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N.C. Justice Bows In Carthage Trial

Three White G. I.'s Get Mild Sentence On Charge Of Rape On Negro Wife

CARTHAGE—North Carolina's—and the South's—double standard of justice once more stood the supreme test and emerged victorious when three white soldiers, who admitted ravishing a young Negro wife, were given 16 to 24 months jail terms here last Thursday.

The mild sentence was handed down by Judge Zeb T. Nettles, who heard the case in Moore County's Superior Court. The Judge, who displayed a lack of interest in the entire proceedings, didn't bother to impose the maximum penalty, which is two years for this type of crime in North Carolina.

A jury composed of 11 whites and one Negro completely ignored the signed confessions and testimony of the three defendants and returned the nearest verdict possible to complete acquittal—simple assault on a female.

Just six months ago, another North Carolina jury gave a Negro two years for "leering" at a white girl.

This was brought to a close action in what Moore County's Sheriff had termed the most "heinous" crime committed in the State. The action originated on a dark, lonely road near Carthage last July when half a dozen paratroopers, participating in the Army's gigantic maneuvers "Exercise Southern Pine," pounced on Mrs. Lula Mae Artes, 19-year-old wife of a Korean veteran, and forced her to submit to their lustful desires.

Defendants in the case were identified as Pvt. Harold Hill, Cpl. Lewis Wilson, Jr., and Pvt. Alex Felder, all of Fort Campbell, Ky.

According to testimony of Mrs. Artes, who is "expecting sometime this Spring," the attack occurred on the night of August 8 around 11:30 on highway 501 near Carthage. She stated that she, accompanied by 19-year-old Paul Williams, was returning from church services when the soldiers jumped from a 2 1-2 ton Army truck firing rifles and shooting off firecrackers. (Ed. note: the firecrackers used to frighten Mrs. Artes are the kind the Army uses to simulate grenade explosions during war maneuvers).

Mrs. Artes went on to say that the group walking ahead of her and young Williams fled but that the soldiers prevented them from escaping. She stated that the soldiers took young Williams to one side of the field and one of them forced her at gunpoint to another side where he attacked her. Three others followed, she said, and all

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Principals in the trial of three white paratroopers for the rape of a young Negro wife in Moore County Superior Court at Carthage last week are shown here. In top photo, Defense Attorney H. F. Seawell, Jr., is shown talking to defendants Louis Wilson, Jr., Harold Hill and Alex Felder, Jr. Photo at bottom shows Attorneys E. R. Avant and C. O. Pearson, extreme left and right, conferring with Paul Williams, center, who was with Mrs. Lula Mae Artes at the time of the attack.

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Court Defers Ruling On JC

Washington — The Supreme court declined to rule finally on an appeal by the NAACP from the lower court's decision in the Clarendon County, South Carolina school case.

The NAACP appeal asked for a ruling declaring segregation unconstitutional in South Carolina's public schools.

The Court order sent back the case for further evidence and action. The lower court had ruled 2-1 for the constitutionality of segregation.

The lower court has ruled that the Clarendon county schools are unequal, but has given the county a time period in which to report on progress toward equalization of facilities.



Shown here are Mrs. Mary Gilchrist and her four children who were burned out of their homes along with seven others when fire swept through a slum area in Charlotte last Wednesday night. Mrs. Gilchrist's children are Genell, five; Rosie Mae, in her arms, 16 months; William, six; and Mary, three.—Photo Courtesy, Charlotte Observer.

Court Action Against Escheats Policy Looms

CHAPEL HILL — Another federal suit appeared in the offing here in North Carolina this week when it was revealed that since 1939 more than \$1,400,000 in escheats funds have gone to the consolidated University of North Carolina without one penny being allocated to a single Negro school of the State.

The escheats fund is primarily an accumulation of unclaimed money in banks, insurance money of deceased persons, tax refunds, estates of persons who died without leaving wills, etc.

Director of the fund is K. S. Cates who was loud in his praise for what it is doing in providing scholarship aid to students at the University. He stated that each unit of the Greater University would receive amounts of approximately \$48,000 or in proportion to its enrollment, for the coming year.

Politically Inspired

Disclosure of what many term a very unfair distribution of the funds was made here this week by accident, when questioners of the Bridges report charging that all Negro colleges of the State were guilty of using state money for athletics, began seeking information as to the distribution of scholarship funds at the University.

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RED CROSS PROCLAIMS DISASTER 12 Left Homeless In Charlotte Fire

CHARLOTTE — A fire which Red Cross has officially designated as a disaster burned out eight dwellings in a slum area here Wednesday night, left 12 homeless and resulted in the death of one man.

Early this week, most of the twelve, including an aged blind couple, had been provided temporary shelter in the homes of friends, sympathizers or by the Red Cross.

The fire, which broke out in the Negro slum area off York Road, took the life of Walter James Carter. Although the dead man had been previously reported murdered, a coroner's examination last Thursday certified his death as caused by accidental burning.

Burned-out residents include Robert Moore (no family), James and Lola Bailey; Johnny and Mildred Robinson, a blind couple; Charles and Fionnie Houston; and Mrs. Mary Gilchrist and her four children: William, six; Genell, five; Mary, three, and Rosie Mae, 16 months.

Sympathizing Charlotteans volunteered Thursday to give food, clothing and shelter to the fire victims. Gene Potts of Radio Station WGIV, received numerous calls throughout the day

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Judge J. Waties Waring, Liberal Jurist, Announces Retirement

Charleston, S. C. — Federal Judge J. Waties Waring, who more than any other single person, is responsible for the attainment of the right to vote for Negroes in this state, announced this week that he intends to resign his judgeship and retire.

Outraged by his fight to assure Negro citizens of South Carolina equal rights, the 75-year-old jurist will retire as of February 15.

Forced to live a life of almost complete social exile with his Detroit-born wife and constantly a target of insults and near violence from resentful Charleston whites, Judge Waring was possibly the South's most fearless white exponent for human rights for the Negro minority.

His most important court decision was the one opening South Carolina's democratic primary to Negro voters in 1947. For these and many similar acts, the Waring was denounced throughout the State and

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Group Mourns Gordon's Death

NEW YORK — Grief at the death of Bishop Buford Gordon, of Charlotte, N. C., head of the 7th Episcopal District of the A. M. E. Zion Church, was expressed this week by Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP.

In a telegram to Mrs. Gordon, White called the Bishop "not only a great leader of the church, but also an eloquent and uncompromising advocate of social justice and the practice of Christianity in every-

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Durham NAACP Seeks 2,000 New Members

The Durham branch of the NAACP was scheduled to launch its annual membership drive here with a kick-off meeting at the Algonquin Club House on Fayetteville Street Thursday evening. The campaign proper will get underway February 1 along with similar campaigns being conducted by the local NAACP branches throughout the country.

J. L. Holloway, chairman of the Durham chapter campaign, stated last week that Durham's quota is 2,000 of the 300,000 new members goal set by the national organization.

Holloway also said that the new impetus and interest given the local branch by the bomb murder of Florida NAACP leader Harry T. Moore has given indications that the 2,000 member quota may be exceeded.

"We are asking every civic-minded person in Durham county to line up with this association which has done so much for humanity," Holloway said in issuing a call for the kick-off.

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Bishops Named For Vacancy

WASHINGTON — Bishop H. T. Medford, Chairman of the Board of Bishops, A. M. E. Zion Church, announced here this week that three bishops had been selected to supervise the six conferences in the state which have been presided over by the late Bishop Buford F. Gordon.

Bishop Medford will have charge of the Central and South Alabama Conferences. Bishop Raymond L. Jones, Salisbury, N. C., will take over the West Alabama and the Cahaba Conferences.

The Alabama and North Alabama Conferences will be headed by Bishop James Clair Taylor, Memphis, Tenn. This arrangement will obtain until the General Conference which meets in Brooklyn, N. Y. May 7th.

Confab Would Revive Issue

NEW YORK—Persistent reports from Washington that the civil rights issue is already "dead" in this session of Congress will not deter the fight for revision of the Senate rule in order to halt filibusters, leaders of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights assert.

The conference, initiated by the NAACP and co-sponsored by some 50 national organizations, will be held in Washington, February 17-18. The main objective of the assembly will be revision of Senate Rule No. 22 which requires the vote of 84 senators to stop filibuster. This rule has been the principal roadblock to enactment of civil rights legislation.



The Morehouse College Glee Club, conducted by Kemper Harrell, will be heard in recital at North Carolina College, Saturday February 9 in B. N. Duke Auditorium at eight p. m. Harrell, renowned violinist and choral director who directs the music departments of Morehouse, Spellman and Atlanta University, is ranked with such pioneer musicians as E. Nathaniel Dent, Clarence Cameron White and Coleridge Taylor. The public is invited and there will be no admission.

Drive For FEPC Launched In N. C.

WINSTON-SALEM — A campaign to get 50,000 signatures for FEPC was launched at a Tri-State Negro and Allied Trade Union Council executive board meeting held here recently.

Quotas for getting signatures were taken by delegates to the meeting. The Winston-Salem Council pledged 10,000 signatures; Durham, 10,000; Asheville, 10,000; and delegates other areas in Tri-State pledged similar quotas.

Delegates reported wholesale unemployment of Negro women at Reynolds here, Liggett and Meyers in Durham and at industrial plants at Richmond, Virginia. They described plans they were carrying through to get Negroes jobs in their communities, particularly jobs for Negro women.

The campaign will fight for jobs in fields now closed to Negro workers because of discrimination. The executive board sent letters of strong protest to Pres-

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Lower The Curtain And Pray For Carthage

— AN EDITORIAL —

Lower the curtains and let there be silence while we kneel in solemn prayer for our power drunk and soul sick white brethren in Carthage whose verdict in the wanton rape case of a 19-year-old Negro mother has snuffed out the last flickering candle of justice for Negroes in North Carolina.

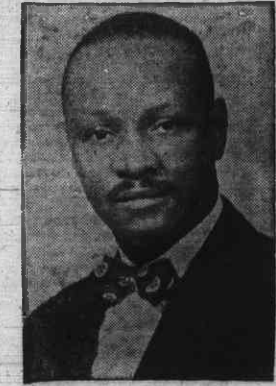
This saga of how four white soldiers who, to satisfy their animal lust, deliberately and at gun-point committed this vilest act and were shielded and protected, not by a bunch of thugs or hardened criminals, but a constituted court of law, was unfolded in Carthage last week with all its ramifications and quirks of white supremacy, sunk to its lowest depths.

As our southern white folks become more and more entangled in their web of murder, rape and thievery in high places, which they have woven in their vile attempt to maintain white supremacy, our sympathy goes out to them, oh God! because they are our neighbors and are now just beginning to drink to the last dregs their brimming cup of retribution.

For over 30 years we have thundered our warnings again and again in an effort to impress upon the minds of our white brethren here in the South that they cannot perpetrate crimes and evil deeds against Negroes without destroying their own morals. Because of our warning and relentless crusade against a philosophy that says that a white skin is a badge of superiority, we have been stoned in the market places, crucified in the councils and stabbed on the highways.

We don't know how much more of these terrible crimes our white folks can stand; we don't know how soon they will become so sick in their own souls at covering up rape, murder and thievery that they will spit on their own consciences. We only know that America stands today where once stood Babylon, Greece, Rome and other nations, who became so self-centered, so all powerful, so cocksure that they forgot God. We only know that in the lives of nations as in the lives of men sometimes it is later than we think.

Help us, Oh God! to not gloat or rejoice at this debacle of our white brethren and give us strength to endure their weakness in these hours when they become frustrated and despise themselves. Give us the strength to be humble, the courage to be sympathetic and the wisdom to understand. And above all help both our races to bear one another's burdens so that in the end they may enjoy together the peace of mind and the human dignity that come only through doing unto others as we would have them do unto us.



John E. Larkins, Consultant to the State Department of Public Welfare, has been appointed by Governor Kerr Scott as delegate to the 11th annual observance of National Freedom Day at Philadelphia February 1. J. J. Henderson, Durham resident and assistant controller at the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, was also appointed by the Governor, to serve as a delegate to the observance.