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Fire Believed Used To Hide A Murder

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FAYETTEVILLE — The possibility that a fire which destroyed a house here last week may have been used as an attempt to hide a murder has been suggested by local police.

The suggestion was made after firemen discovered the body of a man identified as Boise Pearson in the gutted remains of a boarding house, and a medical examination revealed several wounds about the body of the dead man.

Evidence of the wounds were found when Dr. M. T. Foster, county health officer, performed an autopsy on the body at the request of Joe W. Pinkston, county coroner.

The health official reported that he found two stab wounds on the lower portion of the victim's body and another large cut in the abdomen, which indicated the man was dead when the fire started.

The body was discovered by firemen after they had extinguished a blaze which destroyed the rooming house, located just off Beason St. extension near Newton, southwest of the city limits.

The firemen reported they found the body, which had been partly consumed in the fire, lying in a pool of blood, when they were able to enter the house.

They also found a pair of brass knuckles in the house and an open pocketknife. According to Mrs. Melba Ross, another roomer at the house, neither of the items belonged to Pearson.

Pearson was formerly employed by a local bottling company, but was out of work at the time of his death. He was married and was separated from his wife and two children.

There were one or two dissenters among the students, however, and one Tar Heel had said he would withdraw rather than go to school with colored students.

An informed administration source said the Tar Heel and any other students would have their opportunity of deciding whether to continue their studies with Negroes next fall.

The ruling of the trustees will stand until the trustees change it, the administration spokesman said.

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Long Search Ends In NY Hotel Room

NEW YORK — The month long search for a treasure trove snatched from an incubator at a Bronx Hospital and later feared dead, ended here Tuesday when detectives found the infant alive and thriving in a home made incubator, rigged up by the accused kidnapper.

A young mother, heartbroken by the death of her own twin babies, was charged with the kidnapping. Police identified her as Mrs. Evelyn Jane Jordan, and charged that she had stolen Chareta Holden from her incubator at Lincoln Hospital.

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Bowling Group Told To Drop Racial Bars

CHICAGO — Superior Court Judge John A. Shephard last Saturday ordered the American Bowling Congress \$2500 for violating its membership in white males.

Although the judge originally directed that the state charter of the group be revoked, he substituted the fine to allow the congress to revise its by-laws at its convention in Columbus, Ohio, May 8.

The judge said if he ordered the charter revocation, the bowling congress would not be able to meet to vote a change. He added "I never want it understood that my intention is to allow the state to oust the A.B.C. charter."

Attorney for the bowling group, (Continued on page 8, this section)

Marshall Predicts Of Regional School Pact

NEW YORK — The decision of the Court of Appeals of Maryland upholding the right of Miss Esther McCready to admission to the University of Maryland School of Nursing clearly demonstrates that "the regional educational compact cannot be used as an excuse for excluding qualified Negro students from existing educational facilities within a state."

Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel, said today in commenting on the court's unanimous decision.

The opinion, handed down by the Court of Appeals on April 14 at Annapolis, reversed a decision of Chief Judge W. Conwell Smith of the Baltimore City Court. Judge Smith had held that the University could legally exclude Miss McCready through arranging for her training at the nursing school of Meharry Medical College in Nashville.

Judge Smith's decision, Mr. Marshall said, "effectually upheld the regional compact as an instrument for exclusion of Negroes from state universities."

The Court of Appeals cited its decision of 1938, ordering the admission of Donald Murray to the University of Maryland Law School.



GOLDSBORO — Edna Earl Dorch, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Dorch of Goldsboro, and a member of the Sophomore class in the Music Department at Howard University, Washington, D. C. will appear in Song Recital May 13, 1950 at Dillard High School Auditorium, here.

Miss Dorch, a graduate of Dillard High School, and one of Goldsboro and Eastern Carolina most promising concert singers is enrolled in the Music Department at Howard University. The program is being sponsored by Revant Post No. 215 American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Judge Shields Man From Angry Crowd

NEW ORLEANS — If any attempt to injure or kill the defendant is made, declared a New Orleans Criminal District Judge last Friday, "it must be done through my body."

The warning was made by Judge Frank T. Pollock, who as the jury returned its verdict, stepped down from his bench and stretched out his body.

Jury Probe Demanded In Groveland Verdicts

NEW YORK — A thorough investigation of the Federal Grand Jury proceedings in Ocala, Fla., concerning law enforcement officers accused of beating three young Negroes while under arrest, was made here this week by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Raising his request on a report submitted by Franklin H. Williams of the NAACP legal staff, Thurgood Marshall, the Association's special counsel, urged Attorney General J. Howard McGrath urging prompt and thorough investigation of the grand jury and of the conduct of United States Attorney Herbert Phillips, charged with the responsibility of prosecuting the case.

The grand jury hearing held April 17-18, followed FBI investigation into the charges that Samuel Shepherd, Walter Irvin and Charles Greenlee, accused of rape, were brutally beaten by law enforcement officers while in the custody of Sheriff Willis McGill. The three were convicted last September. Shepherd and Irvin are under death sentence and Greenlee is serving a life term. A appeal for a new trial for Shepherd and Irvin was made last week by the NAACP attorneys before the Florida State Supreme Court.

Refusing to return an indictment, (Continued on page 8, this section)

MAN INJURED AS HE DASHES IN PATH OF CAR

FAYETTEVILLE — A 62-year old man who leaped in front of several automobiles early Tuesday morning on Bragg boulevard near here, was finally struck by one of them, but suffered only minor injuries.

Police identified him as William Montgomery of Fayetteville. City officers said they received several calls about a man who was crouching behind a telephone pole and leaping into the paths of oncoming cars. When they arrived to investigate they found Montgomery had been knocked down by a car. (Continued on page 8, this section)

Plan Goes To Council

DURHAM (Staff Correspondence) — The Durham City Council is expected to act within the next week on favorable recommendations for the employment of Negro firemen as part of the city's long-range planning.

In a meeting here last Tuesday night, several representatives from the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs led by J. J. Henderson, chairman of the Civic group, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to renew a previous request for Negro firemen.

Chairman D. H. Jacobs of the Public Safety Committee is believed to have expressed the majority view of the committee in his indication that he would exert himself to support the proposal.

In addition to Henderson, other members of the Committee on Negro Affairs, appearing before the group were the overall committee chairman, J. S. Stewart, John Wheeler, high ranking member of the committee, L. E. Austin, local newspaper editor, and the Reverend W. H. Fuller, spokesman for a member pastore of the local Ministerial Alliance.

Also in attendance and reacting (Continued on page 7, this section)

WHITE CHOIR SINGS TEACHER'S ARRANGEMENT

DURHAM — The University of Kansas a Capella Choir recently sang Miss Ruth H. Gillum's arrangement of the spiritual "There's No Hiding Place" in a special recital attended by the distinguished composer, Noble Cain.

Miss Gillum, professor of piano at North Carolina College, has been informed by Dean D. M. Swarthout of the University of Kansas School of Fine Arts that Mr. Cain praised the arrangement highly.

Commenting on the reaction of the audience to the spiritual arrangement, Dean Swarthout said it proved "an immense success."

YMCA CONFAB ATTRACTS OVER 200 DELEGATES

KINSTON — The 20th Annual N. C. YMCA Older Boys Conference held at the Adkin High School, Kinston, N. C. April 21, 22, 23 was attended by over 200 boys representing 25 YMCAs and high schools, officials of the Conference have announced.

The opening address was delivered by Kelly Alexander, Charlotte president of the State Conference of NAACP branches who discussed the conference theme "Making Democracy Work" in a forceful and inspiring address Mr. Alexander urged the delegates to look forward to a new day when they will furnish the leadership to overcome present injustices and inequalities between the races in North Carolina.

Rev. U. S. Johnson pastor of the St. Augustus A.M.E. Zion Church delivered the conference sermon on the subject, "The Glory of Young Men" (Continued on page 7, this section)

King is faculty director of this year's travel group, which leaves (Continued on page 7, this section)



New York — Dr. Abigail Crawford, teacher in New York City schools, kneels to kiss the episcopal ring of Most Rev. Joseph Kivwuka, only Negro Catholic Bishop in the world. Bishop Kivwuka, shown here after speaking at a forum in New York, is Vicar Apostolic of Basaka, Uganda, East Africa. He visited the United States to raise funds for a seminary in which African boys will be trained for the Catholic priesthood.



Above is all that remains of a house in which the body of Boise Pearson, 33, was found early Friday morning. The two men in the left hand corner are undertakers who are bringing out the body of Pearson, who was a roomer in the house. With back to camera are Marshall Edwards and L. C. Fritchett, constable of Cross Creek Township and J. J. Township.

The alarm was turned in about 9:15 Friday morning by James Evan McNeill, a school boy who was passing the house and saw the flames. Fayetteville firemen were hampered by a lack of water. The house is located outside of the city limits. Further details may be found elsewhere on this page. (Photo by Fay Ridenhour)

SERVICE HELD FOR YOUNG TRAFFIC VICTIM

ROCKY MOUNT — With some 400 spectators on hand, a funeral service for six-year old Willie McKinley Smith, victim of a tragic traffic accident, was held here on Saturday.

The service was held at the Hickory View Baptist Church with the Rev. J. H. Dixon, in direct services. The school mates of the dead youngster served as flower bearers and were directed by Mr. Willie F. Bulluck, assisted by Mr. C. H. Shelly and Mrs. Ethel Terry.

The boy, the son of William Smith of the Hickory View Community, was killed early Wednesday morning, as he and several other children started across the road to board an approaching school bus, which was about to enter highway 45, about nine miles southeast of this city. (Continued on page 8, this section)

High Court Decision May Hurt Bias Suits

WASHINGTON — The decision of the U. S. Supreme Court last week to uphold the county unit primary system in Georgia, which penalizes city voters and favors those in rural areas, is predicted by many Negro leaders as a bad omen for its forthcoming decision on the 3-seg. Gov. Herman Talmadge who re-elected himself in a victory from the rural areas where he courted. (Continued on page 7, this section)

Charles H. Houston Dies, Was Noted Negro Lawyer

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The former special counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Charles Hamilton Houston, died here Saturday. His age was 54.

Mr. Houston was born in Washington and took an A. B. at Anderson College in 1915. Later he received an LL. B. at Harvard in 1923. In 1923 he received a degree of Doctor of Juristic Science, also at Harvard, and in 1924 he studied at the University of Madrid. He was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar in 1924, and practiced law with his father. Their firm was named Houston and Houston.

A few years later along with Judge William H. Hastie, now a Federal judge, and formerly Governor of the Virgin Islands, he formed Houston, Houston and Hastie.

Mr. Houston was a former vice-dean of Howard University, vice president of American Council on Race Relations, and had served as a member of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, and as a member of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia.

During World War I he served with the A.E.F. During his career Mr. Houston was an active champion of Negro and other minority rights, and handled many cases in their behalf, particularly for the Association of Colored Railway Trainmen and Locomotive Firemen.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Henrietta Williams Houston, a son, Charles H. Jr., and his father William LePre Houston.

CANCER GROUP OPENS 1950 CAMPAIGN

RALEIGH — The Negro Division of the Wake County Crusade of the American Cancer Society, was officially launched here Monday night.

The Division received its official seal as a large group of citizens met at the Bloodworth St. YMCA to receive instructions from officials of the 1950 drive.

Wake County has a quota of \$10,500, and sixty percent of the money raised will go to the National Foundation for research purposes, while the remaining forty percent will be used by the county chapter.

Following a lecture by Mrs. Ronald G. Gerridge, local campaign chairman, E. Y. Floyd explained to the group how cancer funds are being used.

Mr. Floyd, the 1949 State Campaign Chairman, said there is "nothing we can do more Christian than to give to conquer cancer."

He gave the seven signals that (Continued on page 8, this section)

Civic Group Plans Meeting To Discuss St. Agnes

RALEIGH — Following the disclosure made in the last issue of the CAROLINIAN that there appears little hope for a Negro administrator at St. Agnes Hospital, the Negro Committee on Negro Affairs has scheduled a meeting for Monday night to discuss Hospital affairs.

The disclosures made last week were based on an interview with Alexander Webb, chairman of the board of trustees, in which he confirmed the appointment of William Acton, white, as temporary administrator, to replace Charles S. Templeton, who resigned from the position several weeks ago.

According to an official of the group the discussion at Monday night's meeting will center around the reasons all applications from outside persons were overlooked, and the job assigned to Acton on a temporary basis.

It was pointed out that a number of the applicants for the position were better qualified both through training and experience than Acton, and yet their applications were turned down with the explanation that the job had been filled.

Several of the applicants for the job were Negroes, who had been trained at Freedman's Hospital in Washington, while the training Acton has received has been at St. Agnes as an interne in hospital administration.

It was also indicated that the Committee would attempt to clarify and discuss the possibility of increasing Negro representation on the Board of Trustees from its present total of one.