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Virginia Takes Life Of Negro Sharecropper

Richmond, Va.—The case of Odell Waller, who shot and killed his landlord, came to an end here Thursday, July 2 when he was executed for the killing at the state penitentiary. Below is a full review of the case.

Odell Waller, Negro sharecropper, who on July 15, 1940 shot his white, former landlord in a dispute over crop shares, was tried in the Circuit Court of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, for first degree murder on September 26 and 27, 1940. Waller pleaded self defense. His attorney Thomas H. Stone, moved to quash the indictment and the petit jury panel on the ground that non-payers of poll taxes had been systematically excluded from both. Judge J. T. Clement denied the motion. Waller's counsel asked for a change of venue on the ground that he could not expect a fair and impartial trial in Pittsylvania County. The motion was denied.

The only eyewitness to the shooting was a colored boy of 18, Henry Davis, who was at that time and had been at the time of the shooting in the employ of Oscar Davis' family. This boy testified that Waller shot Oscar Davis after a friendly conversation during which Davis had agreed to surrender Waller's share of their wheat crop, which he had withheld. Waller testified that Davis refused to surrender his crop; that Davis cursed him and they quarrelled; and that Davis ran his hand into a pocket in which Waller had known him to carry a gun. Thereupon Waller drew his own gun and, in his words, "commenced to shoot at him—I don't know how many times."

The jury of ten farmers, one business man and one carpenter found Waller guilty of first degree murder after deliberating 52 minutes. He was sentenced to die on December 27, 1940.

BACKGROUND OF THE CASE

The story of Odell Waller and of the circumstances which led to his shooting of Oscar Davis has been told by Pauli Murray and Murry Kempton in a pamphlet entitled "All for Mr. Davis," with a preface by Frank P. Graham, President of the University of North Carolina, and published by the Workers Defense League. The following account is based on this pamphlet which in turn is based on the court record, supplemented by the personal investigation of the authors.

At sixteen, Odell Waller had to leave school and work in the fields. His father, a landowner, died in 1938 and the land was taken to pay his debts. Odell

OVERSHOOTS GOAL IN DRIVE

Ernest R. Booth, general chairman of the Durham USO Committee, today commended the work of District 5 directed by J. S. Stewart in the county wide campaign to raise \$33,300. The goal of District 5 was originally \$1000 but so enthusiastic was the response of the Negro citizenry to the cause of the United Service Organizations which is dedicated to the out of camp welfare of the men in service that workers hope to bring the total collections up to \$2000 before closing the campaign. At the time of this report \$1600 had already been reported.

According to Mr. Booth "District 5 was one of the first districts to make a report from all captains." This amount indicates the cooperation and hard work given the cause by district leaders. The USO Committee sincerely appreciates their support," Booth said.

Mr. Stewart today expressed deep appreciation to the workers and all the Negro citizens for their whole hearted cooperation in the effort. The vice chairmen for District 5 were M. Hugh Thompson, W. D. Hill, J. J. Henderson, N. A. Cheek, J. J. Sansom, Jr., and W. J. Walker.

Negro Committee Petition City For Technical School

In the regular meeting of the County Commissioners last Monday morning at the Courthouse the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs petitioned the Commission to earmark certain funds for the building of a Technical High School for the training of Negro boys and girls in manual skills. The petition was presented in the form of a letter to the body read and elaborated upon by D. B. Martin. A scholarly but brief delineation upon the imperativeness of this move in light of the present world crisis was made by Dr. A. Henningburg, chairman of the Education Committee of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs.

Those attending the meeting of the County Commissioners were: W. G. Rhodes, D. B. Martin, R. L. McDougald, C. C. Spaulding, Sr., W. D. Hill, J. S. Stewart, W. M. Rich, E. R. Merrick, J. H.

Immediate start on oil pipeline to relieve East authorized.

Sponsors' Day at St. Emma Military School



ROCK CASTLE, Va. The Cadet Corps of the St. Emma Military School held their 1942 Sponsors' Day program in the traditional West Point manner. The sponsors are students from St. Francis de Sales, a nearby boarding high school. Shown in the group are, left to right: First Lieutenant Booker T. Washington, Boston, Mass.; Beatrice Green, Tampa, Fla.; Lieutenant Adjutant Howard Worrell, Norwalk, Conn.; Lottie Terrell, Charlottesville, Va.; Captain William Collette, Washington, D. C.; Clara Nixon, Orlando, Fla.; First Captain James Clarke, Norfolk, Va.; Gloria Harris, Norfolk, Va.; Theresa Winner, Philadelphia, Pa., and Captain Aaron Garnette, Madison, Va.

Asa Spaulding Again Chosen President Of Nat'l. Insurance Body

BY M. S. STUART
Convention Reporter

Birmingham, Ala. — The 22nd Annual Session of the National Negro Insurance Association closed its four day meetings here this afternoon with a parade and speaking at Legion Field and Stadium on Sixth Avenue.

A battalion of uniformed soldiers, with band, and the drum and bugle corps of the city schools lead the parade.

William Pickens, of the United States Treasury Department; George W. Cox, Vice President of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, and W. P. Bayless of the Pittsburgh Courier spoke in behalf of the War Bonds and Stamps sales campaign and the Double Victory Campaign.

Several men and women of distinction in various fields have addressed and participated in the various meetings.

On Tuesday evening, before a capacity audience in the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune of the NYA held her listeners enthralled in a forty minutes address as full of patriotic thrills as any similar occasion ever enjoyed.

The veteran Frank Julian, Superintendent of Insurance of the State of Alabama was on the program; and he came over from Montgomery to welcome the convention to Alabama. His remarks were revealing in the keen interest in the welfare of race companies doing business in this state which he emphasized. He stressed the fact that the laws are applied with equal fairness and care as

between the races. He said he was proud of the Negro companies with Home Offices in his state. Mr. Julian remained throughout the program, obviously enjoying it, especially the fine music by the "Moods of Meditation" group.

The Honorable Cooper Greene, Chairman of the City Commission, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the city.

A. G. Gaston, President of the Booker T. Washington Burial Insurance Company, and actively identified with several other important business enterprises of the city, presided as Master of Ceremonies. Due to his fine sense of the fitness of things, there was never a dull nor a dull moment during the evening.

Scholarly, quiet Asa T. Spaulding, President of the Association, responded to the addresses of welcome, and, as was expected, it was a departure from the "run of the mill" type. Adroitly, he took a routine number and created situations of logic in which, with very plausible pertinence, he connected the observations he wanted to express about "The All Out Offensive by Negro Insurance Companies," the Convention theme, both as it relates to the War effort and to the Negro's domestic problem.

In his Annual Address to the Association, in its first business meeting on Wednesday, Mister Spaulding made clear that full and active loyalty to our Government, on the part of the Negro population, is the paramount duty facing us in these perilous times. "Nothing now," said he "must be permitted to interfere with

Hornsy Receives Honorary Doctorate



Columbia, S. C. (ANP) — At the 72nd commencement exercises held here recently, Allen University conferred upon Walter Spurgeon Hornsby of Augusta, Ga., the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. In citing Mr. Hornsby for this honor President Higgins referred to him as founder and an organizer of a gigantic business, a lover of humanity, and a servant of his people.

Dr. Hornsby is Vice President and General Manager off the Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance company of Augusta, Ga.

Men are dying for the Four Freedoms. The least we can do here at home is to buy War Bonds—10% for War Bonds, every day.

Durham Citizens Riled At Action Supt. Warren May Seek Federal Remedy

Musicians' Union Bars Negroes From Jobs

New York — (Special to the TIMES) — Although the Columbia Broadcasting System, the National Broadcasting Company and the Blue Network are now hiring Negro musicians for regular jobs in their New York stations, the American Federation of Musicians lily-white locals in key cities, outside New York bar Negro musicians from certain jobs. The NAACP learned this week that the AFM's jim crow locals may be in violation of the President's Executive Order, 8802, banning discrimination in labor unions.

Chicago local 10, for example, is all-white, and has an exclusive contract with radio stations there to supply musicians for regular jobs. Negroes in the jim crow local are not called except for fill in work, the NAACP said.

The fight to abolish separate locals entered the first round when this month's issue of the magazine Music and Rhythm, edited by John Hammond, NAACP board member, featured statements from topflight bandleaders of both races who favor single locals.

Among those who spoke out are Glenn Miller, Jimmy Dorsey, Claude Thornhill, Emory Deutsch, Shep Fields, Woody Herman, Count Basie, Abe Lyman, Hal McIntyre and Zutty Singleton.

They declared that jim crow locals are not satisfactory and are unprofitable to Negro musicians. Chief evils of the separate system are unequal wage scales, virtual shut-outs of Negro bands from radio stations, theatres, and high paying spots over which white locals have jurisdiction, and a generally lower economic standard among musicians.

The AFM has 135,000 members throughout the country, many of whom are colored. Segregated locals are the rule in most large cities, except New York.

James C. Petrillo, czar of the AFM and president of Chicago local, minimizes undesirable effects of segregated units. In a statement last week he said: "In some jurisdictions colored musicians have their own locals and in other jurisdictions they are part and parcel of the local. It seems that someone is barking up the wrong tree, as the setup with reference to colored and white musicians in the Federation al-

SPEAKER



NASHVILLE, (ANP) — "Military first aid" demonstrations and discussions by Dr. Leo S. Holton, Washington, will feature the 29th annual convention of the National Dental Association at Meharry Dental college, August 10-14.

Refuse Race Girl In 'Food For Victory' Summer Campaign

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New York — Someone in the office of the New York State Employment Service forgot that the Service has a policy not to discriminate against Negroes in placement last week and that the United States is trying to win a war, the NAACP said this week.

Hunter College student Cynthia Linton of this city signed up, with several companions, at the NYSES to work on farms for the summer to help in the "Food for Victory" campaign. The girls had been urged to do so at school. Miss Linton made her application and later received a special delivery letter telling her to report Wednesday morning, June 10, ready to go out of the city to work.

When she reported she was told that she could not be accepted because she is a Negro.

Farmers in Forsyth County have been swamped with work in taking advantage of recent rains.

CLOVER

Production of crimson clover seed this year is expected by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to be about twice as large as previous crop record of 1941.

One of the most sinister moves in the annals of public school history was uncovered here this week when it was disclosed that Superintendent W. F. Warren of the Durham City schools had called a secret meeting Monday evening of the principals of Durham Negro schools and the presidents of the Negro parent-teacher associations, apparently for the purpose of sabotaging the effort now being made by the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs to bring about some semblance of equality in Negro and white public schools of this city.

Although hiding behind the pretense of being deeply concerned about the future of Negro schools in Durham, it was plainly evident, as soon as the meeting opened, that the superintendent's purpose was purely one of "divide and conquer" rather than one of sincere interest in Negro education.

The apparent attempt of Superintendent Warren to circumvent the Committee on Negro Affairs on the issue of Negro schools has so riled its members that it was unanimously voted at the regular weekly meeting of the Committee here Thursday afternoon to seek remedy in the federal courts if the present peaceful efforts fail to bear fruit.

The opening of the meeting was set for eight o'clock, but was somewhat delayed when a representative of the CAROLINA TIMES, refused to leave the conference, after being invited to do so by Superintendent Warren. After a fiery discussion between the school official and the representative of the CAROLINA

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Gladiola Community Club Contest Closes

The Baby Contest under the sponsorship of the Gladiola Community Club came to a close last Sunday. Each contestant received a prize but the major awards were won by Charles Brown, son of Mrs. C. E. Brown, and Barbara Jane Allen, daughter of Mrs. Mary Peggy Allen. Other baby entrants were Valeretta Roberts, Omega Curtis, Clementine Smith, and John Houston.

Officers of the Gladiola Club are as follows: Mrs. Carrie Best, president; Mrs. Jeanette Stewart, vice president; Mrs. Zana Allen, secretary; and Mrs. Annie Henry, treasurer. The Club has been taking this year is expected by the ing as its major project the aiding U. S. Department of Agriculture of the sick neighbors of their to be about twice as large as the community with food and financial donations.