

"HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S DONE"

CHECK FOUL PLAY IN FIRE DEATH



MISS LUCILLE INGES
Was she victim of foul play?

Cause Of Fire Undetermined; Police Probing

A statement from Durham police that they are still investigating the death of a 25 year old woman in a fire Saturday night led to speculation here that foul play may have been suspected in the woman's death.

Miss Lucille (half pint) Inges died in a fire which burned away \$2,000 in damages at a two story frame apartment house at 406 Cozart street late Saturday afternoon.

According to police reports, Miss Inges' body was found behind a dresser in the upstairs apartment which she shared with 26 year old Ross Carter Euquhart.

An unconfirmed report said that other persons in the house at the time of the fire escaped without injury.

One unidentified eye witness reported that she heard a muffled explosion and then saw flames all over the apartment which Miss Inges occupied.

Police say that Euquhart told

Group Seeks Scholarship \$\$\$

HILLSBORO
The Hillsboro Improvement Association scholarship fund raising drive is in full swing now, according to the chairman, Earnestine Price.

The organization is attempting to raise \$500 to be awarded to a graduating senior at Central High School next May.

Mrs. Audrey Burt, chairman of the association's scholarship committee, revealed this week that the \$500 award will be presented to a senior who has been admitted to an accredited college to pursue work towards a bachelor's degree.

The award will be made on the basis of academic achievement, character, and competitive examination.

Others on the scholarship committee are Mrs. Lula Cathcart, Mrs. Hazel Payne, Richard O. Simpson, and Harold Russell.

One of the first activities on Price's fund raising agenda is a dance scheduled for the Central High School Gymnasium on Friday night, December 19.

Clark Edgerton's Hillside Joy-makers, a popular, musical aggregation from Durham, will furnish music for the occasion. Shanklin is being assisted in arrangements by Ed Nash Faucette, Wilbur Faucette, Simpson and Price.

Action May Follow Golf Refusal

CHARLESTON, S. C.
Two Negroes, both members of a group which a month ago petitioned the city council for racially mixed play, made an unsuccessful attempt on Sunday to play on the Charleston municipal golf course.

The two men were identified by a spokesman for the group as James White of Charleston and Clarence Brown of James Island.

The two men, who tried to register for course tickets within an hour of each other, were po-

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THE TRUTH UNBRIDLED

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Members of the Durham NAACP social committee are pictured here with NAACP president the Rev. W. H. Fuller planning a benefit dance for the organization, to be held Friday, December 5 at the Durham Business College. Billed as a "Dance for Freedom," proceeds from the affair will be used to help the organization defray expenses of school suit being brought in the city, Dave Clark's combo, refreshments and prizes will be featured attractions of the dance. Committee members seen here are, left to right, Virginia Williams; Dorothy Waller, co-chairman; Fuller; Doris Mebane and Juanita Crowe, co-chairman.

STATE HAD HAILED RULING

Durham Lawyers Discount Effect Of Alabama Decision

Attorneys for the plaintiffs in the Durham school integration suit expressed the view Wednesday that the recent U. S. Supreme Court decision upholding

the Alabama pupil placement law on its face would have little bearing on the outcome of the Durham case.

In a ruling handed down Monday, the Supreme Court said that the Alabama statute, providing for special regulations assigning students to schools, was constitutional "on its face."

This gave rise to speculation in many quarters of the South that the High Court was approving the doctrine of states' rights on which many southern states have built legislative programs to impede or stall school desegregation.

Attorney General Malcolm Seawell said Monday following the court's opinion that the decision "is very favorable to North Carolina's position."

Assistant Attorney General Ralph Moody, who is handling school segregation cases, said the ruling "should be of great support to us" in pending suits at Raleigh and Durham.

However, attorneys for the plaintiffs in the Durham case said Wednesday the court's Monday decision "would not affect the outcome of the pending Durham case."

The full text of the statement issued by the attorneys read: "We have not had the opportunity to read the formal opinion of the Supreme Court relative to the recent Alabama case dealing with the placement of pupils in that state."

"It appears, however, in our opinion, from newspaper accounts that this case is not similar to ours, and that the decision in that case will not affect the outcome of the pending Durham case."

Arguing for the plaintiffs in the Durham case are attorneys C. O. Pearson, M. Hugh Thompson, J. H. Wheeler and William A. Marsh.

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TEENERS GET LIFE FOR RAPE

Automatic life sentences were given to eight Negro youths, aged 14-17, who pleaded guilty Friday to charge of rape. The victim of the mass assault was Mrs. Phyllis Mary Louise Herron.

The sentencing on Friday brings to 14 the total number of Negroes receiving life sentences in two cases in North Carolina in the past week.

Six youths between the ages of 14 and 20, were sentenced in Goldsboro last Wednesday, Nov. 19 for the rape of one white woman. Another Goldsboro defendant received the death penalty in the same case.

Pleas written and signed by the defendants and their attorneys, were entered in the Asheville case after testimony began Thursday. It had taken three days to select a jury to serve on the case.

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Charles Berryman, at 12 years of age, in happier days

Violence Takes 13; 3 Injured

By Alexander N. DeVeaux II
Thirteen persons lost their lives and three were wounded in acts of violence in North Carolina, a mid-week count revealed.

Traffic accidents accounted for nine deaths, while shootings, fires, and strangulation took the lives of two and left two injured.

Dead as the result of traffic accidents are Mrs. Janie McLean, age 65 of Raleigh and her employer, A. A. Bryant, a 73 year-old retired railroad engineer; who were killed in a two-car collision on the outskirts of Raleigh; two pedestrians, Moses Smallwood, 37, of Route 4, Windsor and Robert W. Walker, 34, of New York City, were runned over and killed on U.S. 17 near Windsor; Harry E. Douglas, age 42 of Concord, was killed in a mishap on a Cabarrus County rural road about four miles from Concord. The dead man the patrol said apparently went to sleep and ran into a bridge abutment. Lila Evans, 69-year-old of Charlotte died when struck by a car on U.S. 74 about a half-mile from Charlotte.

60 year old Luther Nick, reportedly walked into the path of

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Mother Of 17 Year Old Son Says He Should Be Punished For Act

Merrick-Moore Freshman Held Rifle On Mom For 10 Minutes; Gets 18 Months

"I'm not even sure that he realizes yet what he has done."

During Perry's testimony, Berryman interrupted and said, "You aren't going to put all of the blame on me. You told me you would blast my father didn't you? I was going to take the money and you agreed that we would split it, but you're the one who suggested we kill them."

Her face showing obvious signs of emotional strain, Mrs. Carrie King of 2800 Beechwood avenue told the TIMES of the events of last Friday which led up to the conviction Monday of her son, Charles Ray Berryman.

For ten of the most harrowing minutes in Mrs. King's 41 years, she pleaded last Friday afternoon with her son—dropping on her knees finally—not to kill her as he stood just inches away with a loaded .22 rifle pointed at her.

This tense drama was unfolded in the kitchen of the comfortable, two story brick home of the Kings in a newly developed residential section behind Beechwood cemetery last Friday afternoon shortly after two o'clock.

"I believe that he might have actually shot me. The gun was loaded," Mrs. King said.

Mrs. King was unable to say just why her son did not pull the trigger during those ten minutes.

He had walked up to her while she was leaning over in the deep freeze cleaning up a mess her son and his companion had made when he came up to her with the rifle and said, "Momma, I'm going to kill you."

The story of young Berryman's threat on his mother's life and subsequent facts brought out in his trial Monday were so bewildering that even veteran Durham police officers tended to discount much of the robbery motive which played a big part in the trial.

Tommy Perry, 16, who was Berryman's companion Friday, testified in court that several boys had told him that Charles was planning something. He said that he stayed out of work last Friday after Charles had told him of a plan to rob his mother of \$700, kill both his parents and his younger brother then

split the money with him.

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6 lb Boy Born To Girl, 12

CLINTON
Two 12 year old girls gave birth to sons last week, in two different States.

A Negro girl, who told a doctor she was 12 in September, gave birth to a six pound, fully developed son in a Sampson Memorial Hospital, in Clinton on Saturday morning.

The doctor said that both mother and baby were doing fine.

In Los Angeles, a 12 year old white girl gave birth to an 8 pound 6 ounce son at the University of California at Los Angeles medical center.

Authorities at the hospital said the delivery last Monday was normal.

The young mother who will be 13 in February, and the baby went home on Friday.



REV. SOMERVILLE

Lott Carey Head To Address Mt. Vernon Program

Deacon T. L. Rowland, President of the Laymen's League at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church and Vice-President of the National Laymen's League of the Lott Carey Convention announced this week the annual Men's Day observance at Mt. Vernon on Sunday November 30th.

Dr. Wendell Somerville, President of Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention, will be the speaker at 4:00 P.M. Music will be furnished by the Male Chorus of Ebenezer Baptist Church Choir No. One.

All Sunday School classes will be taught by men. W. J. Kennedy, Jr., President of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company will be guest teacher to 110 members of Tonkins Bible Class.

The day's worship will close with this service.

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Elijah H. Herring, Sr., right center, Greensboro business man and stormy figure in Greensboro's desegregation issues, was last week cited with the annual

"Citizen of the Year" award by the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

Participating in the ceremony were from left to right: B. A. Hall, basileus of Tau Omega

Chapter; C. W. Finckney, chairman of the observance and at right, Dr. Walter N. Ridley, president of the Elizabeth City State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, the main speaker.

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Women's Clubs Conventions Set

WILSON
June 4-6 has been set aside as the date for the observation of the 50th anniversary of the North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs, it was announced by Mrs. E. M. Spellman of Elizabeth City.

A special program, under the direction of Mrs. F. T. Newsome of Rich Square, will include a banquet and many outstanding speakers. Theme of the program is "Woman's Role in World-Wide Brotherhood and Peace."

In the State of North Carolina there are approximately 5,000 women currently with membership.

Members of the Federation have undertaken many projects

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Greensboro, Desegregation Figure Gets Frai's 'Man Of Year' Award

GREENSBORO
A stormy figure in Greensboro's recent desegregation issues was last Sunday cited by local chapters of a national fraternity.

Elijah H. Herring, Sr., a defendant in the famed Gillespie Park Public Golf Course case, which later resulted in its closing and whose two sons were among the first of his race to enter previously all white public schools here and who has been the victim of telephone threats dynamiting attempts and hurled missiles, was presented the "Citizen of the Year" award at a public program at the Union Memorial Methodist Church.

The citation was given by the local Tau Omega and Mu Psi

Chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at the annual observance of Achievement Week.

Herring was voted the award for "his convictions and courage in a noble stand for human rights."

It was presented by B. A. Hall, basileus of the Tau Omega Chapter.

In responding, the honoree said the position he took came after prayer and long and careful consideration and he never feared because "right was on my side."