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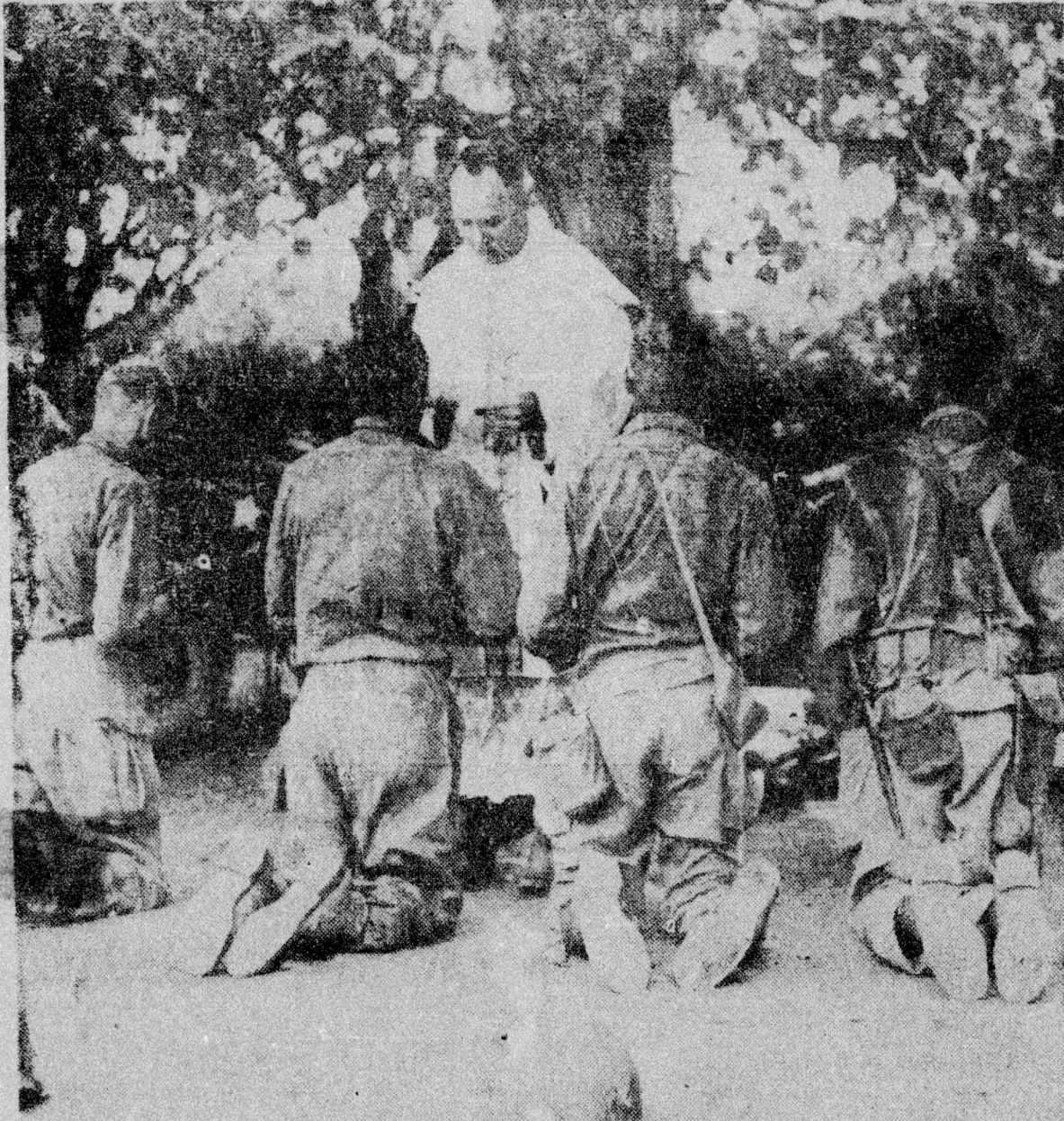
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Where Klansmen Wreaked Havoc At Beach

## Three Die In Cave-In S.C. KLANS HIT; TOP MEN JAILED



**HOLY COMMUNION:** American soldiers receiving Holy Communion during Catholic Services, one-half mile behind the front lines somewhere in Korea. These soldiers are typical of the many GIs who attend religious services in the combat zone. Many Army chaplains have lost their lives during the recent fighting.

## More Than 50 of Hooded Men Are Placed In Jail

BY T. C. JERVAY  
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**MYRTLE BEACH, S. C.** — Monday, Labor Day — A fighting law enforcement officer of Horry County has given the Ku Klux Klan one of the worst blows ever in the long and riotous reign of this infamous band of hoodlums who covered their acts of violence with their white bedsheet and steepsheeped hoods. Sheriff C. E. Sasser has really got the truly un-American boys on the run — and on double quick time at that.

As we write this story — which is being done a few minutes after talking with one of Sheriff Sasser's chief deputies at Atlantic Beach, famous Negro resort situated 11 miles to the North of here — approximately 50 klunkers, including Grand Dragon Thomas L. Hamilton of Leesville, S. C., have been arrested and jailed in connection with the acts of violence carried out here last Saturday night. The deputy, who had several rifles in the rear seat of his car, told this writer that he had not slept for two nights. He had hunted klansmen as conscientiously as the would-be upholders of law and order had tracked down innocent Negroes. And the job would not be completed, he said, until all of the gang had been rounded up and jailed.

We have covered several lynchings and many acts of violence, but (Continued on page 8, this section)

### IT HAPPENED IN CAROLINA

**Cutting Out**  
**WAYNESVILLE** — Bloodhounds bayed on the trial of four men who meant it when they decided to "cut out" from a block at the Haywood County Prison Camp near here on Labor Day.

The four men used a saw for their cutting activities, sawing their way out of a cell-block and then scampering over a 7-foot wall. Seventy-two other prisoners in the block could also have used the exit had they known or cared to do so, officials of the camp report.

### 9 Plus 1 Is Ten

**ELIZABETH CITY** — Nine and one equal ten, and that's just the number of persons who were on trial here Wednesday for the possession of non tax-paid whiskey.

### TRAIN SEVERES ARM OF MAN NEAR HENDERSON

**HENDERSON** — A 39-year-old railway workman lost an arm here early last Sunday morning when an engine hitched to freight cars ran over the limbs, severing it below the elbow.

Admitted to Jubilee Hospital here at about 2:30 A. M. Sunday was Coley Williams, who had been working with a crew on the Seaboard Air Line Railroad when the accident occurred. Hospital attaches say that Williams' left arm was severed.

A native of between Norlina and Wise, Williams was reported in "fair condition" this week having lost considerable blood when first admitted to the local hospital.

The victim was discovered by fellow workmen lying on the tracks near where an engine drawing freight cars had passed and was rushed to the hospital. He was a member of one of the work units which have been active in the vicinity for the past two weeks.

### SEIZED RECORDS SHOW THAT KLAN MADE TROUBLE

#### Charlotte Klavern Records Listed Its Violent Intents

**CHARLOTTE** — Records seized following a breakdown on the Ku Klux Klan after members of the hooded order burned a Negro store in front of a white woman's home in an attempt to keep her from disclosing the names of some Klansmen, revealed that the Klan has been behind at least three cases of interference in the state since January 1, 1949 and that the Klan possibly was planning to cause even more unrest.

**OTHER DATA**  
Other data in the records seized here during the past week, and showed that the Klan charged an initiation fee of \$10.00 per tax with a monthly dues tax of 50 cents.

The records, containing the name of an estimated 200 per- (Continued on page 8, this section)

### 3 MEN BURIED ALIVE IN DITCH

#### Efforts By Workmen Fail As Ton Of Dirt Falls Into Trench

**CHARLOTTE** — Three Negro laborers were suffocated to death here last week when the ditch in which they were working caved in, burying them alive.

Found dead under nearly a ton of dirt were Charles Ivey, 21, Earl Barber 20, and Sam Blackman, 30, all employees of a City Sanitation Department and Water Department work crew laying sewer pipes.

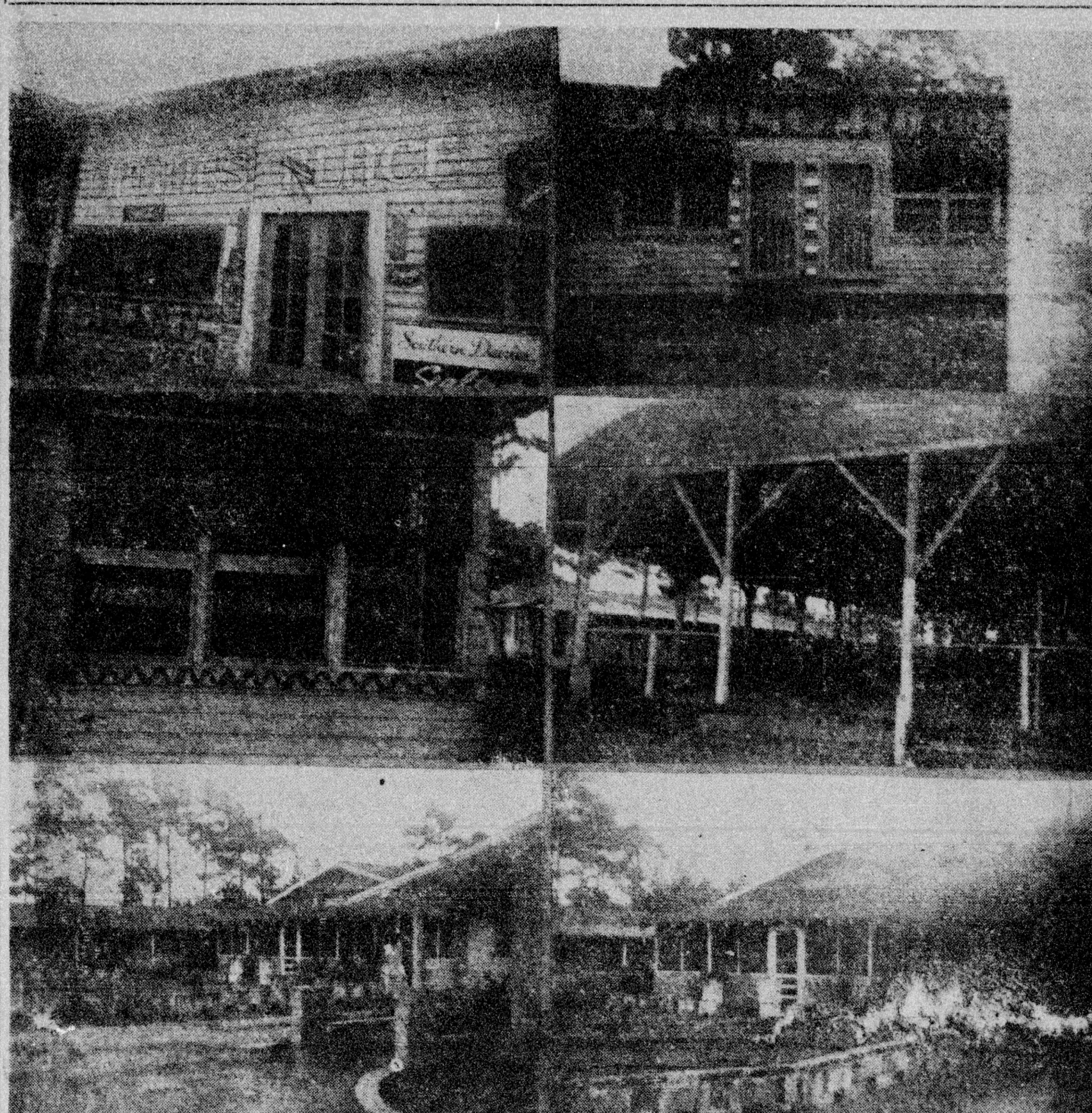
The men were working in a narrow shaft ditch about twelve feet deep last Thursday when the dirt above them suddenly shifted and began pouring into the hole.

Efforts by fellow workmen to stay the sliding mass of earth proved futile and the men died gasping for breath.

Immediate rescue efforts were launched, with volunteer workers going to the aid of the workmen who labored valiantly to unearth the victims.

Superintendent Glenn Kanser, who was overseeing the job, of laying sewer pipe, said he could detect no cause for the slide.

Ed Julius Austin of near Garner has been accused of thefts in the Township in which he lives (Continued on page 8, this section)



**EXCLUSIVE PHOTOS OF SCENE OF S. C. TROUBLE**  
TOP ROW: Left—Front of Charlie's Place at Myrtle Beach, S. C. Its owner, Charlie Fitzgerald defied the Klan, and this resulted in the violence which rocked Horry County, S. C. TOP ROW: Right—Cafe and bar owned by Fitzgerald. Although the sign says "Dining Room," actually this is the immediate establishment which was involved in the Saturday night melee. Note the windows which have since been boarded to keep out curiosity seekers. The place, top left, was used as a dining room. An expensive music machine was damaged in the building at night.  
MIDDLE: Left—Close-up of damaged front.  
MIDDLE: Right—Charlie Fitzgerald's Dance Pavilion, where big-time bands played for colored dancers and white women and men spectators. Such interracial mixing was frowned upon by Klansmen. Police say there is no law against whites going there. BOTTOM: Left—\$60,000 Motor Court owned by Fitzgerald. Myrtle Beach's mayor denied that white women were kept there by owner for immoral purposes. Girl in photo is bringing message to network staff writer that Mrs. Fitzgerald will not be interviewed.  
BOTTOM: Right—Close-up home of the Fitzgeralds. Mrs. Fitzgerald was secluded here after questioning by officers. The attractive cottage sets in the middle of the spacious and beautiful Motor Court.  
ALL PHOTOS ARE EXCLUSIVE AND WERE MADE BY T. C. JERVAY FOR THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL and the CAROLINIAN.

## Race Radio Station Set



**HEADS BUREAU**—J. H. Sykes, popular churchman and veteran newsmen of Norfolk, Va., and Elizabeth City, N. C. has recently been appointed chief, of the Winston-Salem edition bureau of the CAROLINIAN. Mr. Sykes heads the advertising and circulation departments, and manages other activities of the bureau. (See Story Next Week)

**WINSTON-SALEM** — The first all-Negro radio station in North Carolina—long a dream—is daily becoming a reality as a broadcasting company which will use the call letters WAAA takes shape.

Scheduled to go under construction within the month is a tower some 235 feet in height. This tower, which will be located in Kernersville, will house the facilities of the 1000-watt station is scheduled to cover the Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point area.

The management of the station has announced itself interested in gaining the most able of personnel and has secured the services of Tommy Williams, former announcer at Raleigh's Radio Station WPTF as a trainer of personnel.

Applications may be made to the company for posts as disc jockeys, newsmen, secretaries, salesmen and engineers, it has been announced.

Plans are being made to have the station serve as a full community facility, with time being allotted churches, the local Teachers College, schools and other such institutions.

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**GETS APPOINTMENT** — Mrs. Mertie Harris Bates of Dayton, Ohio, was appointed last week executive director of Tuttle Community Center, Raleigh, the fourth since the origination of the center. She received her education from the Dayton Public School and is a graduate of Wilberforce State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Administration.

**BUS JIM CROW RAP FACES MAN**  
By J. J. Harren  
**ROCKY MOUNTAIN, N. C.** (Special) — John P. Williams of Spring House, N. C. and Norfolk, Va., was arrested here early Monday morning and charged with violating the state Jim Crow seating law in connection with his alleged refusal to move from the fourth seat from (Continued on page 8, this section)

## Holiday Death Toll Is Low; 4 Road Deaths Reported

### LAD' 14, BAD

**RALEIGH** — Despite an expected high in road fatalities during the long Labor Day Holiday week end, Death failed to claim a record number of Negro lives in North Carolina with only four persons reported victims of road mishaps at CAROLINIAN press-time.

The most serious of the holiday accident reported to the network of staffers for this newspaper was the one that occurred in Lee County Sunday morning when three persons were killed and four injured when two cars collided.

Killed when a crash wrecked the automobile in which they were riding just south of Sanford on Highway 37 were Alfred Norris, 23, (white) of Sanford, Route 7, Theodore Persons, 16 of Broadway, Route 1, and Mary McGould, 24 of Route 6, Sanford.

**BABY KILLED**  
In Fayetteville, Erskin Peterson, a 2-and-a-half year old baby, was (Continued on page 8, this section)