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Negro Job Seeker At "Philly" Navy Yard Given The Gate BOY'S CLUB TO DRIVE FOR FUNDS

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Durham Institution For Boys To Wage Campaign To Raise Budget For '42

The sponsors of John Avery Boys' Club have secured from the Charity Solicitations Commission, City of Durham, permit to conduct its annual campaign for cash contributions and subscriptions for the maintenance of the project. The Club has annual operating budget of \$2,500.00 which it hopes to raise in cash and subscriptions during the period from December 10, 1941 to January 10, 1942.

The officers of the Club recently released the first annual report of the operations of John Avery Boys' Club which revealed that over 200 Negro boys, age 6 to 18, both inclusive have been issued membership cards and daily, except Sunday, engage in wholesome recreation and have an opportunity to learn the value of the proper use of leisure time at the Club Rooms located at 418 E. Pettigrew Street. The report reveals also that the total cash receipts for the first year's operations ending October 31, 1941 amounted to \$2,226.98 and that the value of donations and gifts of furniture and fixtures and supplies was the sum of \$390.19, making a grand total of \$2,617.17 for operating purposes during the

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Supreme Liberty Life To Bargain With Case Before Board

Chicago, Ill. — Charging that the company indulged in unfair labor practices in dealing with its employees, who sought to join the United Office and Professional Workers, Local 24, a CIO union, representatives of the union this week, filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board, against the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Co.

The petition, which was filed with the board after the company had dismissed Winnie Gray, Lois Washington, and Rhea Fowlkes, allegedly for union activity, seeks the reinstatement of these employees, and also calls for a Labor Board election to determine the bargaining agent for all employees.

The union is also asking for a weekly salary minimum of \$21.50, graduated wage scale for longer service, seniority rights, vacations with pay, and two dismissals with

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World War Vet. Laid To Rest

Bernice Richardson, 42, died at his home, 506 Bloom Place, Thursday evening after a recent illness.

Mr. Richardson was a world war veteran and for several years employed at the American Tobacco Company until his illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at one thirty at White Rock Baptist Church where he had been an active member for several years.

Surviving was his widow, Mrs. Agnes Richardson, three daughters, Misses Nellie, Marion and Edna Richardson, a son, Chalmers and other relatives including two brothers.

2,000 Attend Rites For Noted Negro Minister In Harlem

New York. — More than 2,000 persons, many of them teachers, and representatives of scores of Negro and white organizations, packed the large auditorium of St. Mark's M. E. Church, 138th St. and St. Nicholas Ave. Monday, December 1, at funeral services for the Rev. Dr. John Wallace Robinson, noted Harlem minister.

Dr. Robinson died Thursday of last week at his home, 118 West 130th Street. He was 70. Known among thousands of Negro and white citizens as a tireless worker for better schools, health and housing, Dr. Robinson was famed throughout the country as a progressive and militant Negro leader.

For a number of years he served as chairman of the Permanent Committee for Better School in Harlem. He served on Mayor LaGuardia's committee to investigate economic and social conditions in Harlem. He was a leader in the fight to pass the anti-lynching and anti-poll tax bills in Congress. Since 1940 he had been a national board member of the National Negro Congress.

In a letter to his widow, Congress officials characterized him as "a man who was not a minister of a church, denomination or particular

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Happily Wed After Twenty-Five Years



Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. McGill honored on the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage by Rev. H. Wilson. The officiating pastor was present and made complimentary remarks.

Race In "Helluva" Fix Says Editor Of Daily Newspaper Of Raleigh

WILBUR TUCKER DIES AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

Wilbur Tucker, well known citizen of Durham, died here at the home of his sister, Friday morning after an illness of about two weeks.

Mr. Tucker was well known to all of Durham, having worked as a chauffeur for Prof. W. G. Pearson for a long number of years.

The funeral will be held at the home of his sister on Enterprise street Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Interment will be at the Beachwood cemetery on Fayetteville Road.

The skunk is helpful in its destruction of wife grubs, wireworms, grasshoppers and mice.

Publicity Men To Meet At Virginia State for Conference

Hampton Institute, Va. — Publicity directors from many of America's leading Negro institutions of higher learning will attend the first conference of the Public Relations Association for Negro Colleges, on Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14, at Virginia State College, in Petersburg, Virginia, according to an announcement today by David L. Miller, director of public relations at Hampton Institute and president of the Association.

William R. Simms, publicity director at Virginia State, conference chairman, also announces that many prominent Negro and white newspapermen will speak at the

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Rocky Mount. — (CP) — White workers are being placed in more and more traditional "Negro jobs" — the race has no leadership — and the Negro race is in a "helluva fix," Jonathan Daniels, editor of the News and Observer, told the Negro Forum here Tuesday.

He cited instances in which so-called Negro jobs are gradually being closed to the race and said that crafts once practiced almost exclusively by Negroes are disappearing and that Negroes are being pushed by economic pressure from the farms with no place to go.

With white persons willing to close the door to profitable employment to Negroes and pay higher taxes to support the idle race, he said, it looks as if slavery is being turned upside down.

Race relations between the white and Negro races in North Carolina are "very cordial," he opined, and North Carolina is a state in which "we can live and talk with each other with understanding and comradeship."

"Prejudices are not restricted to the white race alone," he said. "The Negro race is without leadership. The race does not have a man such as Booker T. Washington that it can look to for leadership."

"We must recognize the difficulty we face, and the race problem will never be solved until the eating problem is solved. Freedom must not be loose but has to be edible with a warm roof over its head."

"Give Him The Gate" Is Answer To Navy Yard Applicant

Philadelphia, Pa. — "Take him to the gate."

This was the only comment of the personnel officer at the naval aircraft factory in the Philadelphia Navy Yard after looking over the application of James S. Mosley, seeking employment as engineering draftsman.

Mosley is a former student of Hampton Institute, Va., with specialties in drafting and machine shop practice. He is on the civil service list as apprentice engineering draftsman with a grade of 91.8. He told his story last week to the Philadelphia NAACP.

Mosley went to the navy yard December 2, after having received a card from the chief clerk requesting him to report for an interview in connection with a job.

He was interviewed "by a man who appeared to be the chief clerk," and was told by this man: "From the appearance of this, your qualifications are more than necessary for the job." The clerk

then took Mosley to the office of the personnel officer who came out and without speaking to Mosley, handed his application to an attendant with the remark, "Take him to the gate."

Mosley has made formal complaint in affidavit form, to the Committee on Fair Employment Practice. Mosley's complaint states that he questioned the personnel man and was told that he had "almost no chance at all" of appointment because "some applicants with higher grades were to be interviewed and they could undoubtedly do better work." Mosley wanted to know if he would be notified by mail if he got the appointment.

The officer said Mosley was "almost certain not to get it" and volunteered to state that it was not because of his color and that "you people seem to have a chip on your shoulders."

Self Defense Plea Fails To Get Man Out Of Jail

Charlotte, Dec. 8. — (CP) — Walter Lee "Cott" Wallace, 20-year-old Mint Hill sawmill laborer, was convicted in Mecklenburg county Superior Court here Thursday on a manslaughter charge in connection with the fatal stabbing of Marvin Smith Freesland, white Union county man, and sentenced to three to four years in Central Prison.

He was indicted in connection with the murder of Freesland at Penny Mullis' filling station on the night of November 15.

District Solicitor John G. Carpenter elected to try for a second degree conviction and refused to put Wallace on a first degree charge.

Wallace took the stand and admitted stabbing Freesland and cutting DeWitt Adcock, white Mine Hill man, and companion of Freesland, but he said Freesland was advancing on him with a knife.

He said he had driven to the

station with two other men and that Adcock cursed him. He started to leave, he said, but someone threw a beer bottle — and he turned around and stabbed Freesland who was trying to stab him.

Mullis said he was standing between Wallace and Freesland when a bottle was thrown, but that he did not know who threw it.

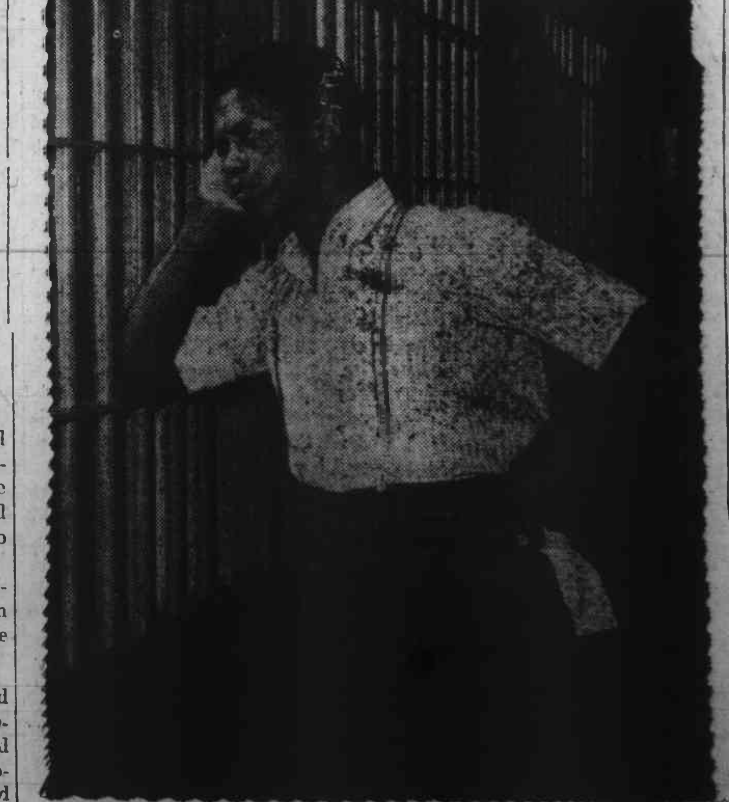
He said Adcock, Freesland, and Wallace "went together" and separated and that Wallace started walking away, but apparently slipped and almost fell and walked back toward Freesland.

Freesland struck at Wallace, he said, Wallace dodged and Freesland fell on his hands and knees against a car. Then, Mullis said, Wallace ran over and stabbed Freesland three times in the back. Junior Moore and Floyd Benton who accompanied Wallace related

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self defense and are of the opinion that he should have been set free. His defense is being handled by the Charlotte Branch of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People of which Attorney J. B. Swann is legal counselor. The case has been appealed to the State Supreme Court.

Defense Slayer Convicted



Shown in the pensive mood above is Walter Lee Wallace who was convicted in the Charlotte Criminal Superior Court last week for the slaying of Marvin Smith Freesland, Union County, white man. Numerous witnesses testified that Walter Lee Wallace, that the youthful killer's deed was purely one of

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. McGill Celebrate 25 Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. McGill, 624 Crockett Street, Charlotte, N. C., celebrated their twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary last Thursday evening in a most elaborate and formal manner.

The home was very attractively decorated with white poinsettias, the dining room table being covered with a lace cloth graced with the most lovely basket filled with white chrysanthemums, the entire surroundings being one of beauty and joy forever.

The affair began at eight thirty o'clock in the evening and ended at eleven. A receiving line was formed at the beginning with Mrs. L. A. Justice receiving at the door, the line comprising the couple of honor Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. McGill, Dr. and Mrs. H. Wilson, Concord, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Watkins,

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