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ED. ALSTON FOUND GUILTY

Man Who Murdered 103-Year-Old Woman Will Die Friday May 6th

In a courtroom packed to its utmost capacity a jury which had been returned from a special venire returned a verdict of guilty of murder in first degree against Ed Alston here today after deliberating for more than 16 hours. The trial which started early Thursday morning did not end until Thursday night around eight o'clock. At the conclusion of the charge to the jury by Judge W. H. Burgwin presiding over the present term of Durham County superior court, the case was turned over to the jury. The first several ballots taken showed a six to six deadlock which lasted until after eleven o'clock Thursday night. After being unable to reach a verdict the court decided that the jury would be locked up for the night and an attempt to reach a verdict Friday morning. After several hours deliberations a first degree verdict was finally reached.

Representing the defendant were Attorney Sigmund Meyer and Attorney Chas. W. Hall. The state was represented by Solicitor Leo Carr.

Alston had been charged with the murder of Mrs. Jennie Wilkerson, 103 year old resident of Enterprise street on the afternoon of December 24. According to witnesses the defendant went to the home of the elderly lady where he had been reading as a roomer and beat her and her granddaughter over the head

with a stick of wood until both were unconscious. According to a confession which he is supposed to have made to police after the crime the defendant took \$12 from the person of Mrs. Wilkerson and made his escape from the house. He was apprehended a few days afterwards by local police. Mrs. Wilkerson died at Duke Hospital the same evening.

Counsel for the defense attempted to show that if Alston committed the crime he was drunk at the time and was not conscious of what he was doing, and thereby was only guilty of murder in the second degree.

Immediately after the verdict Judge Burgwin sentenced the defendant to die in the gas chamber at the state penitentiary in Raleigh on 6th day of May.

Alston received the sentence of death with the same lack of nervousness which has characterized him throughout the entire trial. If he is executed by gas he will be the third from Durham County to die by the gas-room since the institution of the gas chamber.

HOUSTON — (C) — Editor C. F. Richardson of the Houston Defender, spoke over KXYZ Saturday evening on the "Negro Goodwill Program." Mr. Richardson is president of the local NAACP and director of the Negro Chamber of Commerce.

Youth Congress Leader Speaks In Durham

Speaking before the faculty and student body at the Chapel exercises of North Carolina College here, Mr. Louis E. Burnham, Field Secretary for the Southern Youth Congress, sounded a call for the participation of youth in the Second Southern Negro Youth Conference. The Conference this year will be held in Chattanooga, Tenn. on April 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Referring to the celebration of the anniversaries of the birth of Abraham Lincoln and Douglass, Mr. Burnham proclaimed that "Our task today is to meet and defeat the same forces which these two great liberators defeated in their day. For this task we first need three things: the vision which Douglass and Lincoln exemplified; a knowledge of how to make this vision a practical reality; and the will to pay the price for putting our convictions into motion." The speaker described the Southern Negro Youth Congress as the outstanding organization among young colored people which aims to fulfill these three vital necessities of the times.

During his stay in Durham, Mr. Burnham has also addressed many other groups, including the upper grade students at Hillside High school; the Ministerial Alliance and the congregation of White Rock Baptist Church. Mr. Burnham is on a three-weeks tour of the states of North and South Carolina, and plans to cover the cities of Raleigh, Fayetteville, Charleston, Orangeburg, Charlotte, Salisbury and Winston-Salem.

CHICAGO EPISCOPAL CONVENTION ELECTS NEGROES TO IMPORTANT POSTS

CHICAGO, Feb. 18 — (ANP) — At the 101st Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Chicago, meeting in the Church of the Epiphany, Ashland Boulevard and Adams last week, upon the nomination of the Rev. Fr. Samuel b. Martin, priests in charge of St. Edmund's Church, Harry H. Pace was re-elected to a seat on the Diocesan Council. Mr. Pace has served already three years in this position, being the first Negro ever to be elected in the Diocese to such an office.

Fr. Martin in asking the Convention for the reelection of Mr. Pace said, "It is high time that white people practiced their Christianity rather than talk so much about it. You have shown your good spirit three years ago in the election of a Negro to the Diocesan Council. I am asking you to take a further step and to elect a Negro delegate to the Provincial Synod of this Church." Mr. Dawson of St. Thomas Episcopal Church was nominated and elected. This places two Negro churchmen in important positions in the Diocese of Chicago. The Convention was presided over by the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. George Craig Stewart.

Charles W. Greene, assistant agency director of Atlanta Life Insurance company, in charge of five states, has shown a 125 per cent increase in the last 5 years

SENTENCED TO DIE



ED. ALSTON, who was tried and convicted here this week for the murder of Mrs. Jennie Wilkerson, 103 year old resident of Enterprise street. The date of Alston's death was set for May 6th.

AMERICAN TEACHERS ASS'N ENDORSES CAMPAIGN FOR EQUAL SALARIES FOR WHITE AND BLACK

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16 — (ANP) — The American Teachers Association will cooperate with the NAACP and local state teachers groups in an effort to bring about equality in salaries paid white and Negro teachers. This action was taken by the Executive Committee of the organization at its meeting held in Washington, Saturday. Thurgood Marshall, representing the NAACP told of the fight for the equalization of teachers salaries.

The Executive Committee outlined a program for the Tuttle meeting which will be held July 26 - 29. The program will center around the theme: "The Negro Youth Looks at Occupations in America." The making up of the program was left to President A. Henningburg and Executive Secretary Wm. W. San-

Negro Methodists May Set Up New Church

CHICAGO — Negro leaders of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in the St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, this month, to consider problems arising from the prospect of White Methodist Unification, should the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South approve the Plan by a two thirds majority when it meets in Birmingham, Alabama, this May. These 250 leaders, Ministers and Laymen, came from every section of the Church and represented all of the Colored Conferences as far west as Denver Colorado and as far south as Florida.

Bishop Robert E. Jones of Columbus, Ohio issued the call for the meeting which carried also W. Clair Drs. W. A. Hughes the signature of Bishop Matthew S. Davage, R. N. Brooks, A. R. Howard and J. W. Bowen, Jr. One of the major points of discussion related to the chairmanship of the meeting. When one of the delegates of his area suggested that a man from the floor be made chairman, Bishop Jones strongly objected, saying that he "would not permit himself to be put out of the chair in that way." He held the chair throughout the session.

A second point of contention related to the failure of the Committee to invite the New York pastors to the parley. The Bishop disclaimed any intentional slight of these men, even though at least five preliminary conferences had been held in New Orleans, Atlanta, St. Louis, Philadelphia and New York throughout the twelve month period leading up to this meeting, without inviting Drs. L. H. King, F. A. Cullen, and L. Jordan to either meeting.

The main discussion of the group was with reference to paragraph No. 7 of the previously prepared agenda. Sentiment was divided as to whether this group should recommend to the colored conferences to withdraw from the Methodist Episcopal Church and set up a distinctive Negro Church or whether these Negro Methodists should now seek union with the Colored Methodist Church. Bishop Jones seemed to favor this last proposal while Bishop Clair was favorable to the propo-

SELLS NEW IDEA



REV. GEORGE W. HARVEY, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, 332 Hawkins avenue, Braddock, Pa., who has given to the Race its first historical calendar, being a compilation of historical facts, one for each day in the year. Rev. Harvey completed on this bill, every door has done the work after two years of research, and has supplied three large insurance companies with calendars for this year. He has a few of the calendars left for distribution to churches and social clubs, and invites correspondence. A native of Powellton, W. Va., Rev. Harvey was educated at West Virginia State, Oberlin, and Virginia Theological seminary. (CS)

USES WHITE REST ROOM IN TEXAS COURT HOUSE; JAILED AND FINED

WOODVILLE, Tex., Feb. 16 — (By James F. Bostman for ANP) — Because he used the white men's rest-room at the local court house Sunday, Oscar Martin, Milwaukee, Wis., business man, was arrested and fined.

Martin, when arrested, was asked by the sheriff why he took such liberties. The Northerner, who was motoring through at the time, said the only sign he saw displayed was marked "Gentlemen."

To which the sheriff replied, "Gentlemen" sure don't mean "niggers."

The victim's fine was \$14.75, the minimum for this offense. Dillard U. has received \$30,000 from the N. Y. Education board.

ANTI-LYNCHING MEASURE SHELVED PREDICTED IN THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 — The Senate today defeated a second attempt to break the anti-lynching bill filibuster by limitation of debate. The vote was 42 for cloture and 46 against.

Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley, D. Ky., said that the long battle over the measure might be expected to end—presumably in shelving the legislation—early next week.

The first cloture attempt, made in January, lost when only 37 votes were cast for cloture and 51 against it. A two-third vote is required to invoke the rule.

Barkley, confronted with a logjam of appropriation bills, said he expected a final decision on the anti-lynching bill about Monday, with sidetracking the only likely outcome.

"It is my idea," Barkley said, "that the bill will be disposed of when the \$250,000,000 deficiency bill measure is ready, probably on Monday."

At that time, a vote probably will be taken on calling up the deficiency bill, which would lay aside the anti-lynching measure after six weeks of filibustering debate. General opinion in the Senate was that the vote would favor taking up the relief legislation.

Barkley defended the cloture proposal as "reasonable." He turned to the record to show that several Senators who were opposing cloture had voted to gag themselves in the past, and then chided his associates for their lack of attention to the debate.

"When debate has been recom-

NATIONAL METHODIST COUNCIL WANTS RACE PREJUDICE ABOLISHED

CHICAGO, Feb. 16 — (ANP) — With more than 4,000 delegates in attendance at last Saturday's final session here of the United Methodist Council, a five point crusade was unanimously adopted urging Methodists to cooperate in abolishing the liquor traffic, gambling, racial prejudice and discrimination, war and economic injustice.

A. Fred M. Landon, former Republican candidate for president of the United States and a distinguished member of the laity attending the Council session, won tumultuous applause when he addressed his fellow churchmen. Declaring the United States must have a moral recovery before an economic comeback is possible, the popular Kansas man said: "When I say 'moral recovery' I mean the recovery of all the essentials of character, such as honesty, decency, square dealing, charity, faith in ourselves, in our fellow men and God."

Referring to race prejudice and discrimination, the Council's pronouncement stated: "Neither of these is Christian. Our professions of brotherhood must become more than words."

ed on this bill, every door has swung open to permit Senators to get out," he said. "Even the desks would have left if they weren't screwed to the floor."

Bishop Wright Stops In London To See Physician

NEW YORK — (C) — Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., of the AME church, on his way home from Cape Town, South Africa, stopped in London last week for medical treatment, according to a special statement received a few days before he landed in New York. Writing at sea, the Bishop said:

"We land tomorrow (Jan. 28) in Southampton, proceed at once to London where I am to speak before the League of Colored People on 'The Melting Pot of South Africa'—at least that is what they've asked me to talk about through, I confess, I have not seen South Africa as much of a melting pot; but my main object for stopping in London is to get medical treatment. I am very much improved though I still do not have the free use of hands. I cannot write nor cut up a beefsteak.

"Our voyage so far has been very pleasant. We're on the finest boat of the Union Castle Line, the Athaone Castle. The air-conditioning is such that we slept under blankets as we crossed the equator. We have had absolutely no inconvenience from the heat in passing through the Torrid Zone. In fact I'm beginning to feel cold now as I enter winter for the first time in two years. Just thirteen days ago when we left Cape Town on the 14th of

January we were in mid-summer eating peaches, watermelon, grapes and all sorts of summer fruits. The young people were bathing on the beaches while the old people were seeking relief from the heat, and now we are approaching snow clad England in the middle of winter. Fourteen days ago we saw the sun rise in Cape Town at 5:47 A. M. and set at 8 P. M. and we were enjoying the long summer rays. Now the sun rises at about 7:30 A. M. and set around 5:30 P. M. for a short winter day.

"I am bringing some things from South Africa for exhibit in America."

THYRA EDWARDS TO SPEAK AT NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE

Thyra Edwards, nationally known social worker, lecturer and world traveler will speak at the North Carolina College Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. It has been announced. In addition to serving as a teacher in Chicago Mrs. Edwards has conducted educational tours to Europe, and recently returned from Spain where she made a special study of conditions, women and children in that country. Mrs. Edwards is being presented to the general public by the North Carolina College for Negroes and the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs. The lecture will be held in the Benjamin Duke Auditorium.

Hodge Gets Hitler's Assurance Of 'No Prejudice' On German Tour

NEW YORK — (C) — Assurance from Adolf Hitler, Leader of the German Reich, of no prejudice and no embarrassment on his proposed tenth annual tour of Europe next summer, when he will visit Germany for the eighth time, came to Adolph Hodge, 1949 74 street, Brooklyn, N. Y., Friday, from American representatives of Chancellor Hitler in New York, 365 Fifth avenue. Mr. Hodge had on December 19 addressed a letter to Chancellor Hitler, personally, pointing out that from press reports he was much concerned about the treatment colored people would receive on a visit to Germany, but adding that on several previous visits, he and his parties had received the utmost courtesy everywhere and that their trip had been most enjoyable. Mr. Hodge told Mr. Hitler that he wanted personal assurance that his party would be shown the same courtesy and respect as on previous tours. In reply Mr. Hodge received the following letter from E. Schmitz, Representative of the U. S. A. German Railroads, Information Office, 665 Fifth Avenue, New York:

Text of Letter "The chancellor of the German Fuehrer has forwarded to us your letter of December 19 addressed to Mr. Adolf Hitler and expressing concern about your welcome in Germany and what the official attitude in regard to your reception would be.

"We beg to advise you that whoever comes to Germany as a guest or visitor enjoys in Germany the hospitality extended to any and all guests.

"This spirit has always prevailed in Germany. Allow me to quote an editorial of the famous sports writer, Bill Henry, which was published in the Los Angeles Times very recently—or to be correct, on January 7, 1938. Mr. Henry, who was an observer in

Jesse Owens: Owens 'Most Popular'

"Owens became the outstanding Olympic hero of modern times by winning four gold medals at Berlin. He was not only the outstanding athlete of the Games but the most popular with the crowds. He was swamped by autograph and camera fiends outside the stadium, cheered and applauded inside, and was invited on post-season trips to all parts of Germany—They welcomed him on his arrival (in the United States) about the snubbing and ill treatment in Germany and Owens quite frankly told the world that he not only had not been snubbed but that he'd never been treated better in his life. The writer then points out that Jesse Owens was a victim of American propagandists.

"We appreciate the opportunity you have given us to explain this matter to you, and if you require any further information in

planning your 1938 tour, the facilities of this office are at your disposal."

Sailing in July Upon receipt of the letter Mr. Hodge was elated, for he said his tour of Europe this year, on which he will sail in July, will touch England, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Belgium, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia, and will proceed with greater confidence of a happy vacation as on each of his nine previous tours. Mr. Hodge added that he has received letters from all hotels where his party will stop, and has been assured of a courteous reception at all points. On former trips, Mr. Hodge said, none of his patrons felt, at any time, the slightest difference in treatment, based on color, in any hotel, cafe, night club or any place visited. On previous trips to Germany, the last which was made in 1936, Mr. Hodge has visited Berlin, Colog-