

Lesbian Said Cause Of Lover's Death



MARY MILLER

Jealous Boyfriend Held In Winston-Salem Slaying

SWEETHEART SAID STOLEN BY WOMAN

WINSTON-SALEM — The stealing of his sweetheart's love by another woman has been hinted as the possible reason why Parnell (alias Sammy) Smoot knifed to death his 20-year-old girl friend here last Wednesday.

Smoot was apprehended by police authorities in Danville, Va., last Saturday night and has been arraigned on formal charges of murder growing out of the fatal stabbing of 20-year-old Mary Edna Miller.

Close friends of Smoot intimated to the TIMES here this week that Smoot was seized with a fit of jealous rage when he heard reports that Miss Miller, his girl friend, was having an affair with another woman. He forced his way into the home of her white employer last Wednesday morning and stabbed her to death after a wild chase through the house.

The other woman, with whom reports linked romantically with Miss Miller, was unidentified. Several reports of incidents leading up to the fatal stabbing were in conflict.

One report held that Smoot and Miss Miller had an argument at the home of Miss Miller earlier Wednesday morning. Another said that Smoot had threatened to kill her before. None substantiated the report that Miss Miller had been seeing another woman.

Police report that Smoot confessed to the slaying but declined to state whether he gave any reason.

The wild murder scene was enacted last Wednesday at the residence of Mrs. Ruby Hauser, with whom Miss Miller was employed, before Mrs. Hauser and her horror-stricken children.

Mrs. Hauser told police that Miss Miller had come to work early that morning while she was still in bed. Hearing noises in the house, she said she got up immediately and found Smoot, with a long butcher knife drawn, chasing Miss Miller. Miss Miller tried desperately (Please turn to page 8)

Gibbs Formally Installed As A&T President

GREENSBORO — Warmoth Thomas Gibbs was formally inducted as the fourth president of A&T College in a special inaugural services held here Friday morning, Nov. 9.

Delegates from nearly 200 leading colleges and universities, learned societies, national educational and professional organizations, participated in the colorful event, held shortly before noon in the Harrison Auditorium. The group included 20-odd presidents of leading institutions of higher learning.

The investiture proceedings were conducted by Robert H. Frazier, a former mayor of Greensboro and chairman of the personnel committee of the college's trustee board. Along with his charge, Frazier hung a brass medallion which bore the official seal of the college, about the shoulders of the new president. This was identified as the official symbol of authority.

President Gibbs was presented to the audience by Dr. Murray B. Davis, High Point physician, also a member of the board.

Prior to the induction, he was presented with a Doctor of Laws degree by Wiley College of Marshall, Texas, the college from which Dr. Gibbs first graduated. The presentation was made by Dr. Julius S. Scott, president of the Texas institution.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Gibbs told the huge gathering that there will always be a high place for service by the college. "We regard A&T as a great investment in education, entrusted to us by the State; in keeping with the faith, vision, devotion and sacrifices of those who have preceded us and in the spirit of good interracial relations which have characterized the history and traditions of the college," he said.

Emphasizing the aims of the college, under his administration, the new head stated that every effort will be made to safeguard and develop the institution while sending out graduates, in increasing numbers, with strength of moral character, high ideals, technical proficiency, devotion to religious duty and an awareness of civic responsibilities, who will be ready and willing to render constructive service.

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IT MAY BE YOURS

One of the license numbers which appears below may be yours. If so, stop by the TIMES office before noon Saturday with your registration card and two dollars will be given you.

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Christmas May Be Last One For Kinston Boy

KINSTON — This Christmas may be the last one for seven year old Charlie Kennedy. That is, if he lives that long.

Charlie is suffering from leukemia, a disease which medical science has so far found no cure. The little second-grader's case was diagnosed as leukemia on Sept. 3. He was taken to the North Carolina Memorial hospital in Chapel Hill but was returned home several days ago after doctors said there was little that could be done for him.

Dr. Jesse H. Arnold said Charlie is growing weaker but "possibly could live until Christmas."

Meanwhile, a fourth grade student at Charlie's School has started a drive to give the afflicted youngster a Christmas party, and townspeople have sent out an appeal for donations. Charlie was a student at the Catholic school here.

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AGED COUPLE'S SAVINGS TAKEN BY 'CON' MEN

FLORENCE, S. C. — A 68 year old wife and her 78 year old husband, formerly retired cotton pickers, had their life's savings taken from them by a couple of confidence men practicing the ancient "film flam" game.

Last week, a man went to the two room tenant dwelling of Mr. and Mrs. Eli James. He told them to come to town with him where he would help them file an application for an increase in their pension.

The man and an accomplice picked up a paper bag at a parking lot and told the Jameses it was full of money. They offered to share the newly found wealth with them if they could withdraw their savings from the bank and put them into the bag so that the entire loot could be divided.

The Jameses obligingly put their nest egg of \$492 in the bag. The fake "government agents disappeared."

Seven months ago, they had retired with a few chickens, a couple of hogs and husband Eli's (Please turn to page 8)

The board of directors of North Carolina Mutual life insurance company announced this week the appointment of W. J. Kennedy, Jr., top, to the post of assistant vice president, and R.C.W. Perry, bottom, to the position of assistant controller.

Kennedy joined the firm in 1950 as administrative assistant and has since filled the positions of assistant to the controller and other posts involving various phases of the department. Perry began as an agent in the Richmond, Va. district. He came to the home office in 1936 as cashier and auditor. Perry has also been chief clerk of the Group Insurance and pension departments, manager of the tabulating department and assistant to the controller.

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PTA Convention Underway At Oxford School

OXFORD — The North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers were scheduled to meet here Thursday and Friday, Nov. 16 and 17 for its annual convention.

This will be the 29th in its history. Several outstanding educators, civic and professional leaders were to be on hand and address sessions of the convention.

Dr. Deborah C. Partridge, professor of education at Queens College, Flushing, N. Y., was scheduled to deliver the keynote address on Friday evening at eight o'clock.

One of the features of this convention was to be a citation of the work of Dr. J. W. Seabrook, recently retired as president of Fayetteville State Teachers' College. (Please turn to page 8)

Reports Hint Students May Test N. C. Policy

Indications that North Carolina's stand on the recent Supreme Court decision invalidating segregation on buses will be tested soon.

The high court left no question about its position in the bus seating segregation issue when it ruled Tuesday that the state and local laws requiring segregation on buses were unconstitutional.

Almost immediately, North Carolina's attitude toward the court decree was revealed by State Attorney General George Patton and Utilities Commission Chairman, Stanley Winborne.

Both said that the North Carolina laws requiring segregation on buses were left unaffected by the Supreme Court ruling. They said that the case decided upon involved only Alabama and that state officials and state agencies had no authority to abolish North Carolina's segregation laws on the strength of reports of the Supreme Court verdict.

Reports were received by the TIMES Wednesday that students from several of North Carolina's colleges plan to test the position adopted by the state when they prepare to head for home for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

It is reported that they will use the main ticket windows and waiting rooms at bus stations rather than try to buck the lines and crowds in the segregated portions of the waiting rooms.

At Shaw University in Raleigh and North Carolina College in Durham, especially, students have reportedly complained of having to purchase tickets from two to three days before their trips during the holiday season because of the difficulty of getting service during the rush season at the segregated ticket counters.

The feeling has been expressed that they would possibly get faster service at the main ticket windows which are usually adequately staffed.

Some civic groups in the state a few months ago expressed willingness to furnish aid for any students who encountered difficulties when a similar plan was in the making at that time.

The test of the state's position may not come anytime soon, however, since a bus strike which has sharply curtailed bus travel threatens to be a long (Please turn to page 8)



Miss Shirley Ruth Williams, Siler City, major in German, who was crowned "Miss North Carolina College of 1956" in traditionally elaborate ceremonies in Duke Auditorium recently, is beautiful and brilliant. The comely coed is an honor student, holding membership in the national Alpha Kappa Mu, and she is one of fourteen senior women counselors, highest undergraduate honor for NCC coeds. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Williams, Siler City.

GREENSBORO IS SITE OF A.M.E. DISTRICT MEET THIS WEEK-END

GREENSBORO — Bishop Frank Madison Reid, presiding prelate of the second Episcopal District, was scheduled to open the 64th Annual Session of the Western North Carolina AME Conference on Wednesday, at Bethel AME Church here. He will be assisted by Doctors G. S. Gant, C. A. Stroud, David Williamson, J. D. Davis, Presiding Elders of St. Joseph AME Church, Durham. Holy Communion will be administered and music will be by the combined choirs of Bethel under the direction of Mrs. Cooney Easlow, and K. W. Verble, with Mrs. Ethyl Anderson and Mrs. Margaret Young at the console.

Business session of the Conference will begin on Thursday morning after the Bible Hour conducted by Dr. Walter A. Rilderbrand and T. P. Duhart. The Missionary Sermon will be delivered at high-noon on Thursday by Rev. C. W. Parker. The Education Report will be read by the Rev. C. C. Scott, Pastor of St. James AME Church, Asheville. Music for Thursday (Please turn to page 8)

Rev. Melvin Swann, pastor of St. James AME Church, Asheville, will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Ministers, which will be held here Saturday and Sunday. (Please turn to page 8)

Contest Finish May Turn Up Surprises

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Person County High School Auditorium, Friday evening, November 30 at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited. A short program is being arranged and parents, relatives and friends of all the contestants are urged to be present.

ROXBORO	
GLOVENIA BASS	1,419,000
ALEXANDER BRANDON	795,000
FRANK BRADSHAW	587,000
LESSIE PULLIAM	245,000
KATHERINE VINCENT	198,000
CHARLOTTE NORWOOD	65,000
CHAPEL HILL	
WILLIE PENDERGRAFT	227,500
MARJORIE STONE	212,000
WARREN JONES	75,000
MARY MASON	42,500
MARY BALDWIN	20,000

Presentation of the prizes in Chapel Hill will be made at the Lincoln High School. Date and plans are to be announced later. The relative standings up to Tuesday noon, October 13 is as follows:

NAACP Credits Negro Vote Shift To Resentment Over Dixiecrats

NEW YORK — The nationwide swing of Negro voters towards the Republican party in the presidential election was attributed today by Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, to "the growing resentment against the pernicious role of southern Democrats in hamstringing all civil rights legislation and especially in slowing down school desegregation."

As long ago as last April, Wilkins noted, there were positive indications of a switch among Negro voters away from the Democratic party which they had supported consistently with majorities up to 80 per cent since the 1936 election which returned President Roosevelt from his second term. In this year's

election, President Eisenhower received a heavier vote from predominantly Negro wards than any Republican presidential candidate since 1932.

Southerners Reject Dems — Reports received at NAACP headquarters here indicate gains among Negro voters for President Eisenhower over the 1952 election ranged from 4 percentage points in Chicago to 54 in Atlanta. Four assembly districts in Harlem, which in 1952 returned only 20.8 per cent of their votes for the Republican standard bearer, this year gave him 33.7 per cent of their total votes.

"It is worthy," Mr. Wilkins pointed out, "that Negro voters in the South, who in 1952 voted more strongly for Governor Adlai Stevenson than colored citizens elsewhere in the nation, this year switched more sharply to the Republicans than did northern Negro voters."

In Louisiana and Kentucky Negro voters who helped hold these states for Gov. Stevenson in 1952, this year helped carry them into the Eisenhower column. The President not only increased his vote but succeeded in carrying predominantly Negro election districts in Baltimore, Richmond, Norfolk, Louisville, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Atlanta, Greensboro, Birmingham, Mobile, Memphis, Nashville, Charleston, S. C., Montgomery, and many other southern cities.

Negro voters in Montgomery are credited with placing that Alabama city in the GOP column for the first time. Dems Hold Northern Cities — The resentment against the Dixiecrats was apparently more keenly felt in areas where they control state and local governments than in the North. The Democrats were still able to carry the Negro wards in New York, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, Kansas City, Mo., Minneapolis, and in certain other northern cities, although by reduced pluralities.