

SHOCKING RAPE CASE EXPOSED



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Presidents of four Greensboro colleges admire plaques which were presented to Dr. F. D. Bluford and Dr. David D. Jones, presidents of A and T and Bennett Colleges, respectively, for outstanding contributions over the years to the cause of education. They were cited by the Kappa Lambda and Beta Epsilon chapters of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at the annual Founders Day program held at A and T College last week. Shown from left to right are, Dr. E. K. Graham, chancellor of Women's College of the University of North Carolina who made the presentation to Dr. Jones and Dr. Jones.

Bludgeon-Slayer Says Victim, His Cousin, Was 'Mean' To Him

Charlotte Man Faces Trial

Decomposed Corpse Full Of Stab Wounds

CHARLOTTE — Because he said she was mean to him, a man confessed here last week-end to bludgeoning his cousin over the head with a hatchet-type hammer, stabbing her body several times with a knife and leaving her dead in her house.

A hearing was scheduled for Monday, December 14 in Recorder's Court for Joseph Foster of 1102 Polk St. here on charges of murder.

The slain woman, Mrs. Mattie Lee Paige, alias Rosemary Jones, is his cousin.

The grisly, brutal murder was brought to light on Monday, December 7 when the partially decomposed, badly whacked body of Mrs. Paige was found at her residence at 1301 Ashby St. Foster, who had earlier denied the killing, broke down and confessed to the slaying over the week-end, according to Detective L. W. Ballentine.

Foster first told police that he had not seen his cousin since Nov. 28, but this week-end, according to Ballentine, he signed a written confession stating how he crashed her skull with a hammer and stabbed her several times before leaving her for dead.

County Coroner W. M. Summerville said that Mrs. Paige, who was about 35, had been dead for at least a week when the body was discovered. He said that she died of a fractured skull and several stab wounds.

Foster, who was arrested and charged with the murder on Friday, is being held without bond.

White To Head Durham Group

DURHAM — Nathaniel B. White, manager of a Durham printing firm, was elected to head an organization of Business and Professional men here last week.

White, a former vice president of the Durham Business and Professional Chain at an election meeting held here Sunday. He succeeds L. E. Austin, publisher of the TIMES, who is completing a two year term.

Nine other executive officers were elected along with White at the meeting.

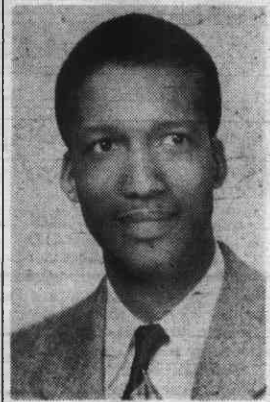
These included re-election of four officers and the naming of five others to new positions.

Mrs. P. H. McNeill, second vice president; J. Kelly Bryant, Jr., secretary; J. J. Henderson, treasurer; and D. F. Reed, program director, retained their old offices.

New executives elected were Mrs. J. DeShazor Jackson, who is considered a pioneer in the organization, first vice-president

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CHAIN OFFICERS



N. B. WHITE



MRS. J. DESHAZOR JACKSON



MRS. P. H. McNEILL

2 Whites Held For Rape Of Teen-Ager

Littleton School Girl Victim Of Attacks By Cousins; Charge Of Rape Returned By Court

WARRENTON — It didn't get printed in the Warren Record, the only newspaper in Warren County, but one of the most sordid rape cases ever to occur in this area took place here on Saturday, Nov. 21 when a 16-year-old Negro school girl was raped by two white men after she was duped into going to the home of one of them under the pretense that his mother wanted to hire her to do some house cleaning. Although the case was tried in Recorder's Court here, probable cause found and the two men are being held in jail without bond to await the January term of Superior Court, the Record has failed, utterly, to mention one word about the case.

As in the instance of the never-to-be forgotten Caswell County case, in which a Negro was sentenced to a two-year term for looking at a white woman 75 feet away, it was an alert member of the Carolina Times, too late for publication last week, that the local newspaper, the Warren Record, in its apparent effort to hush, hush the crime had refused to print one word about it.

Upon investigation here is what the Times discovered:

Bettie Mae Mills, 16-year-old high school girl was temporarily out of school and residing at the home of Mrs. Corine Norton in order to catch a truck each morning to go pick cotton. While she was at the home, Jesse "Red" Harris (white) came there in a truck to sell some wood and finally requested that Mrs. Norton inform the Mills girl that he wanted to hire her to do some house cleaning for his mother on Saturday. After inquiring of the Norton woman if it would be alright to go and being told by her that it would, the young girl agreed and accompanied the man in the truck he was driving. Upon arriving at the home, which is located in the remote vicinity of Embro about eight or ten miles from Warrenton, the young girl was put to scrubbing floors by Jesse.

Upon discovering that his mother was not at home but instead another man by the name of Walter Hill Harris, a cousin of Jesse, the young girl testified that she became frightened but was afraid to make any attempt to escape because of the distance from her home in Littleton and because the two men appeared to be armed.

Detective Lt. W. G. Maddrey said that Chavis admitted striking the man with an axe following an argument at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Smith of 16 Ross St.

In the '30's, Chavis served a sentence of 16 years for the shotgun slaying of Vance Leech, a Wake county resident.

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Talks End, Suspense Begins

Reaction Subdued In Tar Heels

Rearguments in the public school segregation cases before the Supreme Court ended last Wednesday, but the suspense began as the nation and parts of the world await a fateful decision from the "nine men in black."

Indications that the suspense had already taken its toll among North Carolina public officials were not hard to find this week as the state's top official, Gov. William B. Umstead, announced his hope that the court render a speedy decision in the case.

At Dunn, school officials were so caught in a quandry by the court's possible action that plans for improving the county's school system has been postponed until a ruling is made by the court in the school issue.

And, one of the Supreme Court justices came through with what some lawyers term

an unusual statement for a member of the court during the closing days of the argument. Justice Jackson ventured the opinion that it might take "a generation" of law suits to implement a court decision banning segregation.

Gov. Umstead's anxiety concerning the court's decision was made known at his weekly press conference last Friday during a discussion of a formula for distributing to the state's 100 counties half of the 50 million dollars, voted in the last bond election, for school building purposes.

Realizing that the high court's decision will have an effect on the state's school building program, Gov. Umstead said, "It would seem to me and it

steps until the Supreme Court renders a decision in the school cases.

The plan in Harnett County is to "sit tight" and wait.

Some lawyers were inclined to feel that the action of Justice Jackson in commenting that it would take several years of law suits to implement a court decision which ruled against segregation was unusual in that it constituted an indication of the justice's opinion on the whole issue before a decision is announced by the whole court in the matter.

It is customary, they felt, for the justices to closely guard their opinions until the court announces its decision.

It was not entirely clear to others, however, that justice Jackson had committed himself by the statement. It was pointed

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PRICE TEN CENTS



The new Russell Memorial C. M. E. church building was formally dedicated at services in Durham last Sunday afternoon. In the above picture are seen a portion of the crowd attending the opening services and in the upper left inset Bishop W. Y. Bell presiding Bishop of fourth Episcopal district, is shown (standing) delivering the main address at the dedication service. Seated at the Bishop's right is Rev. C. R. White, presiding elder of the Durham district. The new structure was erected at a cost of \$115,000.

Bishop Calls On Church To Use Power For Good

DURHAM — The Church must use its influence for good in the community and the world at large if it is to retain its vital and aggressive heritage, a senior Bishop of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church said here last week.

"When the churches ceases to be aggressive, when it ceases to have an influence for good on its community, it ceases to be founded on Divine Revelation," said Bishop W. Y. Bell in the main address here last Sunday at services dedicating the new Russell Memorial C.M.E. church building.

Bishop Bell, presiding Bishop of the Fourth Episcopal district of the C.M.E. church, urged the membership of the Russell Memorial Church to turn their attention to the needs of the community now that it has erected a new home.

The Bishop was the main speaker for the special three o'clock afternoon services dedicating the new structure on Alston avenue erected at cost of \$115,000.

He was introduced by Rev. W. A. McEwan, pastor of the church. Also appearing during the service was Rev. C. R. White, Presiding Elder of the Durham District.

The Russell Memorial membership was burned out four years ago by a fire which leveled.

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CRASH OCCURS IN DOWNPOUR

Principal-Preacher Dies After Wreck

LAURINBURG — Funeral services were scheduled to be held at nearby Maxton Friday for Rev. Joseph Wesley McLaughlin, principal of the Shaw high school near Wagram.

Rev. McLaughlin died of injuries sustained in an auto-truck collision in a pre-dawn torrential rain on highway 15 near Camp McCall Saturday.

Rev. McLaughlin will be eulogized at the church over which he pastored, Shiloh Baptist, in services beginning at one o'clock. Rev. E. D. Pipkin will officiate and the rites will be assisted by Rev. J. J. Johnson.

The school principal-preacher died in a Moore county hospital Saturday around 11:30. He was 48.

The fatal accident occurred early Saturday morning, before dawn, on highway 15 where it is intersected by the Camp McCall road. Heading north on route 15 in the driving rain, Rev. McLaughlin's car collided with a truck driven by a white man which entered the highway from the Camp McCall road without stopping.

Witnesses say that the impact of the collision threw the occupants from both vehicles, but Rev. McLaughlin's wife and adopted daughter, who were riding with him, escaped serious injury. His wife was hospitalized for shock treatments, however.

The driver of the truck, whose name was not available, was hospitalized with serious injuries and reportedly given a 50-50 chance for survival.

Rev. McLaughlin and his family were said to have been on their way to Greensboro. A

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Action Started To Consolidate Anti-Bias Gains In RR Travel

WASHINGTON, D. C. — In a "mop-up" drive to consolidate gains made in securing anti-segregation rulings in railway travel, the NAACP widened its legal battle this week when it filed complaints Monday with the Interstate Commerce Commission against eleven railroads, a railroad station and a railroad station restaurant.

The NAACP said that the complaint was filed on behalf of 17 individuals, including one white person.

In its first effort to halt segregation in railway stations and station restaurants, the association cited the Richmond, Va. Terminal Company and the Union News Company and charged that the practice of segregation at these two places was in violation of a previous order of the ICC to railroads to halt segregation in interstate travel.

Also included in the complaint were the St. Louis-San Francisco, Southern, Santa Fe, Texas and Pacific, Atlantic Coast Line, Missouri Pacific, Seaboard Air Line, Kansas City Southern, Illinois Central and Gulf, Mobile and Ohio.

These lines, the NAACP charged, were continuing the practice of segregation in direct violation of a previous ICC order.

In its first attack on segregation in stations and station restaurants, the NAACP charged that the Union News Company operates a Jim Crow restaurant in the Richmond station.

In addition, the association

charged the Richmond Terminal Company with practicing segregation within the station.

In both cases, the NAACP declared that the ICC order banning segregation in interstate travel had been violated.

The event was a special program sponsored by the Durham Business and Professional Chain and the Housewives' League.

In a brief speech to the assembled representatives of the championship gridders, towns people, and members of the NCC community, Riddick also told of other honors he and Thornton have received. They were given awards in Washington last week by the Pigskin Club.

Among the citizens attending the Tuesday night affair in Durham were Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, Miss Yvonne Scruggs,

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