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BURGLAR MAY FACE DEATH

State Ushers To Hold Fifteenth Annual Convention In Burlington August 25-27

Plans Complete For Meeting Of Ushers

BURLINGTON, N. C.—Plans have already been completed for entertainment of the 15th annual session of the North Carolina Interdenominational Ushers Association to be held at the Ebenezer Christian Church on Apple street here August 25-26 and 27. The local committee which is headed by Mrs. Fannie Walker, president of the Burlington Ushers Union gave out information week that Burlington is ready and has left no stone unturned to entertain the many visitors in first class order, who will come here for the three-day session.

Latest reports from L. E. Austin, president of the association are to the effect that the largest delegation in the history of the organization will gather at Burlington for this year's session. Mr. Austin resides in Durham where headquarters of the association are located and stated this week that an extra clerk has been required to take care of the large amount of correspondence now being carried on in connection with preparations for this year's annual session. Many new cities and churches will be represented in this year's annual session and the largest number of junior ushers ever to attend the ushers convention will be present. The Junior department which is headed by Mrs. L. A. Foster of Greensboro has worked constantly during the past year to bring a large number of young ushers to the convention.

The crowning event of the 1939 season will be the annual address which will be delivered by Dr. James E. Shepard, president of North Carolina College for Negroes. Dr. Shepard will speak Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

This year's session of the association will get under way Friday morning promptly at 10 o'clock. The state president of the association will be presented to the convention by Mrs. Fannie Walker. Appointment of committees and registration of delegates will follow. The Friday afternoon session will be taken up with reports from field agents.

On Friday evening at eight o'clock a public program will be held at which time several addresses of welcome will be delivered. Welcome on behalf of the business men will be given by B. S. Thomas; on behalf of education, Prof. J. V. Avon. Response O. G. Donnell chairman of the board of directors of the association.

Welcome on behalf of the professional men will be given by Dr. J. E. Pittman; on behalf of the city ushers union, Mrs. Elma Sellers. Response Mrs. Morgan. A solo will be delivered by Mrs. Clara Kaley. Remarks by the president of the association will close the Friday evening session.

The Saturday sessions will be devoted to the regular routine of business.

On Sunday morning at six o'clock the impressive and

Youth Accused Of Burglary

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Richard Mayes 19 year old youth who lives in Mecklenburg County a few miles from the city in the Morning Star Section, was scheduled to face a jury of twelve men on Wednesday morning on a charge the penalty for which is death in the state's busy gas chamber.

Mayes is a handsome lad and looks younger than 19 years, but his youth will avail him nothing if he is convicted of first degree burglary, the crime with which he is charged and which many persons think should be taken off the list of North Carolina's capital crimes.

According to Rural Police, Mayes entered the home of F. A. Fowler a white farmer who lived near him and crawled into a bed in which the farmer's two daughters were sleeping. The girls, awakened according to the police, and aroused their father, Mayes fled but was easily recognized by the girls, who knew him well and he was arrested soon afterward. The alleged burglary took place on the night of July 25th.

A special venire of 26 men has been called for the Mayes case and is expected to get underway sometime Wednesday afternoon. Judge Don Phillips of Rockingham will hear the case.

Nation Wide Defense Starts For Anderson

NEW YORK—Aroused by the spectacle of a clan dominated police organization which forced the speedy conviction and jailing of youthful William Anderson in Greenville, S. C. July 24 on a frame up charge of disorderly conduct, more than 3,000 youth members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People prepared to launch a national campaign this week to raise funds to fight the case.

Anderson, president of the NAACP youth council in Greenville and janitor in the city high school has been the leading figure in the drive to get Negroes of the South Carolina city to register for the city primary which occurs Sept. 12.

The U. S. Department of Justice has investigated the situation in Greenville upon request of the NAACP but maintains that it has no authority to act because the election for

which the registration is taking place is purely a local, municipal one with no Federal offices involved.

Thurgood Marshall, NAACP counsel is still urging action upon the grounds that registration is also being held for the right to participate in the primary of the general election. The U. S. attorney's office in Greenville, however, insists that no Negroes are being denied general registration. Such discussion as has appeared concerns itself with the local election, this office reports.

Young Anderson who refused to be intimidated in his administration work by the Greenville Klan and who was framed and jailed on a trumped up charge has become the rallying point in the fight to secure the ballot South Carolina and elsewhere in the South.

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Famous Vocalist Appears At NCC

Miss Mary Frances Lekkorts, famed mezzo Soprano appeared in recital in the Duke Memorial Auditorium at North Carolina College for Negroes, Friday August 11th.

Miss Lekkorts, a native of Minnesota studied at Columbia in New York City and since that time has been appraised by critics as being among the best vocalists at home and abroad.

In addition to Miss Lekkorts rare voice the audience recognized a beautiful and charming personality. It was this combination that made students de-

beautiful memorial services will be conducted by J. W. Doak, former president of the association and treasurer. This is an annual part of the convention and is held in commemoration of the deceased ushers.

mand that Miss Lekkorts render encore after encore.

Paul S. Robinson, Duke Pianist accompanied Miss Lekkorts at the piano. Sunday afternoon Miss Lekkorts gave a vocal recital at Duke University, the first in America. Her rich and powerful voice can be heard 1,000 ft.

HILLSBORO CITIZENS DIES

Hillsboro, N. C.—Impressive funeral service for Mrs. Susie Clark Pearlie of Hillsboro Rt. 2, was held Sunday August 13th from the Cross Road Church of Orange County of which she had been a member for several years.

Mrs. Pearlie was born in 1862 and departed this life August 11, 1939 at the age of 77 years.

Change In Security Act Aid Workers

DURHAM, N. C.—A change in the Social Security Act which was enacted into law during the recent session of Congress will be of great benefit to insured workers who are now approaching age 65, according to Mrs. Nina H. Goodwin field manager of the Durham office of the Social Security Board. Instead of one lump sum payment of old age insurance which the government has paid heretofore to insured workers who reach age 65, a monthly benefit will be provided after January 1, 1940 for qualified workers who attain age 65. Consequently the Social Security Board is no longer accepting these 'lump claims' or 'attainment claims' as they are called.

Mrs. Goodwin said that 7,236 for old age insurance payments amounting to \$242,226.50 have been paid by the Social Security Board in this State during the past 2 1/2 years. About 40 per cent of the claimants were men and women who had reached age 65 after participating in the old age insurance program. Now, under the revised program insured workers who reach age 65 and who meet the requirements have an opportunity to get a lifetime monthly benefit.

Termination of the payment of lump sum benefits to 65 year old workers is the only change in the Social Security Act which became effective when President signed the bill August 11. Other amendments will go into effect January 1, 1940.

Monthly benefits will become payable in 1940 instead of 1942 as scheduled under the original law. Survivors of deceased workers who are entitled to lump-sum benefits may continue to file claims for payment of old age insurance.

Miss Myrtle Brodie Weds

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (Special) Miss Myrtle Brodie became the bride of the Professor Crawford who is an instructor at Louisville Municipal College, the night of August 16 at Brooklyn Presbyterian Church. Several days before the wedding the popular Miss Brodie was honored with many showers by various friends and acquaintances.

Miss Estelle Smith gave a miscellaneous shower Tuesday night for Miss Brodie at her home on East 8th Street. Mrs. Helen Robinson of New York, sister of Miss Brodie was a special guest at the affair.

Friday night August 4 Mrs. S. J. McGill gave a linen shower at her home on 624 Crockett St. in honor of the new bride.

A china shower was given by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority of which the bride is a member. It was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Adams of Neatie Ford Road. Among those present were Misses Cecelia Jackson, Louise Spears; Jone Shute; Fanny Beatty;

Durham Man Dies In Well

DURHAM—Cleveland Myatt, who had been digging and carrying for wells for 25 years with out serious injury, went down in his last well here Wednesday morning, and was dead when taken out. He was the victim of Carbon Monoxide poisoning, according to Coroner A. S. Campbell, who examined the body, and a wound he sustained on the head was only superficial and not dangerous enough to have caused his death.

Myatt went to the home of Charlie Evans on Ferrell Road here Wednesday morning with a helper to clean out the well. Tuesday he had gone to the home and set off a dynamite charge preparatory to his work Wednesday morning. He was lowered into the well but soon shouted to his helper to get him out as he smelled gas. Felix Baldwin his helper quickly lowered the rope which Myatt grasped and he was pulled

nearly to the top he fell back to the bottom of the well. Whether he fell because he lost his grip or because he was overcome with gas will never be known.

A man who was near the scene ran quickly to the nearest telephone which was located at the G. Muirhead Construction Company a distance of about a mile, and calls were quickly made to the fire department and the sheriff's office. A fireman was lowered into the well wearing a gas mask but had to be pulled out when the mask refused to work. An air line was rigged up and First Lieutenant C. L. Cox of the fire department descended and tied a rope to the man's body by which he was pulled out of the well. This occurred about 9:45.

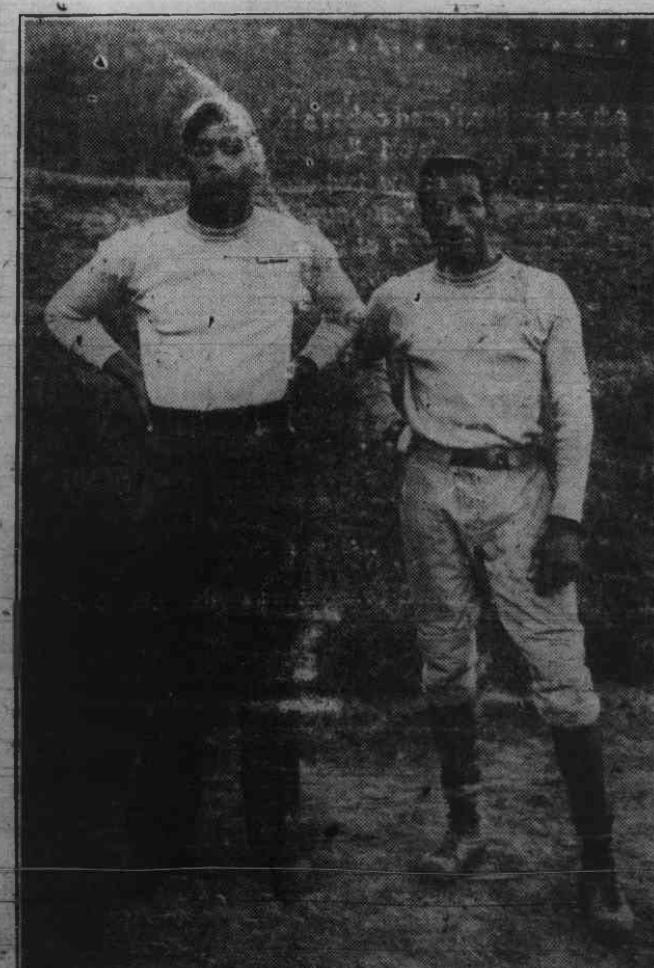
Artificial respiration was tried but Myatt showed no signs of life. He leaves a wife and five children.

NCC Coaches Spend Summer As Life Guards

Coaches Burghardt and McLendon, football mentors of the North Carolina College for Negroes, are spending their summer saving lives and teaching others to do the same.

Both, Burghardt and McLendon are serving as life guards at the Hillside Pool in Durham. Burghardt being the director of

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COACHES BURGHARDT AND McLENDON



NEW YORK CITY—Speaking from the Hall of Special Events at the New York World's Fair, over a coast-to-coast broadcast, August 9 Dr. C. C. Spaulding, President of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, presented check for 100.00 to J. W. Smith Gause Texas representative ranking farmer of the New Farmers of America recognition of his outstanding accomplishment.

Praising the N. F. A. for instilling confidence and raising the standards of the rural boy,

Spaulding, himself a Harmon award winner and most successful Negro business man, expressed his hopes that the opportunities afforded by the organization would be extended into every rural community.

J. B. Simmons, National Executive Secretary NFA, looks on proudly as a farm from his ed a 250 acre carried on late father and successfully with ten dis The youth is an outstanding example and a credit to his race.

National Baptist To Have Day At The Fair Monday

NEW YORK, (Special)—The National Baptist Convention, led by Dr. L. K. Williams of Chicago and his staff of officers and a multitude of followers, will invade the World's Fair at New York, Sept. 11. The Convention, with the largest membership of any Negro group in the world will close its sessions in Philadelphia Sunday night, September 10 and move into New York early Monday morning in readiness for the Convention Fair Day. The headquarters for the meeting will be at the Mount Olivet Baptist Church, 120th Street and Lenox Avenue, Dr. O. C. Maxwell pastor. The New York Ministers' Conference, the New York Baptist Convention and the New Jersey and Pennsylvania conferences and conventions are already formed into committees to make the Baptist Day at the Fair the biggest and most colorful day

the Fair has had. All Baptists and their friends are asked to meet at exactly 2:15 p. m. at the Temple of Religion. The Temple of Religion will be the meeting place where the religious services will begin and where there will be delivered a message to the world by Dr. L. K. Williams, president of the National Baptist Convention, Inc. The music for the occasion will be furnished by the Concord choir of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church, directed by Prof. Dyer and the convention choir of Philadelphia, directed by Prof. Dorsey. There will be a parade from the Temple of Religion to the Court of Peace.

At 7:15 p. m. a public meeting will be held in the Court of Peace at which time the Mayor of New York and the President of the Fair have been invited to address the Baptists.

Value of Time Pointed Out To A. And T. Grads

GREENSBORO, N. C.—"The privileged group must not cut the line of salvation in all its forms from the underprivileged if the base of human rights, liberties and progress are to continue declared Rev. H. C. Miller, pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church in the baccalaureate address to 39 members of the graduating class at the annual summer convocation of A and T College Sunday afternoon. The audience was a further told by the militant and outspoken minister that the creed of the minority people must be 'we all go up together and we all go down together.'

Taking as the subject of his discourse 'Sacrifice: the Basis of

Achievements' Rev. Miller said that no worthwhile thing is obtained except by agony, sacrifice and shedding of blood, both figuratively and literally. The scriptural basis of the sermon was taken from Hebrews 9:22 and read: "And almost all things are by the law purchased with blood, and apart from the shedding of blood there is no remission."

Too often, the speaker suggested an easy attitude is taken toward the basic needs of life by the typical college graduate. Thus he detaches himself from the struggle of the common man for bread, justice, opportunity and human liberty and advances

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