

Mass NC Lightning Deaths Set New Record

Jury Frees One Defendant:

Woman Jailed In 3 Wake Murders

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Delay Ban On "Riders"



DR. GERALD EDWARDS
... appointed by governor

A&T Prof Given Top Atomic Job

GREENSBORO — A scientist at A&T College has been named to the Advisory Commission on Atomic Energy for North Carolina.

Dr. Gerald A. Edwards, professor and chairman of the A&T College Department of Chemistry was named to the position by Governor Terry Sanford at a press conference held in Raleigh on Wednesday, July 12.

Dr. Edwards, formerly of Durham, came to A&T College in 1956 and has held the post since that time. He holds the Ph.D. degree from the University of Buffalo, Buffalo, N. Y. where he majored in chemistry and minored in mathematics.

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New Trial Date Set By Jurist

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—A federal court hearing to determine whether "Freedom Riders" should be banned in Alabama was continued Monday until August 22.

Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr., listened to arguments by U. S. Justice Department attorneys and Montgomery city officials to determine whether he should enjoin sponsors of the "Freedom Riders" from continuing the campaign in this state.

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Slayer Of Third Mate Sentenced

Two Wake County women are now facing trials for murder and a third woman received 16-20 years in Wake County Superior Court last week.

Mrs. Alonia Cotfield Cooper was jailed without privilege of bond Sunday after the alleged midnight slaying of her boy friend, Mrs. Cotfield, 34, resides at 1002 Walnut Street. She was jailed without privilege of bond in the slaying of John Daniel Abram, 47, of 600 Jamaica Drive here.

She told officers that an argument ensued following a party which the couple attended in Method for her mother. Her trial is scheduled for this week. In another murder case, Mrs. Viola Faison, 41, mother of five children, who resides at Wendell, Rt. 2, is charged with the fatal shooting of Frank Hodge, a male acquaintance, last March. She testified in Wake Superior Court Tuesday morning. She charged Hodge with "cussing and raising sand on the night of the shooting."

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ODDS-ENDS

BY ROBERT G. SHEPARD

"Keep yourselves in the love of God."

WHAT IS THIS? What is it we are hearing these days about the Carolina Power & Light Company trying to exclude itself from the Presidential Executive Order that its Negro employees must be treated like human beings along with its Indian, Chinese, German and other employees.

Isn't it rather disgusting, that's putting it mildly for a company enjoying monopoly in its field of operation, should be trying to "raise the roof" simply because it is asked to stop discriminating against American citizens because they are black.

The company, through its spokesman, is quoted as asking "What will happen if it attempts to enforce this non-discriminating order in Eastern North Carolina and in South Carolina. It seems here that the power company is saying that the people (white people we presume) in Eastern North Carolina and in South Carolina have been granted some special right to extend and perpetuate segregation, discrimination, intolerance and bias.

Who gave these people this right, Mr. Power Spokesman? Who can give any group of people in this country the right to abuse and abridge the rights and privileges guaranteed to all this country's citizens by the federal constitution.

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MAYS' MATE WANTS 3 1/2 'G's—This picture was taken of Mrs. Margherite Mays, wife of the highest paid baseball player, after she started proceedings to collect \$3,500 monthly for bed and board for herself and her son. It has been rumored that due to the action Willie cannot draw his check from the San Francisco management, cannot draw any money from his bank and in simple words he is going to have to use something else for money.

Attorney Comments On School Suit Filed Here

BY CHARLES R. JONES

Attorney Samuel S. Mitchell was contacted by this reporter Tuesday for his version of the ruling handed down Monday by federal district judge Algenon Butler on a request by the parents of 66 Negro students for a three-judge court to hear a civil suit filed June 10 against the Raleigh School Board protesting segregation.

Mitchell gave his answer to a question which has confused many local residents: "Will there be a hearing relating to the suit?"

His statements follow: "There has been quite a bit of confusion relative to what Judge (CONTINUED ON PAGE 7)

One Survivor Relates How Eight Died

CLINTON — A new record for mass deaths in a lightning storm was set near here last week as eight persons died when a single bolt of lightning flashed through a cracked door of a tobacco barn. Five of those killed were teenagers. Five of the dead were Negro workers from Clinton, four of whom were teenagers.

A strapping, 220 pound, 15-year-old Negro youth was the only survivor of the nine in the barn. Though stunned momentarily by the electrical charge, he escaped.

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\$220 Ham Given To L. Hodges

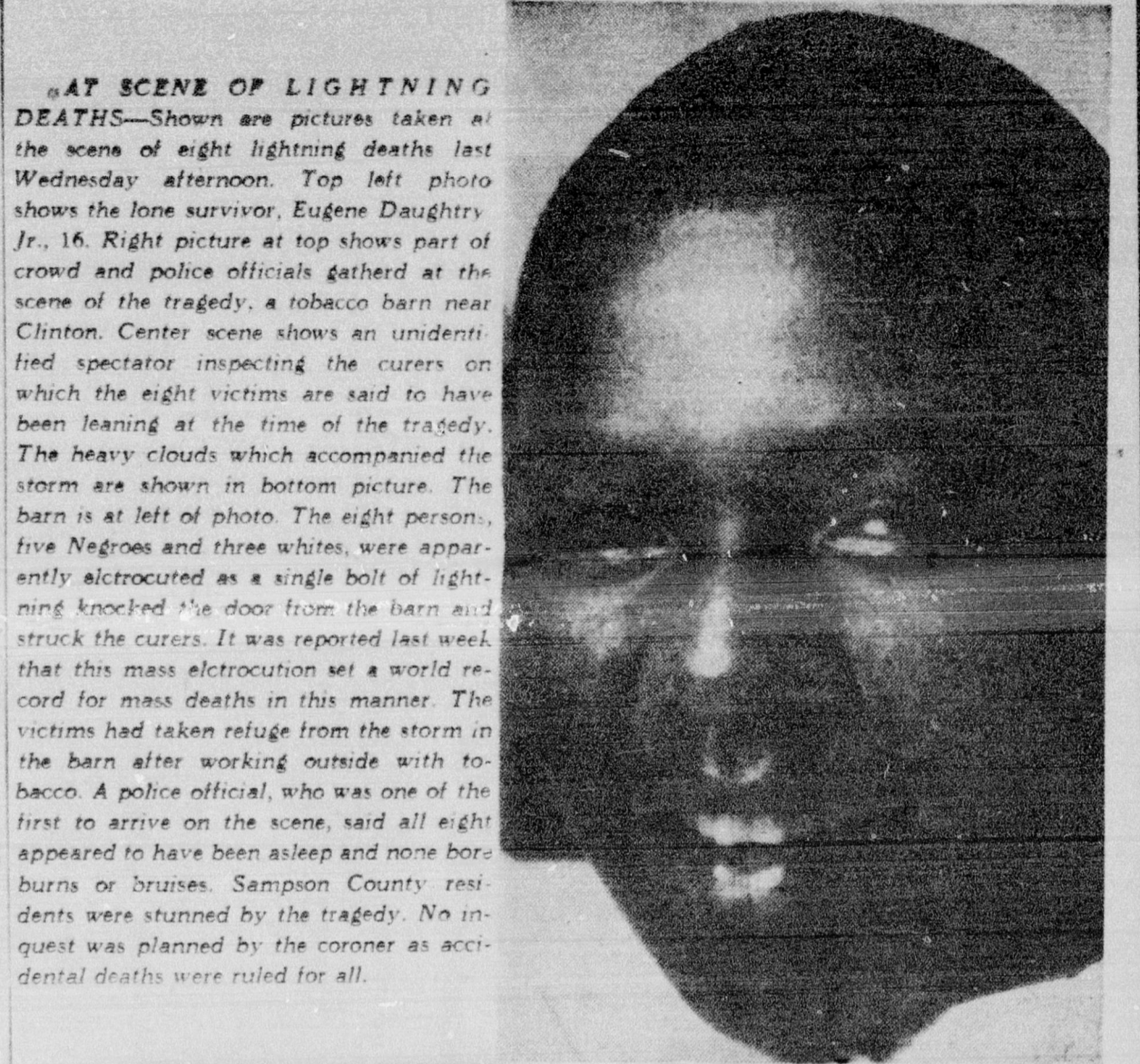
The CAROLINIAN is being talked about throughout the state and in many parts of the nation, due to the fact that it extended its public relations into the United States government last week as it joined with the Extension Department of Agriculture and presented a 14 1/2 pound Johnston County ham to Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges, in his commodious office, in Washington, D. C., Friday.

The feat was acclaimed as one of the biggest promotion projects ever affected by a North Carolina race institution. It is to be remembered that Secretary Hodges is now the key man in American business.

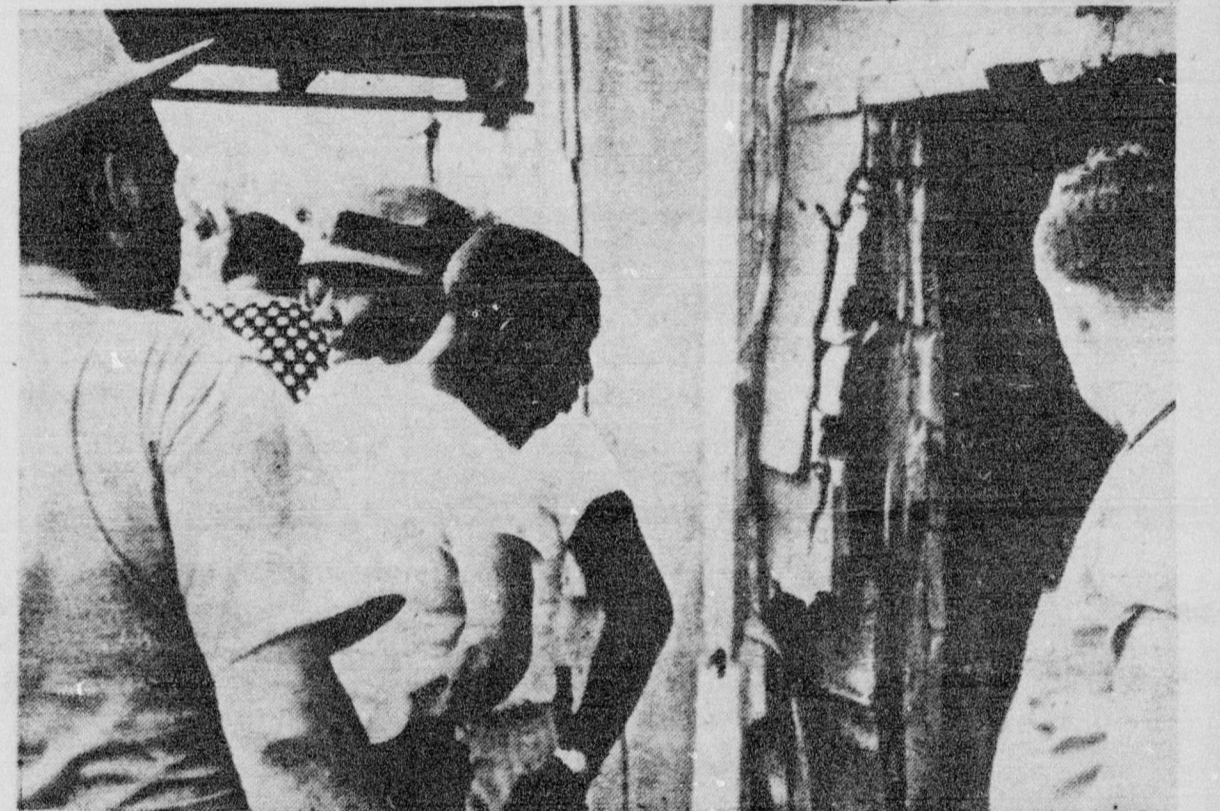
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WEATHER

The five-day weather forecast for Raleigh, beginning Thursday, July 20, and continuing through Monday, July 24, is as follows: Temperatures will average above normal with no important day-to-day changes expected. Normal high and low temperatures will be 89 and 66 degrees. Rainfall is expected each day throughout the period and will occur afternoon and evening thundershowers. Precipitation is expected in the amount of three-fourths of an inch.



AT SCENE OF LIGHTNING DEATHS—Shown are pictures taken at the scene of eight lightning deaths last Wednesday afternoon. Top left photo shows the lone survivor, Eugene Daughtry, Jr., 16. Right picture at top shows part of crowd and police officials gathered at the scene of the tragedy, a tobacco barn near Clinton. Center scene shows an unidentified spectator inspecting the curers on which the eight victims are said to have been leaning at the time of the tragedy. The heavy clouds which accompanied the storm are shown in bottom picture. The barn is at left of photo. The eight persons, five Negroes and three whites, were apparently electrocuted as a single bolt of lightning knocked the door from the barn and struck the curers. It was reported last week that this mass electrocution set a world record for mass deaths in this manner. The victims had taken refuge from the storm in the barn after working outside with tobacco. A police official, who was one of the first to arrive on the scene, said all eight appeared to have been asleep and none bore burns or bruises. Sampson County residents were stunned by the tragedy. No inquest was planned by the coroner as accidental deaths were ruled for all.



United Holy Church Meeting Held

The welcome program of the 44th annual session of the Home & Foreign Missionary Convention, United Holy Church of America, Inc., Southern District, not only proved quite interesting, but was unique to convention goers, due to the fact that it was held in less than one hour and a half at Providence Holy Church, Tuesday night.

Bishop J. A. Forbes served as the program chairman. It began with Ernest Macpherson at the console. The service opened with the choir of the First Congregational Christian Church singing Crown Him Lord of All. Rev. Ella Yarbrough read the scripture. Rev. Bessie Campbell offered the prayer.

Mrs. Bernice Upchurch welcomed the convention on behalf of the church. Mayor W. G. Enloe told the convention that righteousness begins in the heart and that genuine missionary work was the fruit of discipline which produces people of character, love, harmony and peace.

Rev. D. N. Howard, speaking for the Ministerial Alliance, told of the inspiration that the Raleigh churches would receive by having the missionaries come to Raleigh. Dr. Ellen S. Alston, spoke for the Baptist Missionary Convention of

the state and pledged their support to the work which the visitors were so dedicated to.

Mrs. N. E. Lockhart lost no time

NCC ALUMNA RECEIVES DEGREE AT RUTGERS

DURHAM — Miss Portis Jean Burt, a 1957 magna cum laude graduate of North Carolina College at Durham, received the master's degree from Rutgers University at the college's 195th anniversary commencement.

A native of Hillsboro, Miss Burt received her undergraduate degree in home economics at NCC. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cennel M. Burt of Hillsboro.

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State News

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Brief

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