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AMEZ Conference In Durham Nov. 22 - 26

Bishop Watson To Preside Over 72nd Annual Meeting

Bishop E. B. Watson, Greensboro, will open the 72nd session of the Central North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church on Wednesday at Saint Mark's Church, Pine and Pickett Streets, 11 A. M. Rev. S. P. Perry, host pastor, told the CAROLINA TIMES that this is expected to be the greatest conference ever held. The advance reports show that the missionary work has grown by leaps and bounds. Local churches, Mt. Olive and Kyles Temple, pastored by the Revs. J. Z. Siler and S. L. Cooke have shown marked improvements. St. Mark's, which is considered the leading church of the conference, is ready to go into the largest building program that any church in the conference has undertaken. The missionary work will get top billing. Mrs. Mary J. Watson, supervisor, announced that Mrs. Abbie Clement-Jackson, Louisville, Ky., will review the work of that department, throughout the general church, during the meetings. Bishops W. J. Walls and W. W. Slade will assist Bishop Watson in presiding over the conference. The youth of the conference will be heard from due to the fact that they will be given an opportunity to express themselves and to make recommendations to accelerate the work of

the church. Three sessions will be held each day up to and including Sunday. The meeting will close with the reading of appointments.

Gov. Scott To Speak At NCC Dec. 8th

Governor W. Kerr Scott of the State of North Carolina will address the Fourth Annual Piedmont Resource-Use Education Conference and college community in B. N. Duke Auditorium, North Carolina College, on December 8th at 8:00 P. M., according to an announcement made by Dr. Theodore R. Speigner, Director, Bureau of Resource-Use Education at N. C. Carolina and Area Chairman of the Piedmont Resource-Use Education Conference. Invitations have been mailed to 300 superintendents, principals, supervisors, and teachers in Alamance, Durham, Orange, Chatham, Harnett, Moore, Lee, Person, Warren, Granville, Caswell, Guilford, Rockingham, Forsyth, Vance, Franklin and Nash counties.

The Area Work Conference is designed primarily to help supervisors, principals, teachers, parents, and students explore techniques for "using our State's resources to enrich learning and to improve the levels of living for all citizens."

The general theme of the conference is: "Using Our State's Resources To Improve Learning And Living." The conference program will get underway at 10:00 A. M. in B. N. Duke Auditorium, December 8. Delegates from seventeen counties will be given the opportunity in each clinic during the afternoon session to describe practical projects in resource-use which have been concluded and those that are being carried on now.

Aggies Waiting For Eagles . . .

Greensboro — The A. and T. Aggies' quarterback, William "Red" Jackson, led a vicious pack of Bulldogs to a 27-6 victory over an outclassed but determined Virginia State eleven here last Saturday before approximately 3,000 fans on a dreary afternoon. The Aggies journey to Durham Thanksgiving for the classic tilt with the North Carolina College Eagles, with both teams vying for the much sought after CIAA championship.

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Stovall Sheriff Goes Free In Cruel Slaying Of GI

Killing Of Man In Home Stuns Town

Oxford — The tragic story of how a police officer wantonly shot to death a former World War II soldier in his own home at Stovall, near here on Sunday afternoon, November 5 around three o'clock, was told representatives of the CAROLINA TIMES here this week by eyewitnesses to the killing that has left Negro citizens of the community stunned.

According to a statement given the TIMES representatives Joseph Robert Gregory, the victim of the crime, and his brother John Gregory, Jr., had been in a fist fight a few hours before Deputy Sheriff Otis Harrison arrived at the home of Joseph and found him lying on a settee in the front room.

"What the hell are you doing here?" Harrison is reported to have asked Gregory. "Can't a man lie down in his own home?" Gregory replied. The officer then stated that he had a warrant, for Will Davis, John Gregory, Jr., and Joseph Gregory. Joseph then asked him to read the warrant. "Don't ask me any damn questions," the officer then replied. "Get up, get your shirt and shoes on and go with me."

"I'll go with you but you are taking the advantage of me," said Gregory. "How in the hell do you think I am trying to take advantage of you?" said the officer. After Gregory had dressed and started out of the house with the officer he is reported to have shoved him out of the door so hard he stumbled and fell. When Gregory arose he struck the officer who pulled his gun and shot him three times in the chest.

When the wife and sister of the fatally wounded man attempted to administer to their husband and brother Sheriff Harrison is reported to have stated, "Get back I have a great mind to kill the last damn one of you."

Typical of the average small town and rural section of North Carolina and other southern states, where Negroes live in constant terror of such police officers instead of with respect not a single eyewitness to the killing was asked to the so-called inquest, which appears to have been more of a fake than an honest attempt to find out the facts of how the Negro came to his death.

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Wreck Victim



James E. Odom, son of James Odom, who lost his life in an auto wreck near Pittsboro last Saturday night around 10:30. Odom had been to visit his father who lives at Southern Pines and was returning to Durham when the fatal accident occurred.

Durham Man Killed In Wreck Near Pittsboro

Funeral services for James E. Odom, who was killed in an automobile wreck near Pittsboro last Saturday night around 10:30, were held at St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church here Wednesday at 8:00 P. M. The Rev. S. P. Perry, pastor of the church delivered the eulogy.

Odom was the son of James Odom of Southern Pines where he was born and reared. About 12 years ago he moved to Durham and with the exception of the time he served in the Army during World War II he has been a resident of this city.

Riding in the car with Odom at the time of the wreck were Miss Eugene Brower of Eagle Springs and Allen Adams of 519 Husband Street, Durham. Miss Brower and Adams escaped with minor injuries.

Since coming to Durham Odom has worked for the Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company. He was a graduate of the Bull City Barber College, Shelby's Shoe Repair School, and the DeShazor Beauty College.

Surviving are six sisters and seven brothers. The sisters are: Mrs. Pearl McClain, Southern Pines; Mrs. Rosa Jones, Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Myrtle Davis, Gibson, N. C.; Misses Quick, Pearl, Quick and Julia Odom, Durham. The brothers are: Elbert Quick, Durham, Melvin Quick, Baltimore, Maryland; Willie Odom, Durham; Julius Odom, Southern Pines, Marvin Odom, Philadelphia; Arthur Odom, New York, N. Y., and Guy Odom, Southern Pines.

Interment was at Beechwood Cemetery, Thursday at 2:00 p. m.

Number Of Children In Jail Decreases

Raleigh — The number of children under 16 years of age who were continued in jail in North Carolina during the past year dropped to an all-time low of 248, according to figures just released by the State Board of Public Welfare.

"In 1936 North Carolina jails held 1,231 children under 16," said Drury B. Thompson, Director of the State's Board's Division of Institutional and Protective Services, in announcing the figures, "and as recently as 1943, we had reports of 486 such children being held in jails. Local and county law enforcement officials, juvenile courts and county departments of public welfare have done a good job in reducing the figure this year to 248. But we have not yet needed the goal of no children illegally held in jail."

Thompson said that is against North Carolina law to confine in jail children coming under the jurisdiction of juvenile courts. This includes all children under 14, and those between 14 and 16, unless they have been bound over to Superior Court for a serious felony.

Figures over the years since 1936, when reports on jail population began to be made regularly to the State Board of Public Welfare, show a steady decline in the number of children held in jail in this state. Officials of the State Board think that this decline is due to effective work by local officials in developing increased services for children with behavior problems and in trying to work out suitable detention care for children under 16 which will not involve holding them in jails.

First Elementary School Jim Crow Case Set For Nov. 20

Charleston, S. C. — In the first case to be tried in a direct attack on segregation in elementary and high schools in the South, attorneys for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will ask for an injunction prohibiting the school officials of nearby Clarendon County from maintaining separate schools for Negroes and white children.

The trial, scheduled for argument in the United States District Court here before Judge J. W. Waring on November 20, is the result of a complaint filed by a large number of parents and taxpayers of Clarendon County against the trustees of School District No. 22 of that county, the county board of education and officials of the local public school system.

TO REVEAL SHAW'S FUTURE

Dr. C. C. Spaulding, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Shaw University told the Carolina Times Wednesday afternoon that he will have an important announcement to make concerning the future of the school at the Founders' Day meeting to be held on the Shaw campus.

Slain By Sheriff



Joseph Robert Gregory, who was wantonly attacked and shot to death in his home by Sheriff Otis Harrison of Stovall on Sunday afternoon, November 5. Gregory was a World War II soldier and prior to the Army had lived in Stovall all of his life.

Mammoth Cheese On Display At New Store

The largest cake of cheese ever seen here will be on display at the Grand Opening of Quality Food Super Market, 516 East Pettigrew Street, Friday and Saturday, November 17-18.

Three free prizes will be awarded to the persons making the closest guess to the exact weight of the cheese.

The first prize to be given away will be an Armour Star ham; second prize one-half dozen bars of Dial Soap and the third prize an Armour Star Picnic ham.

Famous Guitar Player Killed In Auto Wreck

Baltimore—Tommy Gaither, guitar player and vocalist with the nationally famous singing group, the Orioles, was killed instantly and two other members of the group was injured severely last Sunday morning in the crash of their automobile on Route 40, three miles north of the Baltimore city limits.

Johnny Reed and George Nelson, Gaither's companions in the death car, sustained severe head and body injuries and were rushed from the scene of the accident to Baltimore City Hospital.

According to eye-witness reports, the car, driven by Gaither, swerved around a sharp curve and apparently got out of the driver's control, turning over four or five times and crashing into the wall of a roadside diner. Gaither, it was reported, was killed instantly and Reed and Nelson were unconscious when removed from the wreckage.

The Orioles were en route from Hempstead, N. Y., where they had played a Saturday night engagement, to Washington where they were booked for a one-night stand at Turner's Arena Sunday night. The other two members of the five-man group, Sonny Til and Alex Sharp, had made the trip in another car.

It was indeed ironic that such tragedy should strike the Orioles on the very outskirts of their native city of Baltimore. It was here just a little over two years ago that the group swept to nationwide acclaim via their Jubilee recording of "It's Too Soon To Know" and subsequently became America's most popular singing group on records.

Shotgun Blast Fatal To Five-Year-Old Boy



Tragedy struck the home of a young couple here at 11:00 a. m. Tuesday morning when their five-year-old son died at Lincoln hospital about an hour later after almost half of his head had been blown away by shot from a .12 gauge gun in the hands of his six-year-old playmate.

The fatally wounded child, Ronald Wayne Jenkins, the son of Norman and Mrs. Gladys Jenkins of 407 Henry Street was rushed to Lincoln Hospital by Police Officer Joseph Barnes who found the child lying in the backyard of the home.

The father of the dead child told a representative of the CAROLINA TIMES that he had a premonition that something was going to happen to one of his children and that he had remarked to his wife only a few days ago that he suspected any day to have her call him and tell him that something had happened to one of them.

James White, Junior, six-year-old child in whose hands the gun was fired, and the son of Mrs. Eva White, told his mother and police officers in the usual childish manner that he had found the gun, which was dismantled at the time, under a cabinet in the kitchen of their side of the duplex apartment. He stated that he put the stock and barrel of the gun together and that as soon as he did it went off. He denied that he pointed the gun at his playmate.

NAACP Issues Call For New Members

New York — In an appeal to persons interested in the program of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People but presently not formally affiliated with the Association, Gloster B. Current, N. A. A. C. P. director of branches, today issued a call for new members, and organization of new branches and youth councils in communities where local units of the Association do not now exist.

"In many communities a great source of strength for NAACP program is untapped," Mr. Current said, "either because would-be members are unsolicited, or because former members have moved from one community to another, letting their memberships lapse in the process. Chiefly, however, the Association is missing this support because no branches exist in particular communities and individuals do not know how to go about joining the NAACP."

The NAACP executive called upon persons in such communities to send their membership fees directly to the Association's national office, 20 West 40th Street, New York City. Calling for the immediate formation of branches in every community where no active branch currently exists, Mr. Current asked that interested citizens communicate with the national office to secure information and assistance in organizing new branches and youth councils.

Mrs. White told investigating officers that she does not know how the gun got under the cabinet unless it was put there by someone in the neighborhood during the night or early morning.

The mother stated that she was visiting at a next door neighbor's when her son brought the stock of the gun over to the house where she was, and that she told him to put it down.

Mrs. White said the child went out and that a few minutes thereafter she heard a shot which appeared to be at her house. When she heard the screams of the mother of the fatally wounded child she looked out of the window where she the child lying on the ground. Mrs. White said she then collapsed and did not know anything until police officers arrived and saw Mrs. Jenkins crying.

The little White child was appeared unable to grasp the full import of the tragedy as he was carefully questioned by police officers in the presence of his mother.

The case has been turned over to Juvenile authorities. Judge Lawson Moore stated that he has not yet determined just what disposition he will make of it.

Funeral service for the Jenkins child will be held at New Bethel Baptist Church Thursday at 2:30 o'clock.

Dog Shoots Master

Cambridge, England — A dog shot his master, Donald Webb last Thursday evening.

Webb climbed into his car, the dog jumped into the back seat to welcome him and leaped on a shotgun. The gun went off, wounding Webb in the neck. Hospital officials said his condition is serious.

Stay Of Execution Halts Martinsville Crusade

The Civil Rights Congress and the Virginia Committee to Save the Martinsville Seven last week announced the cancellation of the delegation scheduled to visit Governor John S. Battle on Nov. 15 to demand a pardon for the Martinsville Seven.

Hundreds of protests have been received from Europe and Latin America, including a sharp denunciation of the frameup from the World Federation of Democratic Youth, representing 70 million members in 74 countries.

As crusade delegates, Negro and white, from such far-flung points as Colorado, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Pennsylvania and New York prepared to board cars and buses to leave for Richmond, Governor Battle issued the stay for the seven young Negro men.

The last-minute stay was granted a few hours after Battle had received the crusade's request for an audience and just after he had read a protest from the World Federation of Trade Unions, represented 78 million members throughout the world. Leading officials of two important national unions, the Packinghouse Workers and the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers had also pledge full support.

As with the case of the Trenton Six, the Martinsville case has aroused world indignation.

... And Eagles For Aggies

The North Carolina College Eagles, piloted by mighty, star quarterback Butler "Blue Juice" Taylor, soared to a winning victory over the deadly and determined West Virginia State College Yellow Jackets here Saturday with a final tally of 28-14. It was a hard-fought, give and take battle all the way, as the Eagles finished off all but their last enemy, A. and T. College of Greensboro, in conquest of the coveted title of Champions of the CIAA, to be played here on Thanksgiving Day.



The 85th anniversary of Shaw University will be observed at Annual Founders' Day exercises to be held Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock in University Church. The Founders' Day address will be delivered by Dr. M. L. Perry, above, prominent physician of Fayetteville. Dr. Perry, a native of Fayetteville, is a graduate of Leonard Medical School of Shaw University in 1908.