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### Organize Aid For Youth Who Slew In Self Defense Alabama Teachers Fight Salary Issue

### Durham and Greensboro Ushers Associations Hold Huge Gatherings Sun.

#### Teachers Ass'n. Alabama Ask To Confer On Pay

Birmingham. — (By Emory C. Jackson for ANP)—The education commission of the Alabama State Teachers' association Monday had mailed a petition to the Jefferson County Board of Education, according to Dr. E. W. Taggart, chairman, asking for a conference at their next meeting with view to working out plans for equalization of the salaries of Negro Jefferson county teachers to those of the white teachers.

Details of the petition were not made known. However, it was the general opinion that the commission is seeking a solution to the differential salary problem through conference rather than court action. It was speculated that the commission was on a double maneuver, one to adjust details of equalization of salaries without resort to the courts and the other to clear the way for legal action if such becomes necessary.

Everywhere court action has been taken for salary parity the procedure has been to file a petition with the board as a preliminary step. Cities like Knoxville, Chattanooga, and more recently New Orleans, have worked out salary parity programs in conference.

For five years the ASTA has been preparing for "action on equalization" of Negro teachers' salaries to those of white teachers and it is understood to have raised enough initial money to finance that purpose.

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#### John Shipman Passes After Long Illness

John Shipman, age 44, died at his home here on B Street, Monday evening at 11 o'clock after an illness of nearly two years. Although Mr. Shipman had been in declining health for a long time he was not fully confined to his bed until several weeks ago.

The deceased was born in Durham August 12, 1897, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shipman, and had lived here all of his life. He attended the public schools of Durham, and for more than 25 years operated a barber shop on Fayetteville street.

Mr. Shipman was well known here and during his life made a large number of friends.

In 1913 the deceased was married to Miss Amanda Carver of Fayetteville. In addition to his wife he is survived by one son Chas. Shipman of Jamaica, Long Island, New York, one daughter, Mrs. Carrie Ellerbe of the same city, and one grandson, Zack Ellerbe. Three sisters and two brothers also survived. The sisters are Mrs. Daisy Smith, Miss Lelia Shipman and Mrs. Lena Gregory. The brothers are Luther Shipman of New York and Henry Strayhorn of Durham.

#### Honored At Durham Ushers Anniversary



The three persons above have done much to advance the program of the Durham Ushers Union. All three were honored in last week's seventeenth annual celebration of the organization held at St. Joseph A. M. E. Church. From left to right they are C. C. Cobb, founder and former president of the State Ushers Association; Mrs. Pearl Felder, former president of the First Aid departments of the local and State Association and Fred Hines, chairman of the local look-out committee and Sergeant-at-arms of the state organization.

#### Charlotte To Hold Mass Meeting Sunday for Youth Charged With Killing

Charlotte. — The Mecklenburg County Grand Jury, Monday afternoon indicted Walter Lee Wallace 19 year old youth, charging him with the slaying two weeks ago at Mint Hill, of Marvin Smith Freeland, white man of Union County.

Wallace according to court attaches will be tried at the current term of Mecklenburg's Criminal Superior court.

An aroused sympathetic public opinion is moulded in the defense of Wallace, who since the death of his father has played an important part in the support of his aged widowed mother.

Because of the death of his father Wallace had to leave school before going very far.

Attorneys for the indicted youth, say that both white and colored witnesses to the affair will testify that Wallace was aggravated in this situation by the cursing and threats and assaults of Freeland, the dead man, and that he, Wallace, did only what any other person would have done under the circumstances in the defense of his own life.

Wallace will be represented by A. A. Tarlton, white, and by J. S. Bowser of the legal staff of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

He will be prosecuted by Solicitor General.

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#### C. A. IRVIN IS UNANIMOUSLY NAMED TO POST

C. A. Irvin, unanimously chosen to serve in the capacity of Executive Secretary of The Charlotte Negro Chamber of Commerce at the meeting of the Board of Directors held Tuesday night, November 25th has already begun to exercise the responsibilities of his office.

He was born in Charlotte forty years ago; attended the Myers Street School at the time Prof. Samuel Pride was principal. Among some of his early teachers were Miss Zella Austin, Miss Hannah Stewart, Miss Minnie McKnight and Miss Nannie Leary. His High School work and further training were done at Virginia Union University. In Richmond, Virginia and The School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance of New York University. He has had extensive experience in newspaper work, at the present time being Public Relations Director of the Carolina Times.

Mr. Irvin has had experience in going into a number of industrial plants.

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#### Dean Tilley And Editor Austin Speak For Ushers Meetings

Durham. — St. Joseph A. M. E. Church was the scene last Sunday of the celebration of the 16th anniversary of the Durham Ushers Union. In addition to honoring its founder and former president C. C. Cobb the anniversary celebration also honored Mrs. Pearl Felder, beloved usher of St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church and former president of the First Aid Department of the State Association and Fred Hines also a member of St. Mark A. M. E. Zion usher board, for his conscientious efforts toward building the local and state associations.

Mr. Hines is also Sergeant-At-Arms of the state association.

Promptly at 2:15 P. M. the ushers from the various churches of the city began assembling at the

Greensboro. — A program by the Greensboro Ushers Union and the Gate City Beauticians was rendered at the Institutional Baptist church here Sunday afternoon at three o'clock for the purpose of assisting in the drive to raise funds for the erection of a Day Nursery in the city.

Approximately 400 persons attended the meeting which resulted in more than \$75 being raised.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Men's Glee Club, the Gospel Choir of the church. A solo was sung by Mrs. Rebecca Leggett, Mrs. Beattie Withers, Miss Vertia Mae McPhray and Mrs. E. Kermit Hightower.

A short talk on the object of the meeting was made by Arthur Crump, president of the union. L.

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#### Police Baffled At Finding Missing Professor's Body In California City

#### JOE LOUIS IS SUED FOR \$10,000 By FORMER ATTORNEY

Chicago. — (ANP)— A suit to collect \$10,500 in fees and expenses from the recent divorce action between Joe Louis Barrow and his wife, Marva Trotter Barrow, was filed last Monday at Atty. Bindley C. Cyrus against Joe Louis. The divorce bill was dismissed when the couple became reconciled last Aug. 19. The attorney represented Marva in the divorce proceedings.

The bill sets forth that Atty. Cyrus was hired by the couple on Oct. 9, 1940, in connection with the suit and a property settlement. Mrs. Barrow's suit was filed last July 3, and the couple reunited during the hearing of her motion for temporary alimony. The petition asks \$10,000 for fees and \$500 for expenses incurred and advanced by the attorney during the handling of the case. A jury referee was requested by the attorney to decide the case.

#### Exec. Committee Assoc. Teachers Of Languages Meets

The Executive Committee of the Association of Teachers of Language in Negro Colleges held its annual meeting at Johnson C. Smith University Saturday afternoon and evening, November 29, with Professor B. L. Woodruff, president of the Association and chairman of the Smith University English Department, Presiding.

Plans for the sixth annual meeting to be held at Hampton Institute from March 26th to 28th, 1942, were outlined and the program, organized around the theme: "The Language Teacher as a Master Builder on the Ramparts of Culture," was approved. The speakers, to be announced later, will be drawn from leading colleges in the country. An extensive membership campaign, to be launched early in 1942, was discussed among other matters of importance to the Association.

Attending the Committee meeting were Dr. John Lovell, Howard University, Chairman, Program Committee; Mrs. Marion Starling, Spelman College, Program Committee; Joseph H. Jenkins, Spelman College, Treasurer; A. R. Brooks, A. and T. College, Recording Secretary; Hugh M. Gloster, Morehouse College, Member-at-Large Executive Committee; and H. R. Jenkins, Tuskegee Institute, Corresponding Secretary.

#### Fifteen Thousand Baptists Expected At Raleigh Meeting

Plans are now underway to commemorate seventy-five years of noteworthy services and contributions of the Baptist of North Carolina. The celebration, which will be the greatest in the history of the convention, is scheduled to take place the first week next August in Raleigh, and will bring to the capital city an estimated crowd of fifteen thousand Baptists.

The executive secretary of the General Baptist Convention, the Reverend C. E. Griffin, has been elected general director of the Jubilee, and has, along with an all-Baptist Diamond Jubilee Board of Directors, begun shipping plans for the celebration.

All four state Baptist Conventions are abandoning plans for separate sessions during the coming year and will come together to commemorate seventy-five years of progress, and to plan for a greater Baptist Cooperative Program in North Carolina. Heading the four conventions are: the Reverend P. A. Bishop, Rich Square, president of the General Convention; Mrs. Viola McMillian, Tar-

Los Angeles. — (ANP)— The body of Robert Coleman, 26-year-old professor of a Ph.D. degree and professor of mathematics and physics at Wilberforce university, was finally found in a YMCA room here last Monday, a victim of poisoning. Discovery of the body culminated a seven-week search that began on Oct. 7, when he was reported missing from his Wilberforce classes.

At the local YMCA, Coleman had registered under an assumed name of Donald Ellis of New York City. His disappearance from Wilberforce was baffled police officials throughout Ohio and an intensive search had been carried on by the police all over the middle west to ascertain his whereabouts. Although his vanishing act from the Wilberforce campus created a great mystery, discovery of his body on the Pacific coast some 2,000 miles away from the spot where he was last seen leads to even greater speculation.

Last Monday, information was given out by the Los Angeles morgue that a body answering the description of Robert Coleman was being held there. Coleman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, Sr., in Cleveland had given the Cleveland Detective Bureau several pictures of their son, which were to be sent to Los Angeles police department for identification.

Disclosure was made of how the unidentified body of a fatal heart attack victim was traced across the nation to the Coleman home in Cleveland. It seems that a man had registered at the YMCA here last week and the following morning after his registration, he was found lying dead in his room. Upon examination of contents of his pockets, a letter was found addressed to a white lad in Virginia, who had been one of Coleman's school chums at Western Reserve university. Contact with this lad led to further contact with the parents of Coleman in Cleveland.

Before discovery of the body was made, the elderly Coleman had hired a special investigator to comb the state in an effort to locate the deceased son. Circulars were sent out to various colleges describing the missing boy.

Dr. Coleman was reported to have left Wilberforce because of dissatisfaction over teaching on his old salary scale after having been promised an increase when he received his Ph.D. degree. The advanced degree was obtained after a year of absence from the university.

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