

4 DIE IN MURDER, SUICIDE

Crippled Shoemaker And Aged Woman Take Own Lives; Angry Wife, Neighbor Use Shotguns To Slay Victims

Chronic Sufferer Hangs Self With Plow Line

Four persons died in violence in or near Durham this week in suicides and murders. Two separate suicides claimed the lives of two persons while two separate murders accounted for two more deaths.

Dead are Mrs. Annie Dunnegan, Archie Boyd, William Ware, and Arthur Hawes. Mrs. Dunnegan, 68 year old chronic sufferer, hanged herself with a plow line in a tobacco barn on her son's farm off the Guess Road in Lebanon Township last Thursday.

Hawes, 28 year old resident of Route 6, Raleigh, was fatally wounded by a shot gun blast fired at his back by his wife last Friday.

Ware was killed by a load from a shot gun fired by Elijah Walker of Beamon Street last (Please turn to Page Eight)



R. L. COTTEN

Last Rites For R. L. Cotten

Last rites for Robert Lee Cotten, prominent business man and churchman, were held at Saint Joseph A. M. E. Church here Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. The Reverend D. A. Johnston, pastor officiated, assisted by Reverend J. H. Peppers, pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church of this city and Reverend R. L. Upshaw, pastor of the St. Paul A. M. E. Church, Chapel Hill.

Mr. Cotten died at Lincoln Hospital here Saturday, April 25 at 11:30 A. M., following an illness of about 3 years. He was born in Chatham County but had lived in Durham for a long number of years. At the time of his death he was a resident of 813 Glenn Street where he lived with his wife, Mrs. Leola Hunter Cotten, his (Please turn to Page Eight)

Vote Flood As Race Nears End

With only two weeks to go the contest manager for the Taxi Drivers Popularity Contest was snowed under with an avalanche of votes this week. They came by mail and by individuals who fairly swarmed on the TIMES office to cast their ballots for their favorite driver.

With next week the last week of the voting the contest manager is preparing for the largest number of ballots to be cast since the beginning of the contest. There are strong indications that many of the contestants have been waiting for the final week when they will make the final bid for top place and the winner.

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IN TUESDAY ELECTIONS

J. T. Taylor, Rev. Fisher To Back R. N. Harris

R. N. Harris, who will be carrying the hopes of most of the Third Ward residents in his bid for a seat on the City Council from that Ward in Tuesday elections, got the personal endorsements here this week of two of the city's recognized leaders, Rev. Miles Mark Fisher and James T. Taylor, who was eliminated in the Third Ward primary held two Tuesday ago.

Taylor, professor of Psychology at North Carolina College and who, running as an independent in the primary, ran a very close third to M. T. Mangum as he was knocked out of the city council race.

In a statement prepared for the TIMES this week, Taylor said:

"I am voting for R. N. Harris, for Councilman from the Third Ward, because, I believe that of the two candidates, Mr. Harris is better qualified to serve the best interest of the City of Durham. I believe further that truly Representative Government will indicate that such a large group of citizens, as those living in the Third Ward, should have a Representation on the City Council."

Taylor, who has proved a popular candidate, garnered the most votes of any Negro candidate when in 1951 he tried for a seat on the City Council as an at-large member. His strength in the recent primary came as a surprise to many observers for Taylor ran as an independent candidate without the endorsement of any specific group.

Rev. Fisher, pastor of the large White Rock Baptist Church here, in announcing his personal endorsement of Harris, said:

"I should like to see on Tuesday Durhamites go to the polls and vote for R. N. Harris."

Already Harris has received the unofficial endorsement of a number of other groups of various interests all over the city. He will be opposed in the election by M. T. Mangum, white grocer.



PFC. CLAUDE SMITH, JR.

Local Marine Wounded In Korean Action

Marine Pfc. Claude Smith, Jr., son of Reverend and Mrs. Claude Smith of this city, was wounded in action in Korea on April 8, according to a message received by his parents from the Defense Department recently.

Young Smith was serving with the First Marine division in action during the hill fighting in Korea when he suffered wounds to his right leg and the side of his face.

Indications were from his parents here this week that his injuries are not serious.

Smith entered the Marine Corps in July 1952, and was sent to Parris Island Marine Base in South Carolina. In November of the same year he was transferred to Camp Pennington, California, and from there he was sent overseas. (Please turn to Page Eight)

Miller May Die

RALEIGH
All indications point to the fact that Lafayette Miller, young Beaufort County man, will be executed in the State's Gas Chamber here Friday, May 1.

Miller's last hope was a commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment from Governor Umstead. Late Wednesday, it was unofficially reported that Gov. Umstead had turned thumbs down on a plea from Miller's attorneys to commute his sentence.

Miller was represented before the Governor in his office-bedroom here Wednesday morning by Attorneys Herman Taylor and Samuel Mitchell of this city and W. F. Brower of Durham.

He was convicted for the Thanksgiving 1951 murder of a Chooswinity Farmer.

A subsequent appeal to the Supreme Court of the conviction was turned down. (Please turn to Page Eight)

A. T. Spaulding Named To Shaw Trustee Board

RALEIGH
At a meeting of the Trustee Board of Shaw University held here Monday, April 27, Asa T. Spaulding, vice-president and actuary of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company was elected to the trustee board, treasurer and a member of the executive committee of Shaw.

Spaulding, thus succeeds the late Dr. C. C. Spaulding in the positions he held at Shaw University up to the time of his death.

The new member of the Trustee Board is well-known in business and church circles in North Carolina and his membership on the Trustee Board of Shaw will bring a wealth of experience and training along the lines of business.

The new trustee has a broad background of experience in civic, church and fraternal work. In 1946, he received a presidential citation for his "unselfish devotion to the task of helping stabilize our economy."

Among the many positions he holds, Spaulding is a member of the Board of Directors of the A. T. Spaulding Club, chairman of the local Housing Authority, a trustee of the White Rock Baptist Church, and a member of the National Committee of the Boy Scouts of America.

He is a member of several business and related societies and honorary societies. In addition, he serves as a member of the board of directors of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Mutual Savings and Loan Association and the Mechanics and Farmers Bank.

During his tenure with the North Carolina Mutual, he has served in various capacities, from debit man to vice-president.

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A. T. SPAULDING



REVEREND H. H. HART

Funeral Rites Set Here For Rev. H. H. Hart

Final rites for Dr. H. H. Hart, distinguished evangelist and pastor, First Calvary Baptist Church of this city, will be held at the church Friday, May 1 at 2:00 P. M.

Dr. Hart succumbed Sunday morning in Winston following an illness of several months.

The funeral service will be conducted by Dr. P. A. Bishop, president of the Baptist General Missionary and Education Convention of North Carolina. The body will lie in state at the church from 1:00 a. m. Friday until the hour of the funeral.

Known far and wide as a preacher of great power, Dr. Hart had achieved national fame as an evangelist, pastor and church builder. At the time of his death he was pastoring the local church for the second time. His first pastorate was begun in 1933 and continued for several years when he gave it up to accept work elsewhere. In 1947 when the church was again without a minister, Rev. Hart again accepted the call.

Under his leadership a beautiful new church structure was erected at a cost of approximately \$100,000. In addition the membership and spiritual life of the church have grown until it is considered one of the leading in Durham.

In addition to his work as pastor of this church, he was a great civic and educational leader. At the time of his death he was Grand Chaplain Masonic Lodge of the Jurisdiction of North Carolina, and a member of the Executive Committee of General Conventions of the state, also a member of the Executive Board of Interdenominational Ministers Conference, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia; Chairman of the Evangelistic Board of General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. (Please turn to Page Eight)



A. B. BOYD

Two Local Pupils Win NCC Awards

Two students of Eastman High School, Enfield, were among the sixteen winners of James E. Shepard Memorial Scholarships, it was announced this week by Miss Ruth Rush, chairman of the Shepard Scholarship Committee. Hillside High School also placed two winners in the contest.

Catherine M. Boone and Kenneth Copeland, both seniors at Eastman, will be among recipients of \$3,200 in awards to help them in their first year at the college the late Dr. Shepard founded forty three years ago. Hillside High School winners were Kenneth Gregory and Barbara Lumpkin.

Another outstanding student winner was Portia Burt of the Central High School, Hillsboro. Miss Burt won one of Shepard grants, one week and she came back the following week to win the annual Home Economics Department scholarship.

Other Shepard award winners are Jessie J. Bass, Carver High School, Mount Olive; Helen Cabanis, Cleveland High School, Shelby; Gladys Chavis, R. L. Vann High School, Ahsokie; Thelma Hicks, Shawtown High School, Lillington; Hugh A. House, Dillard High School, Goldsboro; Theron Joyner, Phillips High School, Battleboro; James Potts, Huntersville High School, Huntersville; Clemmie Strayborne, Trenton; Irvin Stroud, Dudley High School, Greensboro; Connie Watson, Price High School, Salisbury; and Shirley Williams, Chatham High School, Siler City.

ASHEVILLE POLITICAL SCENE

Two Race Candidates Lose Bids For Council

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ASHEVILLE
Dr. Robert M. Hendrick and Victor Stanley McDowell, Negro candidates for city council in the April 21 Democratic and Republican primaries, respectively, were defeated in their bids for nomination, both men running last in their respective primaries.

A heavier than usual turnout of some 9,000 votes went to the polls to nominate seven candidates in each party. Dr. Hendrick polled 3,974 votes of the 8,700 Democratic votes cast, while McDowell received 162 votes of the less than 250 votes cast in the Republican primary.

Dr. Hendrick, local dentist and civic worker, running as an independent Democratic candidate in a field of thirteen candidates, failed to carry a single precinct in the city-wide election, although he ran well in several of the predominantly white-populated

Money Worries Beset A. B. Boyd

A 57 year old crippled shoemaker blew off most of his face here last Tuesday morning with a shot gun blast because of reported "financial worries."

Archie B. Boyd, operator of the Friendly Shoe Shop here for several years, died at Lincoln Hospital Tuesday morning around 11:10 o'clock, some fifteen minutes after his arrival there.

A note found by investigating officers at the Boyd home at 501 Saint Joseph Street, scrawled in pencil on the back of an envelope said in part,

"Dear wife, I can't control myself—please forgive and God will..."

County Coroner Dr. R. A. Harton termed the shooting suicide. Boyd shot himself in the tiny fuel storage basement of his home Tuesday morning around 10:30. Neighbors who heard the shot gun blast and discovered him in the basement said that his wounds are an "awful, bloody mess." Most of them were so shocked by the sight of his wounds, which they described as gore dripping from the top of his nose across his chest, that they were unable to talk coherently to officers who investigated the shooting.

One unidentified witness said that the inside of Boyd's face hung down around his chest like "bloody whiskers." Patrolman B. H. McClary, one of the officers who arrived on the scene shortly after the shooting, said that the sight of Boyd's wounds caused some upset stomachs among those who were at the hospital accident entrance when he arrived.

Officers McClary and W. M. Barnes said that Boyd apparently rested the barrel of the 12 gauge shot gun under his chin and used a small stick, which they found in the basement, to pull the trigger.

The victim's wife, Mrs. Angelina Boyd, was so overcome by shock at the news of her husband's death that she had to be put to bed under a physician's care.

Boyd gave no indication of his contemplated suicide up until the time of the actual shooting Tuesday. Willie Holman, one of the workers at the shoe shop on the corner of Glenn Street and Alston Avenue, said that he didn't notice anything "out of

the ordinary" in Boyd's manner Tuesday morning. Holman said (Please turn to Page Eight)



REV. CHARLES JONES

Ousted Cleric Of Chapel Hill Here Sunday

The Reverend Charles Jones, former pastor of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, will be the vesper speaker at 4:30 Sunday afternoon, May 3.

Jones is now serving as area director for the Save-the-Children Foundation, Kingsport, Tenn.

Dr. J. Neal Hughley, college minister at NCC, will preside at the service Sunday afternoon. A special musical program will be given during the service.

Jones is a native of Nashville, Tenn. He has studied at various times at Maryville College in Tennessee, at College University, and at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va.

The minister pastored the Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill from 1941 to 1953. Prior to that time he served as pastor at that time he served as churches near Charlottesville, Va.

Jones has been a leader in the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen for several years and he is now serving as the organization's general chairman.



VICTOR McDOWELL

precincts. Of the approximately 9,000 votes cast, it is estimated that some 2,500 Negroes turned out for the primary. Total Negro voter registration is about 3,800.

Six of the incumbents representing the "Administration" ticket were renominated on the Democratic ticket, while the "Anti-administration" forces succeeded in getting one of its number nominated.

Nomination in the Democratic Primary is tantamount to election in this normally Democratic city. May 12 is the date of the general election.

In commenting on the election and Dr. Hendrick's unsuccessful candidacy, Hendrick's Campaign Manager, Attorney Ruben J. Dailey stated that he thought Dr. Hendrick went down in "glorious defeat," and that the result clearly showed that a Negro could be elected.

For the seven places on the Republican ticket, there were eight candidates with Negroes. (Please turn to Page Eight)