

OBITUARIES

BAHA'IS EXECUTED IN IRAN

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ALLEN LUTHER HUNT
Hamor, SC—Mr. Allen Luther Hunt, age 80, died Sunday at St. Eugene Hospital in Dillon, S.C.

He was born in Robeson County, the son of the late Archie and Susan Dial Hunt. He was the widower of Mrs. Nora Neil Oxendine Hunt. He was a retired farmer.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Fairview United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

He is survived by six sons: Mr. Willie Junior Cummings, Mr. Bernice Hunt and Mr. Luther Ed Hunt, all of Dillon; Mr. Harvey Hunt of Charlotte, NC; Mr. Horace Hunt of Matthews, NC; Mr. Edward Joyce Hunt of Albemarle, SC; four daughters: Mrs. Rosie Lee Locklear and Mrs. Dorothy Neilsen, both of Santa Monica, California; Mrs. Freda Bramble of Greenville, SC; Mrs. Betty Jane Carroll of Goldsboro, NC; five sisters: Mrs. Addie Mae Wilkes of Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Dovie Bell Sampson of Rafeord, NC; Mrs. Vonnie Sampson of Pembroke, NC; Mrs. Ava Wallace of Brownsville, SC; Mrs. Letha Griffin of Lumberton, NC; 31 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

The family received friends at Rogers Funeral Home in McColl, SC between 7 and 9 p.m. on Monday evening.

MRS. CLARA MAE BARNES

Mrs. Clara Mae Barnes, age 47, of Rt. 2 Box 828, Lumberton, NC, died Wednesday morning at Southeastern General Hospital. Funer-

al services were 2:00 Friday at Biggs Funeral Chapel in charge was Rev. Tessie Blue. Burial followed in Back Swamp Cemetery. Officiating were the Rev. Jerry Butler and Mr. Isley Wilcox.

Survivors include her husband, Mr. Neal Barnes Jr. of the home; 2 sons, Mr. Durham Barnes and Mr. Allen Wayne Barnes both of Lumberton; 3 daughters, Mrs. Brenda Lee Bullard, Mrs. Annie Pearl Lindsey, and Mrs. Betty Carol Jacobs all of Lumberton; 3 brothers, Mr. Charlie Hunt of Lumberton, Mr. Victor Hunt and Mr. Tim Hunt Jr. both of Baltimore, MD; 4 sisters, Mrs. Pearl Owens, Mrs. Beulah Jacobs, Mrs. Alice Hites, and Mrs. Florie Cummings all of Lumberton. Family also included 19 grand-children and 1 great-grand-child.

MARY RUTH LOCKLEAR

Mrs. Mary Ruth Locklear, age 46, of Rt. 1, Pembroke, NC (Union Chapel Community) died Monday morning at Southeastern General Hospital as a result of injuries received in an auto accident December 24, 1981.

Funeral services were Thursday at the Union Chapel Community Church with burial following in the Locklear Family Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Mr. Frank Locklear of the home; 2 sons, Mr. Jimmy Cummings of Raleigh, NC, and Mr. Patrick Cummings of Rt. 1, Pembroke, NC; 2 daughters, Mrs. Belinda Chavis of Lumberton, NC, and Miss Libby Ann Locklear of the home; 1 sister, Mrs. Vernon Hazel Locklear of Pembroke, NC; and 1 grand-child.

Durham—Six of the nine members of the local Baha'i governing body of Tehran were secretly executed by Iranian authorities on Jan. 4, 1982 according to reports reaching here today from the United States Baha'i National Center. Executed with them was the woman in whose home their meeting was taking place when all seven were summarily arrested on November 2, 1981. This brings to fifteen the number of Baha'is, including eight national leaders, executed within nine days.

The seven executed on Jan. 4, were: Mr. Kurush Tala'i; Mr. Khusraw Muhandisi; Mr. Iskandar Azizi; Mr. Fathullah Firdawsi; Mr. Atta'u'llah Yavari; Mrs. Shiva Mahmudi Asadullah-Zadhi, and Mrs. Shidrukh Amir-Kiya Baqa. They include members of various professions and a thirty two year old father of two. Their names are added to the 111 local Baha'i leaders who have been executed or have disappeared over the last sixteen months in Tehran, Tabriz, Yazd, Darun, Isfahan, and Hamadan.

"These heinous actions by government authorities have effectively decimated both the national and Tehran leadership of the 300,000 member Baha'i religion in Iran in one fell swoop," according to Mr. Robert Tansik, chairman of the Baha'i Teaching Committee for central North Carolina. Eight members of Iran's Baha'i National Assembly were cladenstinely executed on Dec. 27, 1981. "In both instances," Mr.

Tansik said, "authorities have tried to conceal their shameful actions from the world by executing these innocent people furtively and burying them unceremoniously with out notifying their families."

According to Mr. Tansik, "We are witnessing the fulfillment of the sinister campaign by Iranian authorities to eliminate the Baha'i religion in Iran by ruthlessly attacking its leadership. Neither cowardly denials by government officials nor trumped up charges," he said, "can obscure the religious motivation for this dastardly pogrom against the Baha'is of Iran."

Immediately following reports last week carried by the State Department, the Associated Press, and United Press International that the eight members of Iran's Baha'i National Assembly had been secretly executed without charges or trials, the President of Iran's Supreme Court, the Ayatollah Musave-Ardibili, denied the executions. Several days later, however, he was compelled to admit that eight Baha'is had been executed for "spying for foreign powers."

"We are not misled by the now familiar smokescreen of leveling spurious charges against the law-abiding Baha'is in Iran," Mr. Tansik stated. "Not one shred of substantiating evidence has ever been produced by Iranian authorities. Indeed, at every turn, the Baha'is have been denied any opportunity to publically defend themselves against these malicious accusations," Mr. Tansik said.

Despite the Ayatollah Ardibili's denial that the executions are religiously motivated, the published verdicts on many Baha'i leaders executed in recent months have cited such charges as "fighting God and His Messenger," "Creating discord and disunity amongst Moslems," and "Corruption on earth." Government documents dismissing Baha'is from their jobs, cancelling their pensions, and denying them educational opportunities have referred to them as members of "the misled and misguided sect." Since its beginning in Iran 137 years ago, the Baha'i

religion has aroused the opposition of Iran's fundamentalist Muslim Clergy, who regard the new religion as a heresy. Baha'is believe that the founder of their religion, Baha'u'llah, is the most recent prophet of God. His teachings about the common foundation of the world's religions, the oneness of all the faces, the equality of men and women, and the necessity of establishing a world government for the maintenance of a lasting peace have stirred the violent opposition of the fundamentalist elements in Iran.

OUTREACH HOLINESS CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School begins at 10:00 o'clock at the Outreach Holiness Church. Morning Worship Service at 11:00 o'clock. Wednesday night service at 7:30 p.m. Service each first and third Sunday night at 7:00. Rev. James Bullard Jr. is Pastor.

During Sunday School the Lord Blessed His People. Bro. Jimmy Jones gave a wonderful testimony. We had a wonderful Lesson, *Declaring The True God*. Visiting with us was Rev. Norman Emanuel, he also gave some good comments from the Word.

Due to Sister Fannie's sickness the news is given this week by Sister Hammonds. Sister Fannie is in Durham County General Hospital, but we are trusting the Lord that by the time you read this she will be home.

We are having a special singing Saturday night, Jan. 23, beginning at 7:00 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. At Outreach, we are trying to reach those who have not been reached. We coveth prayers. May God's richest blessings continue to be with you, one and all.



"Theatrical candy that melts in your mind, leaving you hungry for more," states William Hamilton of the *Los Angeles Panorama*. He is referring to the delights of Dr. Tom & Seus, a mime performance scheduled for January 23, 1982 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

Dr. Tom & Seus present a children's show that entertains and educates audiences ranging in age from three to seventeen years. Using their bodies and faces, verbal explanations, and musical accompaniment; Tom & Seus present mime as an accessible and vital art form. Because of their long experience in performing for school audiences, they act out mime stories and sketches that are appropriate to the nature of their audiences and provide thought, laughter, and feeling as only the non-verbal nature of mime can do. As well as performing crafted pieces, Dr. Tom & Seus also do improvisational mime using ideas from the audience. They devote a part of every show to inviting members of the audience to come on stage and experience performing mime with them. This part of the show is

always a favorite and Dr. Tom & Seus have not yet lost a child to stage fright. They are dedicated to expressing to young audiences the power and beauty of mime; and in their professional yet relaxed style of performing, offer a show that is a delight for students and teachers alike.

"I especially recommend them for children with learning disabilities. Tom & Seus had a wonderful, patient, and challenging way with these children. Their program was rewarding for all concerned," raves Karen Riddle, Disability Teacher in California.

Dr. Tom & Seus is part of a newly formed children's series which includes such fantastic attractions as the February 26 production of "The Prince and The Pauper" and "The Three Musketeers"; the March 13 appearance of the Nee Niny Band; and the Flying Lemon Circus attraction on April 3, 1982.

For the economical price of \$9.50 your child can take advantage of this entertaining and educational line up of events. Tickets are on sale now and may be ordered by calling the PSU Box Office at 521-OPSU (0778).

Riverside Independent Baptist Church will sponsor a gospel singing Saturday, Jan. 30, at 7:30 p.m.

The following groups will be performing: McNeill Trio, Heaven Bound Boys, Adult Choir of the Church, Brotherhood Choir of the church, Young People's Choir of the church and the Children's Choir will also be performing. Special invited group will be the D&L Gospel Group from Pembroke, N.C.

Admission is free. Pastor of the church is Rev. Chesley McNeill. The church is located on Hwy. 74 west of Inst. 95.

IN THE ARMED SERVICES

RICHARD A. CLARK

Marine Sgt. Richard A. Clark, son of Volle Clark Jr. of Shannon, NC has graduated from the Staff Noncommissioned Officers (SNCO) Academy at Camp Lejeune, NC.

The Academy is designed to provide staff sergeants and sergeants selected for promotion to staff sergeant the fundamental skills, professional knowledge and leadership required by Marine SNCO at the staff sergeant and gunnery sergeant levels.

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A 1975 graduate of Red Springs High School, Clark joined the Marine Corps in June 1975. His wife, Helen, is the daughter of James H. and Helen M. Teague of 154 Brigman St., Red Springs, NC.

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