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# Trio Killed In Crossing Accident AIRCRAFT PLANT EMPLOYS NEGROES

## ICE TRUCK HIT BY FAST TRAIN; ALL OCCUPANTS KILLED

BY MARSHALL REVELS

Durham — Death's knell sounded for three young Durhamites last Sunday at approximately 9 a. m. when an ice truck owned by Neil Stanback, and occupied by Robert Crenshaw, Jr., 15, of East Pettigrew Street, Vernell Chavis, 16, of South Briggs Avenue, and Ralph Hunter, the driver was struck by the fast incoming Train Number 21 of the Southern Railway, headed west at the Dawn Street Crossing near the Virginia and Carolina Chemical plant in East Durham.

Crenshaw, the youngest of the trio was killed instantly, while the other occupants died shortly after reaching Lincoln Hospital of broken limbs and skull fractures sustained in the accident.

Reports vary as to how the tragic affair actually occurred. However, in some quarters it is averred that the vehicle stalled on the tracks, in front of the fast moving incoming passenger train. The vehicle was completely demolished and was dragged a distance of approximately 150 feet by the train.

Funeral services for the accident victims were conducted Tuesday afternoon, from the Orange Grove Baptist Church, East Durham by Dr. V. E. Brown, pastor, who with several other prominent ministers paid a glowing last tribute to the deceased.

## Prominent Bostonian Finds No Air Jim Crow In South

By Jim Hewlett

Boston — Norris G. Davis, prominent local undertaker who recently purchased a round trip air line ticket to Natchez, Miss, with stop over privilege enroute to visit the nationally known Boozie family of Mount Bayou, was informed by airline officials here that while it is not the custom to encourage Negro travel by air in the South, they are treated with utmost courtesy and are accorded the same rights as white passengers.

### RULES OF THE ROAD ON DIMMING LIGHTS

Sec. 94, Motor Vehicle Laws of North Carolina:—"The head lamps of motor vehicles shall be so constructed, arranged and adjusted that they will at all times and under normal atmospheric conditions and on a level road produce a driving light sufficient to render clearly discernible a person two hundred feet ahead, but any person operating a motor vehicle upon the highways when meeting another vehicle, shall so control the lights of the vehicle operated by him by shifting, depressing, deflecting, tilting or dimming the head light beams in such manner as shall not project a glaring or dazzling light to persons in front of such head lamp." In other words, dim your headlights when meeting another car on the highway at night. The law requires it, courtesy suggests it, safety demands it.

## Heningburg Chosen To Head Delaware State Teachers College By Trustees

Dover, Delaware. — Dr. Alphonse Heningburg of North Carolina College for Negroes was elected to succeed Dr. R. S. Grossley, president of Delaware State College for Colored Students at a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was announced this week by J. A. Frear, Jr., Secretary of the board.

Dr. Heningburg is a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, received the Phi Beta Kappa award at Grinnell College in Iowa, later matriculated at the University of Paris and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in College Administration at New York University in 1939. During his twelve years as a member of the staff at Tuskegee Institute, he served successively as instructor, director of the academic department and Personnel Director.

## Ushers To Set Up Randolph County Branch In Ramseur

Ushers from many sections of the state will journey to Ramseur, North Carolina on Sunday, May 25 to set up a branch of the North Carolina Interdenominational Ushers Association to be known as the Randolph County Ushers Union.

Arrangements for the program have been completed according to J. W. Doak, treasurer of the State Association, and a large crowd is expected to be on hand. Ushers and visitors from Liberty, Ashboro and other places in the county will be present as well as singing groups. The program will include a morning and afternoon session and will be held at the M. E. church. It will conclude with an address in the afternoon by President L. E. Austin of the State Association.

According to Mr. Doak visiting Ushers will be served dinner on the church grounds at 1:30 P. M. by the committee on Arrangements, and it will not be necessary for out-of-town visitors to bring lunches. All of the state officers have been invited to the meeting and from all indications, many of them will be present from as far east as Raleigh and as far west as Winston-Salem.

## FLASH!

A mob, estimated by M. P. Lutten, Gadsden County, Fla. Sheriff as 5 or 6 unidentified whites, snatched a Negro prisoner, A. O. Williams, who was being rushed by ambulance to Tallahassee for hospital treatment, late Monday evening, May 12 after having been brutally shot and beaten Sunday night in a prior attempt by a lynch mob, and in this second attempt poured a volley of eight or ten shots into his already wounded body. Williams had been accused of an attempt criminal assault upon a 12-year-old white child. The Sheriff stated that neither Deputy Sheriff Davis who had been on duty Sunday night, nor ambulance driver Webb, who was enroute to the hospital Monday with Williams could recognize any members of the mob.

## Defendants Win In Texas Primary Tilt

Houston, Tex. — Approval of the lily white Democratic primary as now in use in Texas was given this week by Federal Judge T. M. Kennerly of the U. S. District court. He decided in favor of the defendants in the case of Sidney Hasgett vs election officials.

The case, which attracted wide attention in the South, was heard through the local branch of the NAACP, with the assistance of Atty. Thurgood Marshall as associate legal adviser. It was heard on April 17 following many postponements. Judge Kennerly had the case under advisement for 16 days before giving his decision.

The plaintiff, Hasgett, sued election officials, contending he had been damaged to the extent of \$5,000 when he was barred from voting in the Democratic primary.

Defense attorneys argued that the Democratic party was a private organization and was entitled to exclude from membership any individual or groups it desired. Judge Kennerly upheld this contention.

Joining in the battle for the plaintiff were Atty. H. S. Davis of Houston and W. J. Durham of Sherman, Texas.

## OPM Puts Pressure On Airplane Plants To Hire Negroes

Mr. Hillman Assures NAACP That Companies Will Be Urged To Accept Negroes

Washington — From Sidney Hillman, co-director of the Office of Production Management comes word that the OPM is investigating the racial policy of the Swallow Airplane company which recently circulating a handbill asking for "white American citizens" to be trained at its division in Wichita, Kans.

In reply to a communication from Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Mr. Hillman stated, "To date we have made contacts with several leading airplane companies and have secured from appropriate offices pledges of cooperation which are being translated into actual plans for Negro employment."

Mr. Hillman assured the NAACP that the Swallow company will be urged along with other plants to accept Negroes for employment.

## Applications For Air Corps Available At N. Y. NAACP Office

Applications Urged To Request Training At School Nearest Their Home

New York — Men who are interested in joining the air corps of the United States Army are notified that they may obtain application blanks by writing to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 69 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The NAACP has already sent out nearly 100 of the blanks secured from the War Department and is mailing 200 more to those who have written expressing their willingness to join the air force.

The association stresses that suggestion that applicant request that they be given training at the training school nearest their home because of the present plan to send such Negroes as art accepted for training to the segregated training school at Tuskegee Institute.

## Mechanics Arts Head



Robert Cotton, Director of Mechanical Arts and Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri.—(ANP photo).

## Plane Plant Jobs Loom For Race

Washington — Crashing all fronts of the airplane manufacturing industry, Negroes are beginning to be considered in these plants for jobs with indications that within a very short time, they will be working in three huge plants.

On Wednesday night, Lieut. Lawrence Oxley of the United States Unemployment service left for Buffalo where he was called in by the Curtis Wright company to offer them the personnel which they plan to recruit among Negroes. Lieut. Oxley was especially asked for by this firm.

Enroute to Kansas, where the great hue and cry arose on the airplane plant's refusal to engage Negroes, went Dr. Ira DeA Reid to consult with officials there with reference to putting Negroes in the training courses in the Kansas schools with further reference to putting them to work. Some 50 Negroes are being considered for this first effort.

Up in Hartford, Conn., Pratt and Whitney are thumbing the idea and according to information close to the official sources, it is believed they are ready to capitulate and engage Negro workers in their plants.

Although the source asked that information be given the public, the person was especially anxious. Please turn to page Eight

## Curtis-Wright Agrees To Train Applicants For Aircraft Jobs

### Negroes Rank High In Mental "Tests"

New York — The results of a scientific research recently conducted in the field of human personality, as revealed by the New Republic magazine, shows a magnificent wealth of Negro talent and genius in this country. Bruce Bliven, a white writer found from two surveys made of 8,000 Chicago Negro school children, picked at random, that "29 were intelligent enough to qualify as 'geniuses' and that one ranked with the highest intelligence rating of great men of the past (Mill, Goethe, Newton).

## Subscribes To Negro Newspapers

Washington — Negro newspapers will be included in the general subscription list of the United States Office of Government Reports beginning July 1, it is reported. This is the first time that clippings from Negro papers will receive official recognition from this government bureau.

## NAACP Field Worker Accepts High Post With U. S. Treasury

Washington — William Pickens, field secretary and director of branches for the NAACP since 1920, has left that organization to take a new position in the United States treasury at Washington. He is expected to assume his new duties late this week, and will be the only Negro holding an official position in the federal treasury.

The appointment is not political, it was emphasized, and Mr. Pickens will have a civil service rating. His salary was not revealed, although it is expected to be considerably more than his remuneration at the NAACP and will make him one of the highest, if not the highest, paid

Buffalo, New York — The successful culmination of an effort to gain employment opportunities for skilled Negroes in the aircraft industries in Buffalo was effected today with the selection of a group of Negro applicants for training in the Curtis-Wright Aircraft plant.

Upon the successful completion of this training course these Negro apprentices will be employed as skilled workers in aircraft production. Because of the recognized necessity for selecting trained with above the average intelligence, personality, adaptability, and physical fitness for this pioneer group, Lieut. Lawrence A. Oxley, Chief Racial Relations Unit, Social Security Board, Washington, has figured prominently in the preliminary arrangements, and recruitment of the trainees.

During the past three months Lieut. Oxley has had conferences with, and the active cooperation of executives of the aircraft industry and representatives of the New York State Employment Service, National Youth Administration, Buffalo Chamber of Commerce, Board of Education.

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Negroes in the government service.

It was understood that several nationally prominent men were under consideration, but Mr. Pickens was chosen and informed of his selection by long distance telephone to his home in New York. It came as a surprise to him as he was not aware that such a move was contemplated and accordingly had made no attempt to obtain the position. Mr. Pickens is classed as independent politically.

As a member of the official staff, Mr. Pickens will have an office in the treasury building. He is expected to spend considerable time in the field. Please turn to page Eight

# Anti-Crime Broadcast To Feature Judge Borland