

Kidd Brewer Was Discovered By Durham Man

HARGETT SUED FOR \$50,000 IN PINE BOX BURIAL

Scenes From Annual Meeting of Durham Committee on Negro Affairs



Left panel shows L. E. Austin, publisher of the CAROLINA TIMES, receiving a plaque for outstanding service to the

community from L. B. Frasier, co-chairman of CONA's Civic Committee. Second panel shows John H. Wheeler, chair-

man of CONA, delivering his annual report. Panel to right shows Mrs. Cora Russell, president of the Volkamenia

Club, being awarded a plaque by Frasier for the club's community betterment project. Lower center shows platform

guests and speakers and the North Carolina College Choir being directed by Samuel

Hill. The action took place Sunday at the St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church.

Parents of Baby Whose Body Was Found by Hunters Bring Action

GREENSBORO—Nathaniel E. Hargett Sr., controversial figure in the recent Greensboro grave-yard case, was named defendant in a \$50,000 suit here Tuesday brought by a couple who said he buried their infant son in a pine box with four other babies after promising to give the baby a "decent and proper burial."

Willie and Dorothy Scales Poole filed the action in Guilford Superior Court against Hargett, trading as Hargett Funeral Home at 908 E. Market St.

The Poole complaint said that their unnamed twin baby died the day it was born, July 6, 1961, at L. Richardson Memorial Hospital and that Poole went to the funeral home that night to talk with Hargett about the funeral for the child.

Poole said he was told Hargett was not available that night but that the expense would be \$47.50 and that Hargett would be at the funeral home the next morning.

The next morning, Poole said, he talked with Hargett and was shown a "small light grey casket with silk type lining, which Hargett represented as the type in which the child would be buried."

Poole said he agreed on the casket and asked Hargett to make necessary arrangements for a "decent and proper burial" for his child. Hargett agreed to do so, Poole said, adding that he handed Hargett \$47.50.

Poole said Hargett told him a funeral service would not be necessary and returned \$5 of the money. For the remaining \$42.50, Poole said, Hargett promised to make necessary arrangements.

Poole said he heard nothing more about the arrangements, but that he and his wife were informed that Hargett did not see to the burial of the child for some five days after the baby's body was turned over to the funeral home.

On Dec. 18, the Guilford County's sheriff department was notified that partially opened graves had been discovered near the Randolph County line.

Investigation resulted in the finding of, among other things, a pine box containing the remains of five Negro children, piled on top of each other.

One of the babies, according to the complaint, was the Poole infant. Poole said the child still wore the bracelet of L. Richardson Hospital with the name, "Poole, male" on it and Mrs. Poole's hospital patient number.

The complaint said the child had not been embalmed and had been placed in a transparent plastic bag and stacked fourth in the pile of five babies.

Poole said the pine box had been partially unearthed by animals and that no part of the box was covered by more than a few leaves.

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Three Children Burned to Death

KINSTON — Three Negro children were burned to death at their farm home five miles north of Kinston Tuesday night.

They were Cecil Fordham, 12, Doris Fordham, 3, and Freddie Fordham, 2, children of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fordham.

Two men who saw the blaze were beaten back by the flames in their attempt to enter the house. Cecil's sister, Mrs. Fordham and Cecil were downstairs when they heard an explosion upstairs. The youngsters ran up to try to rescue their brother and sister but was overcome by smoke and fire.

Mrs. Fordham tried twice unsuccessfully to rescue the children. Fordham had gone to a nearby store but returned too late to save the victims.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Young Hargett Convicted For Reporting Automobile Stolen

GREENSBORO—Nathaniel E. Hargett Jr., 34-year-old funeral director, Wednesday was convicted of giving a false report to Greensboro police radio. He appealed to Guilford Superior Court.

Judge Herman Enoch Jr., of Municipal - County Court, gave Hargett, operator of Everett's Funeral Home, a six-month suspended term and fined him \$250 and costs. Appeal bond was set at \$500.

Hargett's attorney, Charles T. Hagen Jr., argued that the false report case was "getting to be a Roman circus" in referring to newspaper publicity connecting Hargett with discovery of nearly 20 graves at an abandoned farm house 10 miles south of the city Dec. 18.

Hagen said Hargett was acting "only to seek justice" in reporting on Dec. 7 that his small foreign car had been stolen from the funeral home.

Police reported they found the car wedged in a hole near the farmhouse on Dec. 18, where he also arrested Hargett with a wrecker.

A gravedigger frequently employed by Hargett, said that at Hargett's request, he went to the house to dig a septic tank hole, 4 by 8 by four and a half feet.

The gravedigger, William McNeil testified that two days later Hargett employed him to enlarge the hole to 14 feet long. On both occasions, the car was within four feet of the hole behind the house, he said.

HAVANA, CUBA—A "representative of the people of

North America" was introduced at the so-called people's conference here Tuesday night and shouted "Cuba si, Yanqui no."

The man was introduced to the group as Robert Williams, and is believed to be the same Robert F. Williams, of Monroe, N. C. who fled to Cuba last year to avoid prosecution on kidnap charges stemming from the holding of a white couple as hostages during racial troubles at Monroe last summer.

Williams, a Castro sympathizer, was once suspended from his post as president of the Union County, N. C. NAACP chapter for advocating "violence to meet violence."

The Cuban conference, held in one of that nation's largest theaters, was timed to coincide with the hemisphere foreign ministers' meeting held in Uruguay, where the United States is leading a drive to oust Cuba from the inter-American system because of Fidel Castro's close ties with communism.

Castro did not show up at this inaugural meeting of leftists from a dozen countries. The conference was reported to have been televised over a Cuban network.

AL CAPONE TO BE ENLISTED IN SERVICE OF THE NAACP

Al Capone, the country's most notorious big time criminal, according to popular legend, will come to the aid of the NAACP, unwittingly and posthumously, of course. If plans made by the Durham Business College youth chapter fell.

The story of the life of "Big Al" Capone will be the subject of a play by the college youth chapter.

Gas Meter Reader Discovers Brewer In Deserted Barn

A 34-year-old Durham man was instrumental in saving the life of Kidd Brewer, Raleigh businessman-politician who attempted to take his life earlier this week, it was learned.

The man was Oscar L. Bridges of 3-A Sims St., McDougald Terrace, who was reported to be the first to find Brewer lying with his neck and wrists cut in an abandoned barn near the Brewer home.

Brewer was a key figure in an investigation into Highway Department sign procurement activities. He was to have appeared Tuesday at a hearing before State Revenue Commissioner William Johnson.

In an interview with the TIMES, Bridges, a gas meter reader for the Blueflame Gas Co., told how he joined the search and found Brewer's body.

"I went to Brewer's house to read his meter Monday and as I approached, I noticed his daughter standing in front of the house crying. She told me she thought her father had shot himself. She had searched but was unable to find him."

"I voluntarily joined the search with Wake Co. sheriff and Brewer's wife. We searched the entire area thoroughly and proceeded to search an old deserted barn near Brewer's house."

"We searched the barn once and returned to the outside. Brewer's wife suggested we search again, so she and I went back into the barn. We went to the second floor. It was very dark and I decided to go into a closed room. After searching there for quite a while, I found Brewer lying in a far corner. I felt his pulse and he appeared to be still living."

"He was wearing a dark brown suit with the collar pulled up around his neck and a hat pulled down on his head. He was cut on the right side of his neck and on both wrists. He had a smile on his face and I tried to talk with him but he didn't respond."

Bridges said he had been reading meters in that area for nearly ten years and had known Brewer for about nine years.

See DISCOVERS, 6A

Ohio Principal, Tar Heel Native, Dies in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, OHIO — Jesse W. Bagley, assistant principal at Empire Junior High School, died Friday in his home, 15805 Throckley Avenue S. E., after a heart attack. He was 46.

He had been a member of the teaching staff of the Cleveland Board of Education for the last five years.

His first teaching here was at science at Addison Junior High School. At the time he was appointed assistant principal at Empire Junior High two years ago, he was head of the science department at Addison.

He was vice president of the Cleveland Alumni Association of the Agricultural and Technical College at Greensboro, N. C., a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and a life member of the National Education Association. He was a member of the Plus Club here.

Active in Church

Bagley was an active member of St. Peter's A. M. E. Zion Church and a board member of the Glenville Neighborhood Community Center.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving overseas in the Army for three years.

Born in Princeton, N. C., he attended public schools of Durham, N. C. His bachelor degree was from Greensboro A&T and his masters degree from North Carolina College of Durham. He took later studies toward a doctorate at Syracuse University and the University of Connecticut.

He taught in high school in Asheville, N. C. and was principal of Mountain Street School there for eight years.

Surviving Bagley are his wife, Isora; a sister and a brother. His wife is a teacher at Kennard Junior High School. Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Body funeral home.

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Jackie Robinson Makes Hall Of Fame

Becomes First Negro to Enter Select Group

BOSTON—Jackie Robinson, first Negro to play in the major leagues, Wednesday was the first of the race ever elected to baseball's highest honor, its Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N. Y.

The greying former Brooklyn Dodger infielder was enshrined Wednesday along with Bob Feller, the quiet farm boy from Iowa who blazed a fast ball through the American League for nearly 24 years.

Both won election to the hall the first they were eligible, a five year retirement from baseball being mandatory. It was the first time the Baseball Writers of America had named anyone on their first eligible ballot since the original five Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Walter Johnson, Honus Wagner and Christy Mathewson were tapped in the first election in 1936.

Candidates needed 75 per cent of the votes cast. Feller, now an insurance executive in Cleveland, received 150 votes and Robinson, vice president of a restaurant and coffee company, got 124 votes, four more than the minimum needed.

"It's a once in a lifetime thrill," said Robinson at his Stamford, Conn. home. "It's hard to describe my feelings fully at this time. I am pleased and honored. My family is so excited no one wants to eat."

Robinson broke baseball's color line in 1947. Branch Rickey, then general manager of the Dodgers, had startled the baseball world the year before when he signed Jackie to a Brooklyn farm contract.

Jackie, who had been an outstanding football player for UCLA, was with the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro American League at the time. He spent one year of seasoning at Montreal, leading the International League in batting and fielding and then joined Brooklyn as a second baseman.

Quiet, hard working and always both an offensive and defensive threat, Robinson flirted



Jackie Robinson

Taylor Gets High Demo Post In New York

NEW YORK — The Rev. Gardner C. Taylor, prominent Baptist minister, was appointed to a new three man commission which runs the Democratic party in New York until the Fall primary.

Taylor was picked by New York Mayor Robert Wagner along with John J. Lynch, president of Kings County Trust Company, and Aaron Jacoby, board chairman of Fairbanks - Whitney corporation.

The three will preside over meetings of the party's 44 man executive committee until a new leader is picked in the fall elections.

Taylor, pastor of Concord Baptist Church, has been an ardent supporter of the Democratic party in the past, although he has never run for political office.

The New York TIMES pointed out that Taylor's selection indicated Wagner's challenge to the perennial leadership of Negro Democrats in N. Y. provided by Rep. Adam Powell.

The TIMES said Wagner hopes to make Taylor the spokesman for the Negro community, the role now occupied by Powell.

Powell and Taylor are good friends and have never parted.

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GROUP CITES TWO

Drive Against Segregation In National Guard Among Goals Outlined For Durham Committee

Integration of the North Carolina National Guard and equal employment in the State Employment Security Commission operations were the goals set by the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs as they held their annual progress meeting Sunday at the St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church.

John H. Wheeler, chairman of CONA said in his annual report that the committee will "continue the drive for fair employment in local business and industry."

Another primary objective for this year, Wheeler said, is increased Negro voter registration on the local level.

The issues of Negro membership in the National Guard and of equal employment opportunity in State Employment Security Commission offices was raised by the Durham committee in a petition to the governor last summer.

Wheeler said, however, that the committee feels the governor has been "rather unresponsive" to the petition. He said they are asking for integration of National Guard forces by the end of the year.

A subcommittee report told committee's membership at the annual meeting that racial discrimination is being practiced in State Employment Security Commission offices all over the state.

"Every office in the state is violating federal regulations," the report said in essence, pointing to the use of federal funds in operating the employment offices. It called this "one of the great barriers" Negroes have to face.

Sunday's annual meeting of the committee featured the presentations of awards to L. E. Austin, publisher of the CAROLINA TIMES, and to Mrs. Cora Russell, president of the Volkamenia Literary Club.

Austin was honored for his leadership in the fight for civil rights and for his service to the

Negro community through his newspaper work. He was cited for his perseverance in the civil rights movement "despite local pressures."

Mrs. Russell was awarded a plaque for the Volkamenia Club which had the best community betterment project for 1961. Among the things for which the club was cited were giving financial aid to the John Avery Boys Club, the United Fund, the North Carolina College scholarship fund, the NCC freshman class, the Brail Magazine for the Blind and the YWCA.

The Volkamenia Club won the award over nine other organizations in competition. A similar award will also be given next year.

Lack of Space Forces NCC to Curb Enrollment

North Carolina College will limit enrollment next year because of cover-crowded conditions, members of the college's Board of Trustees were told in a called meeting here Wednesday.

President Alfonso Elder made the disclosure to the Board, which promptly went on record in favor of asking the State Legislature for over \$5,000,000 in capital improvements to relieve conditions and aid expansion at the college.

Dr. Elder said the college expects enrollment to reach 2,500 this year. It will be held to this number pending relief through additional dormitories and other facilities which the trustees will request of the 1963 legislature.

Some 3,000 students are expected to enroll next year.

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