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CHRISTMAS BRIDE

Durham Youth Confesses Slaying Boy Over Flower

DURHAM — Out of the dozen cases of violence that marred this city's good record over the Christmas Holidays, the most talked of was the killing of 18 year old Sylvester Thompson of the 500 block of South Queen Street by Herbert Hoover Davis, 19 year old proprietor of "The Sweet Shop" a hangout for Hill-side High School students in the 1100 block on Pine Street.

The younger boy was shot in the hip with a pistol, and the wound which was not at first regarded as serious caused him to bleed to death less than fifteen minutes after he was admitted to Lincoln Hospital. It is understood that a severed main artery was the cause of the excessive bleeding that took the boy's life.

According to Police, Davis, the young proprietor of the "Sweet Shop" confessed to the killing, stating that it grew out of an argument over a stolen carnation. A search of the dead youth's effects failed to discover the missing flower.

Davis is in jail without bond on a murder charge, and as we go to press the date for his preliminary hearing has not been set. The shooting took place shortly after three o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Other acts and alleged acts of violence during the holidays included Alice Gill of Canal St., shot in the foot, Will Lee, Matthews Street, shot in the leg. Mystery surrounds the shooting of the former, as she refuses to name the shooter, but Joseph Tim Young, who lives in the house was charged with the shooting.

Knife victims were Johnnie Bennett of Canal Street, cut in the right side and Grover Brown of E. Proctor Street. Not expected to live is Willie McCray of Plum Street, shot just below the heart while attempting to rob a fireworks stand early Monday, was the word from Lincoln Hospital where all the victims were treated. Isaac Evans, white, of Carden Street, who shot McCray was himself wounded in the mouth and leg by a shot gun. He is not considered critically injured according to word from Watts Hospital where he is being treated.

Other shootings, none of a serious nature were that of Marjorie Whitt and Druella Drum, four and sixteen respectively who were injured by the

TO ENLARGE BUSINESS



MRS. C. C. POTTER, proprietor of the M'Lady Dress Shop who is in Durham arranging for an extensive expansion program of her popular business establishment. Mrs. Potter is a teacher in the city school system of Princeton, N. J. The Durham store is managed by C. W. Potter, husband of the proprietor.

YULETIDE BRIDE



MRS. GILMER THOMPSON the former Miss Georgia Streeter popular young teacher of the Durham city school system. Mr. Thompson is one of Durham's best known beauticians and a former athlete at N. C. College. The couple was married Christmas day at the home of Rev. Caldwell, Chapel Hill, N. C.

same blast from a shotgun and who were released from Lincoln Hospital after treatment.

Miss Streeter Bride Of Gilmer Thompson

DURHAM — The marriage of Miss Georgia Streeter, popular teacher in the Durham City School system and Gilmer Thompson, well known young business man of Durham was announced here this week. The wedding of the popular

young couple took place in Chapel Hill, Sunday, December 24 at the home of Rev. Caldwell, Baptist minister of that city. The former Miss Streeter is well known in the younger social set of Durham, and her husband who is an accomplished beautician is well known in college circles, having been outstanding as a football player at North Carolina College.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are now residing at 608 Linwood Avenue.

Lath Alston Weds Miss C. Taylor

DURHAM — Lath Alston, former Star Athletic of N. C. College, and well known young business man of Durham, was wedded to Miss Christina Taylor on Christmas eve, at 5:45 p. m. at 704 Cameron Street. The ceremony was quietly performed by Rev. J. W. Tabron of the Victor Emmanuel A M E Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Alston are both well known in the young set in the city.

Relatives and friends present were: Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Alston parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Effie Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. John Markham, Miss Mae Lanier, Miss Addie Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Scarborough, Jr., E. R. Merrick, Miss Julia Mitchell, David Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Avant, Miss Ethel Taylor, sister of the bride, Billy and Pauline Morris and Miss Rosa Brooks.

Congressmen Back Lynch Bill

NEW YORK — Among the 148 Congressmen who have told the National Association for the Colored People that they will be on the floor of the House when the federal anti lynching bill comes up for a vote on January 8, 77 are Republicans, 70 Democrats and one a member of the American Labor Party.

Replies, which are still coming into the NAACP office, are in response to a letter sent by the Association to Congressmen, urging them to appear on the floor of the House when the bill comes up and to vote for the bill.

Officials of the Association reiterated their for anti lynching petitions which have been signed, asking that they be sent to the national headquarters, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York by January 1. It is expected that the petitions will be taken to Washington during the first week in January for presentation to sponsors of the anti lynching bill in the House and Senate.

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RECENT BRIDE AND GROOM



MR. AND MRS. A. HARRY TURNER who were wed on Christmas Eve at the home of the bride's parents in Richmond, Va. Mrs. Turner before her marriage was Miss Edythe Wilson the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wilson of Richmond. Mr. Turner's home is in Lawrenceville, and he is employed by the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company at the home office in Durham.

Southern Fidelity Declares Dividend \$1.50 Share

DURHAM — According to a recent announcement from the office of A. Moore Shearin, secretary-manager, the Southern Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company of this city declared a dividend for 1939 of \$1.50 a share, payable immediately. Dividends are no new things for the Southern Fidelity, for this organization has paid out \$17,225.00 in dividends since its organization in 1926.

Mr. Shearin was manager of the company when it was organized and in 1929 was made secretary-manager, the position he now holds. Under his leadership the company has had an unusual amount of success.

The Southern Fidelity writes hospital insurance, health and accident insurance and all types of fidelity and surety bonds including ball bonds.

The organization has the distinction of being the only domestic bonding company, white or colored, in the state of North Carolina and the only bonding company in the world operated by Negroes.

Other officers of the Company are W. G. Pearson, president, E. M. Merrick and J. C. Scarborough, vice presidents and Wm. Jay Walker, assistant secretary. Members of the board directors of the company are: Aldine Robinson, mortician, of Winston Salem; G. A. Edwards, educator of Durham; R. L. McDougald, banker of Durham; E. R. Merrick, insurance executive of Durham; J. C. Scarborough, mortician of Durham; W. G. Pearson, educator of Durham; C. C. Spaulding, insurance and banking executive of Durham; A. Moore Shearin, R. N. Harris, fire insurance executive of Durham; W. J. Kennedy, insurance executive of Durham; J. W. V. Cordice, physician of Durham; L. G. Bruce, physician of Durham; J. H. Wheeler, banker of Durham and Wm. Jay Walker.

Death Ends Honeymoon Of Popular Couple

DURHAM — Mrs. Richard A. Witherspoon, the former Miss Nannie Green, a bride of one month died at Lincoln Hospital, Wednesday, Dec. 27, tragically one month from the day of her marriage to Richard A. Witherspoon of Greensboro.

This popular North Carolina couple who were both formerly students of NCC Durham, were married one day before Thanksgiving.

The following Saturday Mrs. Witherspoon was taken to the hospital seriously ill. Her condition grew steadily worse despite the unwavering and tireless attention of her physicians. Two blood transfusions were given one donated by Mr. Witherspoon himself to no avail.

The deceased was an employee of the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company, where she served for four years as one of its most versatile and efficient workers, and one of its most popular clerks.

Mrs. Witherspoon also served for a year as secretary at Mary Potter School in Oxford, N. C.

She was very active in both Civic and religious organization in the city.

Mrs. Witherspoon's pleasant personality endeared her to all who came in contact with her.

Funeral services will be held at Mount Vernon Baptist Church on Queen Street Saturday, afternoon at 2 o'clock. Services will be conducted by Rev. J. H. Thomas. Interment will be at Beechwood cemetery on Fayetteville Road.



MRS. LATH ALSTON, who before her marriage on Christmas eve was the former Miss Christine Marsh. Mrs. Alston is secretary to Attorneys M. H. Thompson and C. J. Gates and is well known among the young set in Durham. Mr. Alston is one of the city's young business men.

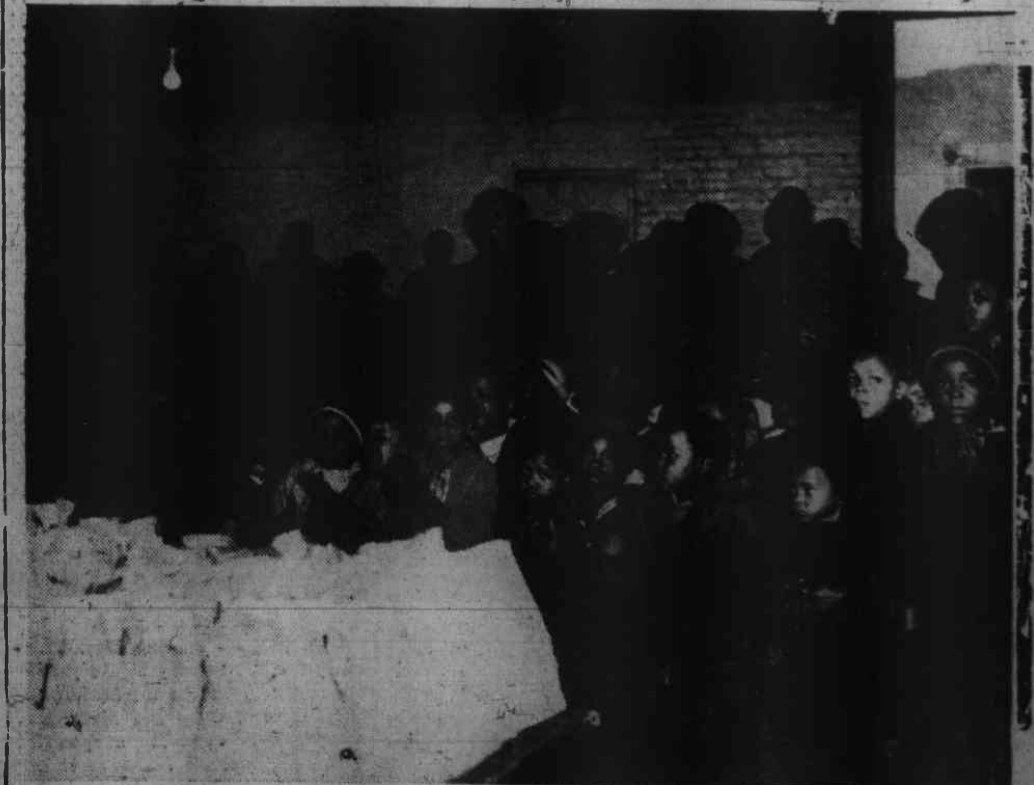
M'Lady's Dress Shop To Move To Larger Quarters

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LUCKY CHILDREN ATTEND XMAS PARTY



A group of lucky children of Charlotte who attended the Xmas party given annually at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal church. As can be

seen from the picture, the party was a very gala affair, and every one present had a wonderful time. The children come from needy families, but on this occasion truly enjoyed themselves. Mrs. Lottie Reed, nurse, was in charge of the program.