

# WOMAN, 22, SLAIN ON CHRISTMAS EVE

## CORE's James Farmer Resigns Post

### Takes Federal Job As Literacy Project Head

NEW YORK - The Rev. James Farmer, 45, who helped found the Congress of Racial Equality some 23 years ago, and rose in rank to become its national director, formerly announced his resignation Monday to take over another top flight position. Farmer told a news conference that he will leave CORE on March 1 to take up civil rights work from another direction-as director of the Center for Community Action Education, a national literacy project, financed by private and federal monies.



JAMES FARMER

### Gas Station Is Burned After Insurance Lapsed

FERRIDAY, La. - The Negro-owned Concordia Esso Station on US highway 84 in Ferriday, La., was burned to the ground late last Saturday. At about 11 p. m. CORE volunteer David Whatley heard a loud report which he thought might have been a firecracker. He learned shortly afterwards, however, that Anthony McCraney's gas station was on fire. The entire station was destroyed except for the fuel pumps, indicating that the fire was deliberately set. The burning is the sixth act of violence

in Ferriday in less than two months. About nine weeks ago, McCraney's insurance was cancelled and he had been unable to get other insurance up to the (See GAS STATION, P. 2)

### Robeson's Wife Dies, Was 68

NEW YORK (UPI) - The world lost one of its most distinguished personalities last week in the death of Mrs. Eslanda Goode Robeson wife of singer-actor Paul Robeson and an anthropologist and noted author in her own right. Mrs. Robeson, 68, died in Beth Israel Hospital of undisclosed causes, after an illness of several months. Her death came just two years after she and her husband had returned to this country following a five-year self-imposed exile in the Soviet Union.

Her studies of anthropology at London University and the London School of Economics, 1935-37, and work in the field were sparked by her desire to visit Africa--a desire fulfilled in 1936. She received a Ph. D. in anthropology in 1945 after studies at Hartford Seminary foundation. The author of two books -- a biography on her husband, "Paul Robeson, Negro," was published in 1930 -- her second work, "African Journey," was published last August.

Born Eslanda Cardoza Goode in Washington in 1896, she attended the University of Chicago, and Columbia University's Teachers college where she obtained a B. S. degree in chemistry in 1923. Two years earlier, she was married to Robeson, then an all-American football player at Rutgers university. He graduated from Columbia University law school.

### Franklin Boy Honored After Death In Car

FRANKLIN - The "white" First Baptist Church here, this town's largest, was packed by one-thousand persons Monday for the funeral of Thomas Walter Scruggs, a popular Negro athlete, credited with helping the peaceful desegregation of schools.

Scruggs, 18, was killed on Christmas Eve when his automobile collided head-on with one driven by his brother.

The Rev. Dr. W. Thomas Lane, who officiated, said his congregation had voted unanimously to request the funeral be shifted from Scruggs' small Episcopal Church, "because so many residents of this Western N. C. town of 2,500 wanted to attend."

Scruggs was described by his high school basketball coach, Tom Raby, as the kind of boy who won games in the last second, was admired by his teachers and set an example for others. Scruggs was a freshman at Piedmont College in Demorest, Ga., the first Negro to attend the school. One year ago, he was among the first Negroes to attend previously all-white (See ATHLETE DIES, P. 2)

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## "SELECT BUYING" SPREADS

### Seek "New Phase" In Rights Drive

#### Students Seek Aid In Plans

DURHAM - "It is now clear..." states the president of the North Carolina College Student Government Association, Charles E. Daye, in the current issue of a national magazine, "that the civil rights movement after 1965 must enter a new phase if it is to remain effective. "New tactics must be developed," continues Daye in the December, 1965 issue of Negro Digest, "for neither demonstrations nor eloquent speeches are likely to substantially improve the situations of the more subtle, insidious kinds of segregation -- in labor unions, de facto segregation of schools caused by clusters of Negroes in ghettos, and the segregation which results when Negroes are inadequately prepared to move into newly opening but competitive opportunities."

A Durham resident, who is a senior political science major at NCC, Daye, along with 11 other contributors from various parts of the country, is featured in a symposium in the magazine "NEW PHASE", P. 10



FALLEN SOLDIER COMES HOME TO REST - The remains of Second Lieutenant William E. Davis, Jr., 24-year-old A&T College graduate, is shown being borne from the steps of First Baptist Church here by military pallbearers following his funeral last Friday afternoon. Davis was killed in action in Viet Nam on Friday, December 10. Burial took place in the Carolina Biblical Gardens. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis, Sr., reside on Dedridge Drive in Blittmore Hills. The funeral was attended by hundreds of persons of both races.

#### Southside Virginians 'Choosing'

LAWRENCEVILLE, Va. - Taking a leaf from the strategy book of rights leaders in Natchez, Miss., Bogalusa, La., and other southern localities, Negro civic and other leaders here and throughout Brunswick County, heartland of Virginia's so-called Black Belt--initiated a protest and "selective buying" campaign that sharply curtailed Christmas-New Year's shopping and within days won employment opportunity concessions from some merchants and other businessmen.

One goal of the county NAACP chapter--sponsored campaign won the support of the Lawrenceville Chamber of Commerce but came a cropper, temporarily at least, when proposed to the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors on Monday, Dec. 20.

That was an effort to have the board create a county-wide biracial commission to explore and help solve long-standing problems in the town and county that adversely affect minority citizens.

Supported by the county NAACP, which had a delegation on hand for the supervisors' meeting, a group of leading merchants acting for the Chamber of Commerce--rugged the naming of the commission.

A motion supporting the idea was made by Supervisor James Matthews. Opposition votes were cast by Supervisors J. T. Pearson and S. J. Brandon, whereupon Board Chairman W. B. Mosely broke the tie with a nay vote.

Preliminary to the proposal defeated by a majority of the county supervisors, the county NAACP chapter, headed by mortician Beverly Taylor of Lawrenceville, conferred three times with C. C. representatives, the latest conference being on Dec. 14.

The chapter representatives present for the supervisors' meeting included Walter Rice Jr., a farmer; the Rev. F. M. Peggam, presiding bishop, second conference, Reformed Zion United Apostolic Church; George Walker, laborer; Mrs. Melba T. Walker, factory worker; Daniel R. Brown, mortician; and William Ecker of a contracting firm and district NAACP vice president. (See VIRGINIANS, P. 10)

## Appointment Of Klansman Sparks Demands For End To Federal

BOGALUSA, La. - The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) last week asked for a cut-off of federal funds to the Bogalusa, La., Housing Authority. The demand was made by telegram and letter from CORE national director James Farmer to Dr. Robert Weaver, Administrator of the federal Housing and Home Finance Agency.

CORE is particularly angered by the reappointment of the Bogalusa Housing Authority of Devon Varnado, described in federal court proceedings in New Orleans as an active member of the Ku Klux Klan. Bogalusa Mayor Jesse Cutrer recently appointed Varnado for another five-year term.

Mr. Farmer pointed out that despite Dr. Weaver's repeated assurances that Bogalusa officials would comply with laws against racial discrimination in federally financed developments, current plans call for half of 100 new units to be

built in the Negro section of the city. In his letter, Farmer said:

### 300 "Freedom" Volunteers Work In 8 Dixie States

Approximately 300 students from Northern colleges and Universities across the country from Massachusetts to Oregon are now working in eight Southern states as part of a Freedom Christmas voter registration drive. Of these, about 60 are in Louisiana working with CORE, David Dennis, CORE Southern Office Program Director, said last week.

The students are volunteering all or part of their Christmas vacations to help register Negro voters before next Spring's primary elections. Recruited by the National Student Association (NSA) they are working for CORE, SNCC, SCLC, NAACP, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and MFDP in Mississippi.

The first group of students in Louisiana arrived in Tallulah in Madison Parish for orientation.

Racial Equality, we most strongly urge that you forth-

### AJC Hails Acquittal Of 17

NEW YORK - The American Jewish Congress hailed a decision last week by Chief Judge John M. Murtagh of the New York Criminal Court acquitting 17 civil rights volunteers as setting a new precedent in cases involving peaceful non-violent demonstrators.

The 17 demonstrators were arrested on March 19 at the headquarters of the Chase Manhattan Bank in the Wall Street financial district. They were part of a large group that was protesting the bank's granting of loans to the Government of South Africa, charging that the loans were strengthening the government's policy of apartheid.

The civil rights workers were charged with "disorderly conduct" for sitting on the sidewalk as part of the demonstration and with "resisting arrest" for going limp after being notified by police that they were

## THE CRIME BEAT

BY CHARLES R. JONES

### Man Who Made 'Friend' With Call Arrested

Elbert Junior Scott, 22, of 143 Sawyer Lane, informed officers O. C. Pratt and B. C. Nipper at 12:53 a. m. Friday, he and a colored woman, known only to him as Collins had a "fuss" and she pulled a knife and stabbed him twice, "once on the left side and once on the left backside."

### Stick Is Shot

Miss Janie Davis, of 734 Quarry St., told "the law" at 9:23 a. m. Saturday, that she and her boyfriend, Junior Wiley Ings, 33, of 611 1/2 Adams Alley, had a quarrel and "he came at me with a stick, so I shot him."

He was then "hauled off" to Wake County Jail on the drunk rap. (See CRIME BEAT, P. 3)

### Motive For Death A Mystery

PITTSBORO - What apparently started out to be a fun-filled night before Christmas Eve for a 22-year-old woman, turned out to be her last night on earth as she was shot and left beside a lonely road early Friday morning. The victim was Miss Mateleane Bland, of Rt. 1, Goldston.

Chatham County Sheriff J. W. Emerson, Jr., informed this writer Wednesday morning that the young woman apparently died instantly as one shot from a pistol entered her body above the right breast, travelled through her heart and emerged just above her hip on the left side.

Being held without bond in the slaying is James E. (Jesse) Williams, 44, of Rt. 7, Sanford.

The murder took place near "The Greasy Spoon," a night-spot at Goldston, about 15 miles west of this Chatham County seat. Miss Bland's body, covered by her coat, was found beside a rural paved road, not far from "The Greasy Spoon."

According to witnesses, the (See WOMAN, 22, P. 10)

### Alexander Addresses SC Meet

COLUMBIA, S. C. - Kelly M. Alexander, President of the North Carolina NAACP, who was a victim of the recent bombings in Charlotte, addressed a Civil Rights Meeting last Friday night, at the Second Nazareth Baptist Church in Columbia, S. C.

Speaking to the freedom rally the NAACP official told of the night bombings at his home on Nov. 22, 1965.

"I should be bitter," Alexander said, "but I'm not. The bombings were good in a way, because they knocked Charlotte out of its apathy. They proved that 'Liberal' North Carolina still has bigots, extremists and segregationists and that these have not given up. They are still trying to turn the clock back and impede justice."

"Don't you think for one minute that the very same thing couldn't happen in Columbia, S. C., either," Alexander said. Alexander, a member of the NAACP's national board since 1949, promised that such things as the bombings of his home would not stop the Negro on his drive for freedom. He said the Negro must reconfirm his belief in achieving his status through legal, democratic means.

"The day after the bombing, the Charlotte Branch (of the NAACP) could have said the word, and the city would have had a full-scale riot on its hand," Alexander said, "but our leaders took a path of reasonableness and calmness to avoid racial conflict. Alexander said Negroes in Charlotte will not compromise on principle of desegregation." (Continued on Page 10)



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### Plantation Families Evicted

FERRIDAY, La. - At least twenty-and probably many more Negro families living in West Feliciana Parish (county), La., has been evicted from their plantations for registering to vote. Richard Haley, CORE southern director, stated that all the evictees recently registers to vote with the federal voting examiner in St. Francisville, the parish seat. The alleged reason for the evictions, crop cutbacks, is "just a coverup" said Haley. The U.S. Justice Department has been in the parish, investigating the evictions.

The voting age of the population of the parish, located north of Baton Rouge and bordering Mississippi, is 60% Negro and Negro voter registration has traditionally met stiff resistance. Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach dispatched a Federal voting examiner to West Feliciana on October 29 and approximately 1,000 Negroes registered with the federal agent in November. For over 60 years not a single Negro was registered in the parish and in March, 1965, the US Civil Rights Commission reported that only 85, or 1.9%, of 4,553 eligible Negroes were registered.

The report from CORE director Haley said that the eviction notices were sent out in early December by four plantation owners, including Parish Register Fletcher Harvey. The tenant farmers and sharecroppers have been told to leave the plantations by Jan. 1. Some of the evictees, including a 93 year old woman, have lived on the plantations all their lives; most of the families have little money and no income at all during the winter.

CORE workers have been assisting voter registration in West Feliciana for over two (See MANY EVICTED, P. 2)

## WEATHER

temperatures for the next five days. Thursday, through Monday, will average four to nine degrees above normal. The normal high and low temperatures for the period will be 51 and 31 degrees. Rather mild weather should prevail through most of the period. Precipitation will be light, totaling less than one-tenth of an inch, and occurring as rain-fall around the end of the period.



CHRISTMAS IN VIET NAM - Ben Cat, South Viet Nam; Sp. 5 Ghy Isbell, of Louisville, Ky., left, reads a Christmas card last week, as PFC James Moffett, right, works to open one of his holiday gifts as the troops of the 101st Airborne Division take a break in the field. Standing guard, near the ammunition draped "Christmas tree" is Sp. 4 Sidney Hansen, of Mandan, N. Dakota. (UPI PHOTO).



HAPPY MOMENT - New York: Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy smiles broadly as she holds little Bobby Johnson, 4 years old, on her lap while attending a show at the William Hodson Community Center here last week. (UPI PHOTO).

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