

# Month Old Harnett Killing Still Not Punished

## SOUTH BALKS ON PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

### Case Not Probed As Angier White Men Still Walk St.

Angier — Two Harnett County white men who killed one man and critically wounded another more than a month ago in gangster style shooting at Angier were still walking the streets here Monday in complete freedom and still had not been questioned by city and county officials.

Identity of the killers has been made in reports filed with the Angier police department, the office of the Harnett county sheriff, a private prosecutor and the office of Governor R. Gregg Cherry, but until Monday no action had been taken to bring them to justice.

The victims fell under blasts of shotgun fire which originated in a moving green automobile either on the morning of Sunday, November 23, or on November 22, according to its report but W. E. Salimon, Harnett County sheriff, said the date was Sunday, November 23.

The victims are Charlie "Bud" Smith who died instantly and Daniel Lee Brassford who was shot through his abdomen and was still under medical care this week.

In answer to telephone inquiries Saturday night members of the Harnett county sheriff's office and Angier Police Chief Alton Cobb said that no effort had been made to question either of the men suspected of being involved in the murder.

District Solicitor Jack Hooks of Kenly said when informed of the killing Saturday night that he, personally, was beginning an immediate investigation.

## Happy New Year

### NO ACTION YET ON NCC PREXY

Raleigh (NCNN Exclusive) — Trustees of the North Carolina College at Durham have taken "no action" yet on the nomination of a successor to the late President James E. Shepard.

Julie B. Warren of Raleigh, secretary of the college trustee board and a key member of Dr. Edwin W. Knight's nominating committee, gave this information to newsmen in Raleigh Tuesday afternoon.

Warren said he "assumed" that Dr. Knight would call the committee together "during January."

### JIM CROW HALTS FREEDOM TRAIN FOR BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM (ANP) — Birmingham's bigotry doomed the appearance of Freedom Train in this city Monday, December 23. The American Heritage foundation cancelled the Birmingham stop.

SPEECH FORBIDDEN — NEW YORK (CNS) — Noted novelist Howard Fast, author of "Freedom Road" was forbidden to speak at a City College rally because he is under sentence for contempt of Congress. Fast is an avowed fellow traveler of the Communist Party.

### Porters, Breakmen Win Santa Fe Job Tilt

CHICAGO (ANP) — Judge Walter L. LaBuy of U. S. District Court handed down a three-page decision here last week upholding the right of 500 Negro porters and breakmen of the Santa Fe railroad to continue in their jobs and thus temporarily ended a five-year-old fight to block efforts of white breakman to take their jobs, because they were not union members.

The discharged workers, some of whom had been employed by the railroad since 1899, will be allowed to work despite the fact that the union will not admit them as members, but they will not work according to seniority rights. The Negro train workers were represented by Atty. Richard E. Westbrook.

### Leading Citizens Explain Their Interest In Race Issue

New York — Three distinguished Americans—all of whom are editors — tell the readers of OPPORTUNITY, Journal of Negro Life, how they became interested in racial justice. Writing their exclusive articles for the Winter Issue of the official publication of the National Urban League, due off the press next week, the authors are Mrs. Elizabeth Bates Cowles, prominent civic leader of Minneapolis, Minn.; Louis B. Seltzer, editor, The Cleveland Press, and Edgar W. (Ed) Ray, managing editor, The Tampa (Florida) Daily Times.

In this same issue of the Journal of Negro Life, John Garfield and Canada Lee, co-stars in the nationally hailed, current motion picture "Body and Soul" give their personal views in an article titled "Their Part in 'Body and Soul'." The off-stage comments of these Hollywood stars set new goals for race relations in the entire motion picture industry.

### White Southern Educators Oppose End of Dual Schools

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Presidents of nine white southern colleges bitterly attacked the recommendation of the President's Commission on Higher Education that the dual system of schools, now in effect in 17 states, be eliminated and agreed with four southern members of the commission that it would be "impractical and unwise" to end the segregation of Negro white children in the south by any government edict.

### Judge Cobb Named To D. C. Library Board

Washington (ANP) — Former Judge James A. Cobb, one of the best known Washingtonians, was appointed last week to the board of trustees of the public library of the District of Columbia by the commissioners. Judge Cobb succeeds Dr. George C. Havener who was the first person of color ever to serve on the library board and who retired because of ill health. Judge Cobb, former municipal judge from 1926 to 1936, is one of the distinguished lawyers of the country.

### Restrictive Housing Case Argued Before U.S. Court

Washington — The cases pending before the United States Supreme Court beginning January 5, contesting the validity of court decrees evicting Negroes from their homes in Michigan, Missouri, and the District of Columbia, pursuant to race restrictive agreements, represent the culmination of a battle begun by

who reveals to OPPORTUNITY's readers the inside story of a successful window decorator. A resident of Massillon, Ohio, Mrs. Staples applies her skills to an occupation in which few Negro Americans are engaged. Her story is as exceptionally told as any of the "unusual occupation" series published in OPPORTUNITY.

The nine presidents were College W. Darden, Jr., University of Virginia; Bennett H. Branson, Vanderbilt University; Isaiah Bowman, John Hopkins; Hamilton Holt, Rollins College; John D. Williams, University of Mississippi; Father Patrick J. H. Moran, St. Louis University; Rufus C. Harris, Tulane University; T. S. Painter, University of Texas; and Lewis W. Jones, University of Arkansas.

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## Favors Tar Heel For NCC Prexy

## FIRE CONTINUES DEATH TOLL

### Educator Warns Successor To Be Approved By Alumni

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin favors the appointment of a Negro citizen of North Carolina as a president of the North Carolina College at Durham.

Interviewed in his State department office in Raleigh Tuesday morning, Dr. Erwin said, "I would prefer a Negro citizen of North Carolina because I believe a North Carolinian would better understand our local problems and needs for educational expansion in the state."

### 8 CHILDREN PERISH

Dekalo, Tex. (ANP) — A fire, believed to have started from an over-heated stove, took the lives of eight Negro children here last Saturday when their three-room home burned while the children were asleep. The eight varied in ages from 13 years to 8 months. The parents were away at the time of the fire.

### Voters Urged To Make Race Police GOP Issue

NEW ORLEANS (ANP) — Republicanism from overtures made to Negro voters of New Orleans and Louisiana by the Sam Jones aspirants for state officers in the January 20 primary influenced a plan to make the employment of Negro police in New Orleans a principal factor of support.

The plan was advanced by Webster Stevens, prominent civic leader, in an address to an Autocrat club vote rally last week.

Stevens related that the city administration is supporting Sam Jones for Governor and that this same city administration has failed to give adequate consideration to the Negro crime situation and the employment to Negro police as an approach to this situation. He said that Negroes should remember this issue when voting for a governor in January.

The employment of Negro police was recently revised when a committee headed by Leon Lewis, managing editor of the Negro South, made a study of the crime situation upon the suggestion of Mayor Mor-

risons and Chief of Police Walters. The committee report to the Mayor and city commissioners that a advisory committee be appointed have been ignored by the city administration.

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### MISSING BODY FOUND IN POND

Murfreesboro — The body of William Holly was recovered from Worrells Mill Pond near here Sunday afternoon following a long search for the victim by local police in connection with the shooting of his wife on Monday, December 21.

Grady Hodges, Murfreesboro sawmill operator, who found the body had found Holly's pocketbook Friday and recovered the body in almost the same location two days later.

### ON ARC BOARD



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## Anti American Action Blamed On Racial Bias

### 2 DIE IN FLAMES IN 3-ROOM DWELLING

Greensboro — Two persons were burned to death in a fire that destroyed their three-room dwelling at the rear of 250 West Whittington Street here early Sunday morning, Greensboro police have reported.

Dr. W. W. Harvey, Guilford County Coroner, said the victims—Isaac "Doc" Wilson, 75, and Mrs. Eliza McAdoo, 55—died from burns and that their charred bodies were found at the rear entrance of the house.

Both were on the floor, according to local officials, Wilson at the door and Mrs. McAdoo about four feet behind him. It was believed that the fire originated in the front bedroom, that both of them were blocked by flames at the front door and that they attempted to escape by the rear but were overcome by smoke before they could open the door.

## Restrictive Covenant Cases Up To U.S. Court

### WALLACE NOW 1948 CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ANP) — Argument before the United States Supreme Court of the four-year restrictive covenant cases, which was originally scheduled for December 11 and 12, is now tentative to set for January 14.

Chicago — It shall run as an independent candidate for President of the United States in 1948. Henry A. Wallace, 59-year-old former vice-president in the Franklin Roosevelt administration, announced here Monday night.

Speaking over the nation-wide facilities of the Mutual Broadcasting Company, Mr. Wallace gave as reason for his candidacy the belief that the present course of the United States is leading toward greater repression and another war.

Mr. Wallace's announced candidacy marked a complete break with the Democratic party and called forth from him a denunciation of the Republicans as well.

An independent party is the people's only choice between progress and reaction in 1948, Mr. Wallace said.

In a speech that gave evidence of much thought and careful cogitation, Mr. Wallace said: "I believe that the only way to bring about a change in the present course of the United States is to elect a man who will stand for the same things to pay taxes, buy groceries, and make bank deposits and he could see no reason for raising the issue for the train's visit.

### 'HAND ME DOWN' SCHOOLS IN D. C. STILL UNDER FIRE

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Parents sponsoring the student strike against Bowen Junior High School and its two annexes were urged here last week to continue their protest against "hand-me-down" school buildings for Negro students in an exhortation made by Dr. George Davis to more than 50 parents meeting at Jones Memorial Church.

Dr. Davis denounced the schools as being "inadequate, discriminatory and a factor in the inferior culture of Negro education as compared to the white schools."

### FREEDOM TRAIN

Montgomery, Ala. — Two Negro girls were the first persons to board the Freedom Train Saturday in this birthplace of the Confederacy, and where Mayor John L. Goodwyn had announced earlier that there would be no racial segregation.

The city has laws requiring segregation in buses, theatres and other public places, but Mayor Goodwyn said both "stand in the same lines to pay taxes, buy groceries, and make bank deposits and he could see no reason for raising the issue for the train's visit.

The Freedom train skipped Birmingham Monday because officials there insisted on segregation of the races.

Washington, D. C. (ANP) — The State Department admitted last Tuesday that one of the underlying causes of anti-American feeling in Panama may be discriminatory practices in the Canal Zone.

Anti-American feeling resulted last Tuesday in the National Assembly of Panama rejecting an agreement to permit the United States to continue to occupy 14 air bases in Panama, outside the Canal Zone. As a result, the United States decided to withdraw its forces.

W. Taxley Bennett, Panamanian desk officer in the State Department, said he could not explain the unpopularity of the United States in Panama, but admitted, after questioning, that the double gold and silver standard which the United States maintains there may be "an underlying cause."

When the Canal was being built, workers from the United States were paid in gold, and natives of Panama, chiefly colored Indians and mestizos were paid in silver.

This double standard was extended to produce racial discrimination against colored natives, Indians and mestizos.

In United States postoffices in the Canal Zone, until recently, (Continued on back page)

### PLAN FOR NAT'L SCHOLARSHIPS AIRED IN CAPITAL

Washington (ANP) — A sweeping program of fellowships and scholarships, to be administered on a completely democratic basis in the interest of national welfare, was recommended last week in the second report by President Truman's Commission on Higher Education.

The proposal would grant aid up to \$1,500 a year for seven years to a single individual, and would be open to anyone possessing the ability to profit from a college and professional education. The cost to the government would eventually reach a billion dollars annually.

"Only as the opportunity for higher education is equalized to every potential student who has the interest and the ability to profit from college and university study at both undergraduate (Continued on back page)

### GIRL BOUND OVER ON ARSON COUNT

ELIZABETH CITY — Probable cause was found in Pasquotank County Recorder's Court here last week charging Miss Margaret Fleming with arson in connection with a fire which damaged the home of Marion and Ike Moore late Saturday afternoon.

She entered a plea of not guilty, but was bound pending trial in Superior Court in March.

Ike Moore, first witness in the case, told the court he asked the girl whether she took some cigarettes from among some other items he had purchased and that she denied it.

He said that Miss Fleming and Miss Hattie Holly were rooming in the upstairs of the house which, along with the living downstairs, and that she had told her a second time to "find her another place to stay," she left the house after starting a fire in the room which destroyed finishing in her room and the room of Miss Holly and damaged downstairs rooms.

### Citizens Committee In Year End Meeting

R. — Mayne Albright, former Membership Chairman of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion, and a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in North Carolina, will deliver the main address at the Annual Meeting of the Raleigh Citizens' Committee Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the Bloodworth Street YMCA.

This occasion will mark Mr. Albright's first appearance before a Negro audience in Wake County since he announced his desire to become a gubernatorial candidate. He has been asked to speak on Citizenship, but it is expected that he will also declare his policies as a candidate on labor and interracial matters.

Aside from the main address, reports will be made by Dr. Nelson H. Harris of Shaw University for the Education Committee, by Lawrence Lightner for the Recreation Committee, and by James Shepard for the Transportation Committee. A general resume will be given by the Chairman, Rev. M. W. Williams.

The Rev. Williams will outline the program of the Citizens' Committee for the coming year. Members of the 58 affiliated organizations will be present, and there will be election of the city-wide membership of the Citizens' Committee for 1948. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the choir of the Manly St. Christian Church.

### Negro Excluded From Jury; Cop Slaying Verdict Fails

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Because the supreme court found that Negroes had been systematically excluded from the jury panel and that the use of a special "blue ribbon" jury violated constitutional rights of the defendants, George Cornelius Moore and Lester Hamilton, both of New York, won a stay of execution and a retrial, Dec. 28 last week.

The two men had been convicted for the murder of Detective James M. Burke, member of the Police Honor Legion and holder of eight departmental citations, during a holdup of a New York liquor store on December 12, 1946.

They were convicted of this degree murder last April in Bronx County Court and sentenced to death, a verdict upheld on November 21 by the New York Court of Appeals. Execution was set for the week beginning January 4, 1948.

A subsequent appeal which excluded from the jury panel and that the use of a special "blue ribbon" jury violated constitutional rights of the defendants, George Cornelius Moore and Lester Hamilton, both of New York, won a stay of execution and a retrial, Dec. 28 last week.