

Sunday Morning Fire Wipes Out Entire Family

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News Coverage

In this issue of the CAROLINIAN is a complete coverage of hometown news. If you want to know who had a party, who got married, what the preacher preached about Sunday, the top sports news, or all the news that is fit to print, it is in the CAROLINIAN. Follow our staff through North Carolina.



HISTORIC HANDSHAKE—While newsreel and television cameras ground away, and a record crowd cheered, new Manhattan Borough President Hulan E. Jack (left) accepts the congratulations of justice Joseph DiFalco, who administered the oath of office. Looking on are Mrs. Jack and the couple's 17-year-old son, Edwin. (Newspress Photo.)

RAPISTS GET LIFE

Four Get Life Terms In Rape Case

DURHAM — Four Orange County men, Willie Shaw, 24, Otha Roberts, 19, John D. Brooks, 25, and Claudius Parrish, Jr., 20, drew life imprisonment sentences for assault on a thrice married, and now divorced white woman, Mrs. Hope Sims, 30, here Monday as a climax to a six day trial, from Judge Q. K. Nimmo.

The trial was sensational from start to finish and the sudden decision by the defendants to plead guilty brought varied opinions from most of the packed courtroom. The decision came after the state finished its rebuttal of the defense testimony.

The trial had been a show for most of the spectators and was taken rather casually by the defendants. More than two days were taken in choosing the jury. One hundred persons were called as jurors, with many being excused for either having reached a decision in the case, or being against capital punishment.

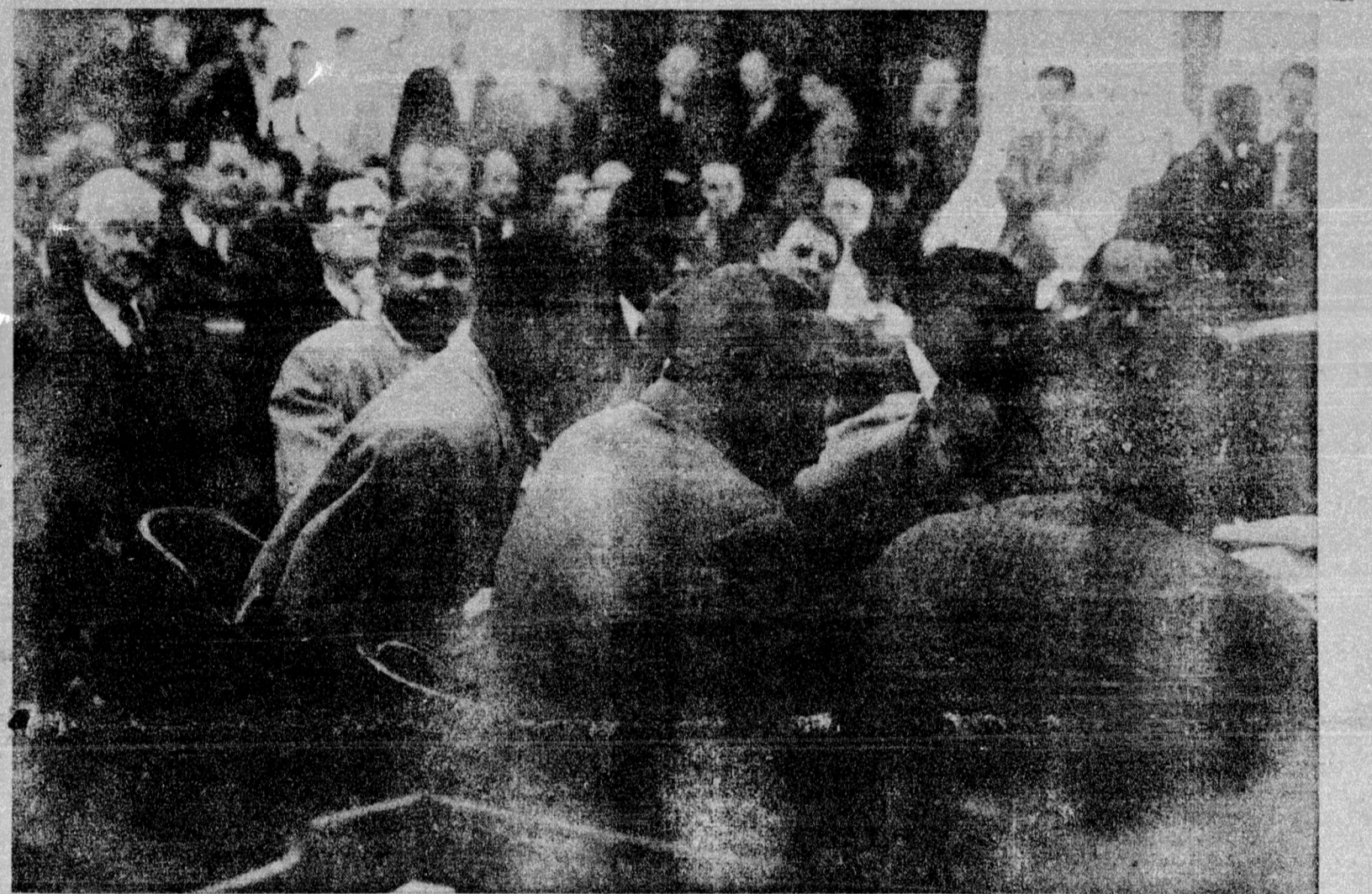
Two Negroes were on the jury and made history when they were locked up with the other members of the Malbourne Hotel to spend the night, after being selected. This was the first time that a Negro is known to have slept in the local hotel as guest.

The assault, according to Mrs. Lloyd took place about 2 p. m. August 30, in a patch of woods off of the Old Fayetteville Road, in the vicinity of the Silver Dollar, local eatery, which does the most of its business at night.

When the incident was first made known, there were various and sundry rumors as to what actually took place. The rumors ranged all the way from rape to trafficking. Upon the arrest of the four, Sheriff Belvin related that all of the men confessed to being at the scene. They were held in jail from time of arrest until

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Gunman Kills 3; Wounds 2



Zebulon Man Leaves Note; Kills Self

ZEBULON—According to a note left by Lee Ernest Patton, just before he placed a .33 calibre revolver to his head and pulled the trigger, about 12:05 Tuesday, he wanted his Masonic apron buried with him.

The note did not say whether he wanted the other vestments of the Order, but it is believed that the members of the lodge will carry out his request when the body is interred.

Charles M. W. Bennet, when called to St. Agnes Hospital, thought there might have been foul play and summoned a doctor. It was found that powder burns were on his temple and gave credence to the story told by Mrs. Patton that she was alone in their home and that she heard a pistol shot. She says she went into the room and found him. He was rushed to the hospital, where he succumbed.

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Boy 1st '54 Highway Victim

YOUTH, 16, KILLED AS TRUCK FAILS TO MAKE CURVE

HENDERSON — Eugene Brown, approximately 16 years old, became Vance County's first 1954 highway automobile casualty when he died at Jubilee Hospital at 2 A. M. Sunday, as the result of injuries sustained when a truck in which he was riding failed to make a curve.

Investigating officer, Patrolman A. C. Gray said that Brown was thrown from the truck on the Chicken Farm Road about 10:30 Saturday night.

Isian Lee is said to have been the driver of the truck. The victim is believed to have been riding in the back of the truck, while there were five other passengers riding in the cab with Gray. Brown and Gray were the only two injured in the mishap. Gray is contending for the seat.

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Six Perish In Fire At Vance Farm Home

BY ALEXANDER BARNES
ENGLERHARD—When the smoldering embers of the frame house, occupied by Willie Spencer and his family, cooled so they could be examined the charred bodies of six persons were found, bringing to Vance County its most serious tragedy of all its history.

The fire, which is believed to have started from a stove or a defective chimney was noticed about 3:30 Sunday morning by Dave Spencer, local merchant. The tragedy was rehearsed by neighbors in the early hours of the sabbath morn and how there was evidence that members of the family awoke

to find themselves entirely enveloped by the flames and how there were signs of some of the occupants trying to escape from the burning frame house, but were evidently overcome by the smoke and lost their lives trying to escape.

Persons who visited the scene tried to reenact the tragedy, but the best evidence of the fatal fire were the bodies of Spencer, his wife, Mary, and their four children, Willie, Jr., Bobbie, Yola and Shirley. The evidence left by the flames showed that most of the family did not have the slightest chance to escape. Some of the

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DR. BENJ. MAYS UNITED CHURCH SPEAKER, JAN. 25

RALEIGH — The fifteenth annual Institute of Religion will feature six nationally known speakers on the theme of "The Responsibilities of Freedom". It was announced today by B. F. Carter, general chairman. These lectures are held on six consecutive Monday evenings, beginning this year on January 18, in the auditorium of the United Church at Hillsboro



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and Dawson Streets, and are open to the public without charge. The opening meeting will feature

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Scribblings
BY DWIGHT HILLIS WILSON

HEADACHES

Last week I ran off at the fingertips about hangovers and "Sir William Osler's discouraging prescription for the relief of same. This week, it may help you to know what you could have done back in the sixteenth century. Then, you would have simply called in a surgeon who would have rolled up his sleeves and bored into your skull with a leavatory (a device that resembled a brace and bit). Without anesthetics, of course.

In a book published in Paris in 1579, Ambrose Paree shows great delight in boring holes in patient's skulls. Here is what he recommends for the treatment of a contusion of a child's head: "If the bones does not spring back themselves, you must apply a cupping glasse with a great flame; withall command the patient to force his breath up as powerfully as he can, keeping his mouth and nose close shut, for thus there will be hope to restore the depressed bone to its place by the spirits forced upwards to the brains and skull, by the powerful attraction of the cupping glasse."

Sounds uncomfortable, but just wait. He goes on to the next step if this failed to get the dent out. "Then you must make an incision in the skinne, and fasten such a Trepan (leavatory or brace and bit) into the deprect, or settled part of

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PRESIDENT WELCOMES GUESTS—Forty-six-year-old Paul Magliore, who became the first President elected in Haiti two years ago, welcomes guests from all over the world who attended festivities marking the Caribbean republic's 150th year of independence. The anniversary was observed by Haitians in other countries on Jan. 1.

LOCAL BLIND MAN ROBBED

Local police took into custody, Willie J. Jacobs 37 Washington Terrace, for one of the meanest jobs of thievery that Raleigh has had this year—stealing from a blind man.

Jacobs, who was found in the room of Joe Freeman, 116 Hill Street, by other occupants of the house, after he is alleged to have entered through a window about 11:30 Saturday night told the arresting officers a fantastic tale. Jacobs alleges that he went to Freeman's room earlier in the night and requested a "touch" of \$1.00. Freeman is supposed to have told him to get the money out of his pants. This Jacobs did and left the house.

Later Jacobs found himself wanting some more money and decided to revisit the house, but not by the conventional way and close to enter by the window. Once inside the house, he made his way to the pockets of the blind man and was in the act of "lifting" the legal tender from the pockets of Freeman's trousers, when he

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N. C. News In Brief

YOUTH KILLER FREED
PLYMOUTH — Vernice Lucas might not have had much luck on his hunting expedition on the night of December 12, but he was lucky in Superior Court here this week when he was absolved of all blame for the killing of Joe Louis Wilkins, Jr., on the night of his hunting trip.

The evidence showed that an argument developed when Lucas stopped at the Wilkins home, in Mackeys as to whether a pint of whiskey had been bought there. Lucas decided to go home following the argument and just before he arrived home, he saw Wilkins following him. He told Wilkins to not come any farther and when it appeared that Wilkins did not heed his request, Lucas shot him.

CAUGHT NEAR POZZE STILLS
DUNN — Edward Lee, 41, Malheur in Superior Court here this week to the embarrassment of state officials when Woodrow Wilson Sirophaire received a check for \$4500, which solons hope will forever rid the state of any liability in the matter.

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SCENES FROM DURHAM

RAPE TRIAL—Top photo shows four alleged Orange County rapists as they confer with attorneys Conrad O. Pearson, Willie Morris, M. Hugh Thompson, and Edward Gadsen. This photo was made Monday in the Durham County Court House. In the bottom picture, the four rape defendants are shown as they were sentenced by Superior Court Judge Q. K. Nimmo to life

imprisonment Monday, January 11. Standing left to right they are J. D. Brooks, Willie Shaw, Otha Roberts and Claudius Parrish, Jr. The men pleaded guilty of arping Mrs. Hope Sims Lloyd as she and her 19-year-old companion were out on a date on the morning of August 30, 1953. The Judge recommended no parole, pardon or commutation.

CITIZENS ASS'N SEEKS BOARD POST FOR RACE

BY J. A. SHEPARD

RALEIGH — The Raleigh Negro Citizens Association at its regular monthly meeting, held Tuesday evening January 12 at the Bloodworth Street YMCA, directed that a letter be sent to the Raleigh Housing Authority, requesting the appointment of a Negro to that body.

The group also approved a motion that a request be made to the Raleigh City Council for the appointment of Negroes to the recently formed planning and development committee. In a letter to the council, the Association lauded the aims and aspirations of this new committee, but pointed out that

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Miss. Scene Of Bloody Shooting In Town Store

BY ALEXANDER BARNES
COXBURG, Miss. — "Lord I am coming up and bringing five white men with me" seems to be the prayer of 28 year old, crack marksman, Eddie Noel, who staged a one man war here over the weekend and when the smoke cleared from his .22 calibre automatic

rifle three white men were dead and two others injured and a feeling of fear throughout the community. Noel went on his killer expedition here Saturday night when William Raymond Dickard, local store keeper is said to have gotten

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Interracial Insurance Agency Holds Sessions At Charlotte

BY J. B. HAREN
CHARLOTTE—The W. R. Saxon Insurance Agency, with state headquarters in Asheville and a force of forty agents scattered over the state, held its annual convention and dinner at the First

Baptist Church here on South Church Street, December 29th with key officials from the home office in attendance. Saxon, a leader of the agency, is a veteran of fifty-five years in the insurance busi-

ness can put any agent he writes to shame when it comes to being "new business" in the health and accident and hospitalization field. He has built up — during more than twenty-five years with his

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