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TWO MURDERERS GIVEN DEATH PENALTY

7 Face Charges Of Murder In Charlotte Court

CHARLOTTE — In a series of first degree murder indictments in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County last week, cases where Negroes killed Negroes in Charlotte, the convictions obtained in two cases resulted in a death sentence in the state gas chamber and a prison sentence of from 10 to 12 years on a guilty second degree murder plea.

In the third case of the week an aged Negro man was declared not guilty. Presiding was Judge Clement and prosecuting was Solicitor Carpenter, who sought first degree murder convictions for each of the three defendants.

The fourth murder case, one against Mrs. Martha Williams charge with killing her husband, was nolle prossed with leave after it had been established before the court that Mrs. Wil-

son killed her mate while he was advancing upon her with a revolver. It was stated that he had threatened to kill.

Still another case this week on a murder charge brought forth a manslaughter conviction. The jury found Nathaniel Edwards guilty. He had killed another Negro, Alfred Smith, but Judge Clement reserved sentencing until a later date.

To die in the gas chamber in September is Noah Cureton, who was charged with shooting to death John W. Heninken, also a Negro of Charlotte. Getting the 10 to 12 year sentence for murder is Luther Withers. He was charged with clubbing another Negro, Lonnie Collins, to death.

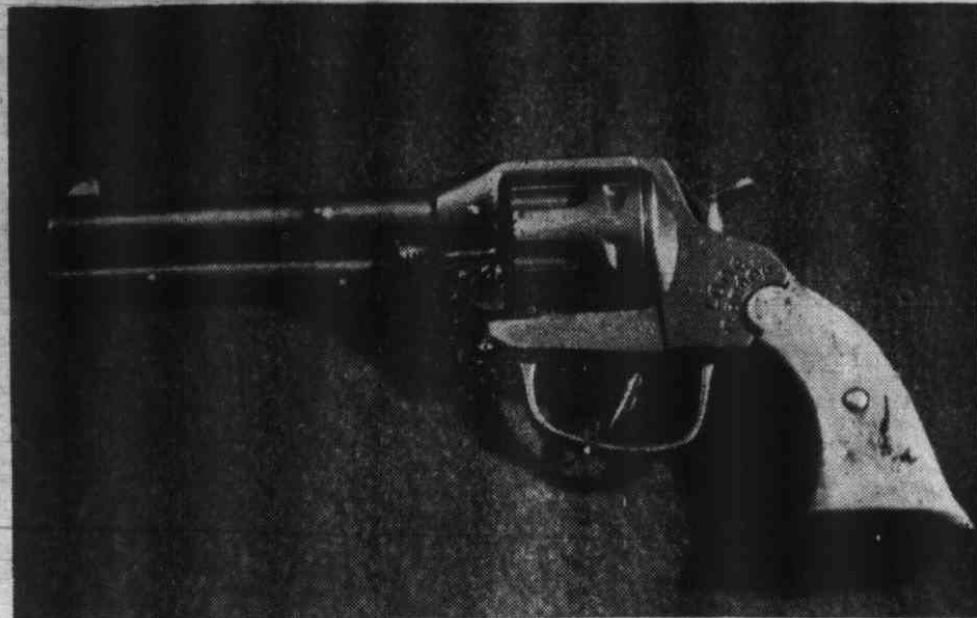
The Cureton death sentence is the second given within recent weeks as a result of cases where Negroes killed Negroes.

Some Say This Started It All



"BUSTER" McDOUGALD

Did "Buster" McDougald frighten his wife with the toy pistol shown above? This is one



of the many angles now being discussed in Durham's latest tragedy. Where is the real gun?

The photo at the left is that of McDougald who is now fighting a grim battle to live at

Lincoln Hospital. (Photo by Reuben-Rudolph)

Wounded Man Given Fifty-Fifty Chance

DURHAM — Clem "Buster" McDougald, who shot and killed his pretty wife Mrs. Elizabeth McDougald here last week with the same gun with which she had a few seconds before sent two bullets crashing into his body is fighting a grim battle for his life at Lincoln Hospital this week. Physicians give McDougald a fifty-fifty chance to survive the shooting which was a bloody climax to an estrangement between him and his wife. Several blood transfusions were given McDougald this week after which physicians announced his condition as fair.

in the Hayti section this week. Efforts on the part of the representatives of the CAROLINA TIMES to give its readers a true account of the affair resulted in no definite information as to whether McDougald had the toy pistol which very much resembles a real gun when he approached his wife or not.

The only thing definite is that a toy pistol was found at the scene of the shooting. Whether it was in the possession of the man at the time of the shooting or was placed at the scene by some one else before or after has not been definitely determined. CAROLINA TIMES representatives in interviewing several persons who claim to have seen the affair from beginning to end find as many who claim McDougald did not have the toy pistol as there are who say he did.

The toy pistol, a picture of which appears in this week's issue of the CAROLINA TIMES, is now in the hands of the police. The real gun with which the shooting was done had not been located by police early this week.

Because of the large number of friends of the couple, interest in the case was running high as to the outcome, if it goes to court.

So intricate are the circumstances leading up to the shooting that "curbstone lawyers" were hesitant in predicting on what charge, if any, McDougald will be tried and what the penalty, if any, will be.

Conflicting stories with reference to the toy pistol that McDougald is said to have frightened his wife with were rampant

James Jones Drowns In Old City Reservoir

DURHAM — James Jones, 13 year old boy of 611 Troy Street was drowned Tuesday afternoon at 4:40 when he slipped from the mossy banks of a slipped from the East Durham.

Two Durham police officers went to the scene and dove into the water in an attempt to get the boy's body out before it was too late. The body was brought to the surface by one of the police lifeless. Artificial respiration was attempted but it was too late.

Several witnesses were at the scene when the tragedy occurred. Among them was Purvis Jones, 11-year-old brother of the drowned boy. They sent the alarm for help. All of them were forced to stand and idly look unable to help the boy in the water.

He was sitting on the edge of the water when he slipped from the moss-grown banks into the water. He could not swim.

Around his neck was wound a fishing line and other articles. Which he had probably started a fishing trip.

He is survived by his parents, Mrs. Adel and Lexie Jones, and other brothers and sisters.

FBI INVESTIGATES TENN. LYCHING

NEW YORK — The situation at Brownsville, Tenn., where Elbert Williams was lynched and nearly a dozen Negroes driven out of town because of their effort to register and vote, is being investigated by the Federal

Durham Bankers Attend Carolina Conference

CHAPEL HILL — A new milestone in the progress of interracial cooperation in the Old North State was passed last week when four executives of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham and two other Negro business men of Durham participated in the fourth annual North Carolina Bankers' Conference held at the University of North Carolina on July 8 and 12.

The conference, sponsored jointly by the North Carolina Bankers Association, the University of North Carolina and the State Banking Department, attracted 215 bankers, 23 of whom came from South Carolina, Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

The Mechanics and Farmers Bank, the largest Negro banking institution in the world, was represented at the conference by C. C. Spaulding, president; E. R. Merrick, vice president; R. L. McDougald, executive vice president, and J. H. Wheeler, cashier.

J. J. Henderson of the investment department, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, and J. S. Stewart, assistant secretary, Mutual Building and Association, both of Durham, also attended.

The conference lasted four days and a half, with five class periods four days and three class periods on Friday. Hon. Edward

Bar Ass'n To Meet In Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio, (Special) — The Sixteenth Annual Convention of the National Bar Association will convene in Columbus, Ohio on August 1. An interesting and educational program has been arranged and a large attendance is expected. Delegates from the forty eight States and Territorial Possessions are expected to be in attendance. Ray E. Hughes, a member of the

AMERICAN TEACHERS ASSOCIATION HAS FEATURE PROGRAM FOR JULY 23-26

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A Stellar array of speakers and officers of state and national professional organizations will assemble at Pine Bluff, Arkansas July 23-26 for the 37th annual meeting of the American Teachers Ass'n.

Columbus Bar, is in charge of arrangements in Columbus.

'July Blue Moon' Blamed For Violence

GREENSVILLE, S. C., (ANP) — The old folks down here attach a special significance to the July new moon.

Always preceding the appearance of the July new moon there is a wave of fatalities. The July moon is not the Carolina moon of song and story, it is a blood moon. Blood kin will fight and kill before the July new moon. Blood kin did fight in '76.

July 4 fatalities are not result of the holiday spirit, the coming of the July new moon makes the blood

hot and people kill. With the coming of July 5, the old folks sagely nod their heads at report after report reaches them of what the rest of world calls Fourth of July fatalities.

At Bishopville as the result of a near riot at a colored gall game, one man was killed, eight men and women are in jail, and two policemen who attempted to quell the riot were injured. The dead man was Johnny Leg Truesdale, of Kershaw, stabbed to death.

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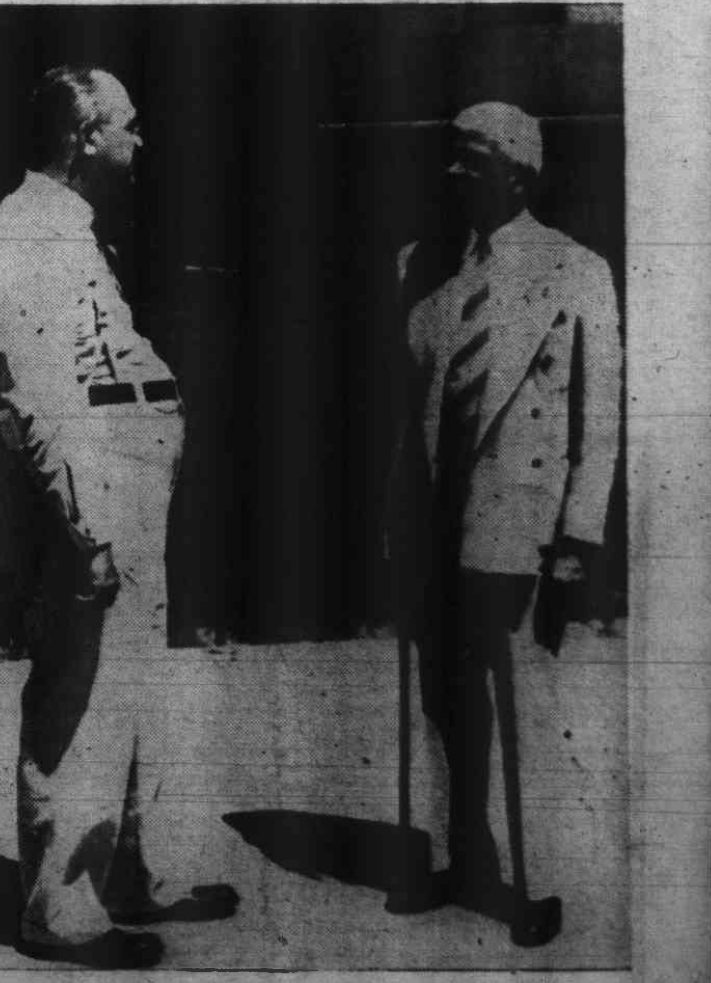
Scenes At Meeting Of N. C. Bankers At University Of N. C.



The North Carolina Bankers Conference held at the University of North Carolina last week



set a fine example for other southern states to follow when executives of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham attended the fourth annual session. Top photo at the left shows



William A. Irwin of New York. The center photo reading from left to right, front row: E. R. the Mechanic and Farmer Bank. Merrick, vice president and direc-

tor; R. L. McDougald, executive vice president; J. H. Wheeler, cashier; and C. C. Spaulding, president; Back row: William A. Irwin, New York; Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of Banks

Right photo showing President C. C. Spaulding and Mr. Hood engaged in a friendly chat.