

# TALE OF TERROR BARED

## Miss. Woman Tells Modern Uncle Tom's Cabin Story

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Following is the complete statement of Mrs. Beatrice Young of Jackson, Mississippi before the Senate Subcommittee hearing on February 28. Because testimony by southern Negroes before that committee has largely gone unreported by the daily press, the CAROLINA TIMES is reprinting Mrs. Jackson's testimony in full in the interest of our readers.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Mrs. Beatrice Young. I am from Jackson, Mississippi.

On the 25th of November 1956, my sister whipped her little girl and the following day, which was November 26th, Deputy Sheriff Andy Hopkins called my house about 8:30 in the afternoon and asked me if Mildred McGee (My sister's child) was at my home. I said "No," and he said, "If you have her it is going to cause you a lot of trouble." I said, "No, not any at all because she is not here." He then said to me that he was going to come over and search the house. I told him to come ahead and bring a search warrant. He told me he did not need a search warrant to search my house and called me a smart black S.O.B. I told him I knew the law and that if he came he had better bring a search warrant, and that I didn't like the idea of his cursing and was not going to have it. I hung up in his face.

About an hour and a half later, Deputy Hopkins knocked on the door and I opened it but did not unlock the screen door. He said, "Do you want me to kick this door down, or do you want to open it?" I said, "I will open it if you have brought a search warrant like I told you to do." He said, "You'd better open the door." I asked him again, "Do you have a search warrant?" He said, "Yes, open the door and I will give it to you." He hit me in the head with his blackjack and came in. I asked him why he hit me but he didn't answer. I asked him again and he hit me in the mouth and told me to hush and that I was under arrest. I told him I had not done anything and if I was under arrest to take me to jail and stop cursing me.

On my way to jail, Deputy Hopkins asked me if I was working and for whom I worked. I told him no one. He asked me where my husband worked and I said, "For the

Government." He then said he always found that Negroes working for the Government were always smart and that this time it was his damn wife. He asked me if I had a lawyer. I told him "No." He cursed me and took me to jail. There was a man with him but he told the man not to come inside with him because he wanted to take me in all by himself and that he had some work for me to do.

When we got inside, I asked Deputy Hopkins if I could use the phone to get someone to stay with my children. I called Mrs. Era Pitman who lives on Whitfield Mill Road. We then went upstairs and there Deputy Hopkins asked me my name and age. He said, "When I called you and came out you asked me for a search warrant didn't you?" I said, "Yes." He said, "I can give you thirty search warrants and he started hitting and cursing me. I told him I had not done anything, and for him to stop hitting me. He did so for a few moments.

I began to talk to him and told him that I had had an operation on my head. The jailer sitting at the desk had not opened his mouth until then. He (Mr. Boteler) said, "Girl, let me see where you had your operation." I went to show him and he hit me on the head. I told him that I was two months' pregnant. Mr. Boteler felt my waist and asked me what I had on. I said a girdle.

Deputy Hopkins said, "I thought you had a little boy at home." I told him I did. He asked me how old he was. I said, "Fifteen months." He said, "And you're pregnant again?" I said, "Yes." He said, "I understand you stay that way, you black S.O.B." He began pacing back and forth and said, breathlessly, "I ought to kill you for all the trouble you have caused me."

He started beating me again, all over the head, shoulders, and body. A few minutes later, he turned me over to Mr. Boteler and told him to lock me up in a room on the

fourth floor. When we got to the door of the cell, Mr. Boteler said, "Wait a minute," and kicked me in the cell.

The following morning about 5:30, Mr. Boteler came to my cell and told me to come to the door. I told him I was unable to do so because I was sitting in the corner. He asked me if my was sore. I said, "Yes." He said, "In a minute my buddy (Deputy Hopkins) will return and we are going to take you out and beat you again. About 9:00, Deputy Hopkins came and (continued on page 8)



Listed above are witnesses and their supporters at the Civil Rights hearings before the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights in Washington, D. C., last week. Front row, from left to right are: Mrs. Henry Gardner, Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. Beatrice Young, Jackson, Mississippi; Mrs. Olivia Hall and Mrs. Carrie Page, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Lillian M. Jackson, Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. Lillian Bosfield, Washington, D. C.; and Clarence Mitchell, Director of the Washington Bureau, NAACP. Back row, from left to right, are: Charles A. McLean, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Rev. W. D. Ridgeway, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Rev. Gus Courts, formerly of Belzoni, Mississippi, (now living in Chicago); Ben T. Shorter, Cuthbert, Georgia; Attorney Austin T. Walden, Atlanta, Georgia; Rev. William Holmes Borders, Atlanta, Georgia; Rev. A. Bell, Atlanta, Georgia; Rev. A. L. Bailey, Baltimore, Maryland; S. W. Boynton, Selma, Alabama; Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, Baltimore, Maryland; Rev. B. J. Johnson, Atlanta, Georgia; Bowen Jackson, Baltimore, Maryland; and Rev. J. R. Butler, Baltimore, Maryland.

## Police Probe Discovery Of Girl's Body In Marooned Car

### Two Norfolk, Va. Sailors Quizzed

**ROANOKE RAPIDS**  
Police were investigating at midweek circumstances surrounding the discovery early Monday of the body of a teenage Roanoke Rapids girl. Miss Elnora Powell, 19, was found dead in an automobile stuck in the mud early Monday morning. Halifax County coroner Rufus Britton said that it was apparent that Miss Powell died from carbon monoxide poisoning. However, it was revealed that investigation will be continued on page 8.

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## Southern Leaders Vow No Retreat On Civil Rights Issue

### Ministers Have Prominent Role In Sessions

**ATLANTA, Ga.**  
Some 150 NAACP leaders gathered here in the fifth Southeastern Regional Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People pledged themselves to not retreat, but to march forward toward the 1963 goal of complete first-class citizenship status for every American, regardless of race, color or creed. The meeting was held in the famed Wheat Street Baptist Church February 27 thru March 3rd, under the supervision of Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Southeast Regional Director of NAACP for the States of Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina and Mississippi. Assisting were Gloster B. Current, national office Branch Director; Herbert Hill, Labor Secretary; Herbert Wright, Youth Council Director; Clarence Mitchell, Washington bureau coordinator; and Kelly M. Alexander, president of the North Carolina State NAACP Conference.

**NO COMPROMISE**  
In marked contrast to the much publicized 1955 Atlanta meeting during which the noted Booker T. Washington delivered his "Atlanta Compromise" speech, setting the pattern of segregation, the Negro leaders gathered in Atlanta last week called for unity and equality of treatment with all avenues of American life open to all citizens alike. **EMPHASIS ON MINISTERS**  
More than a score of civic-minded ministers from the southeast area organized to form a working committee to solicit the support of other ministers and their churches in spearheading the "fight for Freedom" drive over the south. Among leaders of this new south-wide surge for freedom are the Revs. Martin L. King, Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott leader; C. K. Steele, Tallahassee (continued on page 8)



ALEX RIVERA, JR., of Durham, Carolinas correspondent for the PITTSBURGH COURIER, and Mrs. Robert Vann, president of the newspaper, chat with James C. Hagerty, President Eisenhower's press secretary, at the MATS airport in Washington, D. C. before taking off with Vice President Richard Nixon to the celebration formally creating the new independent African state of Ghana on the Gold Coast. Beverly Carter, executive editor of the COURIER, looks on at right.

### KITRELL COLLEGE DEAN WILL SPEAK IN DURHAM SUNDAY

Dr. Carl A. Fuqua, dean of the Chapel at Kittrell College, will speak in Durham Sunday at the St. Joseph A.M.E. church's morning and evening services. Dr. Fuqua has had wide and varied experience, as a youth recreational and social worker, teacher, minister and educator. He received his training in the public schools of Chicago, at Morehouse College, the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. Dr. Fuqua has worked as supervisor of group work for the Parkway Community house of Chicago, as an official of the Social Security Administration, (continued on page 8)

### State Of Miss. Forces Jackson Out Of NCAA

**JACKSON, MISS.**  
Jackson State college powerful basketball team was forced to pull out of the NCAA small college basketball tournament, just four days before it was scheduled to play a white team. Jackson's President, Dr. Jacob L. Reddix, told newsmen he was withdrawing the team after Mississippi authorities advised him to. It was reported that Dr. Reddix was told it was against state policy to play "under present conditions." Jackson, conference champion (continued on page 8)



### N. C. Student Testifies At Senate Hearing

by Alice A. Dunnigan (Special To The Times)  
**WASHINGTON, D. C.**  
An acting chairman of the Senate Committee on Constitutional Rights, Senator Sam Ervin of North Carolina, last week heard direct testimony on methods used by election officials of his own state to deprive Negroes of the right to register to vote. Alexander Faison of Seaboard, a sophomore at North Carolina College, gave a firsthand account of how he was denied the right to register and how economic pressure was exerted on his family and himself after he had attempted to register. Charles A. McLean, field secretary of the NAACP for the state of North Carolina, presented approximately 30 signed affidavits by persons who had (continued on page 8)



Miss Ruby Hurley, Southeastern Regional Director for the NAACP, will speak in Winston-Salem Sunday night at 7:30 for the local branch's "Freedom Day" rally. The meeting will be held at Goler Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church at Fourth and Dunleith Sts. Rev. R. F. Blakey, pastor of the church, Kelly Alexander, state NAACP president, Charles A. McLean, field secretary for the state organization and several other top ranking NAACP officials will participate on rally. The meeting will be the program.

### NEXT WEEK:

The complete story of the harrowing days lived by Gus Courts in Miss. before the Belzoni storekeeper left the state when he was shot because his activities in registering Negroes. Courts told his story to a Senate Subcommittee holding hearings on civil rights.

## Coal Shovel Murder Weapon In Winston-Salem's Fourth Homicide

**WINSTON-SALEM**  
Mack O'Neal, 58, of 709 East Eighth Street, became Forsyth County's fourth homicide of the year, Tuesday night, February 26th. O'Neal died from skull fractures after being beaten about the head with a coal shovel by Vanderbilt White Williams, 65, of Oak Summit Road. According to police reports, Williams and O'Neal were drinking together several hours Saturday night, February 23rd, and got into an argument over who would buy the next early Sunday morning. Williams said he could not remember how it started, but did remember that O'Neal hit him with something, and that he took the object and beat O'Neal over the head. The object referred to was later identified as a long handle coal shovel.



Rabbi Frederick I. Eypins, spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, will be the vespers speaker at North Carolina College Sunday afternoon at B. N. Duke Auditorium at 3:15. Trained at Hebrew Union of Cincinnati, Rabbi Eypins has been a frequent lecturer on college campuses, sponsored by the Jewish Chautauqu Society. Rabbi Eypins will speak on "Some Jewish Ideals," Sunday. The college choir will furnish music.

### Final Rites Held For Sister Of Dr. Shepard

Funeral services for Mrs. Benena Kerr, one of the four surviving sisters of the late Dr. James Edward Shepard, were held Sunday at one o'clock at White Rock Baptist church. Mrs. Kerr died suddenly last Thursday night at Lincoln hospital. Dr. Miles Mark Fisher, pastor of White Rock Baptist church, officiated at the last rites. Interment was at Beechwood cemetery. Mrs. Kerr made her home in Durham at 2004 Fayetteville street. She was born in Raleigh and attended Shaw University there. Mrs. Kerr married the late Dr. Charles Kerr and lived in Boston, Mass for several years. She returned to Durham in 1937 and had made her home here since that time. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Augustus and Mrs. Hattie Shepard. Immediate survivors include three sisters, Miss Theresa Shepard, of Durham, Mrs. Taulia McCurdy, Berkeley, Cal., and Mrs. Lillie Boulware of Wilberforce, Ohio. Other survivors are three nieces: Mrs. Annie D. Smith, New Bern; Miss Marjorie Shepard, Durham; and Mrs. Dorothy Manley, Atlanta, Ga.



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