

Civil Rights Vital, GOP, Demos Warned

CANNED HEAT CLAIMS MAN

Sawmill Worker At Dunn Is Found Dead

SEVERAL OTHERS
UNAFECTED BY
DRINKING MIXTURE

DUNN
Funeral arrangements were incomplete here Monday for John Wesley Tilgham, 25 year old sawmill worker of nearby Olive who died Sunday from drinking "canned heat."

Assistant Harnett County Coroner Edgar Black ruled that Tilgham came to his death as a result of poisoning caused by drinking canned heat, the liquid mixture which contains a high alcoholic content.

Tilgham was found dead Sunday morning in a sawmill camp where he lived. Other residents of the camp said he returned late Saturday night but was too drunk to get to his bunk and went to sleep on the floor.

When an attempt was made to awaken him the following morning, he was discovered to be dead.

Apparently, Tilgham's inmates at the sawmill camp had staged a "canned heat" party, for Assistant coroner Black said he found a number of empty canned heat cans about the camp. He said that a group of Tilgham's inmates told him they had all been drinking the mixture from time to time and had suffered no ill effects.

Tilgham's demise from canned heat was just the latest in a long series of deaths caused by drinking potent alcoholic mixtures. Some years back, several persons in Durham died after attending a canned heat party. About two years ago, Atlanta's gigantic Community hospital was flooded by a wave of alcohol poisonings caused when a bootlegger injected too much wood alcohol into the standard mixture he had been peddling.

Fatal Shooting Ruled Accident

DUNN
David McNeill, 29 year old resident of Kerns Cross Roads, was found dead of rifle wounds in home early Sunday morning by his wife.

Harnett County Coroner Grover Henderson ruled that McNeill's wounds were accidentally inflicted and ruled out the possibility of foul play.

Mrs. Alice McNeill, wife of the dead man, said she was awakened early Sunday by a noise and got up to find her husband slumped into a closet of their bedroom.

Mrs. McNeill told authorities that several days ago, her husband had procured the rifle after someone had tossed a brick through a window of their home.

Coroner Henderson expressed the opinion that McNeill had gone into the closet to load the rifle and had dropped it to the floor, causing it to go off accidentally.

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S. C. Parents Standing Firm On School Bias

Statement Shows Parents Are Not Backing Down

COLUMBIA, S. C.

Reaffirming their intention "to hold out with high spirits and firm determination" until racial segregation in public schools is abolished a group of parents of the children in the Clarendon County school segregation case have issued a public statement of their position.

"We, the undersigned, plaintiffs in the now famous Clarendon County court case against color segregation of school children," the statement asserts, "again declare our belief that color segregation itself is not only undemocratic and un-Christian, but also unlawful when considered with relation to rights guaranteed to all Americans by the Constitution of this nation. We look forward to the day when color segregation can truthfully be said to be un-American."

The Clarendon County case originated in 1950 and was one of five such cases re-argued before the United States Supreme Court earlier this month by attorneys of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People under direction of Thurgood Marshall, the Association's special counsel.

As the day of decision draws nearer, the parents indicate in their statement they are not backing down in their demand for integration of the public schools in their community.

"We started out several years ago," the statement continues, "to make our contribution to progressive South Carolina history and to strengthen the rapidly decreasing prestige of our country in the opinion of peoples of other nations, by seeing that color segregation shall be declared illegal by the courts of this land—and that, eventually, no American child will suffer the damaging personality defect of thinking himself inferior or superior, as the case may be, simply because of skin color."

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Children confined to Durham's Lincoln Hospital for Christmas had their holiday brightened somewhat as the Hospital Women's Auxiliary presented the kids with a record player on Christmas Eve. Some of the women of the auxiliary are shown above in the children's ward making the presentation to hospital officials, Frank Scott, assistant director, and nurse Ruth Collier. Members of the Women's Auxiliary shown in the picture, wearing dark gowns, are Mrs. Doris Holland, Mrs. Luna Justice, Mrs. Virginia W. Alston, Mrs. Veane M. Faulk, Mrs. Elizabeth Short, and Mrs. Carrie Burch. The auxiliary, headed by Mrs. Alston and composed of some sixty women, contribute their free time to hospital helping to make patients more comfortable by doing various odd jobs.

Past Year Was 2nd In Row Without Lynching Report

TUSKEGEE, Ala.

For the second straight year, no lynchings occurred in the United States, according to the annual report made by the famous lynching report office here at Tuskegee Institute.

In its annual report on lynchings issued at the end of each year, the Tuskegee Institute department of Records and Research had no lynchings to report, but revealed that three would-be lynchings were prevented in the course of the year.

At the same time, the Department announced that it was abandoning as a "valid index to race relations" incidents of lynchings as they are "traditionally defined."

A new index of significance for present times, will be established, the department related, and information gained during the year will be disseminated just as the lynching reports have been.

"Lynching as traditionally defined and as a barometer for measuring the status of race relations in the United States, particularly the South, seems no longer to be a valid index to such relationships. This is due to significant changes in the status of the Negro and to the development of other extra-legal means of control, such as bombings, incendiarism, threats and intimidation, etc.

"We believe that a new standard for measuring race relations is needed. This can and should be as objective and as factual as were the lynching reports. This standard, we think, can best be established in such areas as employment and other economic conditions; in political participation; in education; in law and legislation; in health

and perhaps in other fields.

"We propose then, in future annual releases, to issue a statement with information as significant for the present times as was the Annual Lynching Letter in the past," the department stated.

The Department of Records and Research, which has become famous for its annual reporting of lynchings during the past 41 years, also reveals in this year's report that six lynchings took place in the last five years, 1949-1953.

Three persons were saved from certain lynchings during the past year, the department reported.

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On January 17, near Mobile, Alabama, Henry Lee Brown, 17 year old Negro, escaped from Sheriff's deputies while being taken to Kilby Prison at Montgomery. Convinced that he was about to be lynched when his handcuffs were removed and the deputies stopped their cars, the prisoner jumped from the car in which he rode and ran into the swamps, while shots were fired at him. He later gave himself up, was tried and acquitted of the charge of slaying a white woman.

In March, near Willcox, Ariz.,

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Little Comfort Gained By Record Of Both Parties

NEW YORK

The issue of civil rights is still a vital political factor, representatives of 21 national Negro church, civic, professional, fraternal and labor organizations warn in a statement made public today by Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The statement which reviews the status of civil rights during the first year of the Eisenhower administration was developed at a conference of Negro organizations called by the NAACP here on December 4. Approval of the draft was later confirmed by the organizations.

Executive action taken by the administration in combatting the

SUPPORT POLIO DRIVE



Left to right: Dr. Albert E. Manney, Atlanta, Ga., president of Spelman College; Mrs. Charles L. Williams, Miami, Fla., president, National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers; Mrs. Margaret Hawkins, Philadelphia, Pa., president, The Links, Inc., and J. Leonard Lewis, Jacksonville, Fla., president, National Negro Insurance Association, support the March of Dimes and call on everyone to join the fund raising campaign for polio prevention, Jan. 2-31.



These attractive coeds at A. and T. College usher in the new year with smiles and with appropriate greetings of the season. They are from left to right, Misses: Irma Pierce, Suffolk, Va., sophomore; Josie Williams, Greenwood, South Carolina, sophomore and Barbara Huggins, Dover, senior.

Concord Christmas Party Ends In Shot Gun Slaying

CONCORD
A post Christmas celebration at a three room house on Cosart Street here Saturday night erupted into the shot-gun slaying of one of the merry-makers.

Dead following the party was Robert Victor Cook, 38 year old father of three.

Cook was killed by a shot gun blast and died before he could be moved as some six or seven partygoers milled around in fright in the small apartment.

Cook died of wounds sustained as result of a .12 gauge charge which opened a gaping wound

in the lower right abdomen, severing an artery. He bled to death in the bathroom of the apartment where he was felled as those present, shocked and terrified, debated as to whether to call police.

Cole Young, 40 year-old native of Forrest City who has loved in Concord for several years, was being held late Tuesday without bond following a coroner's inquest.

According to reports, the party began early Saturday and had been in progress most of the day, with the partygoers moving in and out of the apartment at various times during the day.

It is thought that an argument developed between Cook and his slayer, which precipitated the fatal shooting.

No statements from Young, the man being held in the shooting, were made available.

Durham Financial Institutions Ready For Annual Report Meets

DURHAM

Two of septa America's largest financial institutions located here have announced plans for reporting their year's operations to stockholders.

The Mutual Savings and Loan Association and the Mechanics and Farmers Bank both announced dates for their stockholders' meetings. The Bank will report to its stockholders on January 4 and the Savings and Loan Association annual report has been scheduled for January 11.

Announcement of the yearly meeting of the Bank stockholders came from I. O. Funderburg, cashier and secretary of the bank. Items to be taken up, in addition to the usual year-ending reports, include election of officers. The meeting will be held in the main banking room at seven thirty.

J. S. Stewart, secretary-treasurer of the Mutual Savings and Loan Association, issued the announcement of his firm's yearly report meeting. It is set for seven thirty Tuesday, January

11 at the auditorium of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance company on Orange St.

This year's report of the bank's operations may show that the institution has exceeded the six million dollar resources mark. It barely missed the six million figure at the end of operations for 1953. As last year's annual report showed it had a total of some \$5,960,165.25.

Likewise, the Savings and Loan Association is expected to top the three million mark in its annual report. Last year's report showed it to have some \$2,341,795.76 in assets, an increase of 21 per cent over the previous year's operations.



Durhamite Gets \$800.00 Study Grant From RCA

NEW YORK

Arthur Thorpe, third year student at Howard University, is one of 23 recipients of a Radio Corporation of America scholarship. It was announced recently.

Young Thorpe, whose parents Mr. and Mrs. Chester Thorpe live at 903 Third Street in Durham, N. C., received an award of \$800.

According to announcement from RCA, the scholarships were granted to under-graduate students in various fields of science or in branches of engineering.

Thorpe, who graduated from Hillside high school in 1950, also received a Leggett Memorial scholarship upon his entrance at Howard.

To Head Fund

Appointment of Edward R. Dudley, former United States Ambassador to Liberia, as special assistant in charge of the NAACP Fight for Freedom was announced today by Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In assuming his new position January 1, Mr. Dudley will be returning to the NAACP which he served as first assistant special counsel from 1943 to 1948 when he was appointed minister to Liberia by President Harry S. Truman. In 1949 he was elevated to the rank of Ambassador and became the first Negro to hold that office in the American foreign service.

Dudley's duties as special assistant will include coordination of the Association's efforts to raise \$1,000,000 a year to finance activities designed to complete emancipation by January 1, 1963, the centennial of Abraham Lincoln's proclamation. He will work with the board, staff and membership of the organization and with whatever additional personnel may be needed.



Christmas decorations of Cardoso McCollum was adjudged first place winner in the Durham Business and Professional Chalmers-Housewives' League annual Christmas decoration contest. The front of the McCollum home at 504 Gray Street is shown in the above picture. Other winners in the contest were Hillside High School, Mrs. Lula Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Williams. The high school displayed a manger scene replete with sheep herds atop camels on the southern end of the front lawn. Mrs. Jackson's decoration was also built around a religious theme, the decoration consisting of a pastboard church choir placed on the front steps of her home on Massey Avenue. Prizes were to be awarded to the winners at the Chain and Housewives' League annual New Year's Eve banquet at the Algonquin Club House.