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Decry New York Preacher's Sermon Disparaging Memory Of Dead Man; Chicago Ministers Challenge Powell To Produce Facts.

**By Associated Negro Press**  
Louisville — Seething indignation characterized the session of the executive board of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., meeting here last Wednesday for the first time since the death of Dr. L. K. Williams, president of the greater religious organization, as its members discussed the posthumous attack made up their leader in a sermon reported preached in New York City by the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, Jr., pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist church of that city. Rev. Powell was charged with unethical conduct by various ministers present who had read the story of his alleged intemperate utterance in an eastern newspaper.

The executive board adopted a set of resolutions extolling the work and character of Dr. Williams and expressing their unbounded confidence in the man and their reverence of his memory. At the same time the group condemned in scorching language the views alleged to have been expressed by Powell when, in a pulpit address, he is charged with seeking to link the name of Dr. Williams with the unsolved murder of E. D. Pierson, a former auditor for the National Baptist Publishing board of Nashville who was slain a dozen years ago as he traveled through Indiana to make a report to superior officers. Powell is charged with preaching a sensational sermon in which he struck at the dead man's memory by innuendo and in which he dragged the gruesome details of the unexplained tragedy forth in detail as he sought to link the name of his own denomination's departed chieftain to the event.

Bitter condemnation of Rev. Powell has been voiced by both ministers and laymen, not alone in Louisville but in Chicago and his own city of New York as well as throughout the country wherever the text of this attack had penetrated.

In New York City where the Baptist Minister's conference held a memorial service for Dr. Williams last Monday, leading pastors, though not calling his name, branded the young preacher as "unchristian" and a "sensational seeker." Rev. O. Clay Maxwell, pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church and an officer in the National Baptist convention, said that Powell's alleged charges were "without any foundation in fact" and "unchristian and unwise." The conference then went on record as endorsing Dr. Wil-

## Governor Praises Artistic Advance Of Negro Race

**North Carolina Executive Tells Mrs. Moten Future is Hopeful**  
Raleigh — Governor Clyde R. Hoey expressed appreciation for the progress which the Negro people of the nation and his state are making, along all lines, but particularly artistically, in a brief

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ETTA MOTEN

interview which he held with Miss Etta Moten, the singer, in the executive offices here last week. Miss Moten, accompanied by W. R. Johnson, executive secretary of Negro Work in the State Department of Public Welfare, had called to meet the governor. The charming visitor expressed appreciation of the growing liberality and fairness which the state of North Carolina is exhibiting, declaring that North Carolina could well serve as a pattern for some states of the deep South, though she declared that in her travels, she found improvement in racial relationships all over the South. She hoped, however, for far greater social, economic, and educational benefits to the race, she said.

Williams' life and work. Observers expect the conference to demand a retraction by the young minister. The executive board here at Louisville instructed Atty. Wm. H. Hayes, its general counsel, to seek an explanation of the incident and to investigate what appropriate action might be taken.

## Dr. Calloway Addresses Medics

The regular monthly meeting of Durham Academy of Medicine was held at the Biltmore Hotel, Wednesday night with Dr. J. L. Calloway, Chief of the Department of Dermatology of Duke University as guest speaker. Dr. Calloway spoke on "The Most Common Skin Diseases and Their Treatments." The presentation took on the vein of a roundtable discussion. The discussion centered around the Allergic Skin Diseases and Fungus Infections of the skin. Following the discussion Dr. Calloway projected colored slides illustrating various skin diseases. The presentation was enthusiastically received by the group.

Dr. I. A. Day of the State Department of Health, and Dr. St. Hille of Middlesex University were visitors and were presented to the Academy.

The members of the Academy who were present were: Drs. R. P. Randolph; E. E. Toney, Max King, Leo Bruce, Clyde Donnell, A. S. Hunter, J. W. V. Cordice, J. N. Mills, J. M. Hubbard, Bryce and W. A. Cleland.

Kinston, N. C. — The percentage of persons affected with venereal diseases was "surprisingly low" to health officials who had been "informed" that infection among Negroes in this section was unusually high. Dr. V. Moseley, head of the department, reported here Thursday.

Dr. Moseley reported that of 2,200 persons registered here for possible military service who were recently given blood tests only about five per cent showed venereal infection.

## Joe Serves As Cashier In Boston Post Xmas Contest

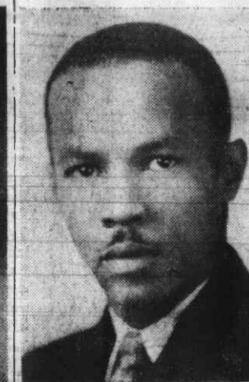
Boston — Breaking his training men and women as he labored period to help in the Boston Post Christmas Fund subscription campaign, Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, acted as Post Santa cashier for nearly an hour Wednesday while thousands filling newspaper row cheered him on.

CHAIRMAN



J. J. HENDERSON, young business man who as chairman of the Negro Division of the Durham Community Club outstripped any of his predecessors by raising the largest amount of money over the set quota. Mr. Henderson is an employee of the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company.

SURVEYOR



L. M. BERRY, well known young business man of Durham who was recently granted a license as a surveyor by the state of North Carolina. Mr. Berry is believed by man to be the only member of his race in the state who has qualified for a surveyors license.

## N. A. A. C. P. Announces Nominees For National Board Of Directors

New York — The following persons have been nominated for the Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, for a three year term expiring in 1943, according to an announcement made by the Association's committee on nominations: Alderman Earl B. Dickerson, of Chicago; Thomas L. Griffith, president of the Los Angeles, NAACP branch; and Dr. O. Clay Maxwell, pastor of New York Olivet Baptist Church.

Those recommended for reelection to the board were: Dr. Allen Knight Chalmers, Douglas P. Falconer, the Rev. William Lloyd Ives, Miss Mary White Ovington, Judge Charles Toney, Miss Frances Harriet Williams, and Dr. Louis T. Wright, all of New York; Senator Arthur Capper of Topeka, Kansas; Sidney R. Redmond, president of the St. Louis, NAACP branch; and Dr.

Charles Edward Russell, of Washington, D. C. William Allen White of Emporia Kansas was recommended for election as vice president of the association.

The nominations will be voted on at the association's annual business meeting to be held at 69 Fifth Avenue, Monday, January 6, 1941. Members of the nomination committee included: Hubert T. Delany, Miss Marion Cuthbert Lemis Gannett, President Arthur B. Spingarn, all of New York; Miss Yolanda Barnett of Louisville, Kentucky; Mrs. Gertrude

Washington. — The first colored reserve officers ordered to duty will report to camp Dix, N. J., on Monday next for extended active duty.

They are Capt. Clinton C. Burke, William B. Edelin, 1st Lieut Nathaniel King and 2nd Lieut Arthur N. Pearing, all being from the 428th Reserve Infantry regiment.

## NAACP to Defend 15-Year-Old Virginia Youth Held On Rape Charges

### Queen City Filling Station Attendant Shot To Death By Cab Driver

Charlotte, Special to the Times)  
J. D. Hollins, 210 S. Davidson street, youthful filling station attendant, recently employed at Bishop Dale's service station on the S. E. corner of Brevard and First street, was brutally shot to death here by Clifton Belk, local white man, employed as a driver by the Red and White Cab Co.

According to the testimony of an eye witness, the cab driver, Belk, driving in a reckless manner up Brevard street, attempted to cut through the driveway of the service station to First street. Upon being reprimanded by Richard Cherry, and old employee of the service station, the cab drove away. Returning later armed with a rifle, Belk, it is claimed began firing, (undoubtedly at the first man he saw at the service station. Cherry with whom he had argued had just stepped inside to make change for a customer) the bullets striking and mortally wounding Hunt, who was standing in the rear of the wash shed of the station, washing a car.

On the surface, this case that has so aroused the ire of Negro Charlotte, is plainly one of murder in the first degree, one word as the defendant, Belk, left the scene of the argument went home to obtain a gun and returned to the scene to shoot the first Negro whom he laid eyes upon, in this case, an innocent youth, who had just recently moved to Charlotte from Kings Mountain and had only been employed at the filling station for two weeks. At the coroners inquest it was ascertained that Hollins died from two bullet wounds in the right lung.

Immediately after the shooting, Belk, according to the police blotter gave himself up; and said, that he had been attacked and cut by the slain youth, Hollins, about two or three weeks back; however, those acquainted with the deceased seemingly doubt the truthfulness of this statement as Hollins has only been in the city for a few weeks.

Brigadier General Clarence L. Sturdevant, assistant chief of engineers who is in charge of the training at the War Department at Washington, reviewed the Forty-First Engineers Regiment, leading Negro regiment, here on November 30 during his visit of inspection at the Fort Bragg post.

MINISTER



Rev. C. R. Hairston, above, pastor of St. Stephens AME Church, deserves unusual honor and credit, along with the members of St. Stephens for the fine showing made recently in reducing the church debt to \$5000 from \$8,800. A picture of the church and story in more detail appear on another page of the Carolina Times this week.

## 874 Draftees May Spend Xmas In Camp at Ft. Bragg

Fort Bragg, — Eight hundred, seventy-four men, including 464 Negroes, are scheduled to arrive at Fort Bragg for the first time to do military service between December 5 and Dec. 17, army headquarters said Monday.

Induction of men into the army at Fort Bragg will reach its climax at the end of this week when 180 men will be entered on Friday, Dec. 13, following by 197 the following day. No white men are scheduled to arrive on those days. The men will be the first all-Baptist to enter military service the unexpired term of Dr. L. K. and will come mainly from North Carolina. They will be physically examined at the induction station and sent immediately to the reception center where they will draw their equipment and be classified and quartered. From the reception center they will be turned to regular army battalions and sent to their respective companies.

Waynesboro, Va. (Special to the TIMES) — Joseph Mickens, fifteen year old Negro youth who was about to be railroaded to prison and execution on the charge of having raped Mrs. Clarice S. Pye, here November 24, after having reputedly "confessed" to the crime following "questioning" by at least ten police officials, will be represented by Oliver W. Hill, NAACP attorney, when his case comes to trial in nearby Staunton on December 19.

According to Hill, who interviewed Mickens at the Roanoke jail, where he is confined pending his trial, the youth, one of eleven children, who quit school in the fifth grade, was picked up Monday, November 25 by local police on suspicion that he had broken into two warehouses located near his home here. He was questioned concerning these robberies and also about the assault on Mrs. Pye, by the Waynesboro chief of police and other local officials. The police chief, convinced of Mickens' innocence of all these charges was about to release him when City Manager Vass insisted that the youth be held for failure to pay a traffic fine.

That night, according to Mickens some ten police officials, including the police chief of Staunton, Virginia, questioned him "at length," and later gave out the story that he had confessed. Denying he confession, the youth said the police officials took turns questioning him until the whole procedure became blurred in his mind. Despite the fact that Mickens is out on probation because of some incident involving a bicycle over a year ago, his reputation in the community is considered good. He and his family have lived in Waynesboro for many years.

## Name Rev. Jemison To Succeed Williams

Louisville — The executive board of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., met here Wednesday and named Dr. D. V. Jemison to serve as president of the National Baptist Convention, to fill out the unexpired term of Dr. L. K. Williams, who met his death in an airplane accident last October. Dr. Jemison, who lives at Selma, Ala., and is president of the Alabama State Baptist convention, has been first vice president of the national, elected last year. He will serve as president until next Sept. when the annual convention is held.