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DUBS STATE COMPLACENT

Man Slays Woman With Chairs



HOST PASTOR REMAINS — The Rev. Louis M. Thompson, pastor of St. Matthews A.M.E. Church of Raleigh, scene of last week's 27th annual sessions of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Second Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church. The conference returned the Rev. Mr. Thompson to his charge for another year.

The conference also voted to retain the Rev. T. P. DuHart, pastor of the St. Paul A.M.E. Church of Raleigh at his charge for another year.

In the A.M.E. Zion Conference Sister Mabel Cary was returned to her charge, Grace A.M.E. Zion Church, where she is entering her fifteenth year as pastor.

CHILD, 10, SEES MOTHER BEATEN TO DEATH BY MAN

SMITHFIELD—One of the most brutal slayings in Smithfield's history was recounted to police Monday by a 10-year-old girl who saw her mother beaten almost to death and then thrown out of the door in near freezing weather by her drunken paramour.

The girl, Fionnie Williams, told Deputy Sheriff Johnny Mealin that she and her 22-year-old Geneva Williams was beaten with a chair by James Terry who lived with the mother and daughter on the Croft Daughters farm on Brogden Road.

Terry, according to the child's story, came into the house after midnight Sunday and in an apparently drunken rage seized a chair and began beating Mrs. Williams who was in bed.

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HEAD T. B. SEAL SALE DRIVE — Members of the Wake County Tuberculosis Christmas Seal sale committee for Wake County are shown following a meeting of the group held recently at the Bloodworth Street YMCA in Raleigh.

SUITS RESULT OF COMPLACENCY SAYS MARSHALL

DURHAM (Staff Correspondence) — North Carolina's "complacency" in race relations was blamed here Tuesday for the wave of law suits sweeping the State to equalize educational facilities for whites and Negroes.

Thurgood Marshall, chief special counsel for the NAACP, who came to Durham to deliver the final speech in North Carolina College's forum series on "Civil Liberties," pointed out that this State was the scene of the first of these suits in 1933 in the famous *Bevitt Case*.

In his speech at the College early Tuesday afternoon, Marshall said the kind of complacency developed in this State was comparable to the smug feeling characteristic of Northern Negroes whose leaders are isolated from the group and, who in turn themselves are insulated from contact with the aspirations of the Negro people.

While he clearly placed the blame upon Southerners for the suits, Marshall also pointed out that the NAACP, which took place amid protests of "legislative lynching" by the 46-year-old Negro Communist leader, followed his conviction with ten other top American Communists of conspiracy to overthrow the government of the United States.

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Twelve Democratic and three Republican members of the body voted for the ouster which followed a heated debate by Congressman Edward Rager of Manhattan that "this convicted traitor be removed."



ACTIVE IN CIVIC AFFAIRS — Active in civic affairs is Durham's J. S. Stewart, chairman of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs, progressive group whose members represent cross-section of Negro business, educational, professional, and labor organizations.

Stewart who heads Mutual Building and Loan Association, is president of national business organization, and has long been active in civic and state affairs.

Under Stewart's leadership, committee plans to integrate, with cooperation of city officials and white firemen, Negro firemen into Negro neighborhoods.

Industrial worker, Stewart travels thousands of miles by air yearly, attends leading banking and insurance meetings, and is one of Durham's most progressive and best informed younger executives.

FETE SPINGARN MEDALIST — Thurgood Marshall, second from left, Spingarn and Russwurm Award winner, was feted at a luncheon in Durham this week.

Chief special counsel for the NAACP, Marshall came to Durham to deliver the final speech in North Carolina College's forum series on "Civil Liberties." Marshall spoke Tuesday on "Trends in Civil Rights."

President Alfonso Elder, extreme left, said college forum committee presented speakers of varying shades of economic, political and economic opinions.

Dean Albert L. Turner, third from left, presided at luncheon which was attended by cross-section of Durham teachers.

At Durham, Marshall is visiting Mrs. J. S. Stewart, wife of the chairman of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs, Durham child-protective agency, educational director in Wake County District Federal Court. — Staff photo.

4 BURN TO DEATH ON TENT NEAR

Kinston (Special) — A tent which has been called the "tent of the martyrs" this week read the headline of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harper, a snuffed out the lives of the family's four small children.

Mr. Harper, 34, an Mrs. Harper, 28, were away visiting friends at the time of the blaze.

The tent, which was used for the family's religious education, was located on a hillside near the town of Kinston. The tent was used for the family's religious education.

Assistance for the family has been given by the Lenoir County chapter of the American Red Cross.

In describing events leading up to tragedy, Harper told Lenoir (Continued on page eight)

KENNEDY ON DURHAM COUNTY GRAND JURY

DURHAM (Staff Correspondence) — W. J. Kennedy, Jr., vice president and secretary of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and prominent Durham church and civic worker has been serving with the Durham County Grand Jury since last June, it was revealed here this week.

Kennedy's tenure with the jury is the first recalled here for a Negro since Professor C. F. Willis of North Carolina College served in a similar capacity several years ago.

Jury Kennedy said in Durham this week the jury had not held meetings during November, but is expected to meet with other jurors during December.

No Change Voted Thompson, DuHart

Raleigh's two A.M.E. ministers, the Rev. Louis M. Thompson, pastor of St. Matthews A.M.E. Church, and the Rev. T. P. DuHart, pastor of the St. Paul A.M.E. Church, will remain in the city for another year as a result of action taken at the 57th session of the Western N. C. Conference of the 2nd Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church.

The major change which took place during the 5-day sessions which were conducted at the St. Matthews Church was the appointment of G. S. Cant as presiding elder to succeed J. D. Cowan as presiding elder for the Raleigh District.

The presiding officer for the conference which was welcomed to the city by City Manager Roy S. Braden on the opening night was Bishop L. H. Hainaway, presiding Bishop for the 2nd Episcopal District.

Safe Bus Jobs In Jeopardy

WINSTON-SALEM — Drivers for Winston-Salem's Safe Bus Co. found that their jobs were in jeopardy this week after owners of the company began hiring new drivers to replace drivers who refused to join the company's union.

Others who joined in welcoming the approximately 150 delegates included the delegates on behalf of student Dr. O. S. Bullock, who welcomed them to the city.

N. Y. Council Votes 15-0 to Oust Davis

NEW YORK — Benjamin Davis, Jr., New York City Councilman and the only admitted Communist holding a major elective office in the United States was ousted from his post 33 days ahead of schedule by a 15-0 vote of the Council on Monday.

Davis' ouster, which took place amid protests of "legislative lynching" by the 46-year-old Negro Communist leader, followed his conviction with ten other top American Communists of conspiracy to overthrow the government of the United States.

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COUNCILMAN IN RICHMOND RACE FOR REELECTION

Richmond, Va. (Special) — Oliver W. Hill, 42-year-old Richmond Negro councilman, announced last week he would seek reelection in this city's June elections.

Hill, a native Richmonder, is a graduate of Howard University's Law School. Prior to practicing in Richmond, he had been in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Rap Mayor, Cops In Chicago Riots

Chicago (ANP) — Negro organizations have long felt and protested that the recurring incidents approaching mob violence in Chicago could be curbed if the present mayor, Martin H. Kennedy, had the guts to take a stand for the protection of all citizens.

A similar strong feeling was brought out by the American Civil Liberties union in a letter urging the mayor to make drastic changes in the personnel and practices of the police department so that further incidents similar to the recent mob violence would be prevented. It pointed out that like troubles have been prevented in the past when proper and prompt police protection was afforded.

The letter reminded the mayor that he has been called upon to do this.

Bojangles Rites Held

NEW YORK CITY — Mr. Bojangles Robinson, the former show-bus boy who danced his way up from the sidewalks of Richmond, Va. and into and through an estimated five million dollars was buried Tuesday.

More than a million persons — stars of the entertainment world, celebrities, and a cross section of the population of New York City — packed the vicinity of Abyssinian Baptist Church and lined the eight-mile route of the funeral cortege.

A quarter million residents of Harlem sought admission to the church and jammed the vestry as New York's colorful preacher-come-come, Adam Clayton Powell, delivered the funeral sermon and Mayor O'Dwyer voiced the eulogy which was carried to the waiting throngs through a public address system.

Inside the church show-drops great and near-great listened as the Mayor of the Greatest City in the World said huskily:

"New York is saying goodbye to you reluctantly, God gave and he takes away. You came to us with the clouds for horses. Without money, just good manners and decency, you got into places no money can buy. You got into the hearts of all Americans."

Just how deeply he had gotten into the hearts of all of New York (Continued on page eight)

Girl, 5, Saves Pair In Fatal N. C. Blaze

Greensboro (Special) — Five-year-old Inez Byrd was credited here this week with the rescue from a flaming house of two young cousins, Eda James Jones, 4, and Johnnie Jones, 3.

Two other cousins, Curtis Terry Jones, 16 months old, and Robert Lewis Jones, 3 months old, perished in the blazing dwelling.

The dead children's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Jones, and their grandmother, Mrs. Julia Jones, were away from the home gathering.

Minnesota to Have Mixed Guard Unit

ST. PAUL (Special) — Minnesota became the fourth State to accept Negroes in the National Guard without segregation this week.

The action was made possible by an executive order signed by Gov. Luther E. Youngdahl. Brig. Gen. Joseph E. Nelson and Negro leaders attended the formal signing ceremony.

Gov. Youngdahl's decree read, in part: "There shall be equality of opportunity and treatment for all, including the Negro citizens, who shall serve in the military and naval forces of the State without segregation into separate units."

The governor's decree is actually a continuation of a 1947 order from the war Department re: (Continued on back page)

Officers Beat Beating Rap

Halifax — Two Halifax County A.M.E. officers who had been charged with beating a 23-year-old Negro prisoner to extract information concerning identity of his companions in a bootlegging venture were cleared this week.

The prisoner, Lee Hill, was arrested near a still in a wooded section on October 21. Hill's companions, however, made good their escape.

Following his arrest Hill charged that E. W. Kilpatrick and S. E. (Continued on page eight)

Shoots Dad; Ducks Cops

Stantonsburg — Wilson County police and members of the sheriff's office this week continued their week-long search for Oscar Lewis, 20, who is sought on charges of shooting his father in the back with a hunting rifle on Thanksgiving Day.

According to Sheriff's office reports of the affair, the youth shot his father and then fled from their home near Black Creek.

Bloodhounds which were out on the trail lost it after following it for about ten miles through a (Continued on back page)

State Ushers' Head Asks Hospital Probe

DURHAM (Staff Correspondence) — L. E. Austin, president of the State Interdenominational Ushers' Association, confirmed here this week reports he would investigate the State's Hospitals for the mentally ill.

Austin said, however, the investigation would be conducted initially as a public service feature of the weekly newspaper he publishes here. He said he could not "commit" the ushers at this time.

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S. C. NEW N. Y. COUNCILMAN PLANS VICTORY FETE

NEW YORK (Special) — Communist Earl Wilson reported this week that Congressman-elect Earl E. Brown, who defeated Communist Benjamin Davis in New York City's recent elections planned a victory celebration at the Hotel Theresa.

Brown's victory early this month has been interpreted as Harlem's convincing answer to the charge of Communist domination.

Brown is regarded here as a good representative of Harlem's aspirations. A Harvard graduate, where he starred in baseball, Brown has worked on various Harlem weeklies and is now a staff reporter for LIFE.

PRICE STUDENT IS WINNER IN N. C. SPEECH CONTEST

SALISBURY (Special) — Willette Miller, Price High School student, became the first Negro winner of the local Voice of Democracy contest.

Miller, 17, of 1015 E. 1st St., was the only Negro to win a prize in the contest.

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'Clue' Addsto N. C. Mystery

WILMINGTON (Special) — Police here this week announced that they had found a "clue" to the mystery of the disappearance of Willie Bailey, a missing person in the Wilmington area.

The clue was a piece of clothing found in a laundry near the home of Bailey's mother, Mrs. Bailey, in Wilmington.

The laundry was found on February 5, but the name of the person who had been in the laundry was not known.

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