

2 Men Arrested In Harnett County Slaying Case

"PRIVATE CLUB" WHITE PRIMARY ILLEGAL

Whites Arrested In Angier Case

LILLINGTON — Marvin Matthews, 25-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Matthews of Angier, and Wyatt Adams, 22, son of Joe Adams and a brother of Policeman Wade Adams of Angier, were arrested Sunday in connection with the slaying of Charlie Smith of Angier here on November 23. Sheriff W. E. Solomon announced Monday.

Sheriff Solomon said the two white men are being held in the Harnett County jail without privilege of bond pending investigation by the grand jury which is now in session.

Jack Hooks, district solicitor, said he would send a bill of indictment charging them with murder to the grand jury probably Tuesday.

Smith was shot to death on the highway near Angier.

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ITALIAN GIRL, 20, JILTS DAYTON BUSINESS MAN

NEW YORK — (ANP) — A young business man from Dayton, O., who arrived here Christmas Eve to meet and marry a beautiful Italian girl he had met in Salerno in 1944, was preparing this week to return home minus his prospective bride and the \$500 cash bond he had put up.

The sadly disappointed Romeo who identified himself as Charles Butler Jr., son of a Dayton garage owner, "lost" the 20-year-old girl from Italy one hour before they were scheduled to be married.

Tina Murino, the missing would-be bride, vanished from the apartment of new-found Bronx friends while the handsome Ohioan was shopping in a nearby drug store. Bishop R. C. Lawson, who was to officiate, had been kept waiting two hours before Charles walked into the minister's study and announced that Miss Murino had suddenly disappeared.

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ST. AUGUSTINE'S TO HOLD 80TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebration of the eightieth anniversary of the founding of St. Augustine's College will be held at the college January 10-11 with two nationally-known speakers scheduled to be present, it has been announced.

Hubert T. Delany, member of the class of 1918, now a judge of the Court of Domestic Relations of New York City, will address an assembly open to the public in Taylor Hall on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and the Rev. Geo. A. Wieland, director of the home department of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church and executive secretary of the Division of Domestic Relations, will be the speaker at the annual anniversary chapel services at 11:00 Sunday morning.

St. Augustine's was chartered on July 19, 1867, with the Rev. Thomas Atkins, Bishop of North Carolina, as president of the board of trustees, and opened its doors for instruction on January 13, 1868, as a normal school and collegiate institute with the Rev. J. Brinton as principal.

Dr. Harold L. Trigg is the 6th president of the school and the first Negro president, having assumed leadership of the college last year.

NAACP Reports Gains In Race Relations In '47

NEW YORK — Outstanding gains were made in 1947 in the continuing fight for full citizenship rights for Negro Americans, according to reports submitted to the annual meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People here January 5.

In his report to the gathering, Walter White, NAACP secretary, hailed the anti-segregation schools of three communities appointed by President Truman on military training, civil rights, and higher education.

"These reports are evidence," said Mr. White, "that there is growing recognition of the fact that segregation in itself is discriminatory, and that until it is abolished Negroes and other minority groups will not enjoy their rights as American citizens."

The NAACP petition to the United Nations, presented last October,

Carver Picture Now On Calif. St. Car Passes

LOS ANGELES — (ANP) — The late George Washington Carver's picture will adorn the weekly passes issued by the Los Angeles Transit company, beginning Monday, Jan. 5, it was announced here last week. The lithographed passes are sold to bus and street car passengers for \$1.50 and \$1.25.

Idea for having the late scientist's picture on the passes came from William Jones, local Urban League executive, as an effective means of honoring the memory and works of Dr. Carver. They will be in the hands of Los Angeles cities in time for Carver Week.

A spokesman for the transit company said, "It is so little too do for a man who has done so much for the world, but it will serve as a means of keeping his deeds alive in the minds of the people of Los Angeles."

Howard Professor Elected Member Of College Of Physicians

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Dr. John B. Johnson, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at the Howard University School of Medicine, has been elected an Associate Member of the American College of Physicians. Howard University officials announced here Wednesday.

Dr. Johnson's election to the organization marks the first time a Negro physician from below the Mason and Dixon line has been admitted to the American College of Physicians. He is the first member of the staff of Howard University and President's Hospital to become a member.

After studying on a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship in Medicine at the University of Rochester from 1939-41, Dr. Johnson was certified by examinations as a specialist in Internal Medicine in 1942. He is a charter member of the American Federation for Clinical Research; holds membership in Sigma Xi, National Honorary Scientific Society and is chairman of the Medical Section of the National Medical Association.

Rankin Leads D. C. Gang Against Henry A. Wallace

WASHINGTON (ANP) — The capital city has been a sea of mixed reactions concerning the third party idea since Henry Wallace officially announced his intention of running for president.

In opposing Mr. Wallace, President Rep. John Rankin commented that "Henry Wallace's limitations will have little or no effect on President Truman's chances for reelection. Wallace's pathetic appeal to the communist elements of racial minorities sounded as silly as did the report of the so-called FEPC on Senator Bilbo. They were all trying to play up to the radical, racial groups, many of whom follow the Moscow line."

Mr. Rankin's statement came after Mr. Wallace had made a fighting "declaration of independence" for minority groups. In his radio broadcast over a nationwide hookup Monday night, Mr. Wallace called for an end to discrimination.

The abolition of Jim Crow must have top place on the agenda of a program for national de-

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Nominating President For NCC PLAYMATESLAYER RELEASED

TAYLOR, TURNER, ELDER, MANLEY IN SPOTLIGHT

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DURHAM (Exclusive) —

source close to Dr. R. L. Flowers, chairman of the North Carolina College trustee board, said here Monday that Dr. Flowers had been summoned to Chapel Hill "Thursday or Friday" of this week to serve on nominations for a successor to the late Dr. James E. Shepard, as president of the North Carolina College at Durham. Dr. Shepard died in Durham last October 6.

The NCCN's informant stated that Dr. Edgar W. Knight of Chapel Hill, chairman of the trustees' nominating committee, has requested the members of his committee, Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, Capas Wayne, and Jule B. Warren of Raleigh, W. Frank Taylor of Goldsboro, J. T. Pritchett of Lenoir, to come to Chapel Hill to prepare a preliminary report to submit to the trustee board, "perhaps next week."

Confirmation of the imminency of the election of a president of North Carolina College is seen in previous statements of Dr. Knight who in December told reporters that "action will be taken in January" in a statement of Capas Wayne in Raleigh last Saturday, that "We may appoint a president."

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Justice Hubert T. Delany, Judge of the Court of Domestic Relations, New York City, above, will deliver the anniversary address at the eightieth anniversary celebration of St. Augustine's College in Taylor Hall at 11:00 Saturday morning. He is a graduate of the class of 1919.

13 CAROLINIANS COMMISSIONED AT HAMPTON, VA.

BY THOMAS SIMS
HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va. —

Thirteen North Carolina students in the Hampton ROTC unit received appointments as permanent non-commissioned cadet officers under a recent order from the college ROTC office. Sixty-three appointments were made under the order.

The following North Carolinians were appointed to the rank of sergeant: William Ross Lilling, Clarence McKay, Red Springs; Lawrence C. Phillips, Winston-Salem; Willie E. Merritt, High Point; Herbert C. Harris, Salisbury; Thomas R. Williams, South Square; and George Edmonds, Tillery.

Those appointed to the rank of sergeant were: Henry B. Allen, Durham; Charles A. Clark, Bellhaven; and Richard Williams, Goldsboro. Charles R. Pittman of Farmington was appointed corporal, and Theophilus L. Mook of Statesville, was made a private first class.

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BOY WHO KILLED PLAYMATE FREED BY PAROLE BOARD

RALEIGH — Robert Lee Dudley, 16-year-old Wilson youth, Monday was paroled from a four to six year prison term after court and law enforcement officials came to his aid.

Freedom for the youth came at most a year and a half after he fatally shot Pettigrew Gaskins, a 12-year-old playmate, and three months after he went to Central Prison at Raleigh last September.

He was first tried in Recorder's Court in Wilson a few days after the shooting in the summer of 1946 where a not pros was taken in the case on the grounds of insufficient evidence.

Later parents of the victim reopened the case through their attorney, a true bill of indictment charging the youth with involuntary manslaughter was filed and the defendant convicted in September.

In recommending parole George Fountain of Tarboro, trial solicitor, informed the Parole Commission that he did not believe the defendant intended to kill Gaskins.

"It was not an accidental shot."

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RECEIVES CONGRATULATIONS



Hon. R. Mayne Albright, candidate for the Democratic Nomination for Governor, congratulating the Rev. M. W. Williams, Chairman of the Raleigh Negro Citizens' Committee, on the Committee's achievements during the past year. Mr. Albright was principal speaker at the Annual Meeting last Sunday.

Gubernatorial Candidate Praises Local Citizens

RALEIGH — Pointing out that North Carolina has long been committed to the principle of equal opportunities for all its citizens and that it has made progress in that direction, R. Mayne Albright, Democratic aspirant for Governor, congratulated the Raleigh Negro Citizens' Committee on their achievements in a year of good citizenship and of progress in all phases of community life.

"Through its work," Albright declared, "the capital of North Carolina has set a good example for all the states."

Mr. Albright addressed the Committee at its Annual Meeting Sunday afternoon at the Bloodworth Street YMCA. He spoke on Citizenship responsibilities.

The gubernatorial candidate made no mention of his candidacy, but said, "This annual meeting finds us not only at the beginning of a New Year but of a New Era. The citizenship responsibilities of this New Era cannot be confined to the boundaries of the city or the state. Our hopes for continuing progress in the state are inevitably bound with our chances of living in a progressive nation and a peaceful world."

Disavowing the traditional presumption that Negroes should not participate in Government, Mr. Albright emphatically said, "It is the responsibility of each of us to exercise his citizenship in the fullest sense, and in the faith that we can lead the state programs necessary to our progress."

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SECOND COURT RULES AGAINST S. C. PRIMARY

RICHMOND, Va. — South Carolina's "private club" white primary designed to bar Negroes from voting was declared illegal here December 30 by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the fourth circuit in an opinion affirming a similar ruling by a lower U. S. Court in South Carolina, handed down last July 17.

Democratic party leaders in South Carolina had contended in their argument to the court that Negroes have "no more right to vote in the Democratic primary... than to vote in the election of the officers of the Forest Lake County Club." This argument was blasted in Tuesday's opinion.

NAACP attorney Thurgood Marshall and Harold Boulware, in pre-

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MILL PUBLISHES FULL PAGE AD ON NEGROES IN POST

Philadelphia (ANP) — A full page advertisement containing a painting showing graduates of a Negro school and telling of advantages to Negroes who work for the Avondale cotton mills of Alabama appeared in the Jan. 3 issues of the Saturday Evening Post.

The advertisement described the principal as pointing to the statement of Booker T. Washington, "let down your buckets where you are," and advising the graduates not to forget that their parents and friends are one 12th of the 7000 people who work at the mills. Advantages of being employed there are listed.

PRESIDENT'S CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE RECEIVES CITATION

Washington (ANP) — The President's Committee on Civil Rights was the recipient of a citation and an award given by the American Political Science Association during its evening session in Hotel Statler here last week. The award, presented by Louis Brownlow, president of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Foundation, was received by Robert J. Carr, executive secretary of the committee.

Annual Defender Honor Roll Announced By Paper

CHICAGO (ANP) — National leaders and organizations were cited in the annual Chicago Defender Honor Roll of Democracy this week.

According to John H. Senstake, persons and organizations have "set a good example for all the states."

President's Committee on Civil Rights whose unanimous report has been selected for the 1947 Honor Roll, a declaration of freedom in our time.

Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers-CIO, for his stand on discrimination in employment and the trade union movement, and his support of a Negro who was elected to the union executive board.

Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of the St. Louis diocese, Roman Catholic Church, for refusing to retract his stand on segregation in parochial high schools of the diocese.

Jackie Robinson whose play and

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Dewey To Ask End Of Educational Race Ban

Albany — Governor Dewey, in his annual message to the opening session of the 1948 Legislature next July, will recommend enactment of a law barring discrimination on racial or religious grounds in admission to colleges and professional schools, it was learned recently.

The Governor's proposal, it is understood, will call for placing responsibility for enforcement of the ban in the State Department of Education, which already exercises general supervisory power over all institutions of learning within the state.

While designed to serve the same purpose as the Austin-Mahoney bills of the last two legislative sessions, the procedure favored by the Governor is understood to differ in many respects from earlier proposals.

Mr. Dewey's plan is believed to antedate a recommendation of the Temporary Commission on State University, headed by Owen D. Young, retired industrialist and former member of the State Board of Regents. The Young Commission has been active for five years.

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Charles Houston May Get Commission Post In D. C.

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — President Truman last Wednesday left the way open for consideration of Charles H. Houston nationally known lawyer, for appointment as a commissioner of the District of Columbia to succeed Guy Mason, whose term has expired.

Asked at his press conference last Wednesday whether he had decided to reappoint Mr. Mason, the President said he had not, but added that he would announce the appointment when it was ready.

A committee supporting Mr. Houston for commissioner has obtained 29,000 signatures to a petition for his appointment, which it presented to one of the Administrative Assistants to the President last Monday morning.

A graduate of Harvard Law School, Mr. Houston is one of the outstanding lawyers of the country. He was counsel in the celebrated Gaines case in which the Supreme Court ruled that a State maintaining separate schools must provide equal educational opportunities for colored students within the State, or admit them to the white state-supported university.

He was also counsel in the Steele and Tunstall cases in which the Supreme Court held that a labor union, which bars colored workers from membership, must represent all members of the craft or class of locomotive firemen without distinction as to race.

Mr. Houston was a member of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice and resigned from that group when President Roosevelt refused to direct that the committee be allowed to proceed with hearings on discrimination in the railroad industry.

In addition, he has served as

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NAACP WINS IN CALIF. JOB FIGHT

LOS ANGELES — (ANP) — Discrimination in the employment of Negroes at the mammoth Sewelle Veterans home and hospital has been brought to an end, according to G. W. McKinney, executive secretary and investigator for the local NAACP branch.

The NAACP, supported by a host of private citizens, had filed a formal complaint with Col. Brigham, manager and chief administrative official of Sewelle's executive staff, charging that Negro employees, though comprising much of the large staff, were subjected to the inconvenience of separate, crowded dressing and dining rooms.

Vigorously denying any racial discrimination policy, Col. Brigham however admitted that examples of personal prejudices by white employees or staff members

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1 LYNCHED IN '47 REPORT SHOWS

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. — "According to the records compiled in the Department of Records and Research of Tuskegee Institute, 1 died in the year 1947, during the year," Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute, reported here Wednesday.

The lynch victim was Willie Earle, 24-year-old South Carolina youth whose body was found mutilated with knife and bullet wounds after he was charged with robbing and slaying a white taxi driver.

The one lynch during 1947 is not less than the number (two) for 1946, one less than the number (3) for the year 1944 and two less than the number (three) for the year 1942.

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BAPTIST BOARD TO MEET IN ALA.

SEIMA, Ala. (ANP) — The Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., will convene in First African Baptist church, New Orleans, Feb. 4-5, it was announced here last week by Dr. D. V. Jernison, president. Host pastor is the Rev. R. W. Coleman.

The directors will be confronted with the prospect of raising funds to carry on its educational, foreign mission and state schools programs. Its educational program calls for more than \$200,000, the missionary set at \$200,000, and about \$50,000 for the various state schools. All these funds are to be raised by the group.

Dr. Jernison reported that the convention has doubled itself in church representation in the past five years.

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