

Hate For "S. C. Negro" Kills Man

Murderer Says Victim Menaced Him With Knife In Argument

"I don't like a South Carolina Negro."

These are reportedly the last words of a man who was shot through the temple here early last Sunday morning as the climax to a brief argument.

Felder Davis, 27-year old resident of Proctor Street, has been formally charged with the murder of Merman C. Lyons, 33-year-old resident of Verbena Streets whose reported dislike for South Carolina Negroes, coupled with his alleged threatening of Davis with a knife, cost him his life.

Davis, arrested a few minutes after and two blocks away from the scene of the murder, 1415 South Street, admitted shooting Lyons in an argument during which Davis said Lyons advanced on him with a knife.

Lyons died instantly of a .32 calibre bullet wound through his left forehead. When officers C. W. Webb and D. R. Exum arrived on the scene to investigate, they found Lyons' body slumped against a door inside the house of Miss Emma Powell, scene of the shooting.

Davis was nabbed by Police Lt. J. H. Whitfield, who, while on his way to the scene of the shooting, saw Davis running down the street. He placed him in custody and later Davis admitted he fired the shot.

According to police, Davis said that he and Lyons had gotten into an argument, during which Lyons blurted, "I don't like a South Carolina Negro," and advanced on Davis with a knife. Davis whipped out his pistol and fired one shot at Lyons and then fled.

It was not clear what the argument was about or that Lyons ever lived in South Carolina.

Officers reported that an unidentified witness spotted Davis "backing out the house" shortly after the shooting "with a black pistol in his hand."

The murder weapon, a .32 calibre pistol, was found in a ditch in front of the Powell house by Officer Exum.



The above photo shows a part of the vast throng that converged on Dunn last Sunday as delegates and visitors to the annual Midyear session of the Interdenominational Ushers Association of North Carolina. At the upper left is inset the Rev. J. E. Marks, a visiting minister, Raleigh that furnished music for the occasion. In the upper right inset are the Rev. J. H. Isadore Tarpley, Greensboro Baptist Church, Raleigh who delivered the sermon for the occasion.

Reidsville Medic Found Dead

Physician Had Been Dead For "2 Or 3 Days"

REIDSVILLE

Funeral services for Dr. J. E. Payne, one of this town's only two Negro physicians, were held here early this week.

Dr. Payne was found dead at his home here on Hilltop street last Friday, where, according to Coroner M. P. Cummings, he had lain dead for at least "two or three days." No evidence of foul play was found and death was attributed to a heart attack.

The body was discovered by a taxi driver, Henry Bass, who, upon the insistence of neighbors worried over the lack of activity at the Payne house, peered through the windows last Friday and saw Dr. Payne's body slumped across the wash stand in the bathroom.

Sgt. A. M. Boone of the city's police department who broke into the house through the front door, said that there was no evidence of injury, violence or foul play.

Dr. Cummings said that Dr. Payne died of "acute dilation of the heart." He did not say what brought on the heart attack.

Dr. Payne had lived alone in the house since the estrangement of his wife, the former Miss Romana Ross of Denver, Colo. She has been living with their two children, Romana Mildred and John Edward, 3rd, in Winston-Salem for some time.

Born in Rodessa, La., Dr. Payne was a graduate of Texas College and Wilberforce University and the Meharry Medical College. He interned at Kate Bittling Reynolds Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem in 1942 and after several years as a captain in the Army, he took his residence at Wilmington and began private practice here in 1947.



Trophies were presented to Winston-Salem's two champions at a banquet given by grateful Twin-City citizens honoring the Winston-Salem Teachers College and Atkins high school basketball teams last Saturday. The W. S. T. C. cagers won the CIAA Tournament crown while the Atkins high team won the scholastic cage title. Left to right above are Willis Johnson, Winston-Salem Teachers College captain; Dr. Thomas A. Henderson, Union University dean and President of the CIAA who spoke at the banquet; Dr. W. T. Armstrong, Commissioner of Athletics for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association; and James Sligh, and Donald Young, co-captains of Atkins team.—Photo by Witherspoon.

CIAA, TRIPLE A WINNERS Winston-Salem Honors Its Two Champs With Banquet, Gifts

BY L. T. WALKER

WINSTON-SALEM

A pair of champions were honored here last Saturday night at a banquet sponsored at Winston-Salem Teachers College by a citizens' committee.

The two champion honorees were the basketball teams of Winston-Salem Teachers College and Atkins high school. The Winston-Salem team won the CIAA basketball tournament and finished in the top spot in the conference and the Atkins high team won the triple A interscholastic crown.

Principal speaker for the occasion was Virginia Union's Dr. Thomas Henderson, president of the CIAA, who reminded the audience of moral, social, emotional and physical developments which result from participation in athletics.

Denby Hobson, principal of the Skyland school here, headed the group of citizens which developed the very fine and thoughtful program. A. H. Anderson, principal of the Kimberly Park elementary school here, served as toastmaster for the banquet.

Others who paid tribute to the two champion teams included W. T. Armstrong, Commissioner of the North Carolina Negro High School Athletic Association and heads of the two schools from which the champions came, Principal Carter of Atkins and President J. L. Atkins of Winston-Salem Teachers College.

Henderson, who was also chairman of the citizens committee, presented Attorney Curtis Todd of Winston-Salem who presented gifts to each player of the two teams and to the two coaches; Clarence "Big House" Gaines of Winston-Salem and S. E. Cary of Atkins. Members of the CIAA championship winning Rams team received beautiful sports shirts while the high school champions, Atkins, were given luggage.

Goins Takes Slim Lead, Bullock Jumps To 3rd In Cabbie Contest

The taxi drivers popularity contest took on speed this week as Pete Goins jumped into the lead by the slim margin of only two ballots. Up to noon Wednesday Goins had garnered a total of 1,555,000 points while Rogers trailed close behind with 1,500,000 points.

From indications the race is going to be a free-for-all affair with it being impossible to predict the winner at this early stage. Although Goins took the lead away from Rogers this week he was being pushed to the limit by William Bullock who jumped from fifth place to the third place held by Marvin Page last week.

Another driver who showed signs of gaining was Jethro Carson who advanced from the bottom of the list to the 10th position.

This week's standing is as follows:
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Omeas Honor Fighting Editor Of S. C. Paper

COLUMBIA, S. C.

A fighting South Carolina newspaper editor and an imminent North Carolina attorney will be cited as "outstanding men of the year" when 35 chapters of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity in North and South Carolina hold their 1953 District Conclave here April 24-26.

John H. McCray, editor of The Lighthouse and Informer here, and who last November went to the Newberry county chieftang as the climax to a three year running fight with South Carolina political leaders, for 37 days, will be given an award from his civic contributions; and J. Alston Atkins, of Winston-Salem, N. C., will be honored for his development of the Talent Hunt, a national project of the fraternity which is

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The famous Fultz quadruplets of Madisonville made a trip to the State Capital last week and for their visit were made honorary pages of the legislature. The foursome, only living quadruplets in this country, are shown above in the Senate Chamber of the North Carolina General Assembly. Left to right they are Ann, Catherine, Louise and Alice. Directly behind them stands their nurse since birth Mrs. E. P. Saylor. Behind Mrs. Saylor stands Edwin B. Pate, Scotland County, who is president of the Senate. The youth on the right of Pate is an unidentified page of the Senate.

ONE REPUBLICAN, ONE DEMO Asheville Political Scene Gets Clouded; 2 Negroes Run

ASHEVILLE

The Democratic and Republican primaries for the election of seven city councilmen will be held Tuesday, April 21.

Two well-known Negroes, Dr. Robert M. Hendrick and Victor Stanley McDowell, will appear on the Democratic and Republican ballots, respectively.

Dr. Hendrick, dentist and civic worker, announced his candidacy some two weeks ago following an "endorsement rally" sponsored by several of the community's Negro leaders. His campaign is being run by a group known as the "Hendricks for Councilman Committee," with Ruben J. Dalley, local attorney, as Campaign Chairman.

Dr. Hendrick's name will appear on the Democratic Ballot along with 14 other democratic candidates. Dr. Hendrick's campaign platform as announced by Dalley is "essentially" a promise for fair and honest government, "equitable representation for all peoples", and faithful service to members of both races.

Victor Stanley McDowell, local barber and well-known Republican figure, is on the Republican ballot with seven other Republican aspirants for councilmen. In announcing his candidacy, McDowell, stated his platform thus: "A square deal for all, with a raw deal for anyone. Even the man who drives a scavenger cart upon these streets should have equal rights upon this commonwealth."

Asheville is normally Democratic, although the city went Republican in the recent Presidential election. There are some 30,000 citizens eligible to vote in the coming election with some 24,000 registered as Democrats and 3500 as Republicans. Total Negro registration is approximately 3500.

Attorney Dalley, Campaign manager for Dr. Hendricks, stated that he expects it to take about 5000 votes for his candidate to be nominated for the general election on May 12. Dalley further stated that he considered Hendrick's chances for election as "excellent."

In commenting on his chances for being nominated on the Republican ticket, McDowell said that, although the situation is somewhat "complicated", he expects to be nominated, as he looks to receive considerable support organizationally.

Campaign-wise Dr. Hendrick is the most active of the Negro candidates for councilmen. During the two weeks since the announcement of his candidacy, a number of precinct and community-wide meetings have been sponsored by his campaign committee in addition to a number of radio talks. The Hendricks group are also operating two campaign headquarters. McDowell's campaign activity has been somewhat hampered as

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Funeral Rites In Atlanta For W. A. Fountain

ATLANTA

Funeral services were conducted here Tuesday for William A. Fountain, Jr., former president of Morris Brown College, who, at the time of his death last Wednesday, April 8, held the position of secretary-treasurer of the Education Department of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Fountain died suddenly in Nashville, Tenn., where his A. M. E. offices were located. Cause of death was attributed to an "aggravated heart condition."

Fountain served as President of Morris Brown for 22 years, between 1928 and 1950. He was replaced as head of the A. M. E. Supported school in 1951 by Dr. J. H. Lewis, the school's present president.

Throngs attended the funeral of the educator and churchman at the Bethel A. M. E. Church here Tuesday. Numerous high church officials from many other as well as the A. M. E. persuasion were present at the funeral services.

Bishop W. R. Wilkes, A. M. E. prelate for the 12 Episcopal district, delivered the sermon. Others who spoke during the funeral program included Rev. W. H. Borders, pastor the Wheat Street Baptist Church; Bishop J. W. E. Bowen, Atlanta Holiness Church; Dr. D. H. Stanton, representative of the American Bible Society.

Among the numerous civic and church dignitaries present at the funeral was Dr. Rufus Clement, president of the Atlanta University system.

Fountain is survived by his parents, Bishop and Mrs. W. A. Fountain, of Atlanta, and two sisters, Mrs. H. C. Perrin and Mrs. Selette Clark.



REVEREND C. C. JONES In Raleigh race

Nearly A Score In N. C. Enter Civic Races

RALEIGH

One more Negro entered an election contest in a North Carolina city this week, bringing the total Negroes who have entered election races in the Old North State to a record 19.

Rev. C. C. Jones was the latest entrant, filing last Friday for this city's council race here, for Attorney Herman Taylor has already filed for a seat on the council.

Negroes have entered or are now in civic races in Greensboro, High Point, Charlotte, Gastonia, Chapel Hill, Durham, Asheville, Sanford, Ashboro, Concord, Selma, and Smithfield in addition to Raleigh.

This is the first venture into politics for Rev. Jones who is pastor of the Tupper Memorial Baptist Church here. A graduate of Shaw University, he has served as religious director of the Wake County Sunday School Convention, member of the ministerial board of the Raleigh Safety Club and principal of the Youngsville graded school.

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Hawkins Says Taylor Will Win

James T. Hawkins, newly appointed manager of James T. Taylor's campaign for seat on the City Council from the Third Ward, confidently predicted here this week that Taylor will win.

"James T. Taylor will win because he has the support of the thinking people of both races in all walks of life," Hawkins said in a prepared statement issued to the Times early this week.

The rest of Hawkins' statement read:

"I accepted the management of the campaign for James T. Taylor because I have known him for many years, and I believe he is a man well qualified to represent all citizens of Durham. I do not believe

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Teachers In KKK-Ridden Area In NAACP

COLUMBIA, S. C.

The South Carolina State Conference of branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced this week that thirty-three Negro school teachers of Horry County, South Carolina, have become

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