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STATE TURNS DOWN PROTESTS ON 301

Three Harnett Negroes On Trial For Life In Slaying



ERWIN PLAY — Members of the Junior Class at Erwin High School will present "Flinders O'ceps" by Donald Payne, Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Pictured above, members of the cast find out if Granny, played by Harry Matthews, unrolls the sheet and not the murder, Ray Butler.

right front row, playing the part of Mr. Quigley, pulls the sheet off Granny's head. Others pictured (l. to r.) are, Stanford Godwin, Claude, the caretaker; Fergie Eavis, Frankie; Bobby Smith, as Dr. Brown; and Ann Thomas, the maid. (Daily Record Photo)

Jury May Get To Deliberate This Afternoon

Trial of three Lillington Negroes on a first-degree murder charge — the first to be heard in Harnett Superior Court in over five years — was expected to reach a jury late today.

That three men have been placed on trial for their lives at the same time Harnett.

Two brothers, Johnnie and Bobby Spencer, and Lacy Murchison, all in their early 20's, are charged with the premeditated slaying of Thurman McNeill, another young Negro, in a Shawtown cafe last January. McNeill, shot on a Friday night, died four days later in Dunn Hospital as the result of pistol wounds in the abdomen.

NO DEFENSE EVIDENCE
All three defendants have pleaded not guilty, and as the trial moved swiftly this morning Defense Attorneys Everette Doffermyre and D. K. Stewart rested their case without sending any witnesses to the stand. Neither of the three defendants testified.

Doffermyre and Stewart are relying on the weakness of the State's evidence in an attempt to save them from the gas chamber. Judge Clawson L. Williams was scheduled to charge the jury late this afternoon.

District Solicitor Jack Hooks sent a total of four witnesses to the stand, who brought out dramatic and sensational testimony which named Johnny Spencer, a lanky Mulatto, as "the man with the brown-handled pistol who got Thurman McNeill."

Bobby Spencer and Lacy Murchison were identified as standing within three feet when the fatal shot was fired.

Earlier that night, Bobby Spencer and the dead man had an argument outside of Moore's Cafe in Shawtown and at that time Thurman McNeill reportedly had a knife. There was no evidence, however, that the knife was used.

A few minutes after the argument, Bobby and Lacy Murchison left and returned within a half hour with the alleged trigger man, who did the killing.

EYE WITNESS HEARD
Testimony of Clyde Sanford, a young Negro, who was in the cafe (Continued on page six)

Hall And Heady Will Not Appeal

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Judge Albert L. Reeves and attorney Roy K. Dietrich issued a joint statement today saying there will be no appeal of the death sentence imposed yesterday on Carl Austin Hall and Mrs. Bonnie Brown Heady.



ERWIN MINISTER, WIFE HONORED — Shown here is the new photograph of the Rev. and Mrs. Maxwell of Erwin which will appear in the 1953 Minute Book of the Little River Baptist Association, which is being dedicated to them. The Rev. Mr. Maxwell is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Erwin and is one of the outstanding Baptist pastors of the State. He and Mrs. Maxwell are being honored for their devoted service to the association and to the community they serve.

Work Will Proceed On Relocation As Originally Proposed

Three Highway Commissioners meeting at the Community House in Lillington today turned down the protest of the Harnett County Commissioners and the City Council of Dunn on the Relocation of Highway 301.

Following a morning, the group dismissed at lunch and met this afternoon at two o'clock to announce its decision.

On the reviewing board were Commissioners, H. Maynard Hooks, E. Heide Trask, and Forrest Lockey, chairman of the group.

R. Brookes Peters, attorney for the Highway Department, read the decision of the Commissioners. Most of the protestants who spoke at the morning meeting were not present this afternoon, but those who were took the decision good naturedly and left the session smiling.

NO ACTION STATED
There was no indication at the meeting this afternoon that any more action will be taken by the Dunn officials.

Hugh Willie Tart, president of the Dunn Tourist Bureau, asked the Highway Commissioners "not to feel hard at the County Commissioners for the protest."

Attorney Peters assured Tart that the Highway Department did not

work that way. "This is just another example of the way a democracy works," he stated.

IN MORNING SESSION

The meeting this morning was attended by approximately 75 people representing business of Dunn and surrounding area. A number of persons who will be affected by the road in Johnston County and other towns north of Dunn also attended and expressed their opinion.

WESTBROOK SPEAKS

Former Mayor Earl Westbrook of Dunn was the principal speaker for the Dunn group, with the tourist court owners also expressing their opinions.

Mayor Ralph E. Hanna was not present when the meeting opened but arrived before the recess and filed a written statement.

In the statement for the City of Dunn Hanna told the highway commissioners that neither he nor any member of the board "can (Continued on page six)

Kidnapers Lodged In Death Cell

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Federal authorities acted quickly today to move Carl Austin Hall and Bonnie Brown Heady to death cells in the same penitentiary where two years ago Hall first started to plan the \$600,000 Bobby Greenlease kidnaping.

Transfer of the condemned kidnapers from the Jackson County Jail here to the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City was expedited as soon as preparations were completed at the prison for 24-hour guards at their cells in death row.

ROUND-THE-CLOCK GUARDS
Warden Ralph Edson said he could not accept the prisoners until he had hired four special matrons to keep a round-the-clock watch on Mrs. Heady, who was sentenced Thursday with Hall to die in the gas chamber for the kidnap-murder of six-year-old Bobby Greenlease.

Hall recalled in his confession that it was in the Missouri penitentiary while serving time for armed robbery in 1951 that he first thought of kidnaping as "the one crime I could commit once and (Continued on page six)

Kidnapers Won't Be Allowed To Become Married

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Carl Austin Hall and Bonnie Brown Heady may want to marry before they die for kidnaping and killing little Bobby Greenlease, but the federal government will not let them.

The Justice Department said in Washington today that it would not authorize or permit such a marriage.

The department said the two convicted killers had sent word unofficially to the U. S. marshal here that they wished to marry before they enter the cyanide gas chamber at the state penitentiary to die on Dec. 15.

A reliable source who has had daily contact with Hall said today that the kidnaper still wants to marry his alcoholic paramour, and has said so since shortly after (Continued on page six)

Appliance Men To Meet Monday

Bob Justis of Newport, Delaware, one of the country's best known appliance dealers and a national official of the National Radio and Television Dealers Association, will address a meeting of appliance dealers of this area Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at Johnson's Restaurant.

Plans for the meeting were announced today by William S. Wellons of Dunn, area chairman for NARDA for the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

TO FORM UNIT
Purpose of the meeting Monday night will be to form a local unit of NARDA, Mr. Wellons said.

A nominating committee headed by Johnnie Purdie was named at a preliminary meeting last week and will make a report at this session.

Wellons said the group is particularly fortunate in securing Mr. Justis as the speaker. He is president of Justis Brothers, Inc., a multi-million dollar concern in Newport. He is a member of the board of directors of NARDA.

Mr. Wellons is urging all appliance dealers of the area to attend this meeting.

Last Minute News Shorts

WASHINGTON — The Army's attempt to maintain rigid secrecy about its deadly new guided missile, the Nike, broke down today-right under Secretary Robert T. Stevens' nose. A precise scale model of the bush-bush anti-aircraft weapon was found prominently displayed on a table in Stevens' Pentagon office.

The model was open for examination by all visitors, from reporters to foreign military attaches.

WASHINGTON — Alger Hiss, former State Department official now serving a five-year prison sentence for perjury, will get a second chance for parole within the next few days, officials said today. Justice Department sources said the Federal Parole Board will meet tomorrow or early next week to reconsider his rating of a year ago denying Hiss' petition for release from the Lewisburg, Pa., penitentiary.

BOSTON — Massachusetts has E. C. Insurance firms here while attached the funds of a Columbia auditor's check to see if the company is a "fly-by-night" organization set up to dupes this state's automobile owners.

ASHEVILLE — The list of (Continued on page six)

England, Canada To Share Bond Info

WASHINGTON — The Atomic Energy Commission said today that this country will share information with Great Britain and Canada on that what A-Bombs and H-bombs can do to troops in the field and the people of target cities.

The AEC replied to questions about a British Foreign Office statement that the three nations will confer soon on the effects of atomic explosions.

AEC Chairman Lewis L. Strauss had announced Nov. 11 that the three countries would step up their "technical cooperation" on atomic matters but had added that the information exchange would "not involve weapons information."

It turns out that it does involve information on weapons effects, though not on design and manufacture of weapons.

Today the AEC said the exchange "will cover the knowledge of the effects of nuclear explosions on (Continued on page six)

personnel, structures and equipment."

Use of the word "nuclear" meant that the exchange will deal not only with atomic bombs, artillery shells, and other weapons, but also with the so-called hydrogen bomb.

London reports said Prime Minister Winston Churchill probably will discuss with President Eisenhower, at their Bermuda conference, a further exchange of atomic information, looking to a resumption of the Allied wartime partnership.

Grange Favors More Markets

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Reluctantly accepting a "closed shop" in agriculture, the National Grange closed its 87th annual convention today with a demand that the Eisenhower administration help solve overproduction problems by expanding markets.

In a policy statement handed to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson, the farm group agreed to temporary continuation of price supports and other marketing quotas or acreage allotments—the so-called "closed shop."

Present regulations forbid, except in minute fashion, increases in acreage of four of the six basic commodities — tobacco, peanut, wheat, and corn. Cotton appears certain to come under these regulations. New producers are virtually barred from raising these commodities and violation of assigned quotas brings penalty assessments of 50 per cent of the value of the additional crop.

The Grange agreed to these measures but warned Benson they should be continued only until new markets are opened.

AIR COMMITTEE HOLY SPIRITS, Mo. — Howard R. Cobb, an electrician employed at Memphis, Tenn., has solved the commuting problem. He takes off in a pasture back of his home here in a 1940 model Piper Cub and flies the 25 miles to work in 15 or 20 minutes, landing at the Air Force depot where he works.

SCOUT DINNER — The district scout dinner will be held at Johnson's Restaurant Monday evening at 7 o'clock. All county scout masters, committeemen, neighborhood commissioners, assistant scout masters, and cub masters are expected to attend. (Continued on page six)

SBI Agents Probe Tractor Black Mart

Sheriff W. E. (Bill) Salmon has called in agents of the State Bureau of Investigation to help with a probe into black market tractor operations which are reported to be growing extensive here and in other sections of the State.

Clarence C. McLamb of Dunn, assistant foreman of the grand jury and the nation's largest Farmall tractor dealer, called the attention of the grand jury and to District Solicitor Jack Hooks.

Solicitor Hooks suggested that SBI agents be called in to conduct an investigation so that evidence can be gathered and presented to the grand jury for possible indictment.

After a conference with Sheriff Salmon, the SBI was called into the probe.

TRACTORS IMPORTED
Dunn tractor dealers and others in the area have complained that the black market sale of tractors has proved injurious to farmers of the county as well as to the industry.

Many of the tractors have been brought in from western states and serial numbers removed or defaced to prevent proper registration.

Under an act passed by the last legislature, tractor serial numbers must be properly registered and it is a criminal offense to remove or deface them.

It was pointed out that farmers face a risk when they buy these tractors because they carry no serial numbers as proof of ownership and no manufacturer's warranty as to quality and service.

It was indicated today that investigation by the SBI may take sometime before other action is instituted.

Big Event Slated At Spring Branch

By MARY JACKSON
Record Correspondent

Dr. Marc H. Lovelace, professor of archaeology at Southwest Baptist Seminary at Wake Forest, will deliver the principal address at the annual Harvest and Homecoming Day to be held Sunday at the historic old Spring Branch Baptist Church on Dunn, Route 1.

Plans for the annual event at the 150-year-old church were announced today by the Rev. Richard Smith, pastor. He said the church is extremely fortunate to have secured Dr. Lovelace as the speaker.

There will be special music for both the morning and afternoon programs. The morning will include the special Harvest Day offering and annual Roll Call of church members. It was through the first special Harvest Day offering that the Spring Branch Parsonage was begun. The offering this year will go toward further repairs of the church and possibly a new piano.

PICNIC LUNCHEON
A picnic luncheon will be spread on the grounds and all members, family members and friends are invited to attend and take a basket of food.

Dr. Lovelace is an outstanding speaker. He is a native Texan. (Continued on page six)

39 Cases Set For Trial Next Week

Judge Clawson L. Williams is scheduled to head 39 cases in Superior Court next week in the second week of the November term of criminal court.

One murder charge is listed in cases set for next week. Rula Mae Brown is scheduled to face charges of murder on Wednesday. Court will adjourn Thursday in observance of Thanksgiving.

Other cases to be heard include: Nell Mae Moore, carnal knowledge; Aley Graydon, speeding; Nathan Almond Burnett, driving drunk; R. E. Jackson, speeding; Charles Edward Gregory, operating a car left of the center line; Charles Edward Gregory, abandonment; Nell Foster, abandonment; and Jim Turner, housebreaking and larceny, all of which are set for Monday.

Cases set for Tuesday are: William Gilmore, forgery; William Gilmore and Jasper Massey, forgery; Preston Lee, Jr., larceny of a car; Floyd Lee Prince, careless and reckless driving; Willie Arthur Mink, resisting arrest, and other charges; Ernest Harrington, Jr., careless and reckless driving; and James Lane Mink, manslaughter, and Ella Silk.

BULLETINS

LONDON (UP) — The British Foreign Office announced today that experts of the United States, Britain and Canada will meet soon to exchange information on the effects of atomic explosions.

MIAMI BEACH (UP) — The Executive Council of the United Synagogue of America has expressed "deep dismay at the tone" used by the nation's highest public officials in discussing current issues.

RALEIGH (UP) — Convicted former Ku Klux Klan boss Thomas L. Hamilton, refused a parole last month. (Continued on page two)

+ Record Roundup +

FIRE — Fire completely destroyed the inside of a 1953 Studebaker belonging to Rev. C. D. McNeill, Negro, of 824 E. Cumberland, last night, according to Howard M. Lee, secretary-treasurer of the Fire Department. The fire was caused by a short circuit. Eighteen men were out for the alarm.

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