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# 'EEL' CASE GOES TO SUPERIOR COURT RURAL EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETS

## Problems Of Country Teachers Aired In D. C. Gathering January 2-3

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AN P)—The Council on Rural Education, under whose guidance the Julius Rosenwald Fund has set aside \$1,000,000 to be expended, chiefly for the purpose of building up important teachers' colleges in the South, held its annual meeting here Jan. 2 and 3. Southern and national education officials and representatives of foundations were in attendance, and their discussions were devoted to two elementary essentials of good rural teaching—the three R's, especially reading, with a view to building up something more than census literacy, and the education of teachers to meet the conditions which they will find when they get out to rural schools and communities.

"When a teacher finds that the roof on his school leaks and has leaked for years, he must know how to repair it, or how to get the community or county to have it repaired," said Edwin R. Embree, president of the Julius Rosenwald fund. "Moreover the teacher in any rural district is the know-all and be-all," Mr. Embree said, "and should know the answers to such questions as 'how to test seed-corn, what to do about potato bugs and boll weevil, and how to build a corn crib.' He must be able at least to talk sensibly about such things in order to maintain status in the community. He must know how to reduce instruction to the needs and limitations of the community."

The rural education staff of the Julius Rosenwald fund has constituted the direct staff of the council together with explorers and research workers appointed from time to time for special



**JAMES H. VANHOOK, who was shot to death here Tuesday evening by T. D. Parham, prominent business man of this city. The shooting occurred at the printing establishment operated by Mr. Parham and his son and following a threat made by the slain man that he was coming to get Parham.**

tacks. The Council on Rural Education is concerned with improving rural schools, both white and colored, in the southern states. The General Education board, the Southern Education Foundation, and the Carnegie corporation are represented on the council as well as an advisory body. Appropriations totalling \$100,000 have been made by the fund to special courses for the preparation of rural teachers at the white state normal colleges at Statesboro and Carrollton, Ga., and at the Negro state normal college at Gambling, La.

## Durham Business Man Shoots Intruder To Death Tuesday Night When Threatened With Beating

PRESIDENT QUEZON OF  
PHILIPPINES RECALLS  
MAJOR LOVING

MANILA, Philippines Islands, Jan. 5.—(ANP)—Major Walter H. Loving reached the Philippines last week, having been recalled to duty by President Quezon, long his friend, to reorganize the famous Philippine Constabulary Band which he organized away back in 1902 as well as to survey the possibilities of establishing band units at every army post in the Island Republic.

Major Loving who has been living in Oakland, Calif., engaged in the real estate business during the 14 years he retired from the Philippine Constabulary Band in 1923, gained international fame as its leader. At the express invitation of then Gov. William Howard Taft he brought the band to America to appear in the Grand Exposition of St. Louis in 1902. In 1909 the aggregation went all the way to Washington to play in Taft's inauguration. In 1915 it was sent to America as the Philippine musical contribution to the Pan-American Exposition in San Francisco and it is reported that if the band reaches the perfection which President Quezon desires, that it may make another triumphal pilgrimage to America for the New York World's Fair in 1938.

Mrs. Loving, and Walter Jr., arrived with the Major on the S. S. President Coolidge. Mrs. Loving, accounted one of America's most beautiful matrons, is reported looking forward with interest to the social life in the islands although regretful to leave her lovely residence in Oakland, one of the famous homes of northern California.

The funeral of J. H. Vanhook, well known Durham man will be held Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Mt. Vernon Baptist church of this city. Vanhook was shot to death by T. D. Parham, prominent business man of this city Tuesday afternoon around 6:30 o'clock when he attempted to enter the printing establishment located at 508 Fayetteville street and operated by Mr. Parham and his son. Immediately after the shooting Parham called the police department, notified them what he had done, and waited at his place of business until they arrived.

Earlier in the day Vanhook went to the printing establishment and inquired of the whereabouts of the older son and his father. He was told by Parham fourteen year old son that he did not know where they, his father and his brother were. Vanhook it is alleged proceeded to beat the younger boy and upon leaving the place made a threatening statement to the effect that he would return and get Parham Senior and his other son.

According to information obtained by a representative of the Carolina Times Vanhook called Mr. Parham a few minutes before he went to the printing office, and told him that he was coming there for the purpose of getting him. Parham stated that when Vanhook pushed open the door leading into his office with his right hand in his pocket in a threatening manner that he grabbed his gun and started firing on him.

Vanhook was rushed to Lincoln hospital where he died about a half hour after being admitted. According to physicians Vanhook was shot twice through the thigh, once in the body and

twice in the head. Police found no weapon on the person of the dead man, although his right hand was in his coat pocket they said.

The death of Vanhook it is alleged ended several years of terrorizing of the Parhams by the former. On one occasion Vanhook slapped Mr. Parham several times in the lobby of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, until he was ordered to stop by another person present. On other occasions the deceased is alleged to have threatened Parham and members of his family with suits and beatings.

When questioned as to why he did not refuse printing jobs offered to him by Vanhook, Parham replied that he was afraid not to take them, and was afraid to report his antagonist to the police. He also stated that he hoped to finally make friends with him, and on many occasions had delivered printing jobs to him without ever receiving any money for them.

Mr. Parham is well known in business circles of this state and Virginia. Prior to coming to Durham about twenty years ago he was in the banking business in Norfolk, Va. He is president of the T. D. Parham and Associates, Inc., real estate organization of this city, Trust Officer of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, director of the Mutual Building and Loan Association, and a director of the bank of which he is trust officer.

Up to running about the law several years ago, Mr. Vanhook was employed by Hibbert Florist. Mr. Parham will be given a preliminary hearing Wednesday January 12 in recorder's court on a charge of manslaughter. Bond in the sum of \$1,000 was signed by E. R. Merrick and L. J. Spaulding.

IRENE CASTLE MCLAUGHLIN  
AND MARVA LOUIS MODEL  
CHARGED WITH BURGLARY

Chicago, Jan. 5.—(ANP)—Before a capacity crowd which jammed the Eighth Regiment Armory Mrs. Irene Castle McLaughlin and Mrs. Marva Trotter Louis, strolled about a miniature stage, descended a runaway and pirouetted about the dance floor as they modelled various creations here Wednesday night as a benefit style show and dance.

The publication in dailies, weeklies and magazines over the country of the pictures of Mrs. McLaughlin, famous as a leader of society, a former international dancer and the center of a pending divorce action from her millionaire husband, Major McLaughlin, taken with the wife of Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, and her co-sponsor in the event, had aroused widespread interest and comment. The audience, however, was colored with the exception of a dozen or so persons.

Half a dozen beautiful girl models assisted in displaying the frocks and dresses, many of which were from the personal wardrobe of Mrs. Louis. The affair was given for the benefit of the South Central District of the United Charities. Joe Louis was introduced from the audience.

AUTHOR OF 'HALF CASTE'  
STUDYS AMERICAN NEGRO

LOWELL, Mass., Jan. 5.—(ANP)—Cedric Dover, brilliant Eurasian student and lecturer and author of the widely-discussed book "Half Caste," came here last week to get first hand information concerning living conditions among Negroes and to study the labor situation as it affects the colored worker.

Dover, who is now 33, was born in India, where, at the age of 17 he astonished scholars by being placed in charge of the Entomological Survey of India. A year later he was given an executive post on the Asiatic Society of Bengal, India, the youngest man ever to hold that position.

The writer wishes to broaden his travels in America to include a trip into the deep South, to study colored workers in rural and farm areas, where some are paid as low as one dollar for a week's work. Speaking of so-called "white superiority" and supremacy, Author Dover said: "It is the urgent need of all oppressed colored people to establish the closest bonds of international solidarity in order to combat the vicious and insidious propaganda of the imperialists and fascists on the inferiority of colored races' theme."

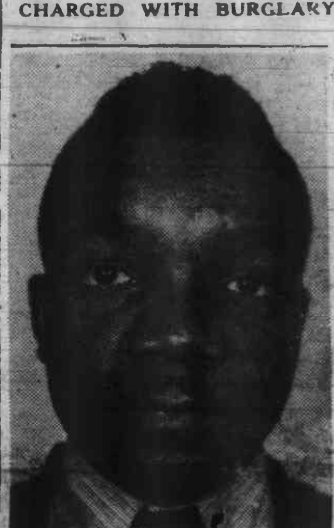
BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL  
BOARD TO MEET IN  
NASHVILLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 5.—(ANP)—Members of the board of directors of the Sunday School Congress, National Baptist Convention, will hold an important meeting on January 26 in merchant C. G. Shelton. The accused man surrendered, but taken to county jail, refused to make a statement. Police have learned no details of the crime.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS SLAY  
OF WAR VETERAN

FINE (LUFF), Ark.—Mystery still surrounds the shotgun slaying last Saturday of Walter Ivory, World War veteran, who died in a local hospital after being allegedly shot by a colored

## PROBABLE CAUSE IS FOUND IN CASES OF MORRIS AND FISHER



**DAVID FISHER, well known young man of this city, who was charged in a preliminary hearing here this week of being implicated in the many burglaries staged here and in Raleigh by Arthur "Lucky" Morris, known as the "Slippery Eel". Both Morris and Fisher will be tried at the next term of Superior Court which convenes here in Feb.**

ED ALSTON BOUND OVER TO  
SUPERIOR COURT ON BRUTAL  
CHARGE OF MURDER

ED ALSTON confessed slayer of Mrs. Janie Wilkerson 103-year-old Durham citizen was bound over to Superior court here Tuesday on a charge of first degree murder after a preliminary hearing in recorder's court. Alston is expected to be tried at the next term of superior court which will be held here in February.

The aged woman was slain in her home Thursday afternoon when Alston attempted to rob her of \$50 which had been given her to keep by her grandson. Alston had been rooming at the home.

Mrs. Frances Elliott, 19-year-old granddaughter who was beaten over the head with the same heavy piece of wood with which Alston slew Mrs. Wilkerson, is recovering in Duke hospital. She was lying across a bed in the home at the time of the killing and Alston struck her to prevent her from making an outcry.

According to police the murderer has confessed to the killing and of having taken \$10 from Mrs. Wilkerson.

DR. RUSSELL RICE, HUSBAND  
OF FORMER MISS DOROTHY  
SKINNER SUCCEUMS IN KY.

Dr. Russell Rice, husband of the former Miss Dorothy Skinner of this city died at his home in Louisville, Kentucky, Saturday January 1 from a complication of diseases.

Dr. Rice spent two years in Durham as an interne at Lincoln hospital. His wife was formerly employed by the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Union Insurance and Realty Company of this city.

this city at Morris Memorial Building. Dr. W. H. Jennings is president of the Congress and Dr. H. T. Sims the secretary.

ARTHUR "Lucky" Morris and David Fisher, charged with burglarizing the homes of white citizens here and in Raleigh were given a hearing in recorder's court here Tuesday, and ordered held for the grand jury at the conclusion of the hearing.

Morris was arrested here last week when he attempted to cash a Liggett and Myers tobacco check at a local bank, which is alleged to have been stolen from one of the homes burglarized. Fisher's arrest followed that of Morris, and he has been charged with burglarizing homes, and with being an accomplice of Morris.

Because of the ease and slickness with which he worked Morris was known in police circles as the "slippery eel." He and Fisher are alleged to have entered more than 40 homes here and in Raleigh.

A score or more of articles which police say were found in the possession of the young men was sufficient evidence according to the decision of the court to have them held for the next session of Superior Court which will be held in February.

Although Morris was identified by W. F. Spence who testified that he focused a flashlight directly in the face of the "eel" when he entered his home at 113 North Holman street, the former denied having entered his home, and likewise denied entering the homes of any other persons here or in Raleigh.

Several witnesses identified articles found in the possession of Morris and Fisher which they say were stolen from their homes. Three of the witnesses testified that their homes had been entered after they and other had gone to sleep. Fisher denies having burglarized homes here or in Raleigh.

In addition to being charged with burglary on six counts Morris has been charged with forgery on three counts. Fisher has been charged with burglary in only one count, and has not been charged with forgery at all.

CONDEMNED TEXAN GIVEN  
NEW TRIAL

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 5.—(ANP)—The court of criminal appeals last week order retried the case of Harry Lacy, a Negro given the death sentence in Grimes county for killing a white man. The case attracted unusual attention because of defense claims that the jury was composed of members of a political organization called the "White Man's Union Ass'n" and for that reason sought unsuccessfully to obtain a change of venue.

On the court's own motion it had been sent to Grimes county from T.inity where Lacy admittedly shot Edgar Womack on an outgrowth of the theft of the latter's hog, but the defendant wanted still another change, claiming he could not have an impartial trial in Grimes county. In its appeal the defense asserted the Ass'n was more than 40 years old and was organized for the purpose of freeing the county

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## Hotel Porter Is Hero Of Disastrous Fire

TUPELO, Miss., Jan. 5.—(ANP)—Herman Humphrey, colored porter at the Southern Hotel was the outstanding hero of a fierce fire early Tuesday morning that destroyed the hotel with a loss of approximately \$75,000. More than a score of guests, awakened at the last minute escaped in scanty attire and several others leaped to safety from the second floor windows.

Awakened suddenly at 2 a. m. by the stifling smoke, Porter Humphrey stumbled blindly thru the hallways, falling several times, but reaching the room of every guest and warning them in time to make their escape. One guest who refused to leave until he could get his clothing Humphrey pulled through a window just as the flames poured into the room.

The blaze was one of the spectacular in the city's history. Flames shot 200 feet into the air, trees and telephone poles nearby caught fire and that entire section of the city was illuminated. When firemen arrived so intense was the heat they could approach no nearer than 50 feet from the

DINING CAR WAITERS,  
COOKS, GET PAY INCREASE

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 5.—(ANP)—Increases in pay of about 7 per cent of dining car cooks and waiters of the Boston & Maine Railroad, effective December 1, were reached in an argument between the Railroad management and the Brotherhood of Dining Car Employees at a conference held in the General Offices of the Company here Dec. 28.

The organization had held out for straight increase of \$12 a month, having rejected on November 23 the same raised accepted today, but owing to the rapid development of a nationwide business recession, general weakening bargain power of dining car organizations, indicated by deadlocks on Southern Pacific and New York Central Railroads, "we hurried in out of the wet," said Riens B. Lemus, brotherhood president, "especially after the harassed management applied for another loan from the R.F.C."

blazing structure. Origin of the fire has not been determined.

## Zetas Hold 18th Boule At Houston Texas

HOUSTON, Jan. 5.—(By S. G. Eradley for ANP)—With nearly 200 delegates and visiting sorors in attendance, the 18th annual boule of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority was opened in the Odd Fellows building, Dec. 27 with Soror Anti-basilus Nellie Rogers, presiding.

The first public session held Tuesday evening at Mt. Vernon M. E. church although saddened because of the recent passing of the Basileus, Violette Anderson was one of the most impressive ever held in any city. Soror Juanita Bates, prominent educator and civic worker of Ft. Worth, was guest speaker, whose eloquent and soul-stirring address held the audience spell-bound.

Welcome addresses and greetings were extended the large delegation by Greek letter organizations, clubs and civic organizations of Houston.

Prominent among the addresses was the forceful welcome and appeal made by Roland Bradley representative of the Chamber of Commerce and other outstanding organizations of which he is a part. Commending the sorority

POSTAL ALLIANCE TO PLAN  
25TH ANNIVERSARY

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—(ANP)—The National Alliance of Postal Employees will celebrate its silver Jubilee during the year 1938, after serving continuously for 26 years, according to plans now being made by officials of the organization. Since 1913, when the body was formed at Chattanooga, Tenn., following discrimination practiced against Negro postal workers. The organization has waged a fight for justice, equality, and unrestricted opportunity in connection with promotions and assignments in the Postal Service. Branches of the Alliance are now located in 73 cities in all parts of the United States, and a Welfare Bureau is maintained in Washington, D. C.

for its worthwhile projects. Mr. Bradley made several suggestions for the national group to consider during this boule.

Among those was the contribution to the Wiley College Endowment Fund, for which he has been instrumental in aid.

CHURCHMAN SCORES NEGRO  
HOUSING

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(ANP)—A message prepared by John Ivan Lee Holt, pastor St. John's Methodist Episcopal church, St. Louis and sent to various churches of the nation by the Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches, described the housing of Negroes in cities and towns as a disgrace to any nation.

Calling attention to the 13th annual Race Relations Sunday to be held on Feb. 13, Dr. Holt's message also asserted that educational opportunities for Negroes to obtain employment and that civil and political rights are being denied them.

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