

# CONDUCTOR KILLS PASSENGER

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# Family Ejected From Charlotte Bus N. C. Teachers End Session



### HAVE A BUSY 3-DAY SESSION IN RALEIGH

JAMES T. TAYLOR ELECTED PRESIDENT

RALEIGH — Negro teachers came to Raleigh on April 3, 4, and 5 for the Sixty-sixth Annual Convention of the North Carolina Teachers' Convention. They attended two general sessions, many sectional and departmental meetings. The most important business of the convention was the election of officers.

The meeting opened Thursday at Shaw University with welcome addresses by the Mayor of Raleigh and Mrs. Nan P. Frozier, Teacher of Lucille Hunter School. That night Dr. David J. Rose, noted Surgeon and Educational leader, addressed the teachers on their importance of remaining in the South. The speaker said, "the opportunity for the Negroes lies in (Continued on back page)



### KILLER OF PASSENGER

C. A. James, conductor on ACL railroad train, the "Savannah Special," who shot and killed Fletcher H. Melvin, April 5.

The victim was enroute to Dunn, to spend the Easter holidays with his family and friends, when he met with a most tragic death.



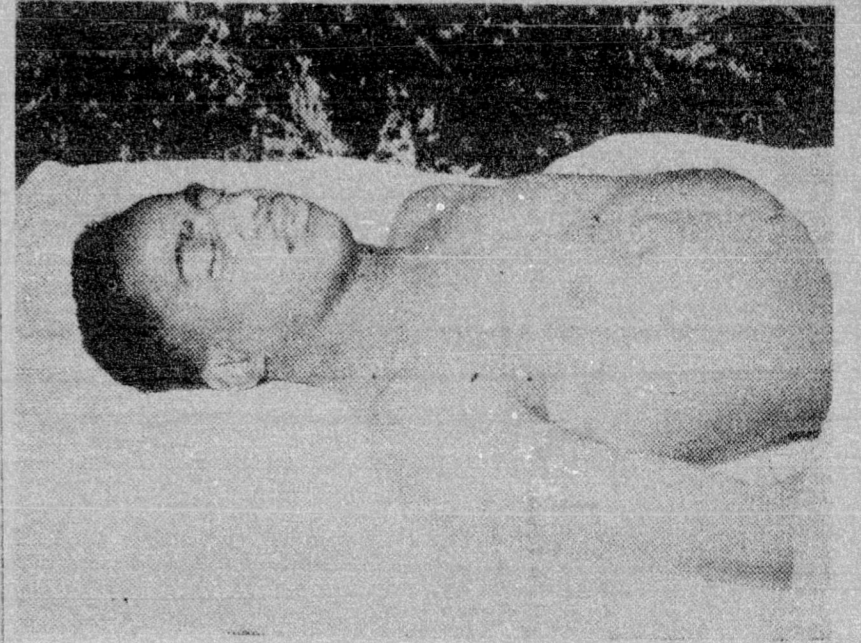
Relative and friends of Fletcher H. Melvin who was killed Saturday, April 5, by C. A. James, conductor on the ACL Savannah special between Rocky Mount and Smithfield.

Standing left to right: Mrs. Pearlie Gilmore, passenger on train at time of Melvin's death; Mrs. Ruth Council, sister of Melvin; E. C. Melvin, grandfather; Mrs. Alice Melvin, grandmother; and Robert Gilmore, passenger on train at time of Melvin's death.

### MAN ESCAPES FROM BURNING HOUSE

GREENVILLE — Sam Chatham, 65-year-old Chatham Cross Roads farmer, had a narrow escape from death Wednesday at 2:00 p. m. when his house caught fire while he was in bed.

The house and furnishings were a total loss, but his wife and children and a grandchild escaped without injury.



FLETCHER HUT MELVIN

## Man Enroute To Spend Easter Home, Is Slain

Dunn — Fletcher Hut Melvin, 24, orderly in Provident Hospital, Baltimore, Md., was instantly killed on the crack Savannah special of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad Saturday, April 5, by a pistol bullet which entered his heart. It is alleged the man was shot by the white conductor, C. A. James, and he had given for all colored passengers to move up front to a "tin crow" car.

Melvin, according to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilmore passengers on the same train was asleep when the conductor ordered all colored passengers from the mixed coach and did not hear the order. It was later

field that the passengers who had moved to the front coach learned that Melvin had been shot.

Melvin's body was removed from the train at Smithfield and turned over to the authorities there. Coroner J. O. Creech of Smithfield released the body to the Woodard funeral home in Smithfield and set the inquest for 11 a. m. Monday, April 7. Since that time Melvin's body has been transferred to the O. S. Payton funeral home at Dunn.

At Dunn Melvin's grand father, F. H. Melvin, stated that the family had not received any official notification of their relative's (Continued on back page)

### FORMER OPA EMPLOYEE GETS LIBERIA POST

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Sarnack Wimberly, a former employee of the Office of Price Administration, has been appointed to a clerical job with the United States Economic Mission to Liberia and will soon leave the United States for that country, the State Department said last Friday.

### NEGRO CITY RAISES FUNDS FOR FIRE-FIGHTING OUTFIT

OXFORD, Ala. (ANP) — The civic league, professional, businessmen and young men's clubs of Hopson City — the city within a city — has launched a fund raising campaign for \$430 by June 30 with which to purchase fire-fighting equipment.

## Reports SCHW Not Communist

### WAR OFFICIALS PRAISE A. AND T.

GREENSBORO — After an informal inspection tour of the A and T College ROTC program here recently, Major General Edward S. Bres, executive for reserve and ROTC affairs of the War Department Special Staff, expressed himself as quite impressed with the program in effect at the college.

BY LOUIS LAUTNER  
WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA) — A study of the hearings on the nomination of David E. Lilienthal to be a member of the Atomic Energy Commission, held before the Senate Committee on Atomic Energy, fails to support the charge that the Southern Conference for Human Welfare is a Communist-front organization.

### INTERRACIAL GROUP TO TOUR SOUTH

NEW YORK — On April 9th an interracial delegation representing the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Congress of Racial Equality will begin a two-week tour of the Upper South, touching at points in Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina and Tennessee to speak before church, civic and student groups in discuss the question of segregation in travel.

### O'DWYER, DEWEY SEEK NEGRO VOTE

NEW YORK (NNPA) — Governor Thomas E. Dewey, a strong Republican Presidential possibility, and Mayor William O'Dwyer are vying for the favor of colored voters, colored communities of New York State, according to reliable political sources.

### FLASH! MRS. LULA S. KELSEY PASSES

SALISBURY — Mrs. Lula S. Kelsey, of Salisbury, who was president emerita of the N. C. Federation of Woman's Clubs, a state-wide civic and welfare organization died at her home on Wednesday following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Kelsey gave unspendingly of her efforts with the Woman's Club which has labored for the past 25 years to improve the status of Negroes of North Carolina. Under her dynamic leadership, this organization was responsible for the establishment of the N. C. Training School for Negro Girls at Rocky Mount.

She was a graduate of Barber-Scotta Junior College, a member of the AMEZ Church and one of the most outstanding civic and social welfare leaders in N. C., also, she was the first woman embalmer, white or colored, in the state, and at the time of her death was the director of the Kelsey-Noble Funeral Home in Salisbury.

Funeral arrangements were not available at this writing.

### Violation Of Interstate Commerce Ruling Charged

CHARLOTTE — Dr. John Milton Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C., has charged the Grayhound Bus Company and its driver, name not disclosed, with having ejected his wife, young daughter and himself from a Winston-Salem bound bus around 4 p. m. on April 3.

### Credit Union Movement Spreads To Twin City

WINSTON-SALEM — Under the able and capable direction of W. M. Kelsey a new and challenging idea has dawned in cooperative thinking and action in the Credit Union Movement and Cooperative Enterprises in Winston-Salem and surrounding communities.

## Louisiana State Students Favor Colored Colleges

BATON ROUGE, La. (NNPA) — Although the Student Council of Louisiana State University voted last week to exclude colored colleges from participation in the conference of Southern and Southern Schools to be held on the LSU campus April 17-19, an opinion poll conducted by the school newspaper showed that the student body favored colored college participation by almost 2 to 1, it was learned.

### FARM GROUP MEETS AT FUQUAY SPRINGS

FUQUAY SPRINGS — The Negro Farm and Home Management Program is going to be the cause of many changes made in the Fuquay Springs Community," says E. E. Evans and A. B. Alston after returning from a community meeting held at the Fuquay Springs High School April 2, with 62 farm women and teen present.

A great deal of discussion as to the need of farm and home improvements throughout the community came as a result of the survey and a movie, Farm Inconveniences, shown by Mrs. T. S. Moore of the Wake County Health Department.

### NEW BOOK ON RACE PROBLEM

NEW YORK (CNS) — John Helyette's newest novel "Wild Grape," deal with the race problem in the South. Publisher is Wiltsey House.

Raleigh — The Wake County chapter of the Red Cross was alerted last week to assist next of kin of service men and women buried overseas in the Quartermaster Corps' gigantic program to return such bodies to America for burial where that is desired by the survivors.

### Hat In The Ring . . .

Fred J. Carnage, local attorney, who has announced his candidacy for the Raleigh City Council, Atty. Carnage is a graduate of Morgan College and the Law School of Howard University, having engaged in a flourishing law practice at Raleigh during the past 14 years.

## 17 Awarded Race Relation Scrolls

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA) — The Institute On Race Relations last Monday awarded honorary scrolls to seventeen persons for fostering better race relations during 1946.

Among those receiving the awards at the organization's annual dinner at the Statler Hotel were Percy Green, editor of the Jackson (Mississippi) Advocate, Senator William Langer, Republican of North Dakota, Shirley Graham, winner of the Julian Messner 1946 award and Mrs. Helen D. Longstreet, widow of the Confederate General James Longstreet.

Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president of Howard University, minister of ceremonies, referred to race relationships as "the greatest human problem in America today." He said the problem is a "structural disease in the anatomy of democracy." (Continued on back page)

DURHAM — The North Carolina College here will be the scene of the Sixth Annual Conference on Conservation of Marriage and the Family April 10.

### RALEIGH MAN IS PROMOTED

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va. — Numa S. Moore, 551 East Lenoir Street, Raleigh, N. C., a student at Hampton Institute has been appointed Cadet T. Sgt. of Battery C, according to the list of permanent appointments recently released by Colonel R. H. Groder, Professor of Military Science and Tactics.

### DURHAM HOST TO MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

The morning session begins at 9:30 with President Jamar Shepard of North Carolina College discussing "The Responsibility of a College in Education for Marriage and Family Life." Following this, Miss Mildred J. Morgan, Family Life Coordinator of Asheville, will speak on the subject "Teaching (Continued on back page)