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WILKIE TRIAL NEARS END

CNA Staff Writer Says Fight For Scottsboro Boys Will Continue

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Two weeks ago, Clarence Norris sat in a steel-barred cell in the Kilby Prison death house, only a short distance from the electric chair in which an Alabama justice decreed he must burn on Aug. 19. This was the second time in his young life that the Negro boy had been within its grim shadow and the fourth time he had heard himself sentenced to die in the nightmare of lynch frame up which the world knows as the Scottsboro Case.

The first time Clarence Norris and the rest of the Scottsboro boys were snatched from the hands of executioner back in 1932-it was by the action of the Supreme Court of the United States. Since then, step by step, the murder plans were defeated. This time, Clarence Norris-the only one of the nine innocent boys to be sentenced to death in the 11th Scottsboro trial, was saved by the action of Gov. Bibb Graves who on July 6 communted his sentence to life imprisonment.

Perhaps the man who is Governor of Alabama thought he ended the Scottsboro case by this partial step towards Justice. Perhaps he thought his action would at least still the roar of protest that is rolling across the country started when the Alabama State Supreme Court last month set August 19 as the date of which young Clarence Norris was to be legally murdered.

All Innocent

But he was wrong. Life imprisonment for Clarence Norris is as criminal, as shameful as outrageous an injustice as a sentence of death. He is innocent Innocent boys cannot be locked away in the graves of living men because reaction, hatred, bigotry hope to trample on the rights of the Negro people and lock them away into prison cells with the Scottsboro boys.

Now more than ever before must the drive to free the Scottsboro Boys be intensified. According to Alabama justice on the basis of the same miserable

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Boy Drowns In Greensboro City Pool

GREENSBORO, N. C. July 20, (Staff Correspondent)—The first person to lose his life at one of the cit's recreation centers was James Love, 13, who was drowned in the Windsor center swimming pool at Nocho Park, Tuesday, July 19. The boy lived on McConnel Road near the city limits.

James' younger brother, Roosevelt, accompanied him to park and neither of them could swim, according to life guards who found the body on the bottom of the pool in the deep section. The body had been in the water about fifteen minutes before it wos discovered. The guards who were conducting a class at the shallow end of the pool at the time of the drowning stated that they had chased both of the boys out of the deep water a short time before the drowning occurred. Efforts at resuscitation wer uenavailing.

TREASURER

JAMES STRICKLAND, employee of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company who was elected treasurer of the Carolina Funeral Home, Inc., at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors here last week. The Carolina Funeral Home was recently incorporated under the laws of N. C.

Hex Murder Inquest Held

SLAYER BOUND OVER

CONCORD, N. C., July 20 (By Charlie Spears for ANP)—Displaying none of the timidity which marked all the white witness, "Aunt Jennie" Morris, a small 60 year old woman who has a reputation as a "witch doctor" and has for years been telling fortunes to people around Harrisburg, denied having given any roots to Baxter Parnell, white confessed ice-pick slayer of Martha Jane Fink, his 19 year old sister in law, Sunday right.

Parnell named "Aunt Jennie" as the woman who gave him some roots "To chew on before I entered anybody's house, He said that after chewing the roots they made him loose his mind and stab the girl. Before the inquest was held the coroner, N. J. Mitchell, along with Ray Hooper county sheriff and B. S. Ball deputy sheriff had gone to the little woman's home and without indentifying themselves asked her to tell their fortunes.

She told that the cards showed that "Ball is the meanest man around here and that Coroner Mitchell is a good little man.

In his confession Parnell indicated that he held Aunt Jennie responsible for the murder because she had given him the roots which made his mind come and go. But although the three officers, individually, made every attempt to buy some roots from her and offered her sum of money to "voodoo" other men, she flatly refused in each case.

After hearing the principal witnesses the jury returned a verdict that Parnell be held without bond for the grand jury During the inquest Parnell sat apparently unmoved by the story of the murder to which he confessed.

Negro Farmers Hold Big Meet In Warrenton

WARRENTON, N. C. July 21, (By W. A. Tuck)—What is believed to be the largest attended Farmers Conference held in North Carolina for Negroes in the past 25 years convened in Warrenton last week, July 14-15. The conference was knowns as the Farm and Home Institute.

Over seven hundred men and women registered Thursday morning, besides visiting friends that carried the attendance up to approximately one thousand for the two-day session.

The citizenry of Warrenton, both white and colored, extended a cordial welcome to all in attendance. The main street in Warrenton was decorated with banners of welcome, and the mayor gave the address of welcome. The program was of the highest type and got underway at the courthouse at ten o'clock Thursday morning with the First Vice President, Mr. Simpson Hart of Edgecombe county, presiding in the absence of Mr. S. T. Shaw of Wilson county, who was elected President of the organization last year. Mr. Hart told the object of the meeting. Participants on the morning program were: Messrs H. M. Ellis, Agricultural Engineer and J. F. Criswell, Farm Management Specialist, both of the State Extension Service, Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Ellis gave the origin, depletion and restoration of the soil. Mrs. Criswell told the group that they should strive to provide a higher standard of living for themselves and their children. However, farming is a long process, but like anything else, the principles are the same he said Round-table discussions were a part of the morning program.

Thursday afternoon Mr. A. C. Kimery, dairy specialist of the Extension Service, State College Raleigh, discussed the dairy cow. He instructed the group to take better all-round care of the dairy cow and they would never regret it.

Getting Better Cows in Hertford County, was discussed by W. C. Davenport, Negro county agent of Hertford county. How to have more and better farm poultry was pointed out by Mr. T. T. Brown, Extension Poultry Specialist and Miss M. L. Mears, Negro home demonstration agent of Craven county, told of the Garden Campaign in her county.

The principal speaker on Thursday night's program was Dean J. C. McLaughlin, of the Department of Agriculture, A. and T. College, Greensboro N C. who spoke on Rural Negro Life in North Carolina. Dean McLahghlin mentioned in his talk a few the many phases of agriculture that rural boys and girls could prepare themselves for bringing out the fact that there was a need for well trained dairyman, foestry instructors, and the like among our race.

Highlighting the two day program were addresses by Congressman John H. Kerr. Second District and Commissioner of Agriculture, W. Kerr Scott Congressman Kerr spoke at the morning session on the "Farm Legislative Problem," and Commissioner Scott's afternoon address was on "The Negro Farmers' Part in Farm Progress. The Home Problem was the subject of the message Mrs. Hazel Wheeler, home demonstration agent of Halifax county, brought to the group of men and women. Mrs. Wheeler summed up the essential points of the home in five things. They are: 1. An attractive home; 2. A unitarian home; 3. A Useful home; 4. A religious home and 5. A cultural home. Separate meeting were held for the men and women. In the

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Verdict In Case Of ABC Officer To Be Reached Friday Afternoon

ENTERTAINMENT CHAIRMAN

ATTORNEY W. H. TOMPSON, prominent local attorney who will head the entertainment committee of the local Negro lawyers acting as host to the National Bar Association which convenes here Aug. 6th.

MRS. NOVELLA MEARS PASSES

Mrs. Novella Spaulding Mears, 30, passed at the home of her mother, Mrs. Janie Spaulding at 509 Fayetteville St. about 11 p. m. Wednesday July 20.

Mrs. Mears, wife of Alvin Mears of New York, had been ill for nearly six months. She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Dooms and Mrs. Otelia Stewart, and a brother Lemuel Spaulding.

The funeral conducted by Rev. Miles Mark Fisher, will be held at the White Rock Baptist church at 3:30 Friday afternoon. She was buried at Beechwood cemetery.

Father Of T. D. Parham Passes

Funeral services for John T. Parham, father of T. D. Parham, prominent Durham busiman were held at the Ebenezer Baptist church in Petersburg, Va. Wednesday July 20, at 3 p. m. The services were conducted by the Rev. Thomas W. Crowder.

Mr. Parham, who died about 1:30 Saturday, has lived in Durham with his son for the past ten years and made many friends while a resident of this city.

He is survived by two brothers, Rev. W. A. Parham of Freehold, New Jersey; and R. P. Parham of Cranford, N. J.; as well as his son, T. D. Parham and a dughter, Mrs. Amy P. Anderson who lives in Norfolk, Va.

BIKE CONTEST CLOSES

Saturday, July 23, marks the end of the bicycle contest for the CAROLINA TIMES newsboys. This contest which has been going on for eight weeks was enthusiastically participated in by about fifty Durham boys, and each of them seems determinded to take one of the prizes. The first prize is a beautiful green chromium fendered bicycle.

The presentation will be made in a special program to be held at the CAROLINA TIMES plant on Tuesday July 26. In the lead to date is Francis Allman with Charles Tapp running a very close second. If Allman isn't very careful Tapp may jump ahead at the last moment.

The legal battle in the manslaughter charges against T. D. Wilkie local police officer who shot to death James McNeil, Durham Negro in a raid on the latter home here on May 27 closed its 3rd day Thursday with R. P. Reads, chief counsel for the defense asking for a complete acquittal for the defendant. The trial will doutless end Friday after the closing argument will be made before the jury by Solicitor Le Carr who it is expected will ask that the defendant be found guilty. Att'y C. O. Pearson is chief counsel for the defense.

Attorney V. S. Bryant, well known Durham barrister made the opening plea before the jury, and was also emphatic in demanding an acquittal for the defendant.

Throughout the entire trial the Durham County courthouse has been packed to capacity with members of both races on hand to listen in on the evidence.

Among the first witness to testify in this case were the three doctors who performed the autopsy on McNeil's body after it had been exhumed as ordered in a previous session of superior court. Drs. Thomas Byrnes, A. S. Campbell, and Foy Roberson stated to the court that their examination showed that the man's death was caused by a punctured bladder. It was revealed that the bullet from Wilkie's gun grazed the skin on McNeil's thigh for about two inches and entered the lower abdomen. Travelling

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Times Big $5,000 Campaign To Start Mon.

Have you sent in your entry blank for the CAROLINA TIMES big $5,000.00 prize campaign, did you read about it in last week's paper? If not you still have time to get in at the start, (turn to page 5) and see what it's all about. We have reprinted the page announcement of the big campaign and in it you will find the entry blank all ready for you to clip out of the paper and send it in to the manager giving your name and address so he can send you instructions and the supplies you need. Don't wait, do it at once, the campaign officially opens Monday July 25th. Get in at the start and be a winner at the finish Saturday, October 15th, 1938.

Opportunity is crying out loud for you to accept it, don't pass it by and later on wish that you had grasped it. There are two beautiful '39 automobiles to be given away and you can win one of them if you make up your mind and try to quit dreaming and wishing for a new car, enter the big campaign and get one.

Several entries have already been received so don't hesitate, send yours in now and get in on the ground floor.

CHICAGO WOMAN SLAIN IN FIHGT WITH MAN OVER GUN

CHICAGO, July 22, (ANP)—A corner's this week continued until July 26 the investigation into the death of Mrs. Eva Mae Hogg, shot to death early Tuesday morning. Mrs. Lucille Mercer, only witness to the shooting was released on her own recognizance when she promised to appear at the July 26 hearing.

According to reports Mrs. Hogg had an altercation with Charles Loute, 31 a former roomer at her home. Loute, it is said, had returned to visit Mrs. Mercer, and according to the latter, Mrs. Hogg ordered him from the house.. In the quarrel that followed Mrs. Hogg is said to have fired twice at Loute, who then began struggling for possession of the gun. During the melee the woman fell dead, a bullet having penetated her heart.

Seek Colored Officers For 4 Army Units

BOSTON, July 21, (ANP)—Reofficering of the U. S. army's four regular Negro units with a Negro personnel in five years will be asked by the National Colored War Veterans of America, temporary organization, it was disclosed Thursday.

The organization hopes to obtain a membership of 100,000 by Oct. 1. Monroe Mason, temporary organizer, says the reofficering plan would provide that young reserve officors who have advanced satisfctorily during their scheduled correspendence courses prepared by the war department be given first prefernece. They would enroll for two years intensive study in the Army War college, followed by a three year probationary period in line with troops until transfer of white officers was complete.

Two major problems are also being studies. One is unemployment of an estimated 1,000,000 Negro war veterans and their dependents, considered employable, and the other is reported denial of total disability compensation to an estimated 20,000 totally disabled Negro veterns because of pre-war labo status.

EMBASSY EMPLOYE SWINDLED OF $240 IN OLD BADGER GAME

WASHINGTON, July 22nd, (ANP) The old shop worn handerchief trick claimed another victim ere last week when Gilbert Brown, 32 colored employe of the Italian Embassy was taken for $240 by three colored men he met in the st.

As they approached, the men told Brown had found a large sum of money, showed his the handerchief containing a roll of bills and asked him if he would hold it for them. The obliging Brown was more than willing to do, but the strangers told him he must put up his $240 show his good faith Brown did. Several hours later he opened the handkerchief. The roll of bills turned out to be an empty cigaret package wrapped in brown paper.

HONORED

DR. J. A. BACOATS

Dr. Bacoats, for nine years president of Leland college, Baker, La., near Baton Rouge was honored with D. D. degree at commencement of Virginia Union University, Richmond this year. A graduate of More High school in 1912, Waco, Tex. and Bishop college in 1916 the President received the B. D. degree from Union in 1919, and A. M. from Oberlin in 1929. He did further study at the University of Chicago and Columbia university, and in '34 toured Europe, Egypt, and Palestine. After ten years as minister and educator in Virginia, he went to Louisiana, and Leland college, under his guidance has grown to high rank in its field.

National Dental Meeting To Be Held In Chicago

CHICAGO, July 21, (ANP)—The National Dental association, with a membership of more than 500 dentists scattered throughout the country, will move into Chicago on August 9 to 12 with a monster convention that promises to establish a new high mark in convention attendance and scientific programs presented.

Preparations for the Chicago conclave that will attract delegates and members from many cities of the nation are being developed by the Lincoln Dental society the local dental group Headed by Mayor Edward J. Kelley, prominent citizens and various organizations are preparing a mammoth welcome in the spirit of the Chicago "I WILL" for the international clinicians and visiting membership.

The Meharry Dental college and the Howard University College of Dentistry are sending large delegations with a variety of exhibits and clinics, especially prepared for the Chicago convention. Headquarters will be established at the Du Sable High school, and in addition to the splendid facilities already aboundant, loud speaker system, special messenger telephone service, stenographers, local guides and other countless conveniences will be made available.

Transportation and housing arrangements together with numerous entertainment features have been completed for the convention guests. The public will find an instructive and interesting exhibit occupying an entire wing of the high school building, the significance of the rare collection will be courteously described by competent persons in charge.

A public meeting will offer opportunity for members and visitors to hear some of the scientific sessions will be held, is contributing a large share in cooperating with the committee of arrangements, as are many other professional and civic bodies, in assisting the local dentists in a united effort to make this, the Silver anniversary, the most successful meeting in the national organization's history.