

# Negroes At UNC May Be Victims Of "Plot"



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Members of a special grand jury impaneled for hearings on Klux Klan activities in Columbus County are shown above. The grand jury will hear evidence in the flogging charges against former members of the Klan arrested by the FBI and the SBI recently. The FBI rounded up ten Klan members in a raid February 16, and this week the SBI announced the arrest of additional KKK members, including six who were arrested by the earlier FBI raid. The men are charged with kidnapping, and assaulting white and Negro residents of the area. Supreme penalty for kidnapping which involves crossing state lines in death. Supreme penalty for the charges by the State is life imprisonment. — Photo—Courtesy News and Observer.

## Slayer Of N. C. Co-ed Gives Self Up To Police

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Donald N. Tyler, 22 year old Howard University student sought for the pistol slaying of his classmate, 19 year-old Janet King, gave himself up to Chicago police last Tuesday. Young Tyler was returned here to face a hearing before U.S. District Commissioner C.S. Lawrence. He was formally arraigned on charges of murder, and continuance of the hearing was granted until March 7 on the request of Tyler's attorney, Wesley Williams.

Tyler, who is married and constantly wears his wedding band, gave himself up to Chicago police Tuesday morning, after catching a bus to his father's home there from Washington. He was brought back to Washington by Lt. Lawrence Hardnett of the Washington detective department. Tyler admitted killing Miss King, according to Washington police, but said that it was accidental. He also denied criminally assaulting her and declared he knew nothing about the bruises on her neck.

According to detective Hardnett, the following is Tyler's version of what happened on the night of the slaying:

"I met Janet in the campus library last Monday and gave her an order of lipstick she had bought from me. She asked me if I would drive her to the license bureau to get a learner's permit.

"We went down and she got the permit. Then she drove the car around until 3:15 in the afternoon. Then we went to 'Doc's' place and played records and watched television." ("Doc" is Raymond W. Elliot, a pharmacist in whose automobile the slaying is said to have occurred).

"While we were in the apartment we had some drinks. I drank a beer and a couple of shots. We had relations and then left.

"I was driving up on 18th or 19th street, N.E., when Janet opened the glove compartment and took out a .25 calibre automatic. I told her not to play with it because it had a clip in it.

"She gave it to me and I was trying to empty it. Somehow, it went off. She fell against me and blood got on my clothing. I felt her pulse and listened to her heart, and found she was dead. I looked in her pocketbook and took out \$22 and beat it to Elliot's house to change clothes.

"I left a note for Elliot before I left. I drove down to Union Station to catch a train for Chicago, because I knew my father was there and Chicago is the only place I could think of go-

### EDITORIAL

## Three Fat And Greasy Florida Negroes

Probably the most sordid tragedy ever unfolded in the annals of court history occurred at the trial of Walter Irvin in Ocala, Florida last week when three supposedly respectable and prominent Negroes of that city went on the witness stand and testified under oath that race relations in Marion County, in which Ocala is located, are good. Only Negroes who have lived and worked among such infernal traitors to their race can understand that persons of such low caliber actually live on this earth. This in spite of the fact that the Ku Klux Klan had burned a cross on the lawn of one of them.

You have got to be stabbed in the back, in the dark, by one of them yourself to believe it; you have got to learn, probably by accident, that one of these slimy creatures, who has grown fat and greasy off the toll, sweat, blood and tears of his own race, will grab a telephone or crawl up to the backdoor steps of a white office to slit another Negro's

throat, if by doing so he can ingratiate himself with his white masters or promote his own personal standing with them. We of the CAROLINA TIMES know whereof we speak.

We do not charge here that all Negroes of means in the South are traitors to their race. There are thousands of well-to-do Negroes in these parts who are not only willing to give of their means in the promotion of equal opportunities for their people, but will even go to the extent of presenting "their bodies as a living sacrifice" in the cause of justice. There is another type, however, who is willing to present the bodies of all other Negroes as a living sacrifice to their own elevation with the opposite group.

This type of Negro exists not only in Florida but all over the South. There are scores of them here in Durham. For a mess of pottage they will sell, not only one Negro

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## Dedicatory Service Slated For New Durham Church

Dedicatory services for the new St. John Baptist Church building, located on Third street in the Walltown section of the city, will begin here Sunday and continue through the following Sunday, March 9.

The week-long dedicatory services will feature pastors of various leading churches of the community and surrounding area as speakers. Two services have been scheduled for Sunday's program. The regular service will begin at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, and it will be followed by a special service at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Reverend L. M. Gooch, pastor of the church, will be the speaker for the regular Sunday morning service, and the afternoon service will feature outstanding laymen and ministers of the city.

The new church building was erected at a cost of approximately \$60,000. Work was begun on the building in February, 1949, and it was completed early last month. The building contains an auditorium which will seat between 450 and 500 persons, of whom for the pastor and church



Reverend L. M. Gooch

officials, a choir room and a balcony. Modern furnishings and decoration are used throughout.

In addition to St. John's pastor, Reverend Gooch, Reverends J. C. Gray, L. E. Daye and Paul Thorpe will participate on the Sunday morning service.

C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company will be the principal speaker at the special two o'clock p. m. services. He will be introduced by J. H. Wheeler, vice-president-cashier of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank. Reverend G. W. Thomas, moderator of the East Cedar Grove Association, will deliver the dedicatory sermon following Spaulding's address at the afternoon service. Rev. Thomas will be introduced by Rev. T. C. Graham, pastor of the West Durham Baptist Church.

Others who will take part on the afternoon service are Revs. S. P. Perry, pastor of St. Mark A. M. E. Zion; Reverend H. H. Harris and St. John's Deacons J. L. Tally, William Walker, H. M. Bullock and T. Y. Moore.

The dedicatory services will continue with services each night

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## MORE KLANSMEN ARE ARRESTED

### Negro Candidate In Charlotte Receives Threat By KKK Cross Burning On His Lawn



Dr. Harry V. Richardson, president of the Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., is to give the principal and opening address on Sunday at the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel at Bennett College when the 26th Home Institute begins. Dr. Richardson will speak of the values for purposeful living; theme of the week long affair.

### School Suit In Va. Starts

RICHMOND, Va.—The curtain rose on another chapter in the legal fight of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People against segregated public schools, as a suit involving the public schools of Prince Edward County, Va., came to trial on Monday, February 25, before a special three-judge federal court in Richmond.

Rev. L. Francis Griffin, NAACP coordinator for the county, (Continued from Page Five)

WHITEVILLE — The State Bureau of Investigation, apparently miffed because the FBI beat it to the punch in making arrests of Klansmen involved in the floggings in Columbus County, went to work and nabbed some members of the robed and hooded legion for its own credit here this week.

The SBI announced Wednesday that it had arrested 11 men in connection with floggings in Columbus County.

Meanwhile, A Negro candidate was threatened at Charlotte early this week by a Klux Klan-type demonstration, apparently designed to frighten him into withdrawing from the County Commissioners race.

Six of the 11 arrested by the SBI Wednesday were included in the FBI arrests last week. Sheriff Hugh Nance and SBI director James Powell, who led the arrests, said that more could be expected in the near future.

All 11, charged with seizing and whipping Mrs. Esther Lee Floyd, 23 year-old Negro, were placed under \$5,000 bond each for the March 31 grand jury.

At Charlotte, Lem Long, Jr., candidate for the Mecklenburg County Commission, promptly stated that he was not frightened in the least by the burning cross discovered on his lawn Monday night. The cross was found by his brother-in-law.

County police chief Stanhope Linberry chose to term the incident a "prank." "There has been no Klan activity in Mecklenburg County in over a year," he declared. "People here are too intelligent to stand for the Klan," the chief stated.

Long, a young mortician, served notice that if the incident was calculated to frighten him into withdrawing from the democratic primary set for May 31, it failed as far as he was

concerned. Although he stated that he thought it was the work of "men of Klan psychology," he quickly affirmed his intention of remaining in the race and added: "I'm not alarmed in the least."

Sheriff Nance of Columbus County who led the round-up of the 11 arrested Klan members Wednesday, said they are being charged with taking Mrs. Floyd, young Negro woman, into the woods, whipping her and cutting a cross in her hair.

After the whipping, Mrs. Floyd was told by the robed and hooded men to go back to Whiteville and tell the "niggers the Ku Kluckers got you."

Sheriff Nance said that the men went to Mrs. Floyd's home on Nov. 14, drew a gun on her mother, held her father and seized her. She was blindfolded and taken into the woods in a car. The Sheriff said that she saw 15 or 20 robed men when the blindfold was removed.

The Sheriff said that Mrs. Floyd was whipped with a belt, but not too severely after she told the men she was pregnant. Officers further quoted Mrs. Floyd as saying that she was accused by the Klansmen of going with a white man. She denied this.

Mrs. Floyd lives with her parents at Chadbourne.

The arrests were made early Wednesday morning. Eight of the men were taken into custody around eight o'clock, and three others were nabbed later Wednesday morning.

In Raleigh, State attorney General Harry McMullan said "the names of the guilty parties and their acts have been known for weeks."

The FBI, which made ten arrests Feb. 16, did not participate in these arrests. SBI did. (Please turn to Page Eight)

### Hearings Set For School Case In S. C.

COLUMBIA, S.C.—Hearings on the Clarendon County school case will be held here on March 3 before a special three-judge federal court, in compliance with an order of the United States Supreme Court which, on January 28, vacated a judgment. The high court returned the case to the original court for further proceedings in the light of the report on progress made towards equalization of school facilities in the county. This report was required by a two to one decision of the special court upholding segregation. Judge J. (Please turn to Page Eight)

### INSTALL NEW SCOUT TROOP

A new Boy Scout troop will be formally ushered into the Oconeechee Council when installation and investiture services for Scout troop 53 of the Covenant Presbyterian Church are held here Sunday afternoon at the church at two o'clock.

H. W. Gillis, field executive for the Oconeechee Council, will make the installation of the troop and present the charter to troop 53 scoutmaster Richard T. Pippen.

In addition to the presentation of the charter, a program, including presentation of badges to the new scouts and a social following the presentations has been planned. Parents of the new scouts will pin the tenderfoot badges on their sons, and introductions will be made by the troop committee, the scout-

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## UNC Officials Seem Trying To Avoid Having Race In Its Graduation Rites

By A TIMES Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — A situation which has all the earmarks of a plot to spare the University of North Carolina the pains of having a Negro in its commencement other graduation ceremonies has been revealed here this week.

It was disclosed that the four Negro law students, ordered to be admitted to UNC by a Federal court, stand a good chance of falling victim to the apparent plot by the University to "flunk" them out.

This disclosure became apparent when A. M. Rivera, Jr., North Carolina correspondent for the Pittsburgh Courier, began exploring charges by leading student organizations that certain trustees and administrative officials were intimidating faculty members and students who entertain or voice anti-segregation sentiments.

Harvey Beech, who is scheduled to graduate at the end of the regular term in June, is one of the students who may be victimized by the situation. Beech, who while studying at North Carolina College's law school where most of his work was done under professors from the University, was rated the top student. He received 10 "A's," eight "B's," and two "C's" while at the Durham school. Since en-

rolling at the University, however, his only marks above "C" were received during the summer under visiting professors.

Kenneth Lee, another of the students who has undergone similar experiences, was rated the number two student while at North Carolina College. Lee, whose strong speech against segregation in the Dialectic Senate recently aroused the ire of trustee member John D. Clark, has fared a little better, however. It is believed that he has fared better because he is not scheduled to finish in June.

This situation was revealed when John D. Clark, race-baiting member of UNC's trustee board charged that there are some "scallawags" planted in Chapel Hill by the NAACP to push its anti-segregation campaign. Clark was answering an attack made on him by student organizations after he had attacked the Dialectic Senate for passing a non-segregation resolution.

The student daily newspaper, the Tar Heel, countered with the charge that Clark was a self-appointed censor of student opinion and a guardian of faculty minds. This forced the institution's millionaire president Gordon Gray to issue a statement which many have termed innocuous and calculated to offend neither the staunch segregation proponents nor the liberal student leaders.

During the exploration of the charges, Courier correspondent Rivera asked law school Dean Henry Brandis about the relative class standing of the Negro students. Dean Brandis told Rivera that it is not the University policy to reveal such information unless the students are cited for honors and awards.

However, a classmate of the Negro students said that there is every indication that they are victims of a scheme that will eliminate them from finishing with the June class. The spokesman admitted that it would be hard to prove this.

Such a scheme or situation became apparent to all with whom this reporter talked, though. In addition to Beech's case, it was pointed out that in two instances the Negro students were the only ones to receive grades of "F" out of 75 or 80 students. In one case, three Negroes were flunked out of a class of five.

A spokesman for the white students also told of the inconsistent application of University policy in dealing with Negroes. He said that they were required in some instances to sign their papers, contrary to the school's policy of having students

number their papers.

Several white students, present during the interview, expressed the opinion that it is incredible that the Negro students, all of whom have degrees, would be failing in classes in which less than 60 percent of the white law students have not finished college. "I think it's a damn shame," one student added.

Dean Brandis and Professor F. B. McCall, who testified during the Federal Court hearings that North Carolina College law school was superior to the one at UNC, could not explain why the former NCC law school Negro students, two of whom were honor students at NCC, were failing at UNC.

It was also reported that, in addition to the apparent intimidation of faculty and students, some foreign students who are seeking citizenship, were warned against fraternizing with Negro students, lest their chances for obtaining citizenship be jeopardized.

The only explanation that this reporter could devise from the failure of the Negro students is that the University administrative officials wanted to be spared the embarrassment of seeing Negroes take part in the graduation festivities, which include banquets, dances, receptions, etc. (Please turn to Page Eight)