

Mother Throws Live Infant In A Blazing Furnace



PLAN CONVENTION — The Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Old North State Medical Society met in Greensboro last week to map plans for the annual convention to be held here at A&T College, June 11-13, in conjunction with that of the

medics. Included in the planning group are from left to right: (seated) Mrs. Robert Lesneru, Burlington; Mrs. G. W. Allen, Fayetteville; Mrs. M. D. Quigless, Tarboro; Mrs. W. C. Shanks, Burlington; Mrs. W. M. Wynn, Greensboro; Mrs. K. W. Jones,

Reidsville; Mrs. E. E. Blackman, Charlotte; (standing) Mrs. F. E. Davis, Greensboro; Mrs. W. C. Parks, High Point; Mrs. W. M. Hampton, Greensboro; Mrs. R. P. Randolph, Durham; Mrs. C. B. Coddington, Dunn; Mrs. L. W. V. Cordier, Durham.

Baby Cremated, Mother Declared 'Hopelessly Insane' By Doctors

PHILADELPHIA, PA. —(AP)—The gruesome story of how a 22-year-old mother, declared hopelessly insane by doctors, threw her 13-month-old son in a blazing furnace here recently was unraveled by police after the young mother had cremated the baby alive.

The mother, Mrs. Melba Jean Davis, who police said was released from a St. Louis Mental Hospital on March 23, admitted throwing her little son, Darrell, into the blazing furnace because "the Lord had commanded her to do so."

Mrs. Davis was quoted as saying she heard the Lord say "Darrell has a rash and will give it to all the people; destroy Darrell by fire as a sacrifice to the Lord." Charred bones and ashes of the infant were found by police the following day. Officers said they could hardly believe the story.

Police said Mrs. Davis told them she committed the crime on April 11 when she was alone in the house. She said she had just finished feeding the baby and changing his diaper when the Lord spoke to her.

The young mother said she wrap-

ped the infant in a blue and white blanket, carried him to the basement and threw the baby in the furnace where she had just started a fire.

She told police she closed the furnace door as the child started to scream. She said she then went to her sister's home next door and chattered for about an hour.

Upon returning home, Mrs. Davis stated, she went to the basement to look at the child's remains.

She said she discovered that some parts of the body had not completely burned. With her purse as protection, she said, she pushed the unburned parts into the rear-

ing flames.

When a niece, Miss Vallorie Parks, 15, visited Mrs. Davis later and questioned the baby's sleeping so late, Mrs. Davis then told the girl "I have sent Darrell to the Lord."

Police were then called into the case.

Dr. Poteat Will Deliver St. Augustine's "Finals"

The Ninetieth Commencement program at St. Augustine's College will begin with the Alumni Day on May 25. Highlighting the alumni program will be the alumni luncheon and the general meeting on the college campus beginning at 1:00 p. m. An alumni dance will be held in Taylor Hall at 8:00 p. m.

Baccalaureate speaker is The Rev. Fred Myers, S.T.D., Rector, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Commencement activities will begin at 10:00 a. m. on the college campus, May 27, with Dr. William H. Poteat, professor of Philosophy, University of North Carolina, as speaker.

30 Raleigh Students Accompany String "Ork." To Charlotte Clinic

Thirty Raleigh students participated in a string clinic at the North Carolina Teacher's Association in Charlotte, April 12. Mr. Bernard Mason, violinist of Howard University, Washington, D. C., was there to conduct the demonstration.

Those who attended the clinic were: Mamie Riddick, Wallace Pesce, Marilyn Pridgen, Edna Lyles, Shirley Hinton, Bernda Harris, Faye Eaton, Odessa Brown, Odessie Walton, Evangeline Hunter, Nell Hamm, Carolyn Carter, Carolyn Judkins, Anna Forbes, Edward Thorpe, Valjean Meyers, Brenda Edwards, Harold Williams, Howard Thomas, Laura Hinton.

Georgia Taylor, Alice Mann, Virginia Carr, Mozelle Dolby, Mary Uppetown, Geraldine Battle, Natalie Wilson, Joan Lyles, Carol Ann Adams, and Betty Bogza.

The students were very much inspired by this trip and wish to thank all who made it possible. The group is under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Boulware.

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