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Sharecropper Wounded By Officers

Had Shot Landlord In Dispute

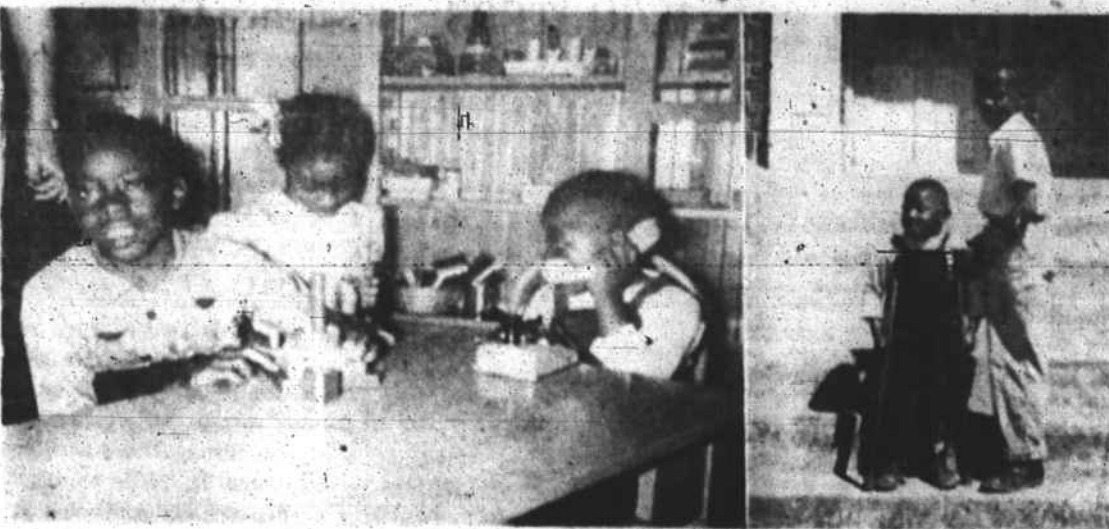
ORANGEBURG — (ANS) Ending a three-day manhunt, during which three persons were shot and wounded slightly, and another shot at by him, Willie Faust, 55 year old sharecropper was blasted down near North by sheriff George Reid and deputies as he attempted to flee the home of A. C. Simpson.

The Faust case, which began Thursday morning when his landlord, W. Barney Dempsey, flailed him with a plank because he wasn't hitching a team fast enough, recalls two other cases which involved treatment of sharecroppers or tenant farmers in the last ten years, one of them a sensational case.

As for Faust, Monday afternoon reports here were that he was improving from shotgun wounds in the arm, leg and head and faced four counts of assault and battery with intent to kill. In addition to Dempsey, who slightly wounded with birdshot lead from a considerable distance, Faust faces charges of having wounded two deputies slightly Thursday night by using his shotgun.

On the spot investigation by Sheriff H. Williams, assistant NAACP special counsel, convinced him of the innocence of the alleged rape was merely an excuse for terrorizing the community because Negroes refused to work at starvation wages. No investigation by a grand jury or other official body has been made of the mob violence in and near Groveland during mid-July. Mr. Williams, together with Horace Hill of Daytona Beach, Fla., assisted Mr. Akerman in the defense.

Little Children Being Helped



Shown in the scene left above are three of the little crippled children, victims of cerebral palsy, who are being re-trained at the Cerebral Palsy School, housed at Howard School. Here they are learning to reuse muscles. Mrs. Maude P. Pride directs the school and a registered occupational therapist gives regular treatment. At right a little victim gets help from Donald McCray, a sixth grade Howard student last term. Older children vie for turns to lend a hand to the less fortunate little citizens.

FLASHES!

LOSES FOUR HOMES

FT. LAWN — Four houses, belonging to Rev. and Mrs. Shaw of Columbia, were destroyed by fire here Saturday night. The Shaws were occupying one at the time. Tenants in the other three, as well as the Shaws, salvaged little in the blaze which flared late at night. One family, including four children, was burned out entirely.

Meharry, Howard Get \$200,000 For Health Training

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — A large scale, nationwide attack on heart disease was launched last week when a total of near nine-million dollars in federal funds was awarded to 85 medical schools and research institutions in 34 states and the District of Columbia, according to an announcement by Federal Security administrator, Oscar R. Ewing.

The two Negro medical colleges in this country received a little over \$200,000 of these funds. Dr. Murray C. Brown was the recipient of \$172,330 for the "construction of animal facilities and laboratories for cardiovascular research" at Meharry Medical college in Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. John A. Johnson of Howard University, Washington, received \$18,000 to conduct research on the "relationship between electrographic signs of right ventricular hypertrophy and the pulmonary arterial pressure." While the Howard College of Medicine was awarded \$14,000 for the establishment of a new training program.

These grants are in addition to grants announced in July which amounted to \$1,200,000, bringing the total to near \$10,000,000 in federal funds for the fight against heart disease during the fiscal year ending next June 30. This represents about six times as much money granted for heart research as was awarded last year.

These funds which will be used for stepped-up heart research, for expanding programs of heart teaching in medical schools, and for building additional heart research laboratories throughout the country, were approved by Surgeon General Leonard A. Scheele of the Public Health Service following recommendation by the National Advisory Heart Council.

Judge Kills First Bill

GREENWOOD — Judge J. Henry Johnson in general sessions court killed a rape indictment against 24 year old Willie Tolbert, Jr. here Monday as the state prepared to ask for Tolbert's life on a charge of criminally assaulting the 16 year old daughter of a prominent Greenwood family.

Judge Johnson allowed a motion by defense attorney Harold

TOLBERT CONVICTED

An all white male jury, deliberating but ten minutes, convicted Willie Tolbert of raping a 16 year old white girl in Greenwood Tuesday night. Judge Johnson sentenced him to die in the electric chair on October 25.

Defense attorney Harold R. Boulware filed notice of appeal from the verdict.

R. Boulware of Columbia, who charged that Negroes had been systematically excluded from the county's grand jury which had returned a true bill against Tolbert earlier in the day, and also from other juries in the county.

But the judge had no words of his own, claiming that the first existed because of the slow progress of Negroes since their emancipation in 1865.

He also hit at the U. S. Supreme Court which has ruled several times recently that any jury made up only of whites did not allow fair trial for Negroes. He said he had lost respect for the Supreme Court some 15 or 18 years now.

SPECTATORS SEARCHED A heavy detachment of state and local officers flanked the court room, searching spectators for weapons but reporting none found. The atmosphere here since the arrest of Tolbert last month has been suggestive of violence. Several crosses have been burned in colored areas of the town and several occasions on which hooded figures have slunk around have been reported.

Following the initial set back the state acted swiftly and by late afternoon had redrawn a grand jury which included one Negro, and also obtained a new indictment from the grand jury and was ready to present its case Tuesday morning. The case was to open at about 10 A. M.

Mr. Boulware, retained by the man's family, drew praise from Judge Johnson for his handling of the case.

Tolbert, at one time the object of an armed posse which may have reached 1,000 whites in Laurens county, is accused of forcing the young woman and her escort to drive him around late at night. The state says he assaulted the woman twice in the presence of her escort, which charges his attorney said he had denied.

Women Drop Laundry Here

Columbia housewives had begun dropping the Sunshine Laundry and Dry Cleaners from their patronage lists on the week-end. Several wives at whose homes pick up and delivery service had been furnished by the company said they notified drivers not to call again as they delivered the week's washing. One wife reported that her driver became angry with his employer when advised of her decision and said he

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Shown above is Miss Dorothy Brunson, popular and active Timmonsville young lady, who graduated from Claflin University recently with Summa Cum Laude honors. Holding a master's Art. Miss Brunson is employed this year in the Columbia School system.

SEEKS NEW TRIAL FOR FLORIDA TRIO

TAVARES, Fla. — A new trial denying a series of pre-trial motions for Samuel Shepherd and Walter Irwin, 22, and Charles Greenlee, 16, convicted of rape here last week, has been asked by Alex Akerman, Jr., Orlando attorney, retained by the NAACP to defend the accused youths.

In a motion for a new trial filed here on September 8, Mr. Akerman contended that the verdict was contrary to the evidence and to the law and charged the court with error in

Claflin U. Plans For 80th Annual

ORANGEBURG — Plans are being completed for the 80th anniversary celebration at Claflin University, to be held Wednesday, Oct. 19, President J. J. Seabrook said Monday.

Highlights of the program will be the dedication of four buildings, all of which were begun and completed under Dr. Seabrook's administration. They include a new science building, erected at a cost of \$150,000 and a new gymnasium, to be used the first time this year, costing \$7,500.

Also included are a \$45,000 library building and a heating system costing \$56,000. Simultaneously the college remodelled its athletic field at a cost of \$10,000.

A climactic program will be given in the evening portraying the history of Claflin.

White Jailed For Molesting Waitress

TAMPA, Fla. — (ANP) — A white interior decorator was sentenced to 50 days in jail and \$150 fine last week for attempting to force his attentions on a Negro waitress at the Cotton club here about two weeks ago.

The guilty man was Arthur Gayle who the waitress, Miss Gloria Washington, charged eyed and commented on different parts of her body then chased her with a hammer. Gayle was finally convicted after several attempts to bring him to trial failed for some reason or another.

In the meantime Miss Washington has been dismissed from her job for inefficiency, according to Henry Joyner, proprietor. He explained to a citizen's committee that she did not lose her job because she pressed charges against the decorator.

Former York Woman Dies At Age Of 106

KINGS MOUNTAIN, N. C. — (ANP) — Mrs. Clattie Gill died here last week at the age of 106. She was born into slavery in York county, S. C., where she lived throughout the Civil war. Since moving to Kings Mountain 20 years ago, she has lived with a grandson, Sam Pagon. She has many survivors including two great-great grand children.

Southern Women Pledge Voting Help To Aides

ATLANTA — (ANP) — White church women from 14 southern states, attending a two-day interracial meeting sponsored by the NAACP, pledged to help their Negro cooks and maids to safeguard their voting franchise. More than 150 women of all church denominations were present at the meeting.

They pledged themselves especially to make voting "legal and actually safe for all." They also were asked to call for grand jury investigations of any vote law violations and agreed to preach and practice the belief that "all men, white and Negro, are entitled to equal justice."

'Bama Klan Burns Robeson In Effigy

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (ANP) — A small group of robed but unarmed Kluxers gathered here last week in their first public demonstration in the city since 18 men were indicted on flogging and related charges, to burn Robeson in effigy. A dummy bearing a placard, "Welcome Paul Robeson," was strung from one arm of a 20-foot cross.

On the other arm, was another dummy with a large question mark pinned on it.

HILL VOTED SECOND BEST IN COUNCIL

RICHMOND, Va. — (ANP) — Oliver W. Hill, Richmond attorney and the first Negro to serve on the law making body of this city in a half century, was rated the second most valuable member of the nine-member City Council by City hall reporters here on the eve of the first anniversary of the new manager form of government for the city last week.

John S. Davenport, the white member of the City Council who rated higher than Mr. Hill won the position by a "narrow margin." The councilmen were checked to select the "most valuable councilman" by City Hall reporters.

The reporters who covered the activities of the council during the first year of the new government were asked to "name" the member of the City Council whose service each believed to have been most valuable to the citizens of Richmond. Mayor W. Sterling King was not considered on account of his

Cerebral School Reopens Class

The Cerebral Palsy School for children re-opened this week in a specially equipped room at Howard School. Organized in March, 1948, the Cerebral Palsy School is one of the facilities for handicapped children of Columbia and surrounding areas provided by the Crippled Children's Society of Richland county, a Community Chest agency. At present five children, ranging in ages from four to thirteen years, receive special training from the school's teacher, Mrs. Maude

JUST A BIT TOO WARM

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — (ANP) — Too much heat in his toes led to the capture of a teen-ager being chased by police here last week.

Frank Ray, 1, running from police, ducked into a funeral home as the chase grew a little hot. Officers coming in behind saw nothing but corpse on slabs, so they decided to feel the toes.

As might be expected all of them were cold except one set. Lo and behold, an officer lifted the cover from the warm set of toes, and there he saw young Ray, just as alive as could be.

Retires From Post

Dr. B. Baldwin Danaby, who officially retired last week after serving Jackson college in Jackson, Miss., for 38 years in the positions of teacher and professor of mathematics, registrar, dean, and later as president, has been popularly requested by the college to continue as professor of mathematics with the title of professor-emeritus. The last position, Dr. Danaby held before announcing his retirement was registrar and professor of mathematics.

State NAACP To Meet In Florence

Plans for the ninth annual meeting of the South Carolina NAACP Conference were under way early this week, Eugene A. Montgomery, executive secretary, announced.

The meeting will be held in Florence, October 15 and 16. Youth Councils and College chapters will also meet in annual session on those dates.

Returning from a special trip to Florence on the week-end, Mr. Montgomery said the Florence branch was speeding preparations for the conference.

Indication was that emphasis this year will go on voting and getting prepared to exercise the ballot.

Police Fire In Air To Disperse Angry Mob

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (ANP) — Police fired their guns in the air here last week to break up a crowd of Negroes who had gathered to protest to the arrest of two women. According to police, they thought the crowd was trying to take the women from them.

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