

W. J. Kennedy Gets U S's Major Negro Business Position

NEGRO G. I. IS HERO AS 29 DIE IN BUS WRECK



MUTUAL HEAD AND FAMILY — W. J. Kennedy, Jr., left, then named successor of Edward Kennedy, is pictured here with members of his family shortly after it was announced that he had been named successor to Dr. C. C. Spaulding as president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, the world's largest Negro business firm. Mr. Kennedy, who has been affiliated with the company since 1916 is pictured here with Mrs. Kennedy and daughters, Mrs. Charlotte Sloan of Philadelphia and Mrs. Margaret Goodwin of Durham, and son, W. J. Kennedy, III. (Staff Photo By Shirley)

Presidency of NC Mutual Goes to Former Secretary, J. W. Coosloe Into Secretary's Post

DURHAM — W. J. Kennedy Jr., who like the man he succeeds as head of the world's biggest Negro business firm was once a clerk to a grocery store, and is the new president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company.

U. N. DELEGATE WILL ADDRESS RALEIGH GROUP

BY J. A. SHEPARD
RALEIGH — Word has just reached us that Mrs. Edith Sampson, internationally known Negro woman lawyer, a delegate to the United Nations, will speak in Raleigh on August 26 at the Crosby-Garfield School Auditorium.



Mrs. Sampson is being brought to Raleigh by the United War Mothers, a group of patriotic Negro women, who hope by presenting this great woman here to be able to realize a generous sum for its use in helping to remodel the building given to this group by the state of North Carolina. The War Mothers want this building to be a monument to the gallant Negro men and women living and dead, who have given their best to help keep America free.

Election of the 63-year-old Americus, Ga. native to the top post of the company was announced Saturday night. At the same time, it was announced that J. W. Coosloe of Durham had been elected to succeed Mr. Kennedy in the post of secretary of the company.

WAS GROCERY CLERK
Born in the Georgia town in 1888, Mr. Kennedy attended public schools there and worked as a clerk in his father's grocery store. It was during his tenure as a grocery clerk that the new N. C. Mutual president became interested in the insurance business.

NAMED MANAGER
On September 1, 1916, Mr. Kennedy was named manager of the Savannah District of the North Carolina Mutual, and retain that position until October 12, 1919, when he was mustered into the U. S. (Continued on page 5)

Sidelights Of Spaulding Finals

BY T. C. JERVAY
DURHAM — The Mayor of this thriving tobacco town, declared Monday a day of mourning in honor of the late Dr. C. C. Spaulding, whose funeral was held from historic White Rock Baptist church Monday, as 1000 persons crowded the edifice and filled every inch of space on famous Fayetteville street.

UNIDENTIFIED G. I. RESCUES AT LEAST TWO Soldier Risks Life In Burning Inferno

(Special To Carolinian)
WACO, Tex. — An unidentified young Negro soldier, proved himself made of hero material by risking his life to save those of some of the few survivors of the nation's worst bus crash near here Monday in which at least 29 people were killed.

SPURNED LOVER SLAYS MATE AT JINXED SHACK 2-Room Shack Has Bloody Background

WARRENTON (Special) — A makeshift house which has been "nothing but the jinx" here for the past few years, was last Saturday night the site of a murder in which the alleged murderer lived up to his claim that he would rather see his common-law wife dead than be without her.

Tyson Rodwell, a 32-year-old painter and former employee of the City of Warrenton, is being held in jail here on charges of fatally shooting Miss Odessa Green Simms, about 45, through (Continued on page 8)



A PIONEER IS FUNERALIZED — Above are scenes marking final rites held at Durham Monday for Dr. C. C. Spaulding, pioneer businessman and president founder of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. The extent of the floral tributes attests the esteem in which Dr. Spaulding was held not only in his home city but throughout the nation. Discrimination among the mourners are many of the state's and the nation's top business and educational figures. In photo at bottom, a sorrowing family and



W. J. KENNEDY, JR.

Dr. Spaulding Mourned

Impressive Final Rites Held Monday For Nation's Top Race Business Tycoon

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DR. SPAULDING

DURHAM — Monday afternoon, Charles Clinton Spaulding was laid to rest among millions of beautiful and expensive floral tributes in historic Beechwood Cemetery.

Since Sunday, thousands filled by the huge metallic casket as the body lay in state in the church which he helped make widely-known the nation over. North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company employees, faithful to their beloved leader unto death, were honor guards. The front and sides of the edifice were covered with floral offerings of every description, some of which were quite expensive. Ornaments were seen in several of the designs.

As early as ten o'clock Monday morning, the crowd began to gather. And until five o'clock in the afternoon when the funeral cortege moved toward Beechwood Cemetery, Fayetteville street, Durham's main artery for Negro business, was the scene of sleek limousines and a mass of sorrowing humanity.

Promptly at three o'clock, the vested choir of White Rock filed into the church, followed by nearly three dozen floral bearers, one hundred honorary and active pallbearers, and finally members of the Spaulding family, many of whom, including W. J. Kennedy, Jr., newly-elected Mutual head, make up some of the big names in American finance and medicine.

John M. Gattis rendered the organ meditation after which the choir sang "Lead, Kindly Light". The Rev. D. A. Johnson, pastor of St. Joseph AME church, read the scripture, and the Rev. T. C. (Continued on page 5)



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BRUTAL COPS IN WAKE CO. CAUSE NEAR RACE RIOT



POLICE BRUTALITY VICTIMS — The three persons pictured above know about police brutality in Wake Forest, North Carolina. They know about it because they experienced the wrath of two Wake Forest policemen some two weeks ago when the officers literally "ran wild" raining fist and black-jack blows upon them and threatening their very lives. The woman pictured at center was struck so viciously about the head by Wake Forest Officer Ball that her ear drum burst necessitating medical treatment. The other woman pictured was subjected to a brutal beating and the man shown narrowly escaped with his life. Another Wake Forest resident was in a Raleigh hospital when the photo was taken suffering gunshot wounds.

NEGROES LIVE IN CONSTANT FEAR Gun-toting, Billie-swinging Cops Terrorize Wake Forest

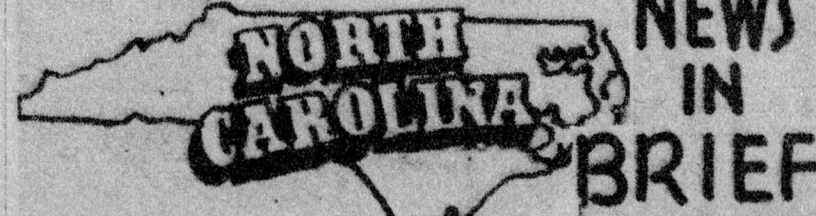
BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT
WAKE FOREST — It is hard to believe that here just sixteen miles from the State Capital, Negro citizens are living in abject fear of the police of their own town.

This state of fear is due to a reign of terror, brought on by acts of unprovoked violence inflicted upon the Negroes this small community located in northern Wake County.

Wake Forest, a community of perhaps 3000 souls and the present home of Wake Forest College, has a Negro population of little over 1000. The town has attracted much attention during recent years because of several murders, and some of them have never been solved.

About a year and a half ago, the town acquired the services of one Charlie Ball as a member of its Police Department. Not very much can be learned about this gentleman, but from reports picked up here and there, it appears that he has a long record of unsavory dealings with Negroes as a policeman in difficult towns.

There is a report, unverified, that this same Ball murdered a Negro while he was a member of the police force in Creedmoor, N. C. and that he subsequently became so violent and brutal there that he had to be dismissed. All of the above may or may not be true, but it is very true that since coming to Wake Forest, officer Ball has gone out of his way to antagonize the Negro citizens of the town.



Lye-Tossing Woman Draws Term
GREENVILLE — Mrs. Bessie Williams Woolard, elderly housewife, was found guilty of assaulting her husband, David with a can of lye in Recorder's Court here Friday.

Judge Charles H. Whedbee gave the woman six months in jail, sentence suspended on two years' good behavior. The court also ordered that the woman pay all medical bills for her husband and court costs.

It was brought out at the hearing that she put lye on his body while he was "sleeping off a drunk," and then poured vinegar on the fiery chemical to dissolve it. Woolard was in a serious condition and was at the local hospital here about a week for treatment.

Farm Hand Find Town Life Tough
OXFORD — Edmonia Hart, a young farm hand who came to town during the week end found life a little "fast," for two nights before he ended up in a local hospital.

Oxford police have charged Cleveland Bobbitt, with attacking Hart with a knife Saturday night. Sunday night the same officers, N. E. White and W. E. Pendleton, arrested James Hicks, and charged him with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill Hart. Hicks is being held without privilege of bonds.

Hart was taken to Cheatham Hospital Sunday night with a pistol bullet wound in his right side. His condition was reported critical.

Every night and particularly on weekends, the two officers, Ball and Knuckles ride around the Negro section of the town on a mission of intimidation and violence. Negroes are knocked down in the streets, are kicked, cursed and threatened apparently for no reason at all except that they are Negroes. These gallant gentlemen do not confine their brutal activities to Negro men, but attack Negro girls and women with equal force.

These acts of police brutality and violence reached a climax about 2 weeks ago when (Continued on page 2)