sherrill, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, Wilmington, N. C. Professor F. J. Rogers, principal of the Williston Industrial High School brought greetings and a welcome to us Mrs. M. L. Turner, Supervisor of Duplin County Schools being delayed by transportation after more than four months of investigation by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Federal Grand Jury Gets Ga. Lynch Case

Athens, Ga. (NNPA) — The lynching of two men and their wives near Monroe, Georgia, July 23, reached a federal grand jury here last Monday for possibly indictments after more than four months of investigation by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Unless the FBI agents uncovered evidence to fasten guilt on the members of the mob, a white man stands out as the key witness. He is J. Loy Harrison, well-to-do farmer of Walton County, Georgia, from whose automobile the mob took the two men and their wives and riddled their bodies with bullets.

The FBI agents will give their evidence to the convening grand jury. Likewise, more than 100 witnesses are scheduled to appear before the grand jury.

United States District Attorney John P. Cawart and John Kelly, an attorney from the criminal division of the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., are in charge of the presentation of the case to the jury.

We cannot hope to be able to keep fit, unless we take care of our bodies. She stressed this as an individual duty to make a better world. Each doing his or her best individually would make the whole world a better place in which to live.

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FIERY CROSS APPEARS IN ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC CITY (NNPA) — A sign was created among residents of Atlantic City's north side when the trade mark of the Ku Klux Klan, a fiery cross five feet high, was found lashed to a telephone post less than 10 blocks from the city hall here last Monday night. The cross, pieced together with two by fours and well tarred to last a long time, was situated in the 500 block on North Ohio Avenue.

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KICKED OUT — Bishop George E. Curry of the 14th District, who was one of the two bishops expelled by the AME church last week for irregularities. His districts included Okla., Ark., and La. He was elected in 1940.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER — Miss Willie Worley Foster, Griffin, Ga., who was awarded first prize in the third division of a contest sponsored by the National Tuberculosis Association. This portion of the contest was open to high school students. Essay was written, was awarded a scholarship to Fori Valley State College for her essay on "How My School Can Help in the Fight Against Tuberculosis." Vacation at High School in Griffin, where she was a senior at the time her essay was written, was awarded a silver plaque.

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