

THREE HELD AFTER LYNCH VICTIM ESCAPES

OPILOUSAS, La. — Three white Louisianans face trial on kidnapping charges and Edward Honeycutt, the intended victim of a lynch mob, is alive today because his would-be lynchers paused to flip a coin to see who would shoot him.

Honeycutt, charged with criminal assault upon a white woman resident of Eunice, La., was taken from the St. Landry Parish Prison Sunday by a mob led by three white men who had "tricked" the jailer into admitting them.

The 25-year old prisoner, who reportedly had been beaten over the head with a pistol during his abduction, was forced into a car and taken about twenty miles to the Atchafalaya River levee where he was dumped out by his assailants.

As the three leaders of the mob, one a former deputy sheriff, played odd coin wins to see who would shoot him, the prisoner dived into the river in the midst of a fusillade of shots.

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Rights Enemies Will Fail, Says Michigan Senator

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Senator Hubert Humphrey, Democrat of Minnesota, declared Wednesday morning that the current attempt in the United States Senate to frustrate action on President Truman's civil rights program is doomed to failure and that the attempt is inspired by men who "would ignore a golden rule so that they can keep a Senate rule."

Speaking before approximately 600 students, faculty, alumni and guests attending the 62nd annual Charter Day celebration at Howard University on Wednesday, March 2nd, Senator Humphrey strongly attacked the Senate minority now trying to block amendment of the Senate rules to permit enactment of civil rights legislation.

"In spite of that great demonstration in November, a minority in the Senate withstands the national tide," Humphrey said. "They will fail because history is against them, the people are against them, the times are against them. No, a minority of men in the Senate of the United States cannot frustrate a nation."

Senator Humphrey, who led the fight in the Democratic National Convention for an uncompromising civil rights platform, declared that the Senate obstructionists "tamper with the morality of a determined nation of people. The people of (Continued on page 8, this section)



EARNs TRIBUTE — C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., drew a tribute from the Durham Sun in the Durham paper's sixtieth anniversary edition which was published on March 1.

In addition to carrying a full page picture of Mr. Spaulding, the paper carried a lengthy story devoted to the accomplishments which have made him one of the outstanding businessmen of his race and time.

Shriners Honor Atty. Carnage

Kabala Temple No. 177 of the A.E.A.O. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdictions, Inc. gave a testimonial for Noble F. J. Carnage, 33 degree, in honor of his recent appointment to the City of Raleigh School Board.

Noble Carnage is the first of the Negro race to attain this honor. The testimonial was held at the Haywood Soda Shop.

Kabala Temple was graced with the presence of representatives of several professional and civic groups who spoke at the testimonial. They were: F. P. Payne for the colleges; M. L. Watts for the dentists; C. D. Haffiburton for the press; Herman L. Taylor for the legal profession; L. E. McCauley for the medical profession; E. L.

Rainford for the citizens; George Mitchell for recreation; A. J. Turner for business; Anderson James Jr. as a churchman; and Arthur P. Crippen as a friend.

Noble L. W. Ligon, 33 degree, served as master of ceremonies and stated the purpose of the meeting. He introduced Ill. Potentate N. L. Perry who gave a brief resume of the history of Shrinism and outlined the local program of Kabala Temple No. 177. Noble R. S. Turner was introduced and gave greetings from the Temple.

Chief Rabbi J. I. Stredwick was accorded recognition by recently passing the examination of Master Barber of the United States, Outer Nobles who made remarks were J. Thomas Hamlin, 33 degree, treasurer for the medical profession, E. L.

head of the union had used the church publications to attack the bishops and officers of the church without restraint.

In 1936 he was beaten for reelection but refused to turn the plant over to his successor. When finally he turned the church's printing plant over he opened up his own plant and ran a rival organization for the issuance of Sunday school leaflets and church literature of various kinds.

The church had never been able to get satisfactory financial settlement with Bryant who, however, was growing wealthier each year. The report submitted to the federal court, it is said, showed that (Continued on page 8, this section)

AME'S WIN LAWSUIT AGAINST IRA BRYANT

By ALBERT ANDERSON NASHVILLE (ANP)—The long battle between the African Methodist Episcopal church officials and Ira T. Bryant, former secretary of the Sunday school union of that denomination, came to an end last week with a decision handed down by Judge Elmer Davis of the Federal court here in favor of the church.

Judge Davis confirmed a special master-in-hancery finding that Ira T. Bryant had failed to account for funds belonging to the AME church and amounting to \$48,000.

The difference between Bryant and the church reached the courts in 1938 but really began before that. Bryant soon after being elect-

NAACP CONFERENCE PROGRAM OUTLINED

The program for the Southeastern Regional Conference of NAACP Branches scheduled to be held in Raleigh on Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27 was announced this week by the committee in charge of arrangements.

The conference, aimed at the preparation of branch workers for leadership and training them in effective techniques of civil and political action will hear addresses by NAACP national officers and panel discussions of subjects vital to the association program.

Among speakers scheduled are Miss Lucille Black, national mem-

bership secretary; Gloster B. Current, director of branches; Clarence Mitchell, labor secretary; and Mrs. Ruby Hurley, youth secretary.

Walter White, national executive secretary, will be the principal speaker at the closing mass meeting which will be held at the Memorial Auditorium on Sunday afternoon.

The conference program follows: SATURDAY

9-10 A. M., Registration; 10 A. M. Discussion of national office program and NAACP objectives and appointment of committees; 11 A. M., Panel discussion on Civil Rights Role of NAACP in South and State NAACP Problems; 2 P. M., Labor and employment problems; 3:30, Nationwide membership campaign and 40th anniversary; 4:45, Building the Youth Program in the South; 7:30 P. M., Civil rights and legal procedures, legal redress and educational inequalities.

SUNDAY 10:30-11 A. M.—Morning Devotions; 11 A. M., Political action and legislative techniques in the South; 12:30 P. M., Report of committees; 3 P. M., Closing mass meeting.

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COURT ORDERS DIVINE TO FACE TRIAL IN WILL FIGHT

PEDESTRIAN SLAIN BY TAXI



TRIAL INVOLVES MONEY WILLED TO CULT LEADER

ALBANY, N. Y. — "Father Divine," religious cultist who rose to national prominence during the twenties and the depression years by attracting thousands of followers and establishing "kingdoms" in cities throughout the nation, is in trouble.

The man who is looked upon as "God" by many of his followers has been ordered to stand trial by the New York State Court of Appeals on charges filed by relatives of Mrs. Mary Shefton Lyons, an 80-year old white woman, follower of his who died nearly three years ago and left him an (Continued on page 8, this section)

FUNERAL RITES HELD FOR SEN. BROUGHTON

Flags flew at half-mast throughout the capital and the state of North Carolina early this week in tribute to the passing of U. S. Senator J. Melville Broughton, wartime Governor of the State, who died suddenly in Washington, D. C. following a heart attack.

At funeral rites held Tuesday from Tabernacle Baptist Church where Mr. Broughton had taught a Sunday school class for a number of years, thousands of persons of both races stood silently in the streets and opposite the church before, during and after the forty-five minute services.

Approximately a dozen Negroes, who had been associated with the former Governor in various capacities during his lifetime, were among the more than a thousand (Continued on page 8, this section)

BAPTISTS STILL SEEK CONTROL OF WOMEN'S GROUP

NASHVILLE (ANP)—The board of directors of the Woman's convention, auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, met for two days here last week. The meeting of the women was held simultaneously with the adjourned session of National Baptist convention, incorporated.

The Baptists have gotten into the habit of holding their annual convention in September, then holding an adjourned session in January at Nashville, the adjourned session being almost as large as the regular one and where much of the real business is transacted.

The Woman's convention at its meeting this year had before it a 26-year-old question. While not so stated, the bald 84 question was whether the Woman's auxiliary was going to be a real auxiliary (Continued on page 8, this section)

DR. F. P. GRAHAM PAYS TRIBUTE TO PALMER FOUNDER

BOSTON, Mass. (ANP) — Two hundred or more persons, attending at \$7.75 per plate dinner in honor of Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, president-founder of Palmer Memorial Institute, and Frank F. Graham, president, University of North Carolina, listened avidly to Dr. Graham's tribute to the work of Dr. Brown, a pioneer in the cultural training of the youth of her race.

Among the guests at the banquet were many Bostonians who had contributed more than one-half million dollars toward the building and maintenance of Palmer Memorial.

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Jimcrow Costly, Asserts Tunney

New York (ANP) — "The U. S. is losing an estimated \$6,000,000,000 purchasing power yearly through income and job advancement opportunities withheld from Negroes."

accepting the chairmanship of the 1949 Urban League Fund campaign to "improve job opportunities and related living conditions among Negroes." Mr. Tunney's appointment was announced by Lloyd K. Garrison, president of the National Urban League, and (Continued on page 8, this section)



RIES HELD—Shown above is the late U. S. Senator J. Melville Broughton for whom funeral rites were held Tuesday from the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh.

Stricken suddenly with a heart attack in Washington, D. C. Sunday, Senator Broughton, the wartime Governor for the State of North Carolina, was mourned by thousands of friends and followers of all races and creeds throughout the state.

RALEIGH STUDENT MAKES HONOR FRAT

William R. Edmondson, Jr., of Raleigh, senior medical student at Howard University in Washington, D. C., has been notified that on the basis of character and scholastic average he has been elected to Kappa Pi honorary medical society.

Young Edmondson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Edmondson of 314 Smithfield Street. He is a graduate of the Washington High School and of Shaw University.

WINTON BURGLAR DOES A 'HOUDINI'

WINTON, N. C. (ANP) — Berton March, 23-year-old Alabamian native has had the "break" as far as law violations go. Lady Luck smiled on him when he vanished from a crowded courtroom here last week after being convicted of breaking and entering, and larceny. He was still beaming when he overtook a stolen car, but escaped before pursuers could lay a hand on him.

According to Sheriff C. W. Parker, Marsh was seated on the prisoner's bench after conviction. There were 11 deputies and state highway patrolmen in the courtroom. However, when a court official came to take the prisoners to jail, Marsh was not among them.

Late that night, the runaway stole a car in nearby Coffield, owned by Robert Davis, white, with Delaware, Jones, also white. Davis took up pursuit. The stolen auto averted on a country road, and the pursuers stopped to investigate. Davis struck a rock and saw Marsh crumpled in the back of the wrecked car, but the escapee jumped out and disappeared in a swamp before the two men could get into action.

SOUTH'S SCHOOLS VOTE TO APPROVE AREA COLLEGES

ATLANTA (ANP) — Contract terms, under which various southern states will contribute to the education of Negro and white medical and dental students, were drawn up and approved by representatives of 10 southern colleges meeting here recently.

Presiding at the meeting, attended by educators from participating states, was Dr. W. T. Sawyer, president of the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond (Continued on page 8, this section)

UTES FOR CRASH VICTIM SET FOR MARTIN STREET

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon for Miss Janie Alston, 38, who was killed Sunday night when she was struck by a taxicab while walking through a rainstorm in the 900 Block of East Hargett Street.

According to police reports of the death, Miss Alston was in the middle of the street walking east on Hargett Street when she was struck by a Lincoln Cab operated by James A. Tomlinson, 27, of 1114 S. Blodworth Street.

Officers W. W. Snakenburg and H. T. Bailey, who arrived at the scene a few minutes after the accident, said that she was dead upon their arrival. Coroner I. M. Check attributed death to internal injuries and shock.

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4 TO SERVE ROAD TERM IN JC LAW VALIDITY TEST

New York — Thirty-day road sentences given to two white and two Negro men who made a test of North Carolina bus travel segregation laws will be served and the case will not be appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court, attorneys for the men announced this week.

The four men, Bayard Rustin and Andrew Johnson, Negro, and Leo Rostenko and Joe Felmet, white, were arrested on April 7 in Chapel Hill following their refusal to sit in the sections of the bus allotted respectively to white and Negro passengers.

The trip was undertaken by the four in question and 12 others in order to test the manner (Continued on back 1st section)

Amnesia Blamed For Ransom Trip

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Attorney Leon A. Ransom, 49-year old chairman of the local Committee for Racial Democracy and active in court fights against discrimination, who disappeared in busy downtown Washington about noon Thursday, February 24, was suffering from temporary amnesia caused by nervous exhaustion, it was disclosed here last week by Dr. C. Herbert Marshall, his physician. Ransom turned up at the Union, N. C., home of an old friend, Dr. N. J. Watts, a dentist, Friday afternoon, February 25.

Dr. Watts telephoned Mrs. Ransom in Washington Sunday, February 28, after reading a newspaper account of her husband's disappearance and told her that Ransom was at his home. Ransom returned to Washington about 3 p. m. Tuesday, March 2, accompanied by his son, Leon A. Jr., 19-year-old Catholic University student.

The missing man said he had been "very worried about the large volume of work he had to do," according to Dr. Marshall. Ransom has been subject to chronic illness and has long needed a rest, Mrs. Ransom said.

Still unexplained was his whereabouts from Thursday noon when he left municipal court enroute to his office, and Friday afternoon when he appeared at Dr. Watts' home. Ransom said he could not remember what he did after leaving court, but recalled suddenly finding himself on a train bound for Union.



IN AUTO CRASH — The Rev. Thomas Kilgore, pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church of New York City and former executive secretary of Baptist headquarters at Raleigh who received a broken arm and other injuries in a recent automobile crash while returning to New York from a church conference.



CRASH VICTIM — Miss Janie Alston of 214 S. Tarboro who was killed instantly when struck by a taxicab in the 900 Block of East Hargett St. Sunday night. Funeral services are slated for Thursday afternoon from the Martin Street Baptist Church.



UNDER FIRE — Paul Robeson, internationally famous concert singer, lecturer and actor, who last week end drew the ire of Walter Winchell because of an alleged declaration in a speech made last year that in the event of war with Russia "We would fight against the Fascists."

ALA. WHITES RAP KLAN ACTIVITY

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ANP) — A white housewife told an inquirer reporter of the Birmingham Post-Herald last Wednesday that the state of Alabama "ought to give the Klan a good swift kick in the pants." The woman was replying to the reporter's questions of "What do you think the state of Alabama ought to do about the Ku Klux Klan?"

Not only did she recommend a "swift kick" to the Klan, she also said "all the members ought to be deported to Europe or some other place I know of. After all," she added, "the state of Alabama should be powerful enough to stop a bunch of hoodlums from burning crosses and beating people."

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