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Raleigh Scene Of One-Day Session:

NAACP Vows Action Now

75 Leaders Converge On Capital City

BY J. B. HARRIS

Some seventy-five members of the North Carolina NAACP Adult and Youth Councils and College Chapters interrupted their holiday vacations to return to the Capital City to cooperate with the Raleigh NAACP and Citizens Association in the promotion of a "Open House" clinic designed to assist the poor and citizens to secure their vote through intelligent registration programs over 60 days.

Backed by Kelly Alexander, Sr., Charles A. McLean and Newton L. Gregg, local NAACP proxy Ralph Campbell, the Rev. Charles Ward and Bob Shepard hosted the clinic which formed temporary committee chairmen to organize local registration drives.

In District Two the very alive

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Hearing On Murder Rap Postponed

The hearing of Dallas Griffin, 32, originally set for Monday, December 30, has again been delayed. The preliminary is now set for Monday, January 6 in City Court.

Griffin, who murdered his wife, Mrs. Mary Winston Griffin, 47, on November 29, as his horrified daughter looked on, could not afford to hire a lawyer at the time of his arrest, although he did talk to a well-known attorney shortly after he was returned to Raleigh from Clayton, where he fled in an effort to escape the law.

Alton W. Kornegay, an attorney, was named by the court

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ROBESON RECEIVES WARM GREETING—American Paul Robeson (center) is greeted warmly by his son, Paul Jr., and the latter's wife, Marilyn, upon arrival in New York December 22nd. It is the first time since 1958 that the 65-year-old singer has been in the United States. There were reports that Robeson, long associated with Communist front movements, had become disillusioned with Communism, but his wife denied that this is true. (UPI PHOTO).

Tragedy, Violence Led Top 10 News Stories Of Last Year

The year 1963 will go down in history as one of great tragedy marked by the violence of those opposed to the ideals of democracy in America.

Five of the top ten news stories were of violence. Four were related in some way to the increased efforts of Negroes to attain their full rights as citizens. The fifth, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the bombing of the Birmingham church which

murdered the head of an African nation.

This was the conclusion of the editors of the Associated Negro Press after reviewing the significant news events of the year and making their selection of the top ten news stories.

The four which editors related to the civil rights campaign were the assassination of President Kennedy, the bombing of the Birmingham church which

killed four little girls, the assassination of Medgar Evers in Mississippi and the murder of Baltimore Postman William Moore in Alabama.

It is also to be noted that Alabama figured in three of the stories in a negative respect: the Birmingham church bombing, the murder of Postman Moore and the show-down at the University of Alabama.

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Victims Die Over Minor Issues Here

BY CHARLES E. JONES

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day found at least two local families saddened because of the deaths of their loved ones which resulted in murder, while the majority of the Capital City's population rejoiced at the eternal sleep of the year's end.

Francis Thomas Jones wrote that he had at his "house" for the holidays Edward George Jones, 24, of 211 1/2 East North Street, accused of murdering his girl friend's son, also 24, following an argument over a dropped tin of a Christmas tree, and Wade Anderson Womack, 34, charged with the murder of his own brother.

William Edward Lawrence, the first victim, never lived to see Christmas Day. The dead young man's mother, Mrs. Annie Brown, 42, reported to police officers that she and her son were arguing over a dropped tin when Jones entered the room. He allegedly shot her son

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CLARENCE MITCHELL, III

EDWARD COOLIDGE JONES ... killed girl friend's son

Wife Of D. Gregory Still Held

ATLANTA (ANP)—While other Americans were joyfully celebrating Christmas in their homes, Mrs. Lillian Gregory, pregnant wife of nationally famous comedian Dick Gregory, was languishing in an Atlanta city jail after her arrest on Christmas Eve for participating in an anti-segregation sit-in demonstration at the Toddle House restaurant.

Mrs. Gregory, who was arrested along with two women members of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, Misses Frankie Hall, and Robert Yancey, both 22, was participating in her second sit-in in the South when she was arrested for violating a state trespass law. She was arrested on a similar charge in Selma, Ala. last September.

She appeared in court the day after Christmas with her famous husband by her side to answer the charge. She had refused to post a \$100 bond after she was arrested, preferring to spend Christmas in

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Smoking Blamed In Man's Fire Death

Herman Fort, Jr. was given final rites Tuesday, December 31. Three days after he was found burned beyond recognition in his one-room frame house, located on the Rock Quarry Road, about six miles east of the city. The services were held at a rural church in Wake County.

The body of Fort, 37-year-old farm worker, who has lived in Raleigh, Smithfield, Clayton, and Auburn, was discovered by a neighbor who spotted the blaze at 9:30 Saturday night, and attempted to open the door, but found it locked from the inside.



CLARENCE MITCHELL, III

Mitchell To Spark Mass Meet Here

BY STAFF WRITER

The Fourth Annual Mass Meeting of the Raleigh Citizens Association will be held on Sunday, Jan. 12, at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church here.

Featured speaker will be Clarence Mitchell, III, member House of Delegates of the Maryland State Legislature, and son of Clarence Mitchell, Jr., president of the Washington, D. C. NAACP branch. This will be the dynamic young speaker's second appearance in Raleigh within a year.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Coffield is chairman of the program committee. Objectives of the meeting are:

To increase interest in the civil rights struggle; to promote the voter-registration campaign now going on in Raleigh and Wake County; to develop concern about the social and cultural welfare of our community; to invite officers of the Raleigh Citizens Association for 1964; and to give a testimonial to the Rev. Dr. Grady D. Davis, the Association's outgoing president.

During this testimonial, Dr. Davis will be presented a plaque and folder of letters of appreciation. The Rev. John W. Fleming, newly-elected president of the RCA, urges those persons wishing to write letters of appreciation for Dr. Davis' service in the field of civil rights and human relations, to address them to: Dr. Grady D. Davis, 601 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N. C., and mail no later than Jan.

First Baby

Mr. and Mrs. Thaxton Bass are the parents of the first baby born at Wake Memorial Hospital in 1964. Their son, yet unnamed, weighed in at 7 pounds and 15 ounces at 9:25 Wednesday morning, January 1. The Bass family resides at Wendell, Route 1. Mrs. Bass is the former Miss Haseline Jones. She and her baby will be showered with gifts from many Raleigh merchants as indicated on page 9 of this week's edition. Because of the time element, THE CAROLINIAN will not be able to carry a photograph of mother and baby until the next edition.

Wake County Coroner Marshall W. Bennett, who was contacted by The CAROLINIAN Tuesday night, said Fort probably fell asleep while smoking, starting the fire. He ruled the death accidental.

The body was identified by Grady Burnette, owner of the house, who stated that Fort had lived there since it was built about four years ago. Fort worked as a farm hand on Burnette's property.

The unidentified neighbor spotted Burnette, who lives near-

by, and the two of them forced open the door, but flames immediately forced them back.

The small structure was already destroyed when the Garner-Voluntary Fire Department arrived on the scene.

According to Burnette, flames gushed up about 50 feet as he and the neighbor opened the door. Set off about 100 yards from the highway, the house was not near any other buildings.

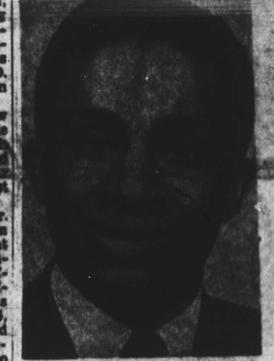
Dr. Davis Given \$500:

Church Honors Departing Cleric

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 22, in an unusual and history-making event, the congregation of the Oberlin Baptist Church held a testimonial reception in honor of its departing pastor, Dr. Grady D. Davis which was held in the main sanctuary of the church.

This affair was given to show the appreciation and gratitude felt by the members of this church for the untiring services rendered by Dr. Davis during his previous pastorate of the Oberlin Baptist Church.

During the 10-year tenure, Dr. Davis was called upon to perform a task which was so significant that he made no other contribution to the church, his one effort of itself would have been sufficient to prove mastery of his leadership. In January of 1954 the wooden structure which had housed the congregation of the Oberlin Baptist Church burned to the ground. Less than 7 months later the joyful members of that same congregation were worshipping in their brand new, modern brick structure. Not only was the church building new but its equipment, new pulpit, pews, furniture including an up to date, fully equipped kitchen in the basement, were all new. This modern mis-



DR. GRADY D. DAVIS

ch was inspired by the dynamic leadership of Dr. Davis, who like Moses, generated such a spark of faith, trust and confidence that his followers, exceeding their own fondest hopes, found those hopes

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Fire Brings Sudden Death To 12 Members Of Family

CHARLESTON, S. C. (ANP)—Christmas Day brought tragic death instead of happiness to 12 members of a poverty-stricken family here, who perished in a fire which destroyed their home. Included among the 12 victims were 9 minor children.

The fire here was one of three holocausts which took a toll of 19 lives in three cities. The others were in Spring Lake, Mich., and Washington, Pa.

The most heart-rending of the tragedies struck the family of Mrs. Mary Lee Johnson, 61, and her husband, Walter, 51, Mrs.

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FUTURE FAMILIES HOLD GET-TOGETHER—A happy family reunion for the families of Chubby Checker and his fiancée is pictured on the faces above. Left to right are: Raymond Evans, Chubby's father; Mrs. Tena Ladders, mother of fiancée; Catherine Ladders, the bride-to-be; Chubby Checker; Lees Ladders, and Mrs. Earlie Evans. The Ladders family arrived from Holland on December 26 to meet Chubby's folks. (UPI PHOTO).