

MENTAL TESTS FOR THE SLAYER OF M. EVERS

JACKSON, Miss. — Smiling broadly and making wisecracks for newsmen, Byron de La Beckwith, accused slayer of Medgar W. Evers, former NAACP state field secretary for Mississippi, entered the State Mental Hospital Thursday.

The 42-year-old fertilizer salesman from the delta county of Greenwood, handcuffed to a sheriff, was moved from the county jail to the hospital at nearby Whitfield for a court-ordered mental examination.

Beckwith was lodged in the maximum security section of the hospital.

Handcuffed to Sheriff Bob Gilroy for the move, the smiling Beckwith is said to have been a picture of joviality.

The sheriff and a deputy drove Beckwith the 10 miles from the Hinds jail to Whitfield.

The examination will determine whether Beckwith is mentally competent to stand trial for the Evers killing. He will remain there for at least one month. If declared sane, he will be returned to Jackson to stand trial. If not, he will remain at Whitfield.

Beckwith, married once, divorced, remarried and is presently separated from his second wife.

The question of his sanity was raised by District Attorney Bill Waller after Beckwith reportedly

gave vague answers as to whether his last marriage was happy or not.

Evers was shot in the back as he arrived home from a mass rally in the early morning hours of June 12. He died almost immediately.

A fingerprint found on the rifle used to shoot him, a 30-06 Enfield, was found the day of the shooting.

Beckwith's trip to Whitfield marked the first time he had been out of jail since his arrest June 22.

Mystery Shrouds 3 Deaths

RALEIGH CITIZENS ASSOCIATION VOTES TO BOYCOTT SEARS' STORE

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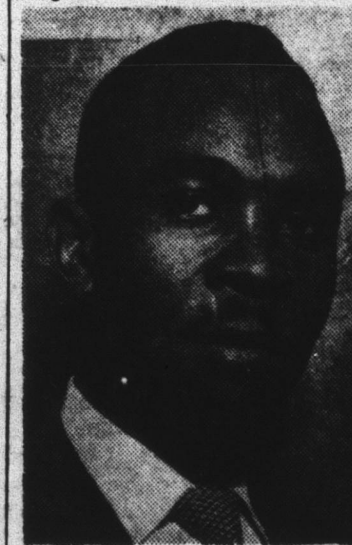
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ATTY HERMAN L. TAYLOR ... given 5 years to pay

Taylor Gets Time To Pay Back Taxes

BALTIMORE, Md. — The United States Court of Appeals last week set aside a lower court ruling that sent Attorney Herman Leroy Taylor of Raleigh, to jail. Concern about the case has been expressed by many people across the Eastern shore of the nation.

Taylor, a civil rights attorney, was charged with income tax evasion after he filed a suit to speed school integration in Raleigh, where he resides at 905 E. Legor Street.

He was sentenced to two years

Decision Abolishes Committee

WASHINGTON (APF) — The action of the Nation's governors in abolishing their resolutions committees to avoid voting on the civil rights issue reverberated back to Capitol Hill this week with partisan Senators denouncing each other.

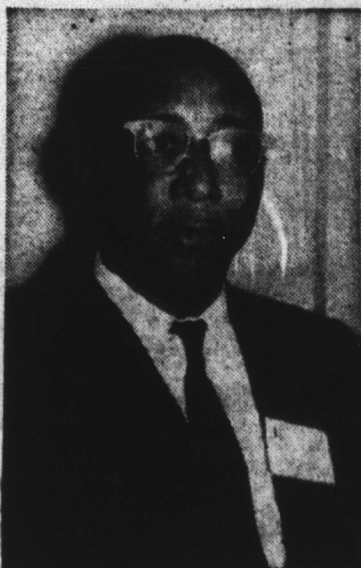
The impetuous, gentle filibuster between the Senators took place in the Senate Commerce Committee hearing room during the interrogation of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., who had just completed testimony in support of the equal accommodations provision of the President's civil rights bill.

Roosevelt, son of the late President and currently acting secretary of the Department of Commerce was being grilled by Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina.

After his question, Sen. Hugh Scott, (R-Pa.) a civil rights supporter told the chairman he wanted the committee to recall Gov. Barnett of Mississippi and Wallace of Alabama "or any old governor" to ask them why they abolished their resolutions committees.

The Governors, meeting at their 1963 annual conference in Miami Beach, Fla., voted Monday (July 22) to abolish their resolutions committee to prevent a resolution of Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of N. Y. and Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon, urging a strong civil rights platform from the Governors.

The vote was a strictly partisan



OLIVER H. EDWARDS ... former Raleigh resident

Morticians' Ex-Prexy Funeralized

WILSON — Oliver Hazel Edwards, past president of the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, died here suddenly while preparing to attend church services Sunday morning.

Mr. Edwards, well known here as owner and manager of the Edwards Funeral Home, 605 E. Nash Street, was a member of the Wilson Housing Authority for a number of years.

Born in Wilson County, he spent some 17 years in Raleigh as a funeral director and businessman. He lived in the 200 block of Camden Street and the

Boycott To Follow Refusals

BY CHARLES R. JONES

Mass picketing and a general boycott of the Sears-Roebuck Department Store, located in Cameron Village, was voted unanimously last Thursday night by the Raleigh Citizens Association. This action was prompted by the store's alleged bias in its hiring policies and other job opportunities denials to Negro citizens.

The decision was made at the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Association, held at the new Chavis Heights Recreation Center, Mrs. Harveigh R. White, vice-president, led the meeting in the absence of the president, the Rev. Dr. Grady D. Davis.

When contacted by this reporter Wednesday morning, Mr. Hunter said he had no comment on the proposed demonstrations and boycott.

He did say, however, "I will be glad to meet with an individual, but no groups. I am just an individual myself. There is not any discrimination going on out here to my knowledge," he concluded.



MARCH BUTTONS — Miss Betty Holton, a secretary at Washington, D. C. headquarters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, displayed, last week, buttons that will be used by participants in the March on Washington August 28. More than 100,000 persons are expected to take part in the civil rights demonstration. (UPI PHOTO).

Democrats Defend Act Of Leader

Young Democrats of this state defended the action of their president in changing the site of a joint State-Southern YDC Rally because of segregation practices of the Sir Walter Hotel last week.

Carolina Hotel played host to the annual session, amid rumors of opposition to the site change and open opposition from a former president of the Young Democrats Club.

Approximately 20 Negroes were on hand for the one-day meeting Saturday.

Persons attending the meet adopted a resolution expressing full confidence in President Dave Reid of Greenville after Reid explained why the change of locations was necessary.

Reid read to the executive committee of the YDC a letter which he wrote on July 20 in response to a scorching letter received from State Utilities Commissioner Sam Worthington, who had blasted Reid's action in changing the site and used very uncomplimentary terms in referring to the Negro delegates who would attend the session.

In his answer, Reid told Worthington: the change in the site was "in what I considered the best interest of the Democratic Party in seeking to avoid the integrationists' (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

NAACP Pres. Sends Reply To Critic

Editor's Note: Following is a letter sent to Sam Worthington, former State YDC president, who was critical of the action last week of State Young Democratic Party president Dave Reid in changing the meeting site from Sir Walter Hotel to Carolina Hotel:

Honorable Sam Worthington
N. C. Utilities Commission
Raleigh, North Carolina

"Dear Mr. Worthington:

"Your failure to deny authorship of the letter to Mr. David Reid relative to the change of meeting place of the State YDC here in Raleigh, as recently set out in the local press, leads us to conclude that you are admitting its authorship. As direct targets of this slanderous and vulgar epistle and inasmuch as its author is a public official of the State of North Carolina whose salary is paid by taxpayers, we do not feel that we can allow your degeneracy to pass unnoticed. We do feel, however, that comment upon the particulars in your letter is unworthy of and inconsistent with the principles to which we hold.

"In view of your utter disrespect for the Negro people of this state, who comprise a large portion of the total population, it appears to us that you are totally incapable and unqualified to hold the high position of Commissioner on the Utilities Commission. Your immediate (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

News Photos



LIVING DOWN TO TAKE A STAND — A white woman and a Negro man lie on the muddy ground as civil rights demonstrators continue their obstruction on July 24 of construction work at the Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. Police made 40 arrests.



SCUFFLE WITH POLICE — Brooklyn, N. Y. pickets scuffle with police during anti-discrimination demonstrations at construction site of the Downstate Medical Center last week. Approximately 100 integrationists gathered at the scene for the third demonstration in as many days to object to re low Negro membership in building trade unions. (ALL ABOVE ARE UPI PHOTOS).

Elks Cite LBJ For 'Service'

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson was commended last week by the Improved, Benevolent, Protective Order of Elks of the World for his "outstanding contributions in support of the ideas embodied in the Declaration of Independence."

In a letter of commendation to the Vice President, Hobson R. Reynolds, Grand Exalted Ruler of the 450,000-member Negro organization said:

"Your active, sincere and de-

State News

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DUNN PICKETING HALTED
DUNN — Rev. B. H. Felder, local leader, said picketing has halted in this Harnett County town, at least for one week.

President of the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People chapter, Rev. Felder said picketing was called off due to the formation of a bi-racial committee.

Picketing Spurs Move By Mayor

Negro and white pickets protesting segregation policies, paraded Thursday in front of the Velvet Cloak Inn-Motel, Gateway Restaurant and the Young Men's Christian Association Building. All three are located on Hillsboro Street.

This was the first demonstration in more than a month, following an announcement that a large group of local businessmen were lowering their racial barriers.

A white sophomore at N. C. State College, William Phillip Parks, said the picketing would continue until the three places open their doors to

Three Bodies Found On N. C. Highway; Police Are Baffled

RUTHERFORDTON — Local police and state troopers are investigating the mysterious deaths of two Negro youths and a Negro man, found just before dawn Saturday sprawled on a highway near here.

The driver of a tractor-trailer truck reportedly saw what he believed to be two logs in the highway and said he was unable to stop before hitting them. Upon investigation, he found the two objects were humans. Nearby, on the shoulder of the road, was a third body, dead but apparently not a victim of a truck or automobile.

All were dead before being struck by a truck or car wheels.

A passing bus driver said he also saw the objects in the road and allegedly verified the story told by the truck driver.

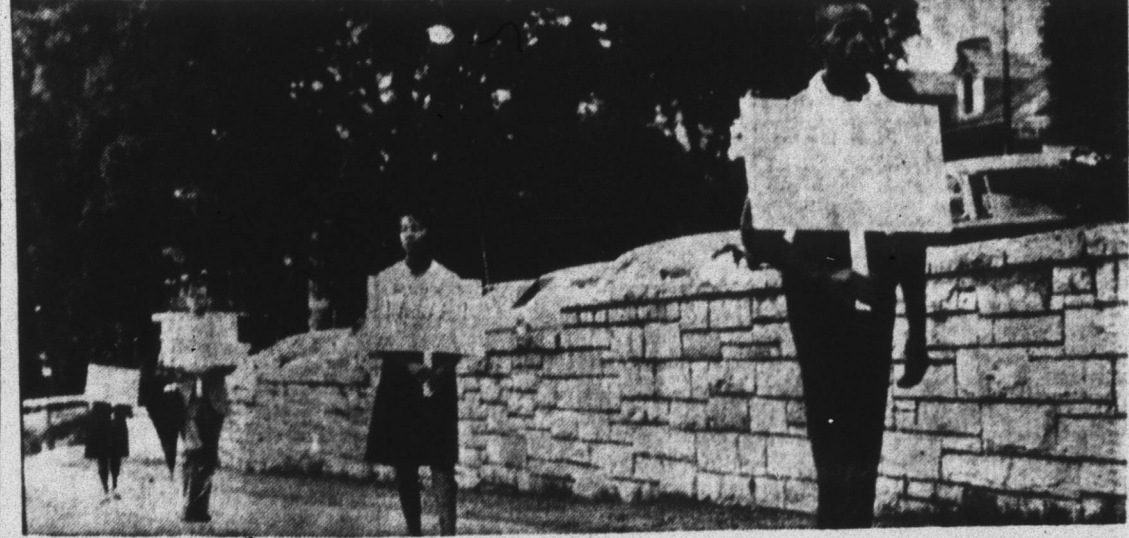
The dead were identified as Norris Curtis Logan, 22, Donald Keith Hannon, 18, both of Asheville; and Lawrence Edward Logan, 18, of Baltimore, Md.

The trio left Asheville Friday night in what officers said was a blue Ford. The missing auto was reportedly found later, about five miles from the spot where the bodies were discovered. Police are baffled as to why the three were found in one location and the car in another.

Officers admitted that there is a strong possibility of foul play as a cause of the death.

A highway patrolman reported that he stopped the three a short distance from where the car was found, said they had been drinking, but were not intoxicated enough for arrest.

At CAROLINIAN press time investigation was continuing.



PICKETING IN MOUNTAIN AREA — Shown above picketing in front of the YMCA on Hillsboro Street are several members of the newly-formed Committee for the Advancement of Racial Equality. The group also picketed the Velvet Cloak Inn-Motel and the Gateway Restaurant, seeking service for Negro patrons. The demonstrations were still in progress at CAROLINIAN press time Wednesday. Above photo was taken last Thursday night.

Clerics Back Good Neighbor Group

BY J. B. HARRISON

ROCKY MOUNT — In an unprecedented action July 24 some thirty-eight (38) clergymen of the integrated Rocky Mount Ministerial Fellowship signed and published a Statement of Resolution endorsing the action of the Mayor's Good Neighbor Committee, which set out last week to get greater consideration for the City's 12,000 people of color in the matter of employment, education and use of public and privately operated facilities catering to the public.

Mayor W. B. (Billy) Harrison and Good Neighbor Committee chairman Joe Brewer had faced a large audience at St. John A.M.E. Zion Church (D. L. Blakely, minister) and asked for cessation of all demonstrations while the GNC endeavors to obtain the desegregation goals of the local colored populace being pushed by the Rocky Mount Voters and Improvement League (VAIL), with the aid on a recently reactivated NAACP Youth Council. VAIL voted almost unanimous approval of the moratorium in picketing.

The statement from the ministers read in part as follows: "We the undersigned ministers of the Christian gospel, called to serve as pastors and religious leaders of the Rocky Mount community, bear a special responsibility for the moral and spiritual guidance of its people. We call upon them, and especially upon the members of the churches, to recognize that the dignity of every man is a central teaching of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." The preamble continued: "Wherever human personality is injured by prejudice, discrimination or contempt, the spirit of Jesus is denied. . . . 'Getting to the point the statement said: "We recognize that the Church (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

"Suicide" Victim Dies

WILSON — Miss Doris Jean Moore, 16-year-old local resident, who was struck by a car last Sunday night in an apparent suicide attempt after she lay down in the street, died early Wednesday morning in a local hospital.

Miss Moore suffered head and pelvic injuries after being struck by a car driven by Clayton Wayne Clark of Wilson.

Two of the girl's companions were quoted as saying she had told them that she was tired and wanted to die before running outside and lying down in the street.

Funeral services were conducted here Sunday, July 28.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Moore; one son, Samuel Moore, one sister, Miss Annie Louise Moore; one brother, James C. Moore, Jr. all of the home; her maternal grandparents, Elder and Mrs. Dave Bullock of Statesburg; and her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary D. Moore of New York City.

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