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FOUR DIE IN MORNING FIRE

Meet Death When Flames Gut Apartment On Murphy Street

BY E. P. ELLIS
Four people perished and two others were severely injured early Monday morning at 402 Murphy Street when the house in which they lived was badly damaged by fire.

The dead are:
Mrs. Eula Ryals, 38, mother.
Miss Vera Ryals, 21, daughter.
Miss Verna Ryals, 18, daughter.
Little Miss Ella Mae Hayes, 2, a grand-daughter.

Mrs. Ryals' nephew, William Avery Williams, received treatment at Lincoln hospital for sprains of the back and ankle which he sustained when he jumped from a second story window.

Fleming Ryals, husband and father of the deceased also escaped injury when he was pulled from the roof of the front porch by a roomer of the adjoining apartment when he refused to come down after finding that his family were still in the house.

Also injured was John Barrett, a roomer who suffered an ankle sprain when he jumped from the roof of the porch. He was dismissed from Lincoln hospital after treatment.

Officials of the Durham fire department have advanced the theory that the fire started when a cat upset the kerosene lamp which had been kept lighted in the kitchen. This lamp

had been kept lighted nights so that the family could give attention to little Ella Mae who had been taking treatments at the Duke hospital.

Chief Bennett of the fire department stated that when the firemen arrived at the scene at 5:40 A. M. the inside of the duplex dwelling was ablaze and flames were gushing from three of the windows.

Two funeral coaches were employed in transferring the bodies to Dunn, North Carolina home of the deceased.

The casket arrangement being two to a coach in double-deck formation interment was made Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 P. M.

Adult Education Council To Meet In Raleigh

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 12th—According to a release issued from the office of Dr. James E. Shepard, President of the Negro Adult Education Council, the organization will hold a meeting in this city Wednesday, January 18 at Shaw University for the purpose of mapping out plans for the year's work.

The four important committees of this Council will submit their recommendations. Doctor J. W. Seabrook is the chairman of the Legislative Committee; H. L. Trigg, chairman of the Executive and Planning Committees, Mrs. Irma Neal Henry, chairman of the Public Relations Committee, and Rev. W. C. Somerville is chairman of the Community Cooperation Committee.

The Council was set up for the purpose of advising with the officials of the WPA Adult Education Program with a view of reducing illiteracy in our several communities. The membership was selected by invitation of his Excellency, the

Governor of North Carolina. The personnel of the Council represents a cross section of the most prominent leadership of Negroes of the State. The members of the Council are:

Dr. James E. Shepard, Durham, Doctor F. L. Atkins, Winston-Salem, Doctor Bias, Elizabeth City, L. G. Blackus, Raleigh.

Dean Cozart, Concord, Doctor Robert Daniel, Raleigh, Doctor David Jones, Greensboro, Mrs. Lowe, Greensboro, Professor S. D. McRae, Edenton, Mrs. Lolla Michael, Asheville, John W. Mitchell, Greensboro, J. W. Seabrook, Fayetteville, C. C. Spaulding, Durham, H. L. Trigg, Raleigh, Rev. Williams, Raleigh, Mrs. Yancey, Henderson, Rev. Wendell Sommerville, Raleigh, Miss Louise Cooper, Raleigh, J. P. Bond, Raleigh, T. E. Jones, Greensboro, Dr. Nelson Harris, Raleigh, Mrs. Irma Neal Henry, Raleigh, Wm. Johnson, Raleigh, Mrs. Rose D. Aggrey, Salisbury, Doctor Bluford, Greensboro.

LED REVOLT



ROBERT L. VANN
Pittsburgh political leader whose bolt from the Democratic party in Pennsylvania was successful, and he may now dictate patronage in the Republican camp. Mr. Vann claims the Democrats did not live up to their promise of ten percent of state jobs for Negroes, so he "purged" them, singlehandedly throwing out of office David Lawrence, Democratic State chairman, Vann's arch enemy.

Georgia Sheriff Halts Lynching

ROYSTON, Ga., Jan. 13—(UNP)—Two state troopers and two sheriffs resorted to force here last Wednesday to foil a mob of over four hundred which threatened the life of a prisoner who was suspected of shooting a white woman.

The prisoner, Charlie Harper, 17, was captured by the sheriffs of Franklin and Madison counties with the aid of a large posse of citizens. When the arrest was learned a mob estimated between 300 and 500 gathered quickly and shouts of "lynch the nigger" grew louder and louder.

Fearing mob action, the sheriffs and two state troopers who came from a nearby town slipped the prisoner away from the mob by announcing that they had to take him to the hospital to see if the victim can identify

him. They placed the colored youth in the sheriff's car and sped out of town. Fifteen or twenty cars filled with men armed with shot guns and rifles followed them, the sheriffs stated.

Driving at top speed the sheriff's car outdistanced the pursuers and after turning into a side road, the prisoner was transferred to one of the state trooper's cars and was brought by a circuitous route to Atlanta, Ga. for safety.

R. B. Bleszer, educational director of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, hailed the action of the officers and credited them with saving the prisoner from death at the hands of the mob. Harper is charged with shooting a white woman after he attempted to attack her.

REVIVAL TO BEGAIN AT OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH

A great revival will begin at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church on Simmons Street, Monday night, January 16. The pastor, Rev. W. F. Cox will do the preaching and will use the following subjects:

On God's Line of Battle, Cure Worry or It Gets You, The Other Side of Life, Mountain Movers, On Parole one Year More, The Prodigal Son's Father, The Good Things of Life, Advertising Jesus.

SEEK CONSTITUTIONAL TEST OF WAGE-HOUR LAW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12th (CNA)—Wage-Hour Administrator Elmer F. Andrews announced this week he would seek a constitutional test of employer violation of the wage-hour law.

NAAACP Elects New Officers To Board Of Directors

NEW YORK, Jan. 13—New York's Lieutenant Governor elect, Charles Poletti, and Col. Theodore Roosevelt, son of the famous Theodore Roosevelt, were elected to the board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, at the Association's thirtieth annual business meeting at 69th Fifth Avenue here today.

Other persons elected to the board included: Louis Blount, of Detroit, president of the Great Lakes Mutual Insurance Company; Alfred Baker Lewis, of Boston, State Secretary of the Socialist Party of Mass.; E. M. Martin, secretary treasurer

of the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, Atlanta, Ga.; and Dr. W. L. Ransome, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

Judge Ira Jayne, of Detroit, long a director of the Association, was elected a vice president to fill the place left vacant by the late James W. Johnson.

Carolina Times To Sponsor Popularity Contest For Ladies

By EDDIE F. ELLIS
In keeping with our 1939 slogan for the greatest Negro paper in the South, we of the CAROLINA TIMES are launching a statewide popularity contest for young ladies.

The winners of the various cities participating will meet in Durham for the finals at which time the final winners will be selected at a dance also sponsored by the CAROLINA TIMES.

Success of this contest will not only be a great asset in the way of publicity to the cities as well as the contestants participating, but through increased circulation, we will be able to realize our dreams.

The winners of the various city contest will be selected in this wise. Every week a coupon will be printed in the paper with space allotted for the name of one contestant. Each coupon counts for 5 votes for the girl of your choice. But a coupon and a three months subscription to the paper will count for 25 votes; consequently a vote plus a months subscription counts for 50 votes, while a vote and year's subscription counts for 100. Winners of the finals will be handled a little different but equally as impartial.

To the victors of the preliminaries, an opportunity to participate in the finals. However the winner of the finals will be given free a roundtrip to the New York World's Fair with all expenses prepaid. Other attractive prizes will be awarded the runner-ups.

We propose to procure participants for the contests through the sponsorship of business organizations, clubs and various groups. There will be no obligation to the sponsors. They will only be required to name one girl, any girl, as a contestant.

For further information write, Popularity Contest in care of this paper. In the meantime, watch the CAROLINA TIMES for further details.

Dr. Clayton Powell, Jr. Delivers Series Of Addresses At NCC

BY WILLIAM A. TUCK
In a series of four enlightening and challenging lectures at North Carolina College on Monday and Tuesday, January 9th and 10th, Doctor Clayton Powell, Jr. pastor of New York's Abyssinian Baptist Church, made an examination and evaluation of our present day living in a day which sees rash changes brought about by machinery, which has become man's master rather than his slave. He offered as three ways of preventing the total collapse of present day society: (1) A Restoration of Individualism, (2) A streamlining of our racial, philosophical, and (3) A return to the basic virtues.

Dr. Powell's first talk on Monday morning was a statement of his challenge and a detailed defining of the types of changes instrumental in bringing society to the verge of collapse. "The changes in political institutions," he said, "have allowed 'isms' to become philosophies," education al institutions have expanded borders; social institutions have caused competition between races, sexes, and classes, spread of crime, low cost housing, and increased leisure; Trade union-

APPOINTED TO STAFF OF TVA



J. HERMAN DAVES
Knoxville College professor who was recently appointed to the staff of the TVA as senior supervisor of Negro training. This is the highest post held by a Negro in the TVA.

A NEW ARRIVAL
An eight pound baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lyons on January 8, 1939 at

Gov. Urges Law, Pharmacy And Medicine at NCC

BY WILLIAM A. TUCK
In his biennial message to the North Carolina general assembly last week, Governor Clyde R. Hoey recommended and urged that provision be made for graduate work at North Carolina College in Durham and at the A and T College in Greensboro. The bill offered by Rowan County's representative, Murphy provides for courses in law, medicine and pharmacy at N. C. College and additional Agricultural courses at A and T.

The bill authorizes the board of trustees of North Carolina College to establish graduate courses in the field of liberal arts and professional courses. Specialized agricultural and technical courses could be established by the A and T College board.

It was stated that a demand for these courses would have to be made by ten or more persons and if there are less than ten applications the trustees of the institutions may pay up to \$200 annually as tuition for applicants who certify that they have entered recognized schools elsewhere to get the courses.

Governor Hoey also recommended that salaries paid white and colored teachers be eventually equalized and that the pay

Seek Attacker Of 13-Year Old Girl

DECATUR, Ala., Jan. 13th (UNP)—Police are seeking the capture of an unidentified man who attacked a 13-year-old colored girl, Ada Pearl Owen, it was disclosed Thursday. The girl who is in a serious condition told Police Chief William Moore that a white man brutally attacked her.

The girl and her aunt, Ella Jenkins, were walking together on Lee street just after dark last Wednesday when a white man in a car drove up alongside them and asked Ella Jenkins if the young girl with her wanted a job. She said she did and the girl got into the automobile.

The young girl told police that the man drove her to a spot near the City Cemetery and forcibly attacked and afterwards drove her back to town and let her out a short distance from her home. Physicians who examined the victim declared that she had been seriously injured.

Slayer Of Five Gets Life

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 12th (UNP)—Earl Harris, 36, voodoo worshipper, pleaded guilty to first degree murder in the slaying of Miss Christiana Eastmond, prominent social worker on October 17, 1938 and was sentenced to life imprisonment in State Prison by Judge Ira W. Payne last Friday.

Finger prints of Harris also revealed that he served an eight year term in a Missouri prison for the killing of a St. Louis woman. He is also alleged to have slain four other women. Harris was arrested last month in Chatam, Ontario where he had fled following the murder of Miss Eastmond.

Harris tried to explain to the court about the voodoo spell that Miss Eastmond had put on him by mixing up some mysterious love potion which she put in his food. In attempting to overcome the spell, Harris said he went to a voodoo doctor on the Eight Mile Road where he bought several bottles of voodoo elixir which was called "John The Conqueror."

The potion cost \$25 a bottle, Harris said, and the "stuff" is supposed to make people do anything you want them to do and to protect you from the police. When the voodoo failed to make Miss Eastmond move, favorably disposed to his attentions, Harris declared that he went crazy and grabbed a knife and cut her to death.

Although the voodoo worshipper attempted to explain his actions in defending himself he apparently indifferent to the facts. When questioned, he repeatedly remarked, "I don't want to go back to Missouri."