

Argument Ends In Gunshot Slaying Mon. Negro Businessmen Buy Big Woolworth Store In Harlem



HARLEM PLUS—Principals in a sale-leaseback project involving a Woolworth store on 125th Street in New York's Harlem view an artist's rendering of the store after it was sold to a group of Negro busi-

ness men for the eventual benefit of the community itself. In the picture, left to right are Robert C. Kirkwood, Woolworth chairman; Rev. Wyatt Walker, Canaan Baptist Church;

James F. Oates, Jr., chairman of Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U. S., and Clarence Jones, vice president of Carter, Berlind and Weill, investment banking firm.

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Negroes Ask Supreme Court For Control Of Their Schools

LDF Attorneys Seek Relief In Top Tribunal

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA — The LDF today, in an unprecedented move, asked the U. S. Supreme Court to strike down a Georgia school board selection system and pave the way for Negroes to play an effective role in shaping policies and practices affecting the education of their children.

Attorneys for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) charge that the school board selection system in Taliaferro County, Georgia, near Augusta, has for 50 years denied Negroes representation on the county school jurors.

These grand jurors select the school board members.

That school board members must be "upright and intelligent" voters in the county and own property is the only state criteria for their selection.

In the jurisdiction statement filed in the Supreme Court today, LDF attorneys labeled the selection procedure arbitrary and said that until a suit was filed, members of the board have been selected only if they were white.

A 72 year-old Negro man with a third grade education recently became that first Negro to serve on the grand jury, despite the fact that Negro business and professional people reside in the county, LDF attorneys pointed out.

(See SCHOOLS 12A)



BOYS' CLUB BOOSTERS—President-elect Richard M. Nixon exchanges greetings with William J. Kennedy, Jr. (right) of Durham at recent meeting of the Boys' Clubs of America national board of directors in

New York. Kennedy, vice-president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, is a member of the Boys' Club board which named Nixon honorary chairman of the 800 Club-800-

000 member youth-guidance organization. Looking on are (l to right) A. L. Cole, new board chairman, and John L. Burns, new president, both of Greenwich, Conn.



TURNER

Jerome Turner Shot to Death Near Hi School

Jerome Desvernay Turner, 25-year-old resident of 514 E. Nelson Street, was shot through the heart and killed here around 3:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, on Concord Street near Hillside High School.

Arrested and charged with the slaying, about half-hour later, was Howard Ezekiel Harris, 51, a tailor of 318 Booker St. Bond for the slayer was set at \$10,000. Turner was a tile setter.

According to Lt. R. S. Morris, detective of the Durham police department, Harris was holding in his hands at the time he was shot a double barrel, sawed-off, 12 gauge, loaded shotgun.

Investigators who arrived at the scene of the killing stated there was no weapon of any kind on the body of the dead man, according to Deputy Sheriff W. A. Allen.

Detective Frank McCree is reported to have located two unused shotgun shells in Turner's car which was located parked in the adjoining block. He was expecting whoever removed the shotgun from the

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\$2 Million Project Purchased By N. Y. Blacks To Aid Community

Ownership Of Major Store Is Being Arranged

NEW YORK — F. W. Woolworth Co. has announced a unique sale-and-leaseback arrangement that will transfer ownership of one of its major stores in Harlem to black citizenship, with the objective of benefits to the entire Harlem community. This was achieved through the combined efforts of a group of social, financial and black leaders including Harlem Freedom Associates; Carter, Berlind, and Weill, Inc., investment bankers; the Equitable Life Assurance Society and the American Federation of Musicians.

The entire project, when completed, will be valued at more than \$2 million. It involves property located at 208-220 West 125th Street. The land and completed store is being sold to newly formed Harlem Freedom Associates. The rental income enabled the purchaser to finance the project.

First-mortgage financing of \$1,575,000 was provided by the Equitable Life Assurance Society as part of its participation in the billion-dollar inner-city investment program of the life insurance industry. Additional mortgage financing is being provided by the American Federation of Musicians.

Harlem Freedom Associates said it plans to convey the land to the Canaan Baptist Church, 132 West 116th Street, and that the church will appoint a committee of black citizens as trustees to advise on the use of the future income for all of Harlem. Harlem Freedom As-

(See PROJECT 12A)

Funeral of Mrs. Annie Neville Held in Rocky Mount Sunday

ROCKY MOUNT — Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Lee Whitehead Neville, wife of Andrew A. Neville, and daughter of the late James and Nellie Whitehead, were held Sunday, December 15, at 2:00 p.m., at Mount Pisgah Presbyterian Church in Rocky Mount. Rev. James H. Costen, pastor of the Church of The Mastro Atlanta, Georgia, delivered the eulogy.

Mrs. Neville died at her home Thursday, December 12, after a lengthy illness.

She was the principal of Lincoln Elementary School, prior to which she had served in the Rocky Mount City School System as a Classroom teacher, speech therapist, and secondary school supervisor.

Mrs. Neville was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High



MRS. NEVILLE

School, Brick Junior College and Shaw University. She received a Master's Degree in Supervision and Administration from Teacher's College

(See NEVILLE 12A)



CARMICHAEL SPEAKS AT A&T INSTITUTE—Black militant Stokely Carmichael and wife singer Miriam Makeba relax on

A&T State University campus prior to his address there last week. Carmichael's talk inau-

gurated the University's recently formed Center for Afro-Asian Studies.

New Slogan Given 'Black Christmas' By Black Solidarity Group Sunday

By John Phelps

Durham's first Black Christmas observance was given a new slogan — "Harambee" — at last Sunday night's mass meeting of the Black Solidarity Movement.

Dr. Lavonia Allison, a North Carolina College professor and main speaker for the meeting, applied the Swahili word, "Harambee," to the current Boycott and the Black Christ-

mas season. She translated the word to mean in English, "Let's pull together."

By the end of the meeting, other speakers had joined Dr. Allison in echoing both the idea and the word itself. Rev. Philip Cousin, pastor of St. Joseph's AME Church and the final speaker on the program, closed the meeting by saying, "Let's make these last few days meaningful days. As Dr. Allison said, 'Harambee.'"

Mrs. Ann Atwater, the "wrap-up" speaker on the program, joined the chorus by referring the audience to St. Paul's second epistle to Timothy in the New Testament, where he refers to "keeping the faith," and to Job in the Old Testament, who "held on" even when the going was toughest. "I don't see how any Christian could not support the Boycott," she declared. (See SLOGAN 2A)

Judge Dismisses Suit Brought On Behalf Attorney Steel By NAACP

N. Y. Highest Court Upholds Ruling Of Organization

NEW YORK — In a four-page opinion handed down, Dec. 13, New York State Supreme Court Judge Irving H. Saypol dismissed a complaint filed against the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People seeking to restore Lewis M. Steel to his former position as NAACP associate counsel.

"There is no basis, real or apparent, for intrusion by this court into the internal affairs of the NAACP," Judge Saypol ruled.

The complaint against the Association was filed by William H. Booth, a member of the Association's Board of Directors, and three New York State and local NAACP officials — Donald R. Lee of Buffalo, president, state conference of branches; Lloyd

(See SUIT 12A)

Earl Artis Named Deputy Oasis Durham by Imperial Potentate

Earl T. Artis, past potentate of Zafa Temple Number 176 of Durham has recently been appointed Deputy of the Oasis of Durham.

Artis is a graduate of North Carolina College at Durham and received his M. A. degree from New York University.

He was created a Shriner in 1946 at the Arabian Temple No. 42, New Bern and is a charter member of the Rofelt Pasha Temple No. 175 of Rocky Mount. He has also held

several other positions in the Shrine, including the Chief Rabbani and Potentate of Zafa Temple in Durham. Artis is a member and Superintendent of the Sunday



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School of the West Durham Baptist Church and a member of its trustee board. He is also an active member of Doric Lodge No. 28 of Durham, and

(See ARTIS 12A)

Final Regulations New Federal Gun Law Announced By IRS Dec. 14

GREENSBORO — The publication of final regulations under the new Federal gun law was announced today by the Internal Revenue Service. They will appear in the Federal Register of Dec. 14, 1968.

The new gun law does not prevent sportsmen from buying firearms and ammunition in the states in which they reside. However, the sale and delivery must conform with state and applicable local laws. In addition, a retail purchase will usually have to be made in person and the buyer will have to show sufficient identification, such as a driver's license, to establish his name, address and age.

The major restriction on sales in the new law forbids residents of one state from buying firearms, but not am-

munition, in another state. One important exception to this rule permits a resident of one state to buy a rifle or shotgun, but not a handgun, in an adjacent state if certain procedures are complied with. The purchase can only be made if the buyer's state of residence enacts legislation that permits it to take place and the sale is legal in both states. A sworn statement in a prescribed form must also be forwarded to the chief law enforcement officer in the purchaser's place of residence and be acknowledged by him.

Licensed collectors, who are limited by the gun control act to transactions in curios and relics, will find in the regulations the tests for determining whether a gun falls into this

(See GUN LAW 12A)

Washington Seeks Medicaid Project for D.C.

Washington, D. C. will be one of nine cities in which public hearings are being held this month to seek ways of improving the Medicaid program, according to Bernard B. McCusky, Regional Director, Region III, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Charlottesville, Virginia. The hearings will be held December 23 and 30 at Washington, D. C.

Medicaid is the Federal-

(See MEDICAID 2A)

