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600 Expected At N. C. Ushers Meeting In Chapel Hill

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MURDER AND SUICIDE ROCK DURHAM

Administrator Of NAACP Named Executive Secretary At Board Of Directors Meet

NEW YORK — Roy Wilkins, administrator of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was unanimously appointed Executive Secretary of the Association by the Board of Directors at a meeting held here today, it was announced here Monday by Arthur B. Spingarn, president of NAACP. The post was formerly held by the late Walter White who was elected to that position in 1931.

In appointing Mr. Wilkins to the position of Executive Secretary, the Board of Directors abolished that of Administrator and combined the duties of Administrator and Executive Secretary.

Under Mr. Wilkins leadership the work of NAACP is expected to go forward with the same vigor and efficiency as was maintained under the administration of Mr. White. Because of his close association with Mr. White, little change in

policy is anticipated by the membership strung from one side of the nation to the other.

Appointment of Mr. Wilkins as successor to the late secretary is believed to have met the approval of the rank and file of the membership that had already learned to regard the former as the proper person to succeed Mr. White in event of his death or retirement.

The telegram received from the New York office by the Carolina Times was as follows: Roy Wilkins appointed successor to Walter White today by unanimous vote of NAACP Board of directors. Announcement made by Arthur B. Spingarn, NAACP president, at NAACP headquarters New York. Wilkins' former post of administrator has been abolished by the board's action. Duties of administrator will be combined with those of executive secretary.

Suit Filed To End Segregation In Texas Univ.

EL PASO, Tex. — Race segregation throughout the University of Texas system has been challenged in a suit filed in the U. S. District Court here last week by NAACP attorneys.

The specific question raised is whether Texas Western College, a part of the University of Texas, has the right to bar a would-be student because she is a Negro.

Named as defendants in the suit are the board of regents of the University of Texas and the administrative officers of Texas Western College.

The legal action charges that the policy of the defendants has deprived the plaintiff, Miss (Please turn to Page Eight)



The above is a photo of Helen McClain and Leroy Pitts, victims of a murder-suicide tragedy which occurred here Sunday evening when Pitts blasted the woman with a single barrel shotgun while she was sitting on the porch of their home at 1117 1/2 Jackson Street. After shooting the woman, reported to have been his common-law wife, Pitts then reloaded the gun and turned it on himself. While the murder and suicide were taking place two small children of the woman were asleep in the house. The above picture was taken several years ago during balmy days of the couple.

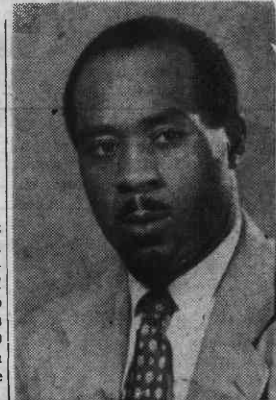
Children Sleep While Father Slays Mother Then Takes Own Life

Dr. J. B. Rhine To Speak At NCC Friday Evening

Dr. J. B. Rhine, head of the Parapsychology Department at Duke University, will speak on "Who Has Extra-Sensory Perception" to a public meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Fellowship at North Carolina College this Friday night, April 15, at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting will be in the third-floor music room of the Administration Building.

A much sought-after speaker, Dr. Rhine has opened a whole new field of experimentation through his work with the so-called "sixth sense," which deals with one's capacity for feeling and perceiving.

This is his first talk to the (Please turn to Page Eight)



The Rev. J. A. Brown, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Durham, will deliver the sermon for the Interdenominational Ushers Association of North Carolina. The Association will hold its Thirty-first Annual Mid-year session Sunday at Chapel Hill.

What police termed as one of the most gruesome murder-suicide tragedies ever to occur here took place on the porch of a home at 1117 Jackson Street last Sunday evening around 8:30.

As a result of the double slaying, committed with a blast from a single barrel shotgun, Helen McClain and Leroy Pitts, reported to have been living as common-law man and wife, are dead. According to police, Pitts, 32, killed the McClain woman about 30, and then turned the weapon upon himself.

The woman was shot while sitting in a chair on the porch of the home. Pitts was lying in the yard with his feet on the porch. The man and the woman were shot through the head.

While the bloody tragedy was being committed the woman's two small children, ages four and two, were asleep in a bedroom in the rear of the house without knowing what was happening, stated an officer.

Funeral for the woman was held at a local undertaking establishment Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. The body of the man is still being held for burial awaiting the arrival of a sister who lives in Baltimore, Md.

When officers arrived at the scene of the shooting they found the yard fairly littered with brains and blood of the couple as a result of the blast both of which were in the head of the woman and man.

Efforts of the Carolina Times representatives to ascertain why Pitts decided to take the life of his mate and that of his own were of no avail. Neighbors stated that as far as they knew the couple had no quarrel during the day.

"Southern Gentlemen" Group To Fight For Segregation In Louisiana

BATON ROUGE, LA. — Determined to circumvent the desegregation verdict of the United States Supreme Court of last May 17th and to keep segregation, a secret group laying claim to the title the "Southern Gentlemen's Organization" is attempting to rally Louisiana white people to embrace its objective.

So says James McLean in an article entitled "Southern Gentlemen Attempting to Rally Whites for Segregation." And he goes on to explain that the group is little known throughout the state because of the centering of organizing efforts in the area of the capital city.

"The Southern Gentlemen" McLean says, "are affiliated with the more widely known Citizens' Council in Mississippi, and are taking advice from the Mississippians."

Key man in the new organization is Chairman J. B. Easterly who is hopeful of state-wide expansion and says, "feelers are out in New Orleans, Shreveport, Alexandria, Monroe and Lake Charles."

Easterly disclaims any connection with the discredited Ku Klux Klan and avows that his group are not Ku Kluxers or in any way similar. "We don't believe in rough stuff," he says.

And, of course, his group, if not tenderly affectionated toward the Negro, at least are not enemies or hostile to his welfare, says this "courtly" spokesman in defense of this evident anti-Negro organization that would keep Negroes bound with the fetters of second-class citizenship. "The Southern Gentlemen men are not against the Negro."

But Easterly is plainly an advocate of white supremacy and indirectly says so. "We are," he states, "dedicated to the present Southern way of living and believe the segregation issue is the (Please turn to Page Eight)

Law School To Hold Institute On Legal Problems

The Law School at North Carolina College is holding an Institute April 23. The theme of this Institute is "Legal Problems Involved in Financing the Farmer."

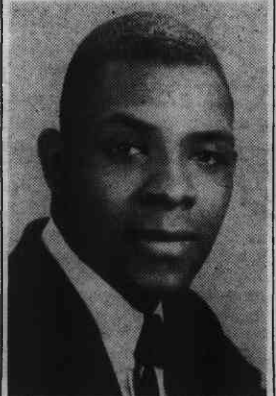
Careful planning has been carried out by the Institute Committee and a select group of persons invited for that purpose.

In setting forth the importance of this Institute, a spokesman for Law School said: "We believe that the great and varied financial problems of the individual farmer, along with the tremendous increase in the amount of business done in this state by cooperatives warrants serious consideration by every citizen in this state, inasmuch as our economy here is so closely connected with the financial welfare of the farmer."

The morning session, part one, with Dr. A. L. Turner, Dean of the Law School, presiding, will be held from 10:00 a. m. to 10:25 a. m. featuring words of welcome by Dr. A. Elder, North Carolina College President.

Part two, 10:35 to 11:00 will feature an address by Judge Lyman S. Hulbert, Legal Consultant for the American Institute of Cooperation, Washington, D. C. He will discuss "The Nature, Organization, and Legal Aspects of Farmer Cooperatives With Emphasis on North Carolina Law."

At 11:35, Attorney Robert Hope, Assistant to the General Counsel of the Farm Credit District of Columbia (The Third District) will lecture using the (Please turn to Page Eight)



Minister Accepts Call To Church In Clinton

Rev. O. A. Hester of Durham, has been called to the pastorate of the Lisbon Street Baptist Church of Clinton, which is a full time charge.

Rev. Hester succeeds the Rev. H. H. Bobbitt, who resigned to accept a position in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Rev. Hester is resigning the following churches: Crystal Hill Baptist Church, Crystal Hill, Virginia; New Hope Granville Baptist Church, Berea; Olive Grove Baptist Church, Oxford; Shady Hill Baptist of Roxboro; and Tally Ho Baptist of Stem.

Rev. Hester received his education at the Roxboro High School, Roxboro; Paine College, Augusta, Ga.; and Shaw University, Raleigh.

He holds offices in the East Cedar Grove Association, the East Cedar Grove Ministers and Deacons Union, and the Durham Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

He is expected to assume his new duties on June 19.

Largest Interdenominational Group To Hold 31st Annual Mid-Year Session Sunday

CHAPEL HILL — Over 600 persons, including delegates and visitors, are expected here Sunday when the 31st Annual Mid-Year Session of the Interdenominational Ushers Association of North Carolina convenes at the First Baptist Church on Roberson St.

The Rev. J. R. Manley, prominent minister of Chapel Hill, is pastor of the host church.

The Association, known far and wide for its work in aiding the Oxford Colored Orphanage at Oxford and providing educational help for worthy students, is holding its annual Mid-Year Session in Chapel Hill for the first time in its history. The session will be presided over by L. E. Austin, of Durham, president, assisted by C. A. Langston of Raleigh, vice president.

The Convention will open promptly at 1:00 P.M. when short welcome talks will be extended to the delegates and visitors by the pastor and A. D. Clark, chairman of the Board, who resides in Chapel Hill. Following the words of welcome appointment of committees will be made by the president. Dinner will be served in the convention in the basement dining room of the church.

The convention will reconvene at 2:00 P.M., at which time reports for the Oxford Orphanage and Education Fund and the per capita tax will be received. At the conclusion of the business session the annual sermon will be delivered by the Rev. J. A. Brown, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Durham.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by a 25-voice chorus from the Oxford Orphanage and the Male Chorus of the church.

HERE and THERE

HIGHER EDUCATION

Chicago, Ill. — One of the nation's most unusual institutions is featured in the May issue of EBONY. It is "Professor" Mike Kanter's school for crap shooters in Las Vegas.

In most cities such a set could bring the cops running. But not so in Las Vegas. There, gambling is legal and students attending the "Professor's" classes pay \$20 weekly tuition to learn to toss and spot crooked dice and cut the game. At the end of 12 weeks they get a crap dealers' certificate.

Most of the Negroes attending the school told EBONY that they hope to land a job at the Moulin Rouge Casino when it opens where "graduates" will make up to \$50 a day.

VENGEANCE

Fort Worth, Texas — An unknown book salesman in this area believes in exacting his own vengeance as can be attested to by 22-year old Mrs. Marian Cooper. Two years ago, she interrupted his sales talk and drove him away by hitting him on the head with a rolling pin. A few days ago, the fellow came back and announced: "Well, I've come back." Then, he hit Mrs. Cooper on the head with the same rolling pin.

SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR

Phoenix, Arizona — Nobody will criticize the police who arrested Jimmy Verdugo too harshly, if at all, and

charged him with drunkenness. The cops found Jimmy sitting in a tree and when they asked him, "How come?" he gave this three-fold explanation:

First, he was looking for cigarette butts; second he was waiting for a bus; and, third, he was looking for a girl.

NOT HENRY FORD

Long Beach, Calif. — A few hours after arresting L. W. Harper for drunkenness, police arrested motorist Henry Ford for driving without a license.

DIDN'T KNOW WHEN TO STOP

London England — Maybe Heavyweight boxer, Fred Powell, would have left well enough alone if he had known what was going to happen to him. Powell had been outpointed by Eddie Hearn in eight rounds. He complained bitterly to the referee that he had signed to fight a ten round bout. The referee allowed the fight to continue and Powell was knocked out in the tenth round.

GETTING EVEN WITH GOD

Milwaukee — An eight-year-old Milwaukee boy will in the course of time learn that no one can get even with or spite God. The boy "mad" with God because of unanswered prayer set a church on fire causing \$200 damage.

When Fire Marshall William (Please turn to Page Eight)

Blanks For Baby Contest Pouring Into Times Office

With entry blanks pouring in to this newspaper from all over our city and our suburbs, Carnation's Second Annual Healthy Baby Contest is off to another successful start in its very first week. A Contest advertisement with a free entry blank appears elsewhere in this paper. Extra entry blanks are available at our editorial offices.

All babies in this area, three years of age or younger, are eligible. They will be judged on healthy appearance, as well as cute, appealing personality. The Healthy Baby Contest is limited to readers of this newspaper who live in this city and its suburbs. The Carnation Company stresses that "this is a local Contest, not a nationwide one." Twenty healthy babies and their parents in this area must win the twenty cash prizes.

As one proud mother told us just today, "yes indeed, I'm going to enter my baby. My little girl deserves a chance to win that \$300.00 cash prize 'nest egg' toward her college education!"

Local doctors and hospitals join us in hailing this unusual Healthy Baby Contest. Along with every public-spirited citizen, this newspaper has always supported every program that would constantly improve the health of our babies. For years, the Carnation Company has worked constantly to improve America's infant feeding formulas. At the famous Carnation Farms near Seattle, Washington, is the world's most famous herd of "contented cows"—600 championship Holsteins, whose blood lines have produced nearly half of the greatest butterfat and milk-producing cows of all time.

Only the water is removed from country-fresh whole milk (Please turn to Page Eight)

Founder's Day At Fayetteville State Set For Friday

FAYETTEVILLE — The Founder's Day exercises will go forward in the college auditorium at the Fayetteville State Teachers College, Fayetteville, on Saturday, April 16 beginning at 2:30 P.M. The guest speaker will be L. E. Austin, editor and publisher of the "Carolina Times" and an outstanding civic and religious leader. Currently, he is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Oxford Orphanage and president of the Interdenominational Ushers Union of North Carolina.

The class whose year of graduation ends in the fives (1905, 1915, 1925, 1935, and 1945) that registers the largest number of members will be awarded a silver loving cup, and the oldest member from any class prior to 1905 will be given a prize.

Following the formal program, the group will make its annual pilgrimage to the monument of Dr. E. E. Smith which is located on the college campus. The alumni luncheon is scheduled for 5:30 P.M. and the formal social at 8:00 o'clock in the evening.