

Wake Victim Was White, Jurors Also, But Two Blacks Get Life In Murder

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Allegedly Ravished By Two Men

Woman, 40, Claims Rape

On Rocky Mount's City Council

2 Females Seek Seats

One Man Innocent, Judge Says

Two black men who were convicted of first degree murder by an all-white jury for killing a whiteman last February, were sentenced to life imprisonment Tuesday by Wake County Superior Court Judge E. Maurice Braswell.

Wesley Harris of Newark, N. J., and Staniel Lee Stanback of Baltimore, Md., were found guilty of murder in the death of Jesse Dexter Wall, Jr., a 35-year-old white Knightdale farmer. The jury, consisting of 10 men and two women, deliberated six hours and 45 minutes before returning their verdict with a recommendation of mercy.

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Four persons were originally charged with murder in Wall's death. Sammy Lee Walker of Atlanta was freed Monday when a motion for nolo contendere was allowed by Judge Braswell. Braswell allowed the motion because he said the state presented no evidence.

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3 Blacks To Conduct Hearings

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Three prominent black lawyers are among the first 11 appointees to the panel that will conduct hearings on credential challenges prior to the Democratic National Convention.

Says Two Guilty In City Rape

Although she was robbed of money and a wristwatch, the main concern of a 40-year-old Raleigh woman, Mrs. Mary Essidelle McDougal, 1845 Eastern Boulevard (Apollo Heights), was the fact that she had been raped and beaten on E. Martin St. at 12:30 a.m. Saturday by two men unknown to her.

Mrs. McDougal reported to Officers T. Liles and B. W. Peoples at 1:42 a.m. Saturday, that she was walking west in the 500 block of E. Martin Street, when a young Negro male grabbed her and forced her to the rear of 526 E. Martin. There, Mrs. McDougal said, she was raped by this young colored male, and when he finished, she told the officers.

Announce Plans For Lent Here

Rev. Claude R. Trotter, president of the Raleigh Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, announced this week the schedule for the series of Lenten worship services, which will begin Wednesday night.

All services will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Lenten services will culminate on Easter Sunday morning with sunrise services at St. Paul AME Church with the Rev. Dr. C. W. Ward, pastor of First Baptist Church and his congregation, in charge of the services.

The remaining schedule and guest ministers and churches for the services are Wednesday, February 23 at Martin Street.



U. S. REP. CONYERS TOST, AUG. - Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Detroit Democrat of the First District, Michigan, will speak at an All-College Assembly on Thursday, Feb. 17 at 11 a.m. in the Amphitheater of the New Classroom Building at Saint Augustine's, marking the beginning of the 4-day 197th Founders' Day and Homecoming Celebration at the college.

Edgecombe Pair File For Race

ROCKY MOUNT - Woman's Liberation took a long stride when two black women simultaneously gained headlines by announcing their candidacy for seats on the City Council which hitherto has not had a Negro member in some seventy years, despite the efforts of at least five blacks to win the nomination (tantamount to election) in this Democratic stronghold.

Mrs. Esmeralda Rich Hawkins is making her second bid for election to the city council, having run two years ago. For Mrs. Arcenia Yancey Hines, it is her first attempt to be a black councilwoman.

Both women are teachers in the local school system with splendid records in the classroom.

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Educator Of 55 Years Is Given Rites

James Allen Watkins, a veteran of more than 55 years in the Wake County educational system, was memorialized here last Sunday afternoon at the St. Matthews Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. J. D. Lockley, officiating.

Watkins was born in Wake County on October 21, 1914 and served as a principal and teacher at Nouse, Sandy-Fork and Jeffery's Grove Schools for more than 55 years. He attended school in Chase City, Va., and graduated from Shaw University. Harris joined the Rolesville Baptist Church at an early age and upon moving to the St. Matthews Community, he joined the St. Matthews Baptist Church where he served for more than 75 years.

Among services rendered at St. Matthews were Sunday School teacher, superintendent (See EDUCATOR, P. 2)



Muslims' Education Head Here

Sister Beverly Maurad, National Director of Education, Muhammad, University of Islam, and Educational representative of the Most Honorable Ehab Muhammad, messenger of Allah Master Fard Muhammad and the local Mosque on Tuesday afternoon.

Sister Maurad has been on traveling a tour around the U.S.

INQUIRING REPORTER THEY SAY

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U. S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE PUTS HEART INTO RALEIGH ADDRESS - Raleigh: Shirley Chisholm, Congresswoman from Brooklyn, puts her hands to her head as she spoke before a packed, cheering student audience here at North Carolina State University Feb. 7. Mrs. Chisholm angrily attacked the law setting up North Carolina's new presidential primary, contending the rules thwart democratic process. (UPD)

Geo. Esser Now Heads The SRC

ATLANTA, Ga. - The Southern Regional Council Monday announced the appointment of George H. Esser, Jr., as Executive Director.

Mr. Esser, 51, is a native of Norton, Va., and has lived most of his adult life in Chapel Hill, where he was associated for many years with the University of North Carolina and later gained wide recognition as Executive Director of the North Carolina Fund, established in 1963 as a private agency dealing with poverty and education in the state.

In a joint statement following Esser's appointment, Dr. Raymond Wheeler, President of the Council, and Dr. Vivian Henderson, Chairman of the Council's Executive Committee, said: "Directing the Southern Regional Council has never been an easy task, but, rather an extraordinarily demanding one, requiring an extremely dedicated."

L. Johnson Sanctions E. Muskie

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Georgia State Sen. Leroy R. Johnson last Tuesday, endorsed the presidential candidacy of Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D-Me) and accepted a major post in the Maine Democrat's campaign.

Johnson a black man, appeared with Sen. Muskie at a Miami, Fla. union hall where the Democratic presidential candidate named State Sen. Johnson a national political coordinator while campaigning for the Florida primary.

"I thank Leroy Johnson for his support and welcome him to the campaign," Sen. Muskie said. "His formidable political abilities are going to be well-utilized; I look forward to working with him throughout the months ahead."

In accepting the post, Johnson called Sen. Muskie "the one candidate who has demonstrated the integrity, concern and experience thenation badly needs now in its president. I

soil of this country. Blacks are rising, not to take over America but to say they want a part of the American dream." Spicing her talk with a few

"Blacks Want To Be A Part Of Dream"

Mrs. Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman to announce her candidacy for the United States presidency, brought her campaign to Raleigh Monday morning and told a gathering of mostly students at North Carolina State University's Erdahl-Cloyd Union that blacks are rising to say they want a part of the American dream.

Mrs. Chisholm, a 47-year-old New York Democratic representative in the United States Congress, told the gathering, "The blood, sweat and tears of blacks lie rooted deep in the

'Youth Going Down Drain In Dope' Park

"An appalling number of Raleigh and Wake County youngsters are going down the drain... victims of drug abuse... unless local government begins taking the problem more seriously."

Ben F. Park, chairman of the Wake County Task Force on the Role of Parents in Drug Abuse, voiced this conclusion last Thursday in a talk to the Research Triangle Park Rotary Club.

"Raleigh's City Council must find ways to qualify for federal assistance in combating drug abuse," Park said to the luncheon audience at Lowe's Grove Baptist Church. "A toxicology lab as well as a medical dispensary are among highly critical needs which must be filled."

"The Wake Board of County Commissioners, moreover, has before it a proposal which would make available in our community federal funds in the amount of \$4 for every \$1 we put up to help ourselves," the Raleigh public affairs consultant continued.

"But more important than these specific tangible needs is the requirement of a sense of urgency in the minds of city and county governmental leaders.

The statistics tell us that one out of every four high school students is involved in some way with drugs. We know that two out of every four college students are involved.

'OEO Not Dead Yet' Sanchez

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Philip V. Sanchez, the Office of Economic Opportunity's third director in a year, said that while Congress may be cutting back his agency's funds, fundamental announcements are premature.

"Some people are singing a funeral dirge around here shedding crocodile tears about the fate of OEO. That's not appropriate, at least not yet."

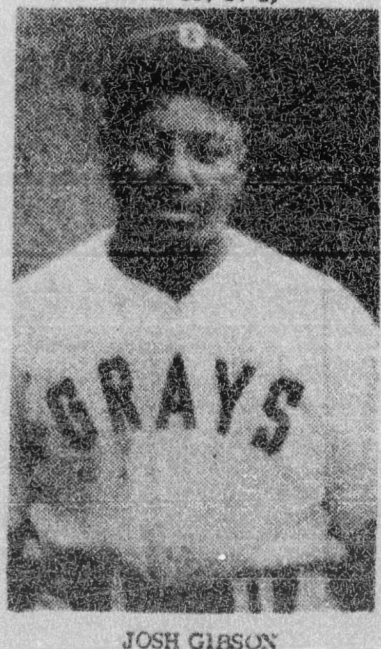
Rocky Mount Native To Be Inducted In Hall Of Fame

NEW YORK - Walter "Buck" Leonard, 64, a resident of Rocky Mount, N. C. and one of the great performers for the Homestead Grays in the old National Negro League, Tuesday was named to the Baseball Hall of Fame, along with Josh Gibson.

Leonard, who now works with the Rocky Mount Recreation Department and also deals in real estate in Rocky Mount, received seven votes, the minimum required for selection to the enshrinement. Gibson was a unanimous choice with nine votes.



WALTER LEONARD



JOSH GIBSON

In The Sweepstakes SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK LYLES SHOES Fine Shoes, Geared To A Moderate Budget

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