

Eleven Had Voted Death Penalty, But

NEGRO JUROR SAVES MEN

Mrs. Dove Relates Robbery Ordeal



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Fire Kills Five N. C. Children

Sleeping In Same Room; Fire Strikes

KINSTON—Five of eleven children asleep in a rural home near here were burned to death early Saturday.

Dead are: Bobby Charles Spencer, 9; Ariens Gibbs, 2 months old, a cousin; Eryn Ray Spencer, 2; and Brenda Joyce and Linda Faye Spencer, 1 1/2.

Mrs. Verda Spencer, mother of the four youngest children, stated her kids were sleeping in the house where they died until some repairs could be made on her house nearby.

The five dead children were all sleeping in one of the five-room house. Nine of the 11 in the house were Mrs. Spencer's. She was being Ariens Gibbs and another keeping Ariens Gibbs and another One of the two adults in the structure, Otis Jones, said he was awakened by smoke and aroused the others. Smoke and fire prevented his getting to the smaller children, he declared.

Being sought in connection with the fire is Jesse James Williams, the other adult occupant of the house at the time.

Jones stated he last saw Williams trying to start a fire in the fireplace. Police theorized the fire began from the open hearth.

Two trucks were sent to the blazing house after Graham Hodges, owner of the tenant dwelling.

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WHERE FIVE CHILDREN DIED — A small white dog sits outside the burned remains of a Kinston farmhouse last Saturday, unable to understand what has happened inside. Five Negro children, all sleeping in the same room, were burned to death. The mother and six other children escaped. (UPI PHOTO).

Integrated Team Robs Arthur Dove

BY CHARLES R. JONES
In an exclusive interview with The CAROLINIAN Tuesday morning, Mrs. Evelyn White Dove, wife of the owner of Dove Music Company, related the entire story of the robbery which occurred at their home last Thursday night.

Over \$500 was taken in the incident. They had originally demanded \$20,000 from the couple.

Two unidentified white men rang the doorbell about 10 p. m. as the 1950 Chevrolet Street Roadster, Mrs. Dove turned on the porch light and peered through an opening, where she saw the men exhibiting badges and pictures of themselves.

She then admitted them and the pair stated they were from the FBI's income tax division, and wanted to talk to Arthur Dove and she about income tax matters.

Mr. Dove, who was in bed, was summoned by his wife. He wondered at the lateness of the visit by the soon-to-be-exposed impostors.

However, he came into the living room where one of the two began reading what appeared to be a warrant. Mrs. Dove had \$500 in the kitchen, but soon returned.

As the "agents" turned their backs to the couple as if to put the papers back into a brief-

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MRS. ARTHUR DOVE

Thousands Jam Funeral Home For Final Look At Singer Sam Cooke

BY LEE BLACKWELL
CHICAGO — In the last few days of his life, he is a GIANT in death.

Shocked and saddened friends of the famed singer and recording artist steadfastly refused to accept reports of the circumstances surrounding his death.

As estimated 10,000 persons, including Heavyweight Boxing Champion Cassius (Muhammad Ali) Clay, filed through the Leak Colonial Chapels to view the remains of the 33-year-old Chicago-reared versatile entertainer who began his climb to fame as a gospel singer.

Another estimated 5,000 persons jammed the surrounding area, but were unable to enter the funeral home during the four-hour viewing period. The crowd began forming around 1 p. m., through the viewing hours were from 3 to 7 p. m.

Chicago police put into effect an elaborate emergency plan to control the huge crowd, including thousands of teenagers who pushed and shoved in their eagerness to enter and pay final respects to their departed idol. So great was the press of the crowd that glass panels in the door of the funeral home were broken. Luckily, however, no one was injured.

The original police contingent of 20 cars and 50 patrolmen had to be augmented by additional forces halfway through the viewing period.

One Slain, Six Injured In Charlotte

CHARLOTTE — A man wounded six persons, including his wife, two of his children, a bystander, and two local officers in a shooting spree with a shotgun Sunday, according to police reports. The officers shot 58-year-old John Potts to death.

Potts allegedly started the incident by shooting his wife, Mrs. Virginia Potts, 38, at their home here.

He was slain by one of the cops after he had fired his shotgun at them, wounding both, but not seriously.

Potts' children told police their father had been released from prison last Thursday after serving 23 days of a 30-day sentence for assault.

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auditorium was completely filled some five hours before services began, and again thousands had to be turned away.

Included on the program, which was broadcast over Radio Station WVON, were the Soul Stirrers and the Staple Singers, both gospel singing groups with whom the late Cooke had, at one time or another in his singing career, been in association.

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Juror Bursts Into Tears, Saves Four

GREENSBORO — Guilford County Superior Court Judge Robert M. Gambill sentenced four Negro men to life imprisonment Friday night for raping a white woman, Miss Mary Lou Marion, 20, of Winston-Salem, after a racially integrated jury reversed it.

J. H. Peebles Winner Of \$1,000 Here

John H. Peebles, of 1016 S. Person Street, was declared the winner of the money tree Monday night of \$1,000 in one dollar bill-as Wesley Williams, executive of the Raleigh Merchants Bureau, drew his name from over 150,000.

Peebles, who is the father of seven children, is a plasterer. He was interviewed over radio station WHAL Monday night and said the money will come in handy, Christmas being only three days away.

There were 40 sponsors, including the radio station. Mr. Peebles left his name at Lowe's, on Downtown Boulevard. Persons were allowed to register more than once, according to official of the radio station.

This is the first time Raleigh had had a money tree promotion.

The drawing was held at Raleigh Savings and Loan Company, where the tree was on display. RS&L was another of the sponsors, as was Lowe's.

self in the case of one of the young men and recommended mercy. An appeal notice was filed immediately after announcement of the term. One of the two Negro jurors was responsible for saving the lives of the four men charged.

The court was astounded when Judge Gambill announced that one of the two girls, who were reportedly with the defendants will stand trial as accomplices during a later term of court.

Miss Janice Dockery, the 19-year-old defendant, was jailed earlier Friday and held without bond in High Point.

The white woman, who was raped, stated Miss Dockery had repeatedly pulled her hair and attempted to remove a ring from her finger.

After the jury first announced at 7:35 p. m. Friday that

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Mrs. Veasey New Prexy Of Local NAACP

The Raleigh branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held its final meeting of 1964 on Sunday.

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NAACP LIFE MEMBERS NOW — Retiring local NAACP president, Ralph Campbell, Sr., left, is shown receiving payments on life memberships from, left to right, Dr. Joseph Jones, Jr., president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Mrs. Millie D. Veasey, for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; and the Rev. Charles W. Ward, for the First Baptist Church.

Rev. Costen To Atlanta; Davie St. Church Gets Rev. Hutchinson

BY J. E. HARRIS

ROCKY MOUNT — The session and congregation of the Mount Pisgah United Presbyterian Church here received, with regret, the resignation of the Rev. James Hutten Costen, who came to the field (including Elm City First U. P. Church) in October, 1955 as a student-supply; was called and installed upon his graduation from J. C. Smith Theological Seminary early in 1956.

Costen, a native of Omaha, Nebraska, (his schoolmates call him "Omaha") has made for himself



REV. JAMES H. COSTEN

Says Miss. Is Illegally In The U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A charge that Mississippi is illegally in the Union has been made here by the three congressmen-elect of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP).

The three, Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, Mrs. Annie Devine and Mrs. Victoria Gray charged in briefs served on Mississippi's congressmen-elect that under an act of Congress passed February 23, 1957 which readmitted Mississippi to the Union, the state pledged never

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an enviable record since arriving at J. C. Smith as a freshman in 1948.

During nine years at the local Mt. Pisgah U. P. Church, Costen has led the congregation, which numbered about seventy-five active members, to build a modern edifice valued at \$100,000 and the membership has increased to 165. This year the church will pay out a \$13,000 budget with \$1400 of it going to mission causes.

Costen has accepted a Call to do service for the New Church Development Board of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, in Atlanta, Ga., beginning in February. His family will remain here until June school closings.

Costen is married to the

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From Raleigh's Police Files

THE CRIME BEAT

BY CHARLES R. JONES

Man Beaten And Robbed Of \$30

John Gus Kelly, 36, of 1319 A Holman Street, told Officer S. W. Adcock at 1:05 a. m. Saturday, as he was walking east on W. South Street, approaching S. McDowell, four men, wearing black kerchiefs over their faces, knocked him to the ground and "relieved" him of about \$30, which was in his wallet.

Kelly declared he didn't know in which direction the four fled. He also stated he could not identify his attackers, and the cop said, "I couldn't find anyone fitting the megar description he gave me, nor could I find anyone who

knew anything about the incident."

Assaulted With Bottle By Mate

Mrs. Osthine Whitaker, of H-1 Washington Terrace, informed Officer J. G. Harbour at 1:43 p. m. Sunday, her husband, Claude Whitaker, "hit me on top of my head with a bottle," causing a laceration on top of her head.

After being treated at Wake Memorial Hospital, Mrs. Whitaker refused to sign a warrant, as the cops did. Whitaker, 47, was later "busted off" to jail by Officer R. B. Callahan on a count of assault with a deadly weapon.

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