

Where "Klan" Threat Failed



WHERE CROSS BLAZED — Pictured is the residence of Walter Sanders, Jr., before which a cross was burned last week-end in an effort to scare Mr. Sanders into withdrawing from the race for election to the Smithfield, N.C. Town Board of Commissioners. The cross was burned beside the shrub at the end of the walkway leading to the porch of the house located on North Fifth Street in Smithfield. — STAFF PHOTO BY SHIRLEY. (See Story.)

CANDIDATE DEFIED 'KLAN'

Negro Vote Denial Indicated In Smithfield, N. C.'s Primary

Itchy-fingered Watchman Faces Charges At Raleigh

RALEIGH — The white night watchman at a local college who became "trigger-happy" when a Negro man apparently intoxicated stumbled into his domain seeking aid, has been charged with assault by the victim of his "itchy-fingered" orgy.

Defied KKK Warning



DEFIES "KLAN" WARNING — Walter Sanders, Jr., Smithfield funeral director, defied a warning of possible Ku Klux Klan origin last week and remained in the Smithfield race for a seat on the Town Board of Commissioners. Even though he was defeated at the polls during the Easter Monday primary voting, Mr. Sanders' resolute fight won for him much admiration. — STAFF PHOTO.

PRAYING WIFE BLUDGEONED TO DEATH BY IRATE HUSBY

WIFE, BACK FROM DANCE, SLAIN AS SHE PRAYS

Husband Kills Wife, Sets House Afire, Washes Up, Leaves

GREENSBORO—A Mount Tabor mother of two children came home from a dance on Easter Monday night, undressed and knelt down beside her bed to pray. Her husband, George Ingram, 30, was holding a hammer and a piece of wood. She never arose from her kneeling position. Her head was dashed in by a hammer allegedly welded by her husband as she prayed. The husband then set fire to the mattress upon which she knelt, police say.

George Ingram, 30, is being held at local jail here this week pending the bringing of charges against him for the alleged murder of his 27-year-old wife, Mrs. Mary Beatrice Ingram.

According to police, Ingram, a textile worker, smashed his wife's head with a machine hammer as she prayed and then set the house afire.

Investigators further say that the man calmly washed his hands in the kitchen of their four room home at Mount Tabor, tossed the hammer away and then left the house before the fire could be discovered.

Mrs. Ingram's body, the head resting near the spot where the fire was ignited on the mattress, was discovered early Tuesday morning by firemen who went into the house to fight the flames which had gained headway and attracted the attention of neighbors. The fire had spread to the walls and the ceiling of the bedroom when the firemen arrived.

Charges are to be made against Ingram during the week, it was revealed.

The Ingrams are parents of daughters aged 7 and 11 years.

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Violence Mars Holiday

Death Takes No Holiday Thru State

RALEIGH—Violence was on hand to play a role in the observance of Easter holidays by colored citizens of North Carolina, investigation by the CAROLINIAN News Network points out this week. Here in brief is a resume of the crime that violence pursued during the long holiday week-end.

4-Year-Old Boy Is Killed By Car

CLINTON — A 4-year-old boy, Raymond Junior Corbett, was killed last weekend when struck by a car driven, police said, by Henry Stewart Clement, 31, of Route 2, Clinton.

Two Killed In Auto Mishap At Shelby

SHELBY — Two persons were killed on a highway west of here near Mountsboro when the car in which they were riding skidded out of control and clipped off a telephone pole Friday.

Sunday Night Slayer Faces Charges

CHARLOTTE—David Thacker, a Charlotte resident, was bound over to Superior Court on a manslaughter charge Tuesday in the slaying of Gene Grover Bennett, a Greensboro man, Sunday night.

Woman Injured In Automobile Crash

WINSTON-SALEM—Mrs. Geneva Brooks, 38, of Kernersville, received chest injuries Monday in a two-car collision on Thirteenth and one-half Street at Cleveland Avenue, police reported.

Seek Election To Concord Boards



FIRST TO OFFER IN THEIR CITIES—These two men are first Negroes to seek public office in the city of Concord, N. C. A. T. Cordery, shown at left, is seeking election to the Concord Board of Aldermen while Rev. R. M. Coley is seeking election to the Board of Education. Mr. Cordery is at present business manager of Barber-Scotta College and Rev. Coley is pastor of the First Congregational Church. Both candidates are backed by the Civic Improvement League.

Asheville Y Secretary Is Rallied To

ASHEVILLE — This newspaper learned this week that Asheville citizens are not taking the dismissal of the executive secretary of their YMCA "lying down". Local citizens have already begun to circulate a petition protesting the firing of Hugh A. Johnson from the YM post because he spoke out against segregation and discrimination in this resort city.

Some 500 names had by Monday been signed to a petition asking for Shaw University last Sunday by presenting a \$500 check to cover a lifetime membership to the NAACP. State president of the NAACP, Kelly Alexander of Charlotte, above accepts the membership check from Raleigh Links' president, Mrs. Mildred Otey Taylor. Looking on at members of the chapter. This membership includes Mesdames Taylor, Dora Otey, Lizale Cou-

Two Seeking Sanford Post

SANFORD — Two Negroes are seeking election to the Sanford Board of Aldermen becoming the first candidates of their race to ever seek election to public post in local elections. It was announced here last week.

The two Negro candidates are the Rev. J. Wesley Groves and Robert Anders, both of whom wish election to the aldermanic group from the predominantly Negro - populated Fourth Ward.

The two Negro candidates are being opposed in the race for the Fourth Ward seat by two white men, T. A. Baker and Reece Lemon.

Sanford is promised a spirited race for its May 5 municipal election with a grand total of 20 candidates seeking seats from the city's seven wards. Two candidates are running for mayor also.

RETIRED WOMAN PRINCIPAL INTO CHARLOTTE RACE

CHARLOTTE—A Negro woman with some 50 years of experience in the field of education is seeking election to the City School Board in the forthcoming municipal elections.

Mrs. Emma R. Anderson was endorsed by the powerful Citizens Committee for Political Action here in her quest for election to the school governing group.

Subject to nomination in the April 27 primary, Mrs. Anderson is a retired local school principal, whose experience has bridged a half century.

NEGRO FILES IN SELMA RACE FOR ELECTIVE POST

SELMA—For the first time in recent history, a Negro is seeking election to local public office.

A shoe shop operator, R. Eric Coley last week filed as candidate for election to the town board of commissioners in the forthcoming elections.

In announcing his candidacy, Mr. Coley noted that he was not seeking election to the town governing group as a representative of any particular group, but that he aspired to the post in an effort to be able to serve all the people.

The political picture began taking shape last week when he received a note warning him to withdraw from the race.

Investigation by this newspaper revealed that the cross-burned in front of his home last week-end and his name was also meant to frighten Mr. Sanders from the race, but was also meant to scare into Smithfield's Negro voters.

Evidently the tactics used by Mr. Sanders' foes bore fruit, because of the 450-odd eligible voters listed on the books as having taken part in previous elections, a count made at polls here Monday showed that only 106 cast ballots in the primary.

Mr. Sanders' plight possibly received consideration from other than his own race in that the total number of votes he received was 19 more than the number of Negroes voting.

Further investigation by this publication pointed up the fact that some few Negroes who

NC Solons Show Concern As Supreme Court Ruling On JC Schools Come Due

RALEIGH—At least two of North Carolina's law-makers, attending the Legislature in session here, are somewhat concerned about what the state will be able to do if the United States Supreme Court should hand down a decision favoring abolition of segregation in public education in cases it is now pondering.

The time that the high tribunal is taking in studying the issue of segregation in public education is causing the Speaker of the House of Representatives no little worry.

Candidate Loses As Vote Denial Arises

SMITHFIELD — Even though Smithfield's KKK-threatened and otherwise embattled first Negro candidate for public office received more votes than the total cast by Negroes in this town's Easter Monday primary, there was concrete evidence found by this newspaper here this week that not only was the candidate, Walter Sanders, Jr., intimidated, but that the town's Negro voters were also subjected to alleged vote denial.

Mr. Sanders, manager of a local funeral home, received 125 votes in the Monday poll in which a total of 963 voters participated to come in last in a field of 10 persons seeking election to the Board of Commissioners. He had refused to leave the race even though a cross, trademark of the Ku Klux Klan, was burned before his home last weekend and he received a note warning him to

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Raleigh Links Club Purchases \$500 NAACP Membership



PRESENTS LIKE-TIME MEMBERSHIP TO NAACP—The Raleigh chapter of the National Links, Inc. celebrated the celebration of its fourth anniversary's reception on the West Campus of Shaw University last Sunday by presenting a \$500 check to cover a lifetime membership to the NAACP. State president of the NAACP, Kelly Alexander of Charlotte, above accepts the membership check from Raleigh Links' president, Mrs. Mildred Otey Taylor. Looking on at members of the chapter. This membership includes Mesdames Taylor, Dora Otey, Lizale Cou-

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