

# Martyr's Wife Dies Of Bombing Injuries

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**RACE'S FIRST MARTYRS.** Harry T. Moore (right inset) and his wife, Mrs. Harriet Moore (left inset) became the first martyrs of the race as they died because of their militant efforts on behalf of full citizenship status for Negroes in Florida.

Moore, president of the Florida Conference of NAACP branches, was instantly killed in

a bomb blast which wrecked his home in Mims, Florida on Christmas night. His wife, who was sleeping with him, died last Thursday from injuries received in the blast. She was a school teacher in Lake Park in Palm Beach County.

Center photo shows the anguish and hollow despair which the fatal bombing of Moore left on his 71 year-old mother, Mrs.

Rosa Moore. She was sleeping in a room adjoining Moore's on the night of the fatal blast, but was uninjured.

Photo at bottom shows Rev. J. W. Bruno, pastor of the Saint James Baptist Church at which funeral services for Moore were conducted on January 1, commencing Moore's body at interment rites at LaGrange Cemetery.

## Charged With Murder Of Negro

# TRY WEALTHY MAN FOR SLAYING S. C. BLAZE CLAIMS 7

## No Negroes On Jury To Decide Hanes' Fate

**NEW BERN** — The trial of a wealthy, gentleman farmer, close relative of executives of a large banking corporation and a huge textile business, for the murder of his Negro tenant, began in Craven County court here this week with the selection of a jury.

Newton Hanes, 36 year-old owner of a 500 acre river front farm here and nephew of the president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company and the head of the Hanes textile firm, is charged with the murder of 40 year-old Ishmael Simmons. Charges against Hanes were reduced, however, at the start of the trial this week. State solicitor W. J. Bundy announced prior to the selection of a jury Tuesday that the State would seek a conviction on a charge of second degree murder instead of first degree murder. Maximum penalty for second degree murder is 30 years in jail.

An all white, male jury was selected to decide Hanes' fate here Tuesday after a long and tedious three hour examination by State and defense counsels. No Negro was examined as a prospective juror, although the population of Craven county is said to be about equally divided among Negroes and whites.

It appeared at the jury selection Tuesday that the defense intends to build part of its case, at least, around the argument that Simmons died because he molested Hanes' wife and 11 year-old son. This was the opinion of many observers as defense attorney John Beaman, seemed to make a point to establishing whether any of prospective jurors had ever had to leave their wives and children at home while away at work.

Hanes, released from jail after 52 days when Judge Paul Frizelle allowed \$25,000 bond to be posted on the grounds that evidence that the slaying was premeditated had not been introduced, was indicted November 5 for the fatal shooting of Simmons.

The victim's body was found stuffed under the dashboard of Hanes' automobile several miles from Hanes' farm on November 4. Two bullet wounds, which officers believe were fired from a .25 calibre pistol found under a mattress in Hanes' home, were discovered in Simmons' head.

Officers also reported that items of Simmons' clothing and his wallet were found in Hanes' station wagon, and Sheriff Charles Berry pointed out last month that blood stains found on

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# Durham Bank Doubles Stock



More than 65 stockholders of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank were in attendance at the 34th annual stockholders meet-

ing held in the bank lobby last Monday night. Reports of the bank's progress during the year was featured with the announce-

ment that the institution had changed its charter so as to permit it to double its stock. In the above photo, bank president C.

C. Spaulding is shown reading the report to the stockholders gathered for the meeting.

# Memorials Held Throughout U. S.; Action Urged Of Fla.

## NAACP Asks Drastic Move

**NEW YORK** — The board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today called for drastic action in protest against the inactivity of law enforcement officers in connection with the bomb-killing of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore of Mims, Florida.

On recommendation of the Association's annual meeting, which took place today in the Wilkie Memorial Building, 20 West 40th Street, the Board authorized a special committee to arrange with leaders of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, the American Federation of Labor, the United Mine Workers and other labor, church, civic and fraternal organizations for calling a nationwide work stoppage to protest the lack of action on the part of law enforcement officers in the Moore case and other recent acts of violence in Florida.

The continuing terrorism in Florida, the board resolution said, "together with the failure of local, state and federal au-

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## Durham Joins In Memorial

Over 300 persons attended the Moore Memorial services held in Durham last Sunday under the auspices of the city's NAACP branch.

The meeting was held at St. Joseph A. M. E. Church and resolutions from several Durham organizations and various civic leaders were heard.

Durham's memorial meeting was held in conjunction with similar meetings at churches throughout the nation Sunday.

At the Mount Olivet Baptist Church, located at 120 Street and Lenox Avenue in the heart of Harlem, more than 2,000 persons heard Walter White, NAACP executive secretary; Jackie Robinson, Shad Polier, chairman of the executive committee of the American Jewish Congress; Charles Zimmerman of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union; Hulbert Warner, National Maritime Union; Reverend L. S. White of the Institutional C. M. E. Church, pledge the support of themselves and their organizations to the NAACP fight to bring to justice the perpetrators of the

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## Southwide Meet In Jacksonville

**NEW YORK** — A south-wide conference of branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, spurred by the Christmas night Bomb-Killing of Harry T. Moore in Mims, Fla., has been called for January 20 in Jacksonville, Florida, Gloster B. Current, director of NAACP branches, announced this week.

The response of southern branches to the conference call has been widespread and enthusiastic. Outraged by the Florida bombing, Southern NAACP members have refused to be intimidated by this terrorist murder of one of their leaders, and throughout the South there have been expressions of indignation and renewed determination to continue the fight for full equality. The south-wide NAACP conference will map out an intensified civil rights campaign.

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## Attend Rites For Mrs. Moore

**NEW YORK** — Roy Wilkins, administrator of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, left this afternoon by plane to attend the funeral of Mrs. Harry T. Moore, who died last Thursday as a result of injuries suffered in the Christmas night bombing of her home in Mims, Florida. The funeral is scheduled for 1:30 on Tuesday.

Mrs. Moore's husband, Florida state coordinator for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, died on the same night as the bombing and was buried on New Year's Day. Attorney E. E. Avant, representing the Durham, North Carolina NAACP, will join Wilkins and thousands of other NAACP representatives from all over the country in Mims for Mrs. Moore's funeral.



Dr. Rose Butler Browne, eminent Durham churchwoman and educator, will begin a series of columns in the CAROLINA TIMES beginning next week. Dr. Browne, member of the graduate faculty at North Carolina College and a leading figure in the youth movement at Mount Vernon Baptist Church here, is well-known as an outspoken figure on many important issues.



Three members of the 4-H Club of Little Elver School whose farm demonstration skit on results of various rations for farm animals was presented at the annual stockholders meeting at the Mechanics and Farmers Bank are shown above viewing some of the Bank's assets in the

vault at the institution's annual stockholders' meeting last Monday.

Showing them the vault are bank's president, C. C. Spaulding, extreme right, and J. H. Wheeler, vice-president-cashier, left. They boys are, left to right,

Bobby Parker, Samuel Evans, Jr. and Linwood Parker. Their skit was first presented at 4-H Achievement Day and was suggested for representation at the bank meeting so that the stockholders could get some idea of the kind of work 4-H clubbers are doing.

# Byrnes Goes To Bat For School Jim Crow In S. C.

**COLUMBIA, S. C.** — States Righter James F. Byrnes, Governor of South Carolina, went to bat last week to help the State maintain Jim Crow schools.

In his annual message to the South Carolina legislature last Friday, the former Secretary of State urged the law makers to give top priority to a proposed measure which would retain segregated schools for children of public school age, even in the face of Federal orders to the

contrary. Governor Byrnes listed among the most pressing matters before the consideration of a constitutional change aimed at keeping Jim Crow schools. The proposed change would knock out a section directing the State to provide free schools for all children between the ages of six and twelve years.

States Righter Byrnes, apparently girding his loins before what he considers the coming of a Federal ruling which would invalidate segregated public schools, said that the section ordering schools for all children "should be repealed so legislators could determine by statute the future policy of the state."

South Carolina's segregated school system is currently under fire in the Federal Court. A District court has ruled that segregation may continue if facilities are equal, but this decision has been appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court.

The case in point is the school suit in Clarendon County in which the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is attempting, for the first time, to get a ruling against segregated public education.

Speculation holds that the South Carolina plan of providing for education of its public school age children outside of State supervision and direct State support is to merely change the schools over to "private institutions." Just how the State could legally appropriate funds for the support of these "private institutions" has not been made clear.

## Cousins Die In Fire Which Takes Seven

**ELLIOTT, S. C.** — Seven small children, ranging from eight months to four years old, met a fiery death when a modest dwelling in which they were staying was destroyed by fire in Lee County near here last Thursday.

All of the children of the Rouse family and four of the Clarence Gamble's seven children were lost in the blaze. The Rouses and the Gambles are first cousins.

The fire was discovered when an unidentified woman, left to take care of the children while the four parents were away, stepped out to get some firewood. When she saw the flames, she attempted to get back into the house, but the intense heat apparently prevented her from doing so.

Only the seven children, three of Jacob Rouse, were in the house at the time. Cause of the blaze had not been determined late this week.

Opponents of segregated public education, along with the NAACP, view Gov. Byrnes' attempt to sidestep a possible Federal order for unsegregated

schools with more alarm that they do the rantings of Gov. Herman Talmadge in the neighboring state of Georgia.

They feel that if Gov. Byrnes' and the South Carolina legislature have found a way to circumvent what many consider the inevitable in education that it would require more time and legal procedures to crack the plan.

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## Annual Report Marks Progress

With total resources of \$5,640,302 the Mechanics and Farmers Bank held its annual meeting in the lobby of the bank here, 114 Parrish Street, Monday evening, January 7.

Prior to the annual meeting the stockholders approved a recommendation of the Board of Directors that the common stock of the bank be doubled from \$114,000 to \$228,000. The action of the stockholders made it necessary to amend the bank's charter to provide for issuance of a \$114,000 stock dividend to be paid from earnings in the form of additional stock to stockholders on record as of December 31.

Dr. C. C. Spaulding, president of the bank, who presided over both the meetings, stated that the payment of the dividend was made possible by accumulation of net earnings, in addition to regular dividends, since 1933.

The \$5,640,302 in resources reported at the annual meeting Monday represents an increase of approximately \$500,000 as of December 31, 1950.

Dr. Spaulding also announced at the annual meeting that the \$100,000 worth of stock sold to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in 1934 has been retired.

J. H. Wheeler, vice president and cashier, in making his report to the stockholders stated that the bank is doing much to encourage thrift among members of the race, especially school children. Said Mr. Wheeler, "we now have approximately 8,000 savings accounts with school children in the city and county of Durham with a total amount in savings of over \$17,000."

He also stated that the bank owns three registered bulls, two of which are registered with the American Quarter Horse Association.

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