

# Columbians Leader Given 3-Year Prison Sentence GREENVILLE LYNCHERS MAY GET QUICK TRIAL

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**MOB VICTIMS MOTHER ASSURED:** James M. Hinton, state NAACP president, tries to cheer up Mrs. Tessie B. Earle, mother of Willie Earle who was lynched in Greenville County last Monday morning. Widowed by eight years and having struggled since the death of her

husband to raise seven children, the victim being the oldest, Mrs. Earle had no means by which to live a moderate burial.

Believing that South Carolinians would readily contribute to a fund to pay for the burial, she wanted and persists a little to help her get

### Officers Nab Earle Lynchers; 28 Taxi Drivers, 3 Others To Face Trial On Charges Pressed By State And County



**SUES DEMOCRATS:** George A. Elmore, operator of the Waverly Five and Ten Cents Store at Columbia, whose \$5,000 damage suit was filed against officials of the Richland County Democrat Party organization in federal court at Columbia last Saturday.

**BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
**GREENVILLE, S. C.**—Solicitor Robert T. Ashmore disclosed Monday plans to seek for a special term of Criminal court to deal with 31 white men, 28 of them drivers, charged in a warrant drawn before City Magistrate Bates Aiken, Friday night with the lynch-slaying of 23-year-old Willie Earle, whose blasted, gaped and mutilated body was found at 6:15 a. m. Monday, four miles west of here 40 minutes after a mob removed him from the Pickens county jail.

Solicitor Ashmore's announcement was in line with the known will of state and county authorities to push speedy and vigorous prosecution. The regular term of Criminal court opens March 10. The solicitor was due to confer in a day or so with Circuit Judge J. Robert Martin to set bail in the case. Some men, he said, might be allowed lower bail than others.

**DRIVE FOR 5 COMPANIES**  
The suspects were three businessmen, one of whom had not been jailed Monday being out of the state on business, and 28 from five taxi companies, 19 from the Yellow Cab company, 23 from the Commercial and Greenville cab companies, 7 from the Blue Bird and 5 from American.

The businessmen include 37-year-old Walter Oakley, part owner of the Raleigh Cafe across from Yellow Cab headquarters on West Court; John B. Marshall, 28 and Earle E. Martin, yet to be jailed.

Names of the drivers, their companies and ages were withheld. Willie E. Bishop, 27; Hubert Carlisle, 30; Woodrow W. Clarke, 30; James Robert Forrester, 43; Paul Griggs, Jr., 27; John Clifton Joy, 24; George Rogers, McPail, 24; Jeremiah C. McNevey, 30; Herold H. Bell, 32; Sanford D. Stray, 28. Commercial drivers are James T. Cantrell, 19; Walter Crawford, 32; Duran G. Keenan, 24; Greenville cabmen are listed as Charles M. Covington, 20; James Arthur Foster, 39; and Howard Thompson, 34.

**CRIME IN GREENVILLE COUNTY**  
Sheriff R. H. Bearden's warrant placed the lynching inside of Greenville county, charging that Earle was seized under threats and intimidation from jailer J. Est. Gilchrist of Pickens, brought into Greenville county and that the mobsters then and there did shoot, cut, stab, beat and bruise him, said Willie Earle, thereby mortally wounding

### Lynchers' Bond Set By Pickens Court

**PICKENS, S. C.**—Bond of \$2,500 each for 30 of the 31 men jailed at Greenville for the mob-murder of 23-year-old Willie Earle last Monday day morning was set before Judge George B. Green here Monday.

The 31st man, Earl Martin, Greenville, business man, was reported still out of the state on a business trip and hasn't been yet jailed.

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## President Truman's Civil Rights Committee Watches S. C. Lynching

### Closest Attention Being Given, Chairman States Emory Burke, Columbian Leader, Given 3-Year Prison Sentence

**NEW YORK**—The President's Commission on Civil Rights is "deeply concerned" over the lynching in Pickens, S. C., February 17 and the case will "command our closest attention." This was the assertion of Charles E. Wilson, chairman, in a telegram to the NAACP February 17.

Earlier, Walter White, NAACP secretary, had telegraphed Chairman Wilson: "As a basis for recommendations to the President and the Congress we urge an immediate investigation of these lynchings who have further added to the wave of lawlessness which threatened not only minorities, but American democracy as well."

**CLARK PAGED**  
A similar telegram was sent to Attorney General Tom Clark of the Department of Justice.

In addition the NAACP launched its own investigation through the office of its state conference of branches at Columbia, S. C.

**SUBJECT TO ATTACKS**  
NAACP investigators said the victim, Willie Earle, 25, was subjected to mob attacks and was not released until he had been taken to his home in Liberty, S. C., six miles from Greenville at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday. The robbery and fatal attack on white taxi driver in Greenville occurred Saturday night, the possibility exists, said NAACP investigators in South Carolina, that Earle was innocent, but the white taxi driver died just after "identifying" Earle, so that there is now little chance that anyone else could be held for the crime for which Earle was lynched.

It was announced Friday that 23 taxi drivers of Greenville had consented to comply in the lynching and that others were being sought. South Carolina has a state and lynching law so that the men can be brought to trial if a grand jury returns an indictment.

**Vets Can Renew War Policy By August 1**

Veterans wishing to renew war insurance policies can do so any time before August 1, which gives them six months more than the original deadline date of February 1. A congressional order set the new date last Friday.

**Law School To Be Open At "State"**

Possibility of a Law School at South Carolina State College in Orangeburg was mentioned in a letter to John F. Wrighten, whose 81-page suit against the University of South Carolina is pending in federal court here.

**Citizens Urged To Register Monday**

The two latest organizations in the state—the State Conference of NAACP and the Progressive Democratic Party, joined in urging every not registered Negro to "take time

**Judge Cites Law As Bulwark Of Nation's Safety**

**AME's To Try Bishop Davis On New Charges March 6**

**S. C. Primary Challenged In Court**

**Opening Wedge Against Latest Device Made**

**ACTS OF VIOLENCE**

**S. C. "White Primary" Taken To U. S. Court By G. A. Elmore**

**Democrat Party and is a state function, approved and described by the state.**

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**THE LYNCHERS SORDID HANDIWORK** As gruesome as the above picture of lynch victim Willie Earle is, it tells the story of the inhuman nature of murder.

**Clearly shown is the victim's right face blasted away by a shotgun**

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