

GRANDMOTHER DESCRIBES DOUBLE MURDER

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ASHEVILLE TO INTEGRATE SCHOOLS

Returns From Prison Monday,

MURDERED HERE

Eyewitness Relates How 2 Met Death

BY ALEXANDER BARNES
HANDLEMAN — Mrs. Grace Ledwell, aging grandmother, told the most graphic story of how her grandson, Samuel Davis McDowell, fell victim to a double murder, when she was looking on, and how William Henry Fox, a friend of "Sammy's," was shot in cold blood by two hate brothers at her home on Saturday night.

The grandmother came to the door with a towel around her head and when told that a newspaperman wanted to talk to her about the two murders, she opened the door and said, "My Sammy's head was beat into a jelly."

She started off by saying that Joe and Bradford Beves came to her home about 7:30 Saturday night and started to beating on the door of Sammy's room. She stated that Sammy told them that they did not have to beat on the door like that. She said that when she heard the loud noise she opened the door to see what was going on. She then took the reporter to the back porch and even though she told how badly she was feeling, she attempted to show exactly what happened.

She alleged that when she opened the door that Bradford had a rifle in his hand and that he brushed past her into the room where Sammy was wearing blood from his mouth. It was then that she heard several shots. Her sister, Mrs. Lela Westfield, who is older than Mrs. Ledwell is said to have then appeared on the scene at that time and began pleading with the infuriated brothers to cease their actions. It was then, according to the grandmother, that one of the brothers knocked her down and also Mrs. Westfield. He said to have told them that they would kill them if they did not get out of the way.

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SAMUEL D. McDOWELL



WILLIAM FOX

NAACP Set For Filing New Suits

CHARLOTTE — If no plans for desegregation have been announced by next September when the public schools reopen, the time for lawsuits has arrived, Kelly Alexander, president of the North Carolina Conference of NAACP branches, declared here this week.

Alexander, just back from Atlanta where he attended a week-end meeting of southern NAACP leaders, said that such suits would demand integration be made a condition of any new desegregation plan. "The machinery is now set up," he explained, "and we look for the big cities in Western North Carolina like Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Asheville, to take the lead."

"In these cities, the problem sociologically is not as acute in the 'black belt' of Eastern North Carolina. We expect these cities to show the leadership."

"We stand ready with qualified experts in public education and community organizations to cooperate with any and all school boards willing to work toward desegregation."

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Asheville Board Okeys Integration

ASHEVILLE — On the heels of a statement made by Kelly Alexander, state NAACP official, here this week that he expected the larger cities and those located in the western part of the state to lead the way toward integration in North Carolina, the local school board made an announcement Tuesday that it would make "an honest effort to comply with the U. S. Supreme Court's order to end segregation in public schools."

Thus Asheville became the first North Carolina city to take a stand in compliance with the controversial order. The board said it would "move with measured steps in the direction of ultimate compliance with the law."

"Full cooperation from both white and colored people is expected 'as we attempt to work out the many problems that will face us.'"

No Date Set

The statement did not say that the board would attempt to integrate the schools by this fall. The board pointed out that the

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WINS TOP HONORS.—A Wake County youth, Bobby Duna, right, Zebulon, took top honors at the State NFA Convention held at A&T College, Greensboro, N. C. this week. He is congratulated by J. T. Locke, left, his instructor in Vocational Agriculture at the Shepard High School at Zebulon, as Louis Grange, Acme, the runner-up for the honor, looks on from center.

Man Killed Who Tried To Break Into An Apartment

BY CHARLES R. JONES

Less than 24 hours after he returned from "outing" on the roads, James Washington Ray, 36, died of a heart attack Monday. He had been arrested for breaking into an apartment in Raleigh, N. C., on Tuesday afternoon at 2:45 with a 1954 Buick Wildcat. He had been taken to St. Joseph's Hospital at 3000 South Main St. where he died at 10:30 p. m.

ALLEGED TRIANGLE AFFAIR

Medicine, who is known in Raleigh as a dry cleaner of some note, did not deny the shooting but claimed that he was trying to break into his apartment. It is alleged that Ray intended to "have it out" with "Skeeny" over the alleged attentions that Medicine had been paying to Ray's girl friend.

Another resident of the apartment house, James Washington, is said to have taken Ray by the arm and tried to make him leave McQueen's house after it became apparent that someone was going to get hurt.

Mrs. Sarah Harrison, who runs a "juke joint" on W. Johnson St., is alleged to have called officers J. R. Stout and J. H. Hodges to the murder scene. The cops were followed by Dr. Forester, a local physician, who had Ray rushed to Saint Agnes Hospital.

LOU POLICE RECORD

Ray was a native of Charlotte and boasts a police record which would stand up against the loneliest on file with the local department. He was also reported to have an FBI record. McQueen, who is also no stranger to local law enforcement officers, has not appeared in court since 1953.

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JAMES W. RAY ... killed here Tuesday

State's Dentists To Meet At Elizabeth City June 12th

ELIZABETH CITY — The eighth annual meeting of the Old North State Dental Society is scheduled to get underway at Elizabeth City State Teachers College on June 14, and will continue through the 16th.

Registration will begin at 9:30 Tuesday morning. The Ladies Auxiliary will join the society for the formal opening at 10:30 at which time the group will be welcomed by Dr. S. D. Williams, Rev. J. E. Trotman, St. Stephens Baptist Church, and Dr. George D. Carroll, M.D.

Pathologist, Louise Ober Messersmith, Hospital, Suffolk, Va., will talk to the group about Benign and Malignant Lesions of the Oral Cavity immediately after the welcome exercises.

The group will hear many other persons who are known to be authorities in the dental profession including Dr. Norman H. C. Griffiths, Howard University, Washington, D. C.; Dr. John H. Tuft, United States Navy; Dr. S. John Bregstein, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Dr. C. L. Schaffner, Weldon.

State News Brief

ALLEGED THIEVES BOUND OVER

William "Billie" Hodge and Arthur Hodge, both of East Lenoir Street, were bound over to Wake Superior Court here Monday after Judge Albert Doub found probable cause against them in City Court on charges of breaking, entering and larceny. The pair are alleged to have broken into Ligons Grocery, corner Lenoir and Swain Streets, last week. William's bond was set at \$2,000, while Arthur was placed under a bond of \$1,000.

UNCF BROADCAST TIME CHANGED

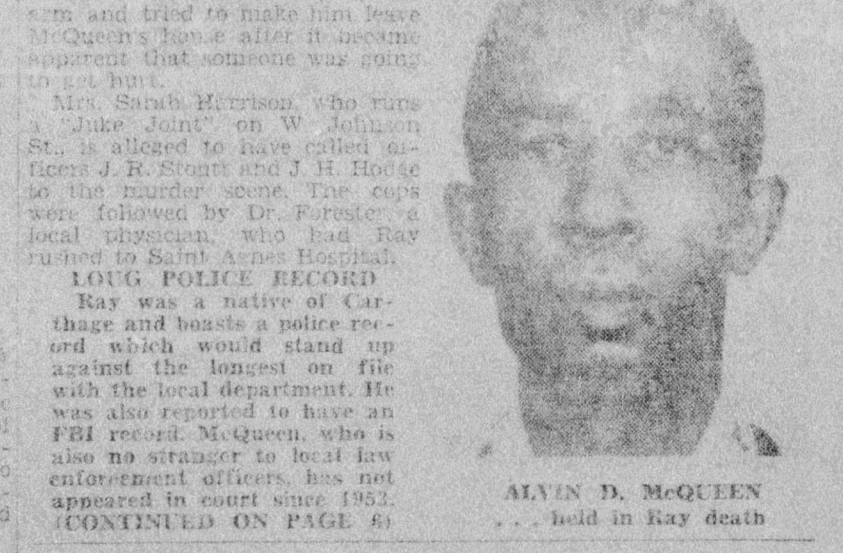
The United Negro College-sponsored broadcasts which were previously heard over radio station WNAO at 10 a. m. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 5)

White N. C. Minister Hits Bias In Church

(Special to the CAROLINIAN)

RICHMOND, Va. — "We who vote for this know that our faces will be rubbed in the dirt at home because it is not popular with our people," declared the Rev. C. Bryman Church, USA, pastor of Reese Jenkins, of Fayetteville, N. C. "But we are not here to please men but God. I cannot go on

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Legion Body Urged To End Race Segregation

The delegates to the 37th Annual State Convention of the American Legion were urged here Saturday by Zachariah W. Alexander of Charlotte, a representative of Division 5 to approve constitutional amendments which would abolish segregation of races in the organization.

Alexander, who is a nephew of Kelly M. Alexander, president of the N. C. Conference of the NAACP, said that "Negroes, regardless of geographical locations, are separated into a special division and have no voice at all in State

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Newsman Blasts Slow Eastern NC Citizens

By J. B. HARRIS

ROCKY MOUNT — Speaking before three different audiences here Sunday, Alexander Barnes of the Advertising and Promotions Department of the CAROLINIAN, blasted all forms of second-class citizenship forced upon minority group citizens and viciously rebuked the mass of colored people whom he termed "too lazy to vote and exercise their citizenship rights after the NAACP has secured them through hard-fought court action."

Sparks NAACP Drive

Barnes' appearance here was sponsored by the local NAACP chapter in behalf of its lagging membership drive. Prominent in AME Zion circles where he has served in many capacities and is now a candidate for a high position on the general church board, Mr. Barnes used the example of the lame man at the pool of Siloam to which he likened the majority of poor citizens of this and other areas.

"The man had been at the pool seven years," he said, "but was too lazy to even try to roll into the pool to be healed. In like manner, Barnes explained, the NAACP program had made a way for the colored man to cure himself of his many afflictions, but he, too, was "too lazy to use

LAWYERS TO HOLD MEETING AT A&T

GREENSBORO (Special) — The 44-member North Carolina Lawyers Association, headed by Attorney H. L. Taylor of Raleigh, will hold its First Anniversary meeting here in the Cottrane Hall at A&T College June 11 at 2 P. M. The meeting will be open to the public.

Attorney Kenneth Lee, chairman of the committee on arrangements for the Greensboro Bar, (CONTINUED ON PAGE 6)

Makes Good Threat, Kills Annoying Mate

DUNN — Because her estranged promise, but death stepped in to husband, Andrew, 30, would not leave her alone, Mrs. Mergie McNeill, 27, made good a long-standing threat late Friday night by shooting him through the heart with a shotgun when he came to her home.

Police who arrived at the scene shortly afterward found McNeill dead, a pistol stuck in his belt and a cigarette still burning in his mouth.

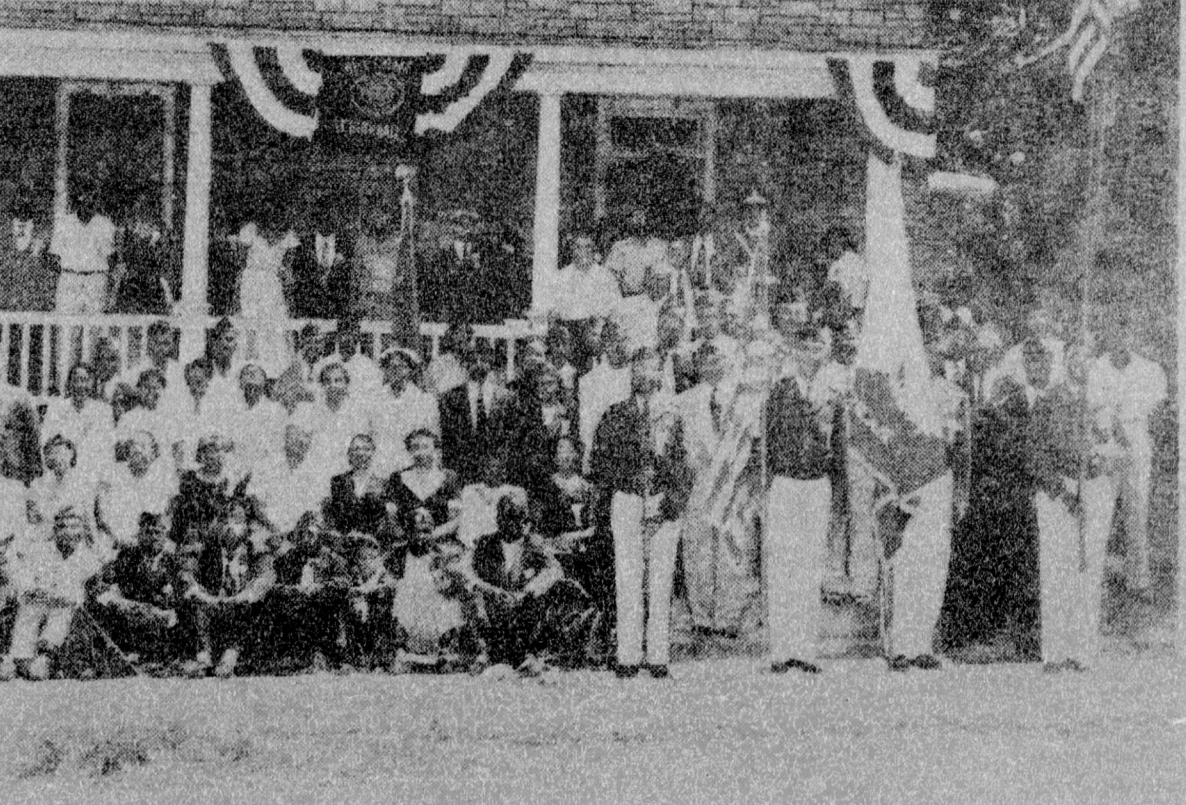
A coroner's jury on Saturday found Mrs. McNeill, according to Chief of Police A. A. Cobb, the woman had threatened her husband a number of times last week, when she had him indicted for failing to support their two children, Mrs. McNeill told Judge H. Paul Stockland in Recorder's Court that she could kill her husband if he did not stay away from her.

The jury had left the case open temporarily hoping that the couple could get together on a compromise.

Suspect In Murder Case Brought Back

Robert L. Bennett, alias George Bennett, 47, of Raleigh, was returned to Raleigh last week from Darlington, S. C. for questioning in connection with the death of Amos Utley, Jr., 24-year-old Raleigh man March 26 in Slaton's Cafe here.

Following a probable cause hearing on a charge of murder in City Court Monday, Bennett was bound over to Wake Superior Court.



LEGIONNAIRES HOLD STATE CONVENTION HERE — Pictured above are delegates to the American Legion's State Convention held at Raleigh last weekend. Over 2 hundred delegates invaded the Capital City for the confab. This photo was made last Saturday afternoon at the Charles T. Norwood Post, which served as host to the meeting.



LIGON'S FIRST PTA PREXY RETURNING — Mrs. Lillian Freeman, who was elected as the first president of the J. W. Ligon Junior-Senior High School Parent-Teacher Association when the school opened in September of 1953, has retired as of the end of the school year recently closed. Mrs. Freeman seeks she had the help of the most cooperative workers in the city. She is especially grateful to Dr. W. B. Wilson, Ligon's principal, for his cooperation in every endeavor that the PTA undertook. Mrs. Freeman, who is a housewife, is being succeeded by Joseph Whitaker, a physics instructor at Ligon.