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Earle's Mother Sues For \$5,000

Two Counties Asked To Pay For 47 Murder

GREENVILLE, S. C.—(ANS) A \$5,000 suit in behalf of his estate was filed here in Common Pleas Court by the mother of Willie Earl, lynched by some 26 Greenville taxi cab drivers on February 17, 1947 after he had been seized a short time before from the Pickens county jail at Pickens. NAACP lawyers, representing Mrs. Jessie Earle, who set forth in this complaint that she had been legally appointed administratrix of her son's estate on last Dec. 17 by the Probate Court of Pickens county, brought the action against Greenville and Pickens counties. Papers in the action were served Saturday on John P. Ashmore, commissioner for Greenville county, and Pickens county commissioner T. R. Odell.

Mrs. Earle is being represented by Attorneys Harold R. Boulware of Columbia, Thurgood Marshall and Franklin H. Williams, both of the NAACP national office in New York.

CALL DEATH MOST CRUEL

Mrs. Earle declares in her complaint that the murder of her son on a lonely frosty road, across from a meat packing plant was a "most cruel, heart-rending and unjust" act. The complaint alleges that after Earl had been arrested the night of Feb. 16 by officers at his home in Liberty, Pickens county, he was taken to the Pickens county jail for questioning in connection with the stabbing of Thomas W. Brown, a white cab driver of Greenville. Earl had come home from Greenville earlier that night.

Shortly after midnight, the complaint sets forth, a mob of then unidentified persons gathered at the jail and procured the dead man and, that after crossing into Greenville county, tortured and finally put him

to death. The complaint alleges that huge chunks of flesh were knifed out of the victim's body before a shotgun blast tore away the right half of his face. The horribly mutilated body was too much for hardened newspaper reporters to look at. The right thigh and the left arm had been cut to the bone before the final shooting. A cut-out had been made under the chin and around the heart also.

JAILER'S NAME LISTED
The complaint declares that Pickens county jailer J. Ed. Gustafson surrendered the victim. However, during the trial the defendants in May of 1947, Gustafson testified that he surrendered Earl only after he and his family had been

"The defendants were acquitted of the charges. Brown died from the stabbing on Feb. 18, 1947 and never identified his attacker. The first newspaper reports were the first persons to interview Mrs. Earle, she said, which took place two days after the slaying. She stuck to this although daily newspapers had quoted her through the Pickens county sheriff previously. She said her son, an epileptic, had come home and gone to bed before she left for work.

For several weeks following the slaying it was expected that one or both of the counties would pay the victim's mother a sum of \$2,000, provided for in the state constitution whenever citizens are deprived

Columbia Gets Third Policeman

Columbia added the third Negro officer to its police department this week when the city civil service commission approved the examination of William Ralph Mims, 29 year old native of Lexington county. Mr. Mims, a veteran of World War II, who has been with his wife and son at 2494 10th and street, received notification of his approval Saturday from the examination taken January 21. He joins Claude Pearson and George Eleazer, approved by the commission in December.

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Oklahoma Regrets Ask Segregation Ban in Colleges

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—(ANP) Negroes have been invited "in any grade and specialized curriculum" by Gov. Roy J. Turner and both houses of the legislature here Saturday by which instructions of substantial Oklahoma regents for higher education, urging that present state segregation statutes be amended to permit institutions of higher learning to admit Negro students.

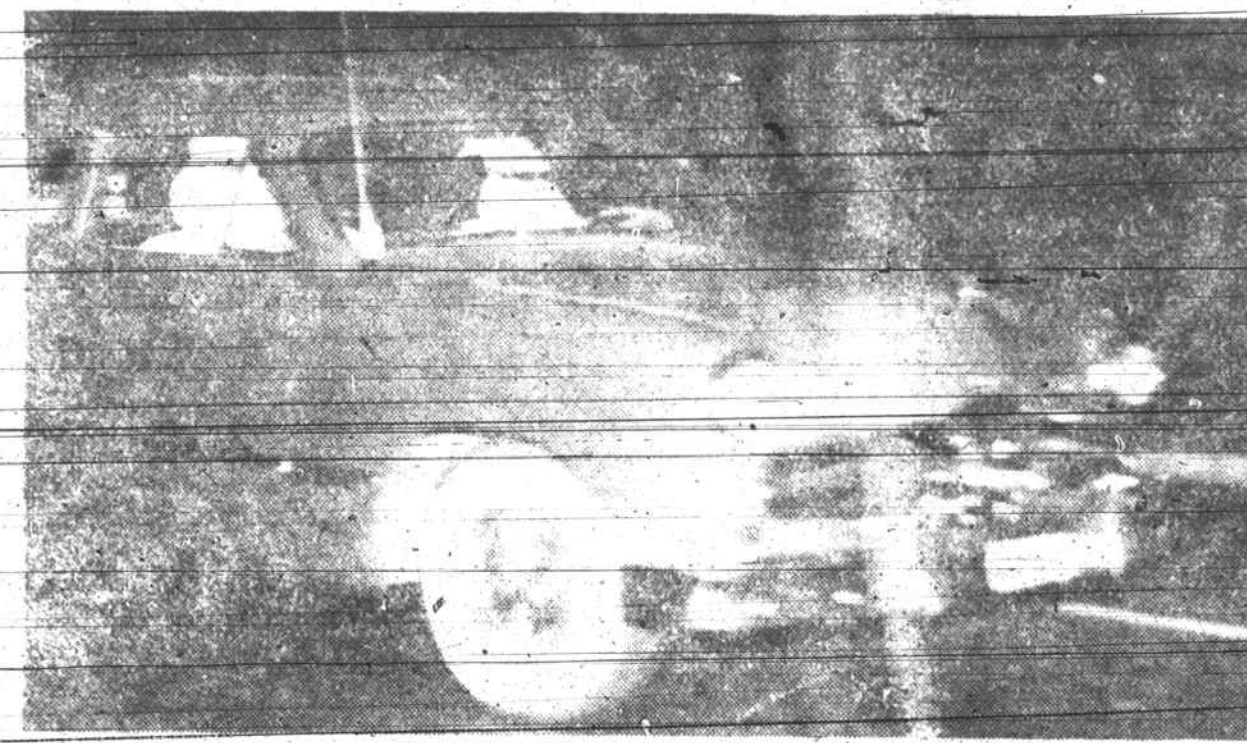
Morris College Rallies Thursday

MORRIS COLLEGE, N. C.—(ANS) The annual winter rally at Morris College, President O. R. Gibson, said Tuesday.

Judge Waring Given Willkie Award For Vote Rulings

NEW YORK—(ANS) U. S. District Court Judge J. Waring Waring of Charleston, S. C., was one of thirteen Americans to receive Wendell Willkie award during annual presentation here last week. Robert P. Patterson, former secretary of war, made the presentation in behalf of nine organizations, to agencies and individuals for "their important contributions to civil rights."

Judge Waring's citation commended him for restrained S. C. Democratic officials "who attempted to bar Negro voters from the polls."



KLANSMEN ON PARADE:—who, unable to prevent the appearance of a picture was taken for once, and unable to get state help in a recent parade of the Ku Klux Klan at Orangeburg. The photos note the section of the railroad yard had to forego further shots station in the background and the in the request of local authorities loaded figures in the late model car.

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Dr. J. W. Murph Distinguished A.M.E. Leader Passes

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—(ANS) Dr. James W. Murph, distinguished A.M.E. leader, died here last week.

Hotel Clerk Freed On Bias Charge

ATLANTA, Ga.—(ANS) Paul Carl, hotel clerk, has been cleared of a charge of refusing to rent a room to a Negro woman because of her race.

Mississippi Hen Lays Freakish Egg

JACKSON, MISS.—(ANS) A freak egg laid by a hen owned by Miss Lola Collins is causing quite a bit of comment here. The egg which looks like a turtle, has a head and tail. Soft-shelled, the yellow yolk can be seen through the thin membrane.

NAACP Teachers To Bring Cases

State officials of the NAACP and the Palmetto State Teachers Association will confer here within a few days to decide where the first "clean out" suit will be brought in South Carolina, James M. Hinton, state NAACP president, said Wednesday.

NAACP First Again

The NAACP has to its credit many "firsts" since it began laboring for the common rights of all citizens forty years ago. But this week in South Carolina, it added another first record.

The NAACP, through its Columbia branch, won the honor of being the first customer of the Lighthouse and Informer's job printing department.

The local branch, through executive secretary, Eugene A. Montgomery, ordered 2,000 tickets for its February 18 public recital of the Florida A. and M. College male glee club. Neither the branch nor Mr. Montgomery knew the order was the first completed.

Lighthouse Moves Into New Home

Headquarters of The Lighthouse and Informer, effective with this edition, have been transferred to a spanking brand new one and one-half story building across the street from Allen University.

This week's newspaper is being printed in this new home on equipment purchased last fall. Presently, employees and directors of the business are struggling to get set up and schedules working smoothly.

The expansion of the newspaper to do job printing as well as the regular paper.

Since December of 1941, the headquarters were maintained at 1022 1/2 Washington St. Prior to that time the offices were at 112 1/2 Lane street in Charleston.

Harlem's All Right Schuyler Declares

GEORGE S. SCHUYLER, author of "Nigger Heaven," after a newspaper address in Harlem has the message: "Harlem is not a ghetto. It is a city. It is a part of the press club."

Starting Next Week

A thrilling, suspense filled love story of an attractive "career woman," a newspaper reporter who had no time for love, met up with a "career man," who equally had no time for love.

Deborah Ames looked at Tommy Morgan as just another man until it happened. Mona Heath's captivating story, brought to you in serial form, begins next week. Be sure to read each installment of—

The Columbia NAACP Branch Presents.....
FLORIDA A. & M. MALE CHORUS IN RECITAL
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18--8:00 P. M.
ALLEN UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM