

DR. TELLS OF DREW'S DEATH ATTACKS PUZZLE POLICE

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TRIGG SLATE FAILS

Mystery Surrounds Assaults

RALEIGH — Two mysterious attacks on a young man and a boy in the Fourth Ward were still being investigated by police on Wednesday, although no clues have as yet been discovered as to the identity of the assailant or assailants.

The first victim was Solomon Dozier Jr., of 719 S. McDowell St., who was shot in his arm, early Sunday morning. Dozier was unable to advance any reason for the shooting or to give any clues as to the identity of his assailant.

The second victim was 13-year-old Edward Stevenson, of 17 Hunter St., who underwent a brutal beating some time late Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

The beating was so severe that authorities at St. Agnes Hospital, where the boy is still confined, predicted that his left leg may never be normal again.

His mother Mrs. Herbert Stevenson, said that when the boy, who is a student at the Washington School, was taken to the hospital, he was in a state of shock.

Poisoned Liquor Causes Man's Death

WILMINGTON — The death of one man and the hospitalization of another in a serious condition at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, has been traced by authorities to the drinking of poisoned whiskey.

The dead man is Willie Lewis, 1005 Queen Street. His companion, who hospital attendants said was somewhat improved late Wednesday afternoon, has been identified as Foster Barnett, 722 Chestnut St.

Thomas G. O'Neal, director of public safety, reported that police

First Negro Candidate Files In Winston-Salem

WINSTON-SALEM — Marking the first attempt of a Negro to be elected to the Board of County Commissioners of Forsyth County, Dr. W. H. Bruce, local physician, last week announced his candidacy for the Board.

Dr. Bruce, who is 67 years old, has been practicing medicine in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County for the past 44 years.

Dr. Bruce said that he was running for the office because 37 per cent of the population of Forsyth County is composed of Negroes, and two should have representation on the board.

"I believe our community wants every group represented for the best interest of all," he said.

His statement follows:

"I know that I am a good citizen. I have been instrumental in the development of the community for the past 44 years."

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White Lyncher Freed

PITTSBORO, Miss. — A white man charged with participating in the cold blooded murder of a Negro farmer who took up too much room on a country road with his mule wagon, was freed here yesterday by an all-white jury.

The white man James Moore, 20 years old, was acquitted of all charges in the bumper-jack murder of Malcom Wright, a tenant farmer, near Houston, Miss., last July 2.

Wright was killed with a bumper jack when he allegedly "hogged" the road, and refused to let a car containing Moore, and two other white men, Eunice Gore, 22, and James Kellum, 23, pass him.

The murder of Wright was officially listed as a lynching by Tuskegee Institute in its annual report on mob violence.

The verdict of the all white jury was termed by District Attorney Albert T. Patterson, as "disappointing" although the state had not directly asked for the death sentence.

There was no demonstration from the 200 persons present when the verdict was returned in Circuit Judge Taylor McElroy's courtroom.

When Court Clerk H. C. Davis read the decision, Moore relaxed and smiled while his mother and wife of three months joyously embraced him.

The trial of the other two men involved in the lynching is set for the Fall term of the court.



RALEIGH — The more than 1500 teachers who flocked to Raleigh over the weekend for the annual convention of the North Carolina Teachers' Association.

Left to right H. V. Brown, recording secretary, W. J. Jeffries, executive committee, C. L. Blake, vice-president, A. H. Anderson, president, N. H. Harris, treasurer, M. L. Watson, executive committee, and W. L. Fuller, who installed the officers.

Shaw Faces Difficult Task In Finding New President

RALEIGH — Shaw University's trustees are having a hard time finding a successor to former President Robert P. Daniel who is now president of Virginia State College.

Two recent meetings of the executive committee and the full trustees board have highlighted the trustees' difficulty. Their problem, however, is simple. It is, How can they attract Dr. George Kelsey, executive secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, and a part time professor of theology at the Drew Theological Seminary, Dr. Kelsey, who at this time has the inside track for the spot, will not be available, because of previous commitments for the next one or possibly two years.

In an effort to persuade him to accept the Shaw presidency, the trustees have already invited Dr. Kelsey to deliver the commencement address this June. This occasion will be used as an opportunity for Dr. Kelsey and the trustees to "come to know each other better."

There are many seekers for the Shaw job. It pays \$6,000, furnishes a home, provides two students to board with upkeep of the place, and furnishes nearly everything except food. All told, the job is "come to know each other better."

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Convention Draws Record Attendance



SAM JETHROE

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RALEIGH — For the first time in the history of the city, a Negro athlete will perform at Deveraux Meadows, when Sam Jethroe, walks to his centerfield post as the Boston Braves tangle with the Cincinnati Reds, in an exhibition baseball game on Friday at 2 p. m.

In the past all attempts to break the color barrier at Deveraux

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RALEIGH — A record attendance of more than 1500 was reported here on Saturday at the conclusion of the three-day Sixty-Ninth Annual Convention of the North Carolina Teachers' Association.

Despite widespread predictions of an open revolt among the teachers against the administration forces, the convention was conducted under a general air of cooperation and good will, with only a few minor skirmishes and the usual amount of backroom politics to enliven the convention.

One of the minor skirmishes that might have developed into a major issue came on Saturday when it was proposed that the constitution of the Association be amended, so that the executive secretary would be elected by a vote of the entire organization instead of by the executive council.

The move was seen as an attempt to throw the office of the executive secretary open to political manipulation, but it proved of no avail as the convention voted to table the measure until the next convention. The proposal was made by the forces of W. R. Collins, who was prominent in pre-convention maneuvers.

One major change that was approved at the convention, will permit the teachers to vote for state officers, at their local units instead of at the convention.

Under the new regulations, the members of the Association will receive ballots by mail through their local unit secretaries, these ballots will be completed by the teachers and sent back to the central office to be tabulated.

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Teachers Repudiate Trigg

BY JAMES D. WILLIAMS

RALEIGH — Complete repudiation of the "leadership" of Dr. Harold L. Trigg, former State Inspector of Negro High Schools who is now the lone Negro representative on the State Board of Education, was seen here Saturday in the defeat of Dr. F. L. Atkins for presidency of the State Teachers' Association.

As soon as word circulated among the teachers that Dr. Atkins, generally respected president of the State Teachers' College at Winston-Salem, was being backed by a "cabal of which Dr. Trigg was the alleged brains," a concerted anti-Trigg movement was launched.

Condemnation was expressed in many quarters that the Winston-Salem educator permitted himself to become what Trigg's opponents called "Trigg's tool."

Expected fireworks developed prior to the meetings when W. R. Collins of Smithfield and James T. Taylor of Durham exchanged verbal blows through the newspapers over the traditional succession of vice-presidents to the presidency of the association.

The Trigg-Collins backed candidacy of Dr. Atkins failed in the face of a powerful coalition which rallied to the support of A. H. Anderson, principal of Wemherly Park Elementary School of Winston-Salem. A considerable amount of the vote for Anderson is understood to have been a "protest vote" over Dr. Trigg's candidacy in the affairs of the State Teachers' Association.

All told, the sessions emphasized anew that State Negroes want no part of a leadership, which one veteran principal described as "behind the times and bent on appeasement through misrepresentation and a wishful thinking." Rightly or wrongly, this principal said, "Dr. Trigg has permitted himself to be misrepresented as closing his eyes to the real needs of Negro education in this State."

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WASHINGTON AIDED THE SOUTH LANIER SAYS

TUSKEGEE — Dr. R. O'Hara Lanier reminded the political state rights Sunday that a major factor in the political reintegration of the South after the Civil War was the "vision and statesmanship" of Booker T. Washington.

Speaking at Tuskegee's sixtieth annual Founder's Day celebration, the Texas State University president told the audience of approximately 5,000 persons that Dr. Washington had surmounted regional hatreds and had established "important friendships in both North and South."

The former United States Minister to Liberia pointed out that it may be "gratefully said that the re-integration of the south into the policies of the nation was enhanced more by the activities of Dr. Washington than of any other single persons." He went on to say that there were times when "he could have used his power to strike back as some of the very people who were doing everything in their power to keep the south in a state of isolation."

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COURT ACCEPTS RACIAL SUITS

WASHINGTON — Negro plaintiffs attacked the half-century-old doctrine of "separate-but-equal" facilities for the Negroes and whites, on Tuesday.

The challenge was made before the highest court of the land, the United States Supreme Court, which is expected to decide three cases in which individual Negroes are attempting to overthrow the "separate-but-equal" doctrine.

All of the plaintiffs asked the court to forfeit the 1896 decision, holding that segregation does not violate the 14th Amendment to the Constitution so long as equal facilities are provided both races.

Two days of arguments were concluded when Attorney General Price Daniel of Texas told the court that segregation is necessary because "some people have feelings that make for conflict when the two races associate too closely."

Daniel said, "This is a fact that has to be faced. White men don't feel it a bit stronger than Negro men," he continued.

Daniel was speaking in opposition to R. M. Sweatt, a Houston Negro who brought suit to force the all-white University of Texas law school to admit him.

Sweatt's attorney, Thurgood Marshall, brought out the idea that "if one Negro student is admitted to the university the whole state of Texas will end up in bloodshed."

Challenging Daniel's argument that neither Negroes nor whites wish to mix socially, the attorney declared that "it doesn't matter if every Negro in the United States wants separate schools." He declared that "under the 14th Amendment, if Sweatt wants to exercise his right to enter the University of Texas, he can't be conditioned on the wishes of other citizens."

G. W. McLaurin, Negro graduate student at the University of Oklahoma, was opposed by Oklahoma's Assistant Attorney General Fred Hansen. Hansen told the court that his State must continue to segregate Negro and white students to protect race riots. McLaurin is allowed to attend the white school (Continued on page 8, this section)



RALEIGH — When the Eighth Annual State Council Meeting of Negro Home Demonstration Clubs was held here last week at the Memorial Auditorium, two

of the platform guests were Governor W. Kerr Scott, and J. W. Jeffries, both pictured above. Governor Scott delivered the principal address of the session.

Mr. Jeffries, a District Attorney and an Assistant State Agent, is rumored to be one of the unofficial advisors to the Governor on Negro affairs.

Dr. Ford Tells Of Crash Which Killed Surgeon

BURLINGTON — Speaking from a hospital bed in a basement room in the Albemarle Hospital, Dr. John Ford, resident physician in chest surgery at Freedman's Hospital in Washington, D. C., told a representative of this paper on Saturday, of the automobile accident on a narrow highway a few miles from here, that brought a sudden and tragic end to the brilliant career of Dr. Charles Drew, early Saturday morning.

Dr. Drew, one of the world's leading authorities on blood plas-

ma, and chief surgeon at Freedman's died here Saturday at 10 a. m. in the Albemarle Hospital, the result of an automobile accident on Highway 59, two miles south of Haw River.

The forty-five year old surgeon, was on his way to Tuskegee to attend a medical convention along with three other doctors from Freedman's, when his 1949 Buick overturned, causing his death and injuries to Dr. Ford.

The car was completely demolished.

Dr. Ford was admitted to hospital for treatment of leg injuries and a fractured arm. Samuel Bullock, another passenger in the car, was treated for cuts on the hand, while the fourth passenger, Dr. Walter Johnson, was injured.

Both Dr. Bullock and Dr. Johnson returned to Washington, following the accident, while Dr. Ford remained in the hospital for several days.

The body of Dr. Drew was taken to the morgue.

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DR. JOHNSON MOURNS DEATH OF DR. DREW

DURHAM (Special) — The loss of Dr. Charles Drew, noted physician who was among the Americans gathering in London books used extensively during and since the World War II, "is staggering to Howard University and to the Freedman's Hospital," declared Dr. Mervyn W. Johnson, Howard University president, who was the speaker at North Carolina College's vespers service Sunday afternoon in Duke Auditorium.

In a statement following his speech, Dr. Johnson said Dr. Drew "was a creative personality of the first rank. Not only had he carried forward his own personal development to the highest, but he had paved the way in training over a dozen young Negro surgeons to follow in his footsteps."

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HANDLING OF FUNDS DRAWS PROTEST

HIGH POINT — Charges of "gross discrimination" in the distribution of city school funds in High Point were outlined here by a group of Negro citizens at a mass meeting last Sunday night.

About 300 persons attended the meeting, called after the citizens group expressed "keen disappointment" over the school board's stand on its request for improvements at William Penn High School. Only two white persons were present.

Attorney John Langford has been retained to investigate possible court action. Langford said he plans to contact lawyers who brought the "racial discrimination" suits against the Durham Board of Education.

Rev. W. F. Elliott, chairman of the committee, reiterated the committee's intention of exploring court action against the school board.

HAITI REQUESTS ARMS CUT TO KEEP PEACE

WASHINGTON — A plea for cut in armaments as one way to stop the plotting and counter plotting in the Caribbean area, was made here this week by the Republic of Haiti.

Target of the plea was Haiti's neighbor, the Dominican Republic, which has already been charged with aiding and abetting a five nation investigation committee with aiding and abetting a five nation investigation committee with aiding and abetting a five nation investigation committee.

The plea was presented in form of a resolution to the 21st Annual Council of the Organization of American States, by Haitian Foreign Minister Vilfort Beauvoir.

Dr. C. Woodson Dies Of Heart Attack

WASHINGTON — Dr. Carter medical care for the past two years. Dr. Woodson, the founder and director of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, portion of his life in research died here at his home on Monday afternoon of a heart attack.

The 74 year old editor, author, He worked in the coal mines and pioneer in Negro History had been in failing health and under (Continued on page 4, this section)

Brown Dismisses Charges Cr Collins As Untrue

GOLDSBORO — With the elections of the North Carolina Teachers' Association now officially over, the teachers, was held here by H. V. Brown, retiring president of the organization, made his first public statement on Tuesday concerning the bitter pre-election controversy that raged between W. R. Collins and James J. Taylor.

In the controversy, Mr. Collins

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ATTY. HERMAN L. TAYLOR SUPREME COURT ADMITS TAYLOR TO PRACTICE

RALEIGH — A local attorney, Herman L. Taylor, has been admitted to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court, to mark the first time a Negro attorney in North Carolina has been admitted to practice before the highest court of the land, it was revealed here this week.

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Man Loses Appeal

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The contention that a Negro can not obtain a fair trial in Greenville, S. C., was brushed aside here on Tuesday by Governor Fredrick G. Payne, who refused to recall an extradition warrant he signed March 1, to return Burley Adair, a Negro, to South Carolina, for trial.

Adair was indicted in Greenville on charges of assault with attempt to kill and assault and highway robbery on two white victims.

Lawyers for Adair, asked the Governor in a hearing to recall the warrant. They said that Adair could not obtain a fair trial in Greenville, and cited the 1947 lynching of Willie Earle as evidence that Adair might be subjected to mob violence.

One of Adair's lawyers, Robert Winton, said Adair could not get a fair trial in Greenville because "The law goes out of the window because of mob violence."

In his negative decision Governor Payne said "I am not convinced that there are circumstances now existing in Greenville County, South Carolina, as a result of which the said Burley Adair cannot or will not receive a fair trial for the crimes for which he is charged."