



Segregation "A Philosophy Of Death" Says Lillian Smith

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Hospital Refuses Dying A&T Student

Lack Of Bed Space Given As Reason

The tragic story of how a Negro World War II veteran and student of A. and T. College died within an hour here Friday night, after he had been refused admittance to Duke Hospital, because the carefully guarded segregation law of North Carolina prohibited him from being placed in any other space than that allotted for his race, came to light here this week to furnish more fodder for the highly geared communist mills of propaganda.

Matthew Avery, student at A. and T. College, who had served his country on foreign battlefield fighting for democracy that was denied him on his native soil, even in his hour of calamity, probably, paid with his life Friday for not being born a member of the superior race. Or may be Avery was going to die anyway, and there isn't enough brotherly love in North Carolina to let a Negro die where white folks are supposed to gasp their last.

Avery was injured in an automobile wreck near Mebane around seven o'clock Friday night and a Mebane ambulance took him to the Alamance General Hospital at Burlington where it was discovered that he had a fractured leg, a fractured arm, a fractured cheek and a fractured skull.

Doctors at the hospital in Burlington after an examination recommended that he be taken to Duke where better facilities and more capable medical attention could be obtained. There are only five beds available for Negroes in the Burlington hospital.

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Gov. Scott Will Address Resource Meet At N.C.C.

DURHAM—The Fourth Annual Piedmont Resource-Use Education Conference will convene at North Carolina College at Durham on December 8th at 10:00 A. M. Governor W. Kerr Scott of North Carolina will deliver the keynote address of the annual Resource-Use Education Conference of the Piedmont Region at 8:00 P. M., December 8th. Other participants on the evening program will be Mayor Dan Edwards of Durham, Dr. N. C. Newbold of Raleigh will introduce the Governor, Dr. Alfonso Elder, President of North Carolina College at Durham will give greetings, and Dr. C. C. Sapulding, President of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company of Durham, will bring greeting from the Board of Trustees.

The 75 voice choir of the college under the direction of Professor Samuel Hill will sing for the evening session. Dr. M. M. Fisher, Pastor of White Rock Baptist Church of Durham, will give the invocation and Rev. S. L. Smith of Louisburg, will give the benediction.

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These four North Carolina College co-eds were among the citizens of Durham who congratulated Lillian Smith, famed author, last week on her outspoken criticism of racial segregation. The co-eds pictured are left

to right: Marion D. Jacobs, senior, Clinton; Katie Nixon, freshman, Wilmington, N. C.; Gladys McGill, senior, Charleston, South Carolina; Miss Smith, and Nettie Ingram, senior, Hamlet.

Miss Smith, who wrote "Strange Fruit" and "Killers of the Dream," urged a presidential proclamation to abolish racial segregation. Miss Smith's Durham visit was sponsored by Fellowship of Southern Churchmen.

Nursery To Hold 25th Anniversary

By Frank Brower
An enviable record of 25 years of continuous service to 2800 mothers and 3000 preschool age children of Durham will be celebrated by the Daisy E. Scarborough Nursery at a Quarter-Century Anniversary celebration to be held this Sunday, December 10th, in the spacious school building located at the corner of Cozart and Proctor Streets.

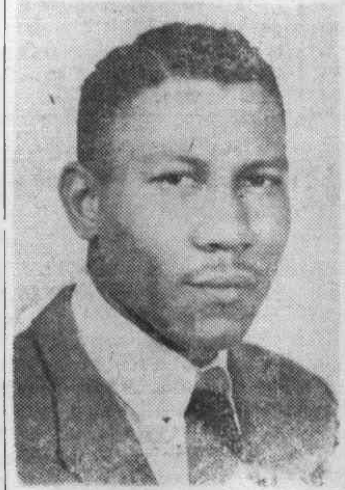
Officers and members of the Scarborough Nursery will receive guests on the 25th anniversary with the assistance of parents and children enrolled. A feature of the occasion will be the exhibits of craftwork including clay modeling, color painting and novelties created by the youngsters.

The interesting history of the institution began with a conviction of a local mortician, and its existence began with the kindness and generosity of the same man. J. C. Scarborough, Sr., was engaged in the kind of work that required him to go into the homes of many underprivileged Durham citizens, twenty-five years ago. And, the neglect of children that he encountered caused him to want to do something about it. In most instances, the neglect was unavoidable, as the heads of the poor families had to work to make ends meet, and whole families of kids were sometimes left to shift for themselves, even though they were incapable because of age.

The enrollment of this member of the Red Feather organization, is now 66, but because of lack of facilities, the waiting list is almost as large as the figure of 46. During this year, 128 individual children have been

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Wreck Victim



Matthew Avery, A. and T. College student who died here last Friday night after being refused admittance at Duke Hospital because all of the space available for Negroes had been taken. Avery, who was a native of Henderson, sustained severe injuries in an automobile wreck near Mebane. He was finally taken to Lincoln Hospital here where he died about an hour after being admitted.

Funeral Rites For London Whitted Held Sunday

Funeral services for London Anderson Whitted, 68, well-known citizen of 524 Martha Street were held at St. Joseph A. M. E. Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Mr. Whitted died suddenly at his home here Friday, December 1 from a heart attack.

He was born in Durham County, the son of the late Robert and Mrs. Evelyn Whitted. He was the husband of Mrs. Mary Whitted.

The eulogy was delivered by the Reverend D. A. Johnston, pastor of Saint Joseph. The Reverend Wm. Fuller, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church and the Reverend C. E. McLesler, pastor of the Morehead Avenue Baptist Church, assisted with the rites. Interment was at Beechwood Cemetery.

For a long number of years Mr. Whitted was employed by the late General Julian S. Carr as his valet and often traveled with him throughout the country. Later he was employed at the Durham Hosiery Mills.

Mr. Whitted had been a member of St. Joseph for over 40 years and was a familiar figure at the morning worship most every Sunday. In addition to his wife Mr. Whitted is survived by three sons, Norfley, well-known W. D. N. C. announcer, and Edmund Whitted of Durham and Alfred Whitted of Baltimore, Maryland; four daughters, Mrs. Bessie Jenkins, Mrs. Gladys Hawkins, assistant librarian at Stanford L. Warren Library; Mrs. Margaret Blount and Mrs. Geneva White, all of Durham. Two sisters, Mrs. Ora Fitzgerald of Durham and Mrs. Seary Shearer of New York City and one brother, Norfley Whitted of Atlanta, Ga.

Greensboro Gets First Negro Deputy Sheriff

Greensboro — The first Negro deputy sheriff to be appointed in North Carolina since Reconstruction days was named here Monday by Sheriff John E. Walters. The new deputy is Johnnie D. Marable, former chauffeur and butler of Mayor Ben Cone of Greensboro. Marable will work for the most part in the Negro sections of the county of Guilford.

Greensboro was one of the first cities of the State to employ Negro policemen. They have proved so satisfactory that coun-

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Wounded Man's Hospital Bill

Two white Durham police officers were reinstated here Wednesday after a seven day suspension for shooting Bonnie Lee Day, 29, alleged bootlegger. The policemen, J. B. Lawson and F. B. Smith, both veterans of service with the Armed Forces, earlier in the day paid Day's hospital bill a few minutes before his release from Lincoln Hospital.

Day was wounded in the spleen last November 27 as he fled from his car which officers said was loaded with non-tax paid liquor. The two officers claimed they were unaware Day had been wounded. No immediate report apparently was made of the incident which in a few days spiraled into "investigation" proportions that contributed, indirectly, to the suspension of five additional officers.

The other officers, all white, were suspended for their parts in a near-riot at the Center Theatre in which two officers and a student sustained head facial injuries.

Say Investigation Pushed
Warrants against the officers were soon issued in the case involving the officers at the Center incident. Reports are that the case was pushed by Duke University authorities and irate students as a result of the alleged beating of a Duke student in the City jail.

No warrants were ever issued for Lawson or Smith. The two officers were suspended amid conflicting statements coming from the office of Chief of Police H. E. King.

In a statement reinstating Lawson and Smith to duty after the shooting of Day, who has been previously convicted for "carrying and using a dangerous weapon," City Manager R. W. Flack contended himself with a "reprimand" to the officers. The officers reportedly have good service records.

The officers in the Day case (Please turn to Page Eight)

XMAS CONTEST

The Durham Business and Professional Chain has announced the opening of its Christmas Home Decoration Contest which is open to all residents of Durham, who wish to enter their decorations of porches, lawns, door entrances and windows.

Contestants should make notice of their entries not later than midnight Dec. 13, by reporting your entry to one of the following: Mrs. Roxie Davis, phone J-6742, 2005 Otis Street; Speight's Auto Service, phone R-2571; Service Printing Co., phone N-7462.

Judging will be for originality, appropriateness to season, and effectiveness.

Drama Association Sponsors Contest

The Southern Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts is sponsoring this year its second annual one-act play writing contest with the deadline for entries set at midnight, Feb. 15. The first prize is \$25.00; the second is \$15.00; and the third is \$10.00. In addition to the monetary awards, productions of the first two plays may be given at the annual meeting of the Association in April.

The plays submitted may be of any type and written on any theme that appeals to the playwright. The characters may be of any race or nationality. The major requirements are that the play be a good play, and that it may be performed royalty free by members of the Association. Manuscripts must be typed on one side of the page only and the pages should be bound and numbered. The name of the author should not be placed on the bound manuscript but on a separate loose sheet which should be included in the package.

Address all inquiries and send manuscripts to: The SADS Playwriting Committee, care Randolph Edwards, Box 89, Florida A. and M. College, Tallahassee, Florida.

Wounded Man Jailed; Officers Released



Bonnie Lee Day, is shown above recuperating from a pistol wound in the back which he sustained when he attempted to flee the scene after he had been halted with a liquor-laden automobile on

the night of November 27 by Officers J. B. Lawson and F. B. Smith. The unprovoked shooting of Day resulted in a seven-day suspension of the officers and a reprimand from

City Manager R. W. Flack. The officers, who paid the hospital bill of the wounded man will resume their duties on the police force after Wednesday.

"Strange Fruit" Author Says Atom Bombs Not Solution To World's Ills

Nash Grand Jury Indicts White Man For Raping Negro

Nashville -- A true bill of indictment was returned here last week by the Nash County grand jury against a white man charged with raping a Negro young woman in a Rocky Mount boarding and lodging house on October 16.

The man, Howard Carson, 25, of Rocky Mount is charged with committing the crime on Mrs. Verna Mae Floyd who was employed at the boarding house as maid.

Due to a heavily loaded court calendar the case was not scheduled for trial during the November term of Superior Court and will probably be heard at the next term which will be held the last week in January.

It is charged in the indictment that Carson, "with force and arms feloniously and forcibly assaulted Verna Mae Floyd against her will and did ravish and carnally know her."

The attack is alleged to have occurred while Mrs. Floyd was cleaning Carson's apartment at the boarding and lodging house. Although he admitted having had intimate relations with the young woman, Carson stated that he did not use force on her.

However, according to the testimony of Mrs. Floyd, as brought out at the Recorder's Court hearing in Rocky Mount, at the request of the landlady she went with her to the room to clean up in preparation for a

prospective roomer. Upon arrival they discovered that Carson was already in the room and he was told by the landlady to be excused so that it could be cleaned. Carson stated that he just wanted to get some things out of his bag before getting out. In stead as soon as the landlady left the room he drew a gun on Mrs. Floyd and forced her to lie down the floor where he committed and assaulted her. Mrs. Floyd testified that Carson threatened to kill her if she made any outcry or told on him.

Immediately after he had committed the assault Mrs. Floyd stated that Carson left the house, whereupon she reported the assault to the landlady although she was afraid to leave the house.

The CAROLINA TIMES representative learned Tuesday that Mrs. Floyd is highly respected in the community in which she lives. She is a member of the Friendship Baptist Church near Tarboro, where she is a member of the usher board and several other auxiliaries. Mrs. Floyd, who is about 22 years of age, was married only a few months ago.

As aggravated as the crime is Carson was allowed to give bond of only \$1,500. One well-known Negro leader was heard to remark that "this kind of leniency

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Lillian Smith, noted Southern author of "Strange Fruit" and "Killers of the Dream," called racial segregation a "philosophy of death" in an address before an unsegregated audience at White Rock Baptist Church here last Friday night. Miss Smith, who had previously spoken twice earlier in the day before interracial groups, appeared under the auspices of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen.

Speaking on the general theme, "Whole Men Living In A Whole World," Miss Smith said a presidential proclamation abolishing racial segregation and extending full civil rights to all Americans would have a moral effect in international relations comparable to the dropping of an atomic bomb. Minorities everywhere would then rally to our cause, she said.

A former Methodist missionary in China, Miss Smith talked of the prestige which this country could get in Asia if segregation were abolished. She said the world's two thirds colored minorities would then look to the United States as the real moral leader of the world.

Her outspoken opposition to racial segregation was likewise extended to cover other kinds of segregation as well. She charged that any type of segregation divides the minds of men, thereby preventing them from becoming the "whole men" who alone are the hope of civilization.

Around 500 people, 40 per cent of them white, heard Miss Smith say "The world into which you and I were born is no more."

"To control the speed of world change is beyond any man's ability today. We have come from a splintered world, one full of the walls and barriers of race, nationality, poverty, ignorance, religious prejudices, and we are going in the direction of a world without these barriers, a world that will some day, and soon, be whole."

The world pictured by the speaker as now in the making would be a world "without false barriers of race and religion." It would be comparable to a "world democracy in which all men participate freely as human beings, each with his freedom to dream and believe and express his dreams and beliefs aloud . . . and with freedom to work and move around, to vote, to learn, to grow."

Earlier in the day Miss Smith

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Marshall Flies To London For Defense Of Soldiers

Thurgood Marshall, special counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will fly to Tokyo as soon as final clearance is obtained in order to aid convicted 24th Infantrymen, Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, announced today.

"Appeals for aid from imprisoned Negro soldiers and reports from war correspondents, returned officers and enlisted men, indicate that many of the convicted GIs have been victims of racial discrimination and need our full support," Mr. White said. For this reason, he added, the NAACP committee on ad-

ministration this week approved the plan to send Mr. Marshall to the scene of the courts martial.

The NAACP, which has made the defense of these soldiers the No. 1 item on its legal defense agenda, has received a constant stream of letters from the imprisoned men asking for assistance. Sentences imposed by courts martial in the war zone range from 10 years imprisonment at hard labor to death.

Mr. Marshall will leave for Tokyo as soon as final clearance is obtained from the State and Defense Departments and arrangements made for transport.