

VIOLENCE TAKES 6 LIVES



THE FIRST: J. S. STEWART, prominent young businessman and civic leader of Durham, is the first Negro ever to be named a member of the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee (See story this page).

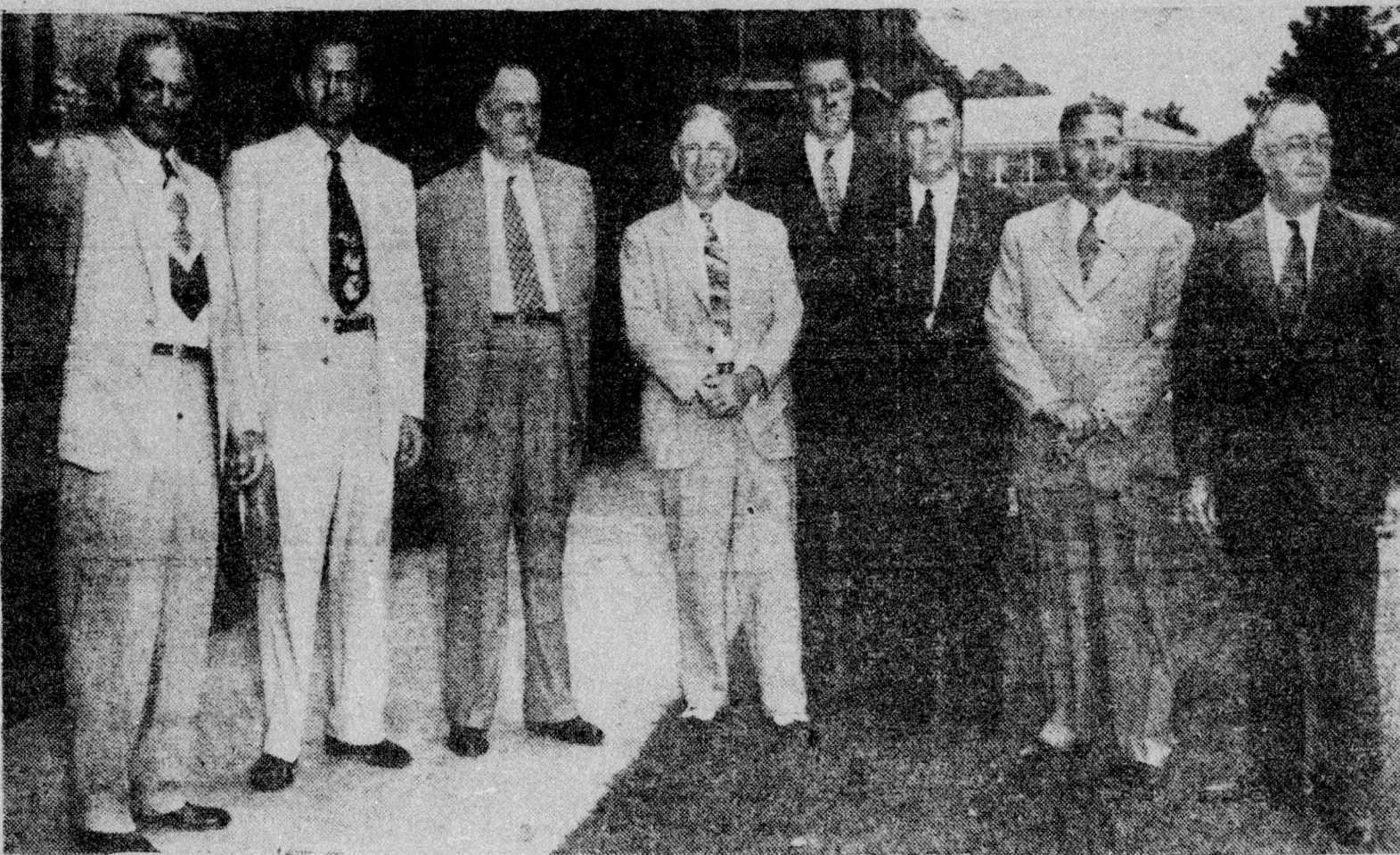
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State's Democrats Seat Negro Committeeman

'EXODUS' STARTED



STATE ADVISORY BUDGET COMMISSION VISITS N. C. COLLEGE — President Alfonso Elder of North Carolina College, Durham, N. C., extreme left, is shown here pointing out sites for buildings in the proposed two million dollar expansion program to members of the State Advisory Budget Commission. The Commission visits the college last week as a part of its biennial summer tour of State institutions. Members of the Commission are, left to right, Frank Turner, Larry I. Moore, D. S. Coltrane, Harry E. Caldwell, Edwin Pace, A. C. Edwards and W. Frank Taylor.

N. C. Mutual Finances Tenn., Durham Homes

DURHAM—The North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company this week agreed to invest \$400,000 in jointly financing a housing project for Negroes in Memphis, Tenn., and is underwriting a local project it has been announced by W. J. Kennedy, Jr., vice-president and secretary of the firm.

The \$400,000 Mr. Kennedy said, represented half of the amount that would be needed to finance the construction of the homes in the Tennessee city which will be known as Elliston Heights.

The other half of the amount it was pointed out will be advanced by the Universal Life Insurance Company, which has its home office in Memphis.

According to the announcement, some 254 homes will be built. They will be sold and the two insurance firms will back the individual mortgages of the purchasers.

The Federal Housing Administration, Mr. Kennedy said, has already granted its approval to the project. It was noted with construction already underway. Sales on the houses, it was noted, will begin as soon as each unit is completed.

DURHAM PROJECT

The firm, Mr. Kennedy further averred, has agreed to also finance the construction of an apartment building project in Durham.

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MANY GENERATIONS

When freshmen enroll at Fisk in September 1950, there will be two third-generation Fiskites represented — Yolande Dubose Williams, of Baltimore, Maryland and Joane Johnson, of Flint Michigan.

Yolande Dubose Williams, granddaughter of Dr. W. E. B. DuBoise, class of 188 and daughter of Mrs. Yolande DuBoise Williams, class of 1924, is the recipient of scholarships from Epsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Phi Delta Chapter of Baltimore and Fisk University.

Joane Johnson is the granddaughter of the late Dr. William N. DeBerry, class of 1896 and Mrs. Amanda McKissack DeBerry, class of 1897 Normal, and daughter of Mrs. Ann DeBerry Johnson, former student.

Housing Project Is Slated for Gastonia

GASTONIA—A \$750,000 housing project for Negroes will be under construction soon.

According to plans listed by Dennis Doster and Associates, all preliminaries have been cleared with the Federal Housing Authority for the project, and work will get underway as soon as possible.

The project, which will contain 125 apartments, will be constructed of the Garden Type similar to the project which was recently approved for Asheville.

RELIEVE SHORTAGE

A considerable shortage in housing facilities for Negroes had been noted in the vicinity, Mr. Doster

announced and he feels that the project will go far to alleviate the situation.

The construction will begin on the ten-acre tract of land recently purchased from Oscar Bell. The tract is just north-east of the Gastonia city limits on the North Broad Street extension.

WIFE ASKS LOOT FROM POLICY ON AILING HUSBY

RALEIGH—A suit was filed in Wake Superior Court here this week by a wife who claims that she is entitled to receive the money from a policy on her husband, physician, who is now an inmate of the State Hospital at Goldsboro.

Filing the suit against the physician, Dr. John Thomas Wortham, at the Pilot Life Insurance Company, is Mrs. Celia Jeffries Wortham, who says that she has paid the premiums on a 5,000 endowment policy which matured in March since 1929, two years before her husband was admitted to the State Hospital as an in-patient.

Mrs. Wortham contends that her husband was a "prosperous and popular physician" at the time of their marriage, but that her husband's condition made it mandatory for him to remain at the State's facility during the period between

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Lenoir Schools Sell For \$635

EINSTON—If anybody had wanted to buy up the Negro schools in Lenoir county—five in all—anyway, they could have done so last week for the low price of \$635.

That \$635 represents the amount sold by the highest bidder at the auction last week of the abandoned and unimproved

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CITIZENS HEED CALL OF LUSH WARTIME JOBS

By LIN HOLLOWAY

RALEIGH—Concerned efforts by CAROLINIAN reporters to find if the current Korean situation had any influence on the lives of North Carolina's million Negroes revealed the startling fact that an Exodus of yet small, but still notable proportions is taking place in the Middle and Western portions of the state.

North Carolina citizens are being lured to the West Coast, to the Pennsylvania steel works districts and to the Norfolk and Wilmington shipping sectors by the promise of "wartime" wages.

The same phenomenon took place at the beginning of the armament period preceding World War II, when thousands of citizens of the state migrated to the larger industrial and shipping centers. At the same time during that period, the North Carolina area was swamped with residents of states further South who were seeking and given employment at the various military installations, etc., which were constructed and renovated to handle conscripts and service unit regulars.

Curiously, the CAROLINIAN survey revealed, many of North Carolina recent high graduates are also taking part in the Exodus— not to the lush industrial centers, however.

Through Raleigh streets daily march nearly half hundred youths who come to the local Recruiting centers for processing.

These youths, mostly from the area comprising the Sixth Congressional District of the state, are being speedily dealt with through

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QUEEN GREETES TEACHER: Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth of England, recently visited Citizens house in Buckinghamshire,

to attend a garden party at which she met school teachers from the British Commonwealth and the United States. The above picture

shows Her Majesty talking to Mrs. Haywood, a teacher from Indiana. — (AP)

J. S. Stewart First Demo Committeeman

RALEIGH—Conspicuous by his presence at the meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee here Tuesday was J. S. Stewart, prominent young businessman of Durham, and first Negro ever to be a Democratic Committeeman in the state of North Carolina.

Perusal of old records failed to reveal one single instance in the past when a Negro was so honored by the state's foremost political party.

During the Reconstruction Days when Negroes were in lofty political positions, the majority of them were members of the Republican Party and therefore were ineligible to serve on democratic committees.

Mr. Stewart, chairman of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs, spearheaded the registering of some 9,000 Negroes in Durham and local Primaries, and has been active in civic and political activities in Durham for a decade and a half.

He headed the Durham Committee during Governor Scott's successful campaign for the governorship; was formerly on the Durham County Executive Committee of the State Democratic Party, and was a member of the executive committee of the Sixth North Carolina Congressional District.

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ROCKY MOUNT'S FIRST POLICEMAN — Herbert Tilman, 34-year old World War Two vet and native of Rocky Mount has been selected as the first Negro police officer here after citizens led a two-year fight for two officers. Officer Tilman will soon be in uniform and confine his duties principally to the driver-training course in the schools. Citizens are continuing to press for another officer.

AUTOS LEADING CAUSE OF STATE DEATHS

By STAFF REPORTER

RALEIGH—During the period of a single week, the lives of at least six Negroes have been claimed by violence within the bounds of the state of North Carolina.

Automobiles claimed the lives of four of these people, while a single drowning and a shooting combined to complete the total.

YOUTH DROWNS

Dead of drowning in Goldsboro is 12 year old Amos Smith, Jr., who died in the murky depths of a sand hole near the highway at Broadhurst Bridge last Thursday.

According to reports, the boy slipped away from his father, and grandfather who were putting in tobacco about a 100 yards away from the scene of the fatality.

The father was made aware of what happened only when one of the companions of the youth in the swimming trip came and told him that Amos had not come up when he jumped into the hole.

The lad was drowned at about one o'clock in the afternoon. The body was discovered five hours later.

TEACHER KILLED

Mrs. Effie Johnson Lassiter, a school teacher of Chapel Hill, was killed near the University city on last Friday night when the car in

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20-G Damages Awarded Man

RALEIGH—A local man who was maimed when struck by a drunken driver was granted \$20,000 damages by the Wake County Superior Court this week.

Jessie Hunter, following a hearing of civil action he brought against Lewis Alton Brooks, white, was granted \$16,000 actual damages and

\$4,000 punitive damages by the Superior Court jury.

Hunter, 46, told the court that he was standing near the scene of an automobile collision on South East Street on January 14 when he was struck by the Buick convertible driven by the defendant.

The automobile Brooks was driving was traveling at the rate of 60 miles per hour when it struck Hunter, it was related, and stopped only when it struck another vehicle. Brooks was staggering drunk at the time, the complaint stated.

DISABLED

Hunter told the court that he suffered a "mangled, mutilated and broken" right leg and was hospitalized for many weeks.

He further stated that he will be unable to work any more during his lifetime.

Brooks was not represented during the trial and made no answer to the suit. Attorney for Mr. Hunter stated that he would seek to have Brooks jailed until the punitive damages are paid.

In such cases, a defendant can be made to remain in jail either until the damages are paid or until he takes a pauper's oath.

SWIMMING POOL IS PROJECTED IN HICKORY, NC

HICKORY—A site has been donated for the construction of a Negro swimming pool here it was learned this week.

The announcement was made by Mrs. Dan Boyle, president of the Hickory Junior Women's Club, who said that the projected swimming facility for the use of Negro citizens would cost about \$25,000, and that concerted efforts of all local citizens were being asked in

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