

"PINK" V. T. WHALEY SLAIN

ASLEEP ON A BENCH

Thought to Have Been Shot From Passing Automobile at Railway Station.

St. Matthews, S. C., Aug. 31.—Coroner W. H. Gaskin said tonight that the coroner's inquest into the death of V. T. ("Pink") Whaley, wealthy Negro Republican leader, who was shot and killed while he was apparently asleep on a bench at the Southern railway station here Saturday night, had been postponed under orders of Solicitor A. J. Hydrick of Orangeburg. The solicitor was in Orangeburg yesterday when the jury of inquest was convened and some evidence taken. The coroner was unable to state tonight when the solicitor would be ready to proceed with the inquest.

No arrests have been made in the case as yet, but the authorities are following all possible clues.

Representatives of the United States marshal's office, a state detective and officers of Calhoun county and the town of St. Matthews have begun seeking the trail of the slayers. It is believed Whaley was shot from a moving automobile, occupied by two or three men at a time when the rumbling of a passing freight train deadened the report of the shooting. A load of buckshot entered the Negro's throat.

Whaley, who was reputed to be worth in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, received communications warning him to leave the community several months ago, and he did leave, going to Orangeburg, where he made his home. Recently, however, he had been returning to St. Matthews on occasions. Last week he came back, apparently to stay, as he set up a cotton

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White Boy Held For Death Of Colored Girl

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE I. B. P. O. E. of W. AT RICHMOND

ELKS DESTROY "JIM CROW" 50,000 People Visit Richmond—Delegates Came From Mexico, Cuba and the West Indies.

(By The Associated Negro Press.) Richmond, Va., Sept.—For the past week this city has been the camping grounds of tens of thousands of Negroes from all walks of life and from every section of this country and from parts of Mexico, Cuba and the West Indies, gathered here for the twenty-sixth annual convention of the I. B. P. O. E. of W., from August 23 to 29. Beginning Sunday morning and running through until Tuesday morning there was a steady stream of visitors coming in from every direction until the crowd swelled to nearly 50,000 people. The entire city had put on her gay attire to meet them and as many as there was the home folk were equal to the occasion. Ample housing space had provided; there being plenty of places for the visiting Elks to stay with lots to spare. So much preparation had been made that many of the people who had signed up for delegates did not get any. Every home had been turned into a welcome station taking in visitors as cheap as \$1.00 a night. There was no overcrowding any where; no over charging to speak of;

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Prof. Staley Leaves State A. & M. College Accepts Position as Director of Agriculture A. & T. College North Carolina.

Graduate of Morehouse College and Cornell University, A. Mason, A. K. of P. and Member Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

We are sorry to learn that Professor F. M. Staley, Director, Agriculture, State College and Supervisor, Agricultural Education among colored teachers for the state of South Carolina will leave the state for work in our sister state North Carolina. We learn that he has been offered service there in the agricultural department as Director. This position will assure him a larger field of activity and greater remuneration. Those who work with him regret seriously that this companionship labor is to terminate.

Professor Staley came to South Carolina in September, 1915 to assume duties as instructor in Chemistry and Dairy Technology and assist Professor Hubert in athletics. When Professor Hubert accepted the Directorship of Agriculture at Tuskegee, his mantle fell on the shoulders of his co-worker and friend. In 1920, Professor Staley was made State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, which position, he held until his departure from the state. In 1920, there were ten Smith-Hughes teachers. In 1925, there are thirty two teachers of agriculture scattered throughout South Carolina, the most of whom have studied at State College and received their training under Professor Staley.

Took Active Part in Athletics and Extra Curricula Activities.

Having taken part in athletics at Morehouse College and Cornell University, he was a great lover of the old game. From the time of his advent to the date of his departure, he was head coach of baseball and basket ball teams. "Fair play" was his motto. The teams he coached won several state championships and defeated such teams as Morehouse, Atlanta University, Livingstone, Johnson C. Smith and Tuskegee Institute. He was the father of Girls' basket ball in South Carolina. The record made by the basket ball team is a credit to any institution. As secretary of The Georgia-Carolina Athletic Association, he did much to bring about clean sports in the colleges of these two states.

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MANUFACTURING CONCERN SHOWS NEW BUSINESS FIELD TO NEGRO.

Tulsa, Okla., Sept.—While it is a well known fundamental of commercial life that the greatest fortunes and most substantial successes are those which are made by the development of some raw product into the finished article, instead of being either the middleman or retailer, the Negro it was pointed out at the recent session of the National Negro Business League here, has not entered in any appreciable degree this phase of business endeavor.

A unique exception however is the enterprise conducted by the Heflin Manufacturing Company of Los Angeles, a furniture manufacturing concern, whose pretentious exhibit was a center of attraction at the League and who are successfully making and marketing high class furniture in the California city. L. N. Heflin, president and Emory Crain, sales manager were on hand to explain the process of manufacture of the fifteen hundred dollar example of their product which they had on display and to tell the interesting story of the beginning and growth of their organization.

Leon N. Heflin, the twenty-seven year old founder, designer and president has been a woodworker all his life. When just a lad from the manual training department of grammar school, he became an apprentice in a furniture plant, which has grown until it now covers more than five acres of floor space. In five years he had worked in every department of this firm and became a skilled laborer in the complete manufacture of all kinds of household furniture. Alert to the possibilities he decided to go in business for himself, building special furniture and parts for other manufacturers. His venture was successful. He added one man and then others until today they have a plant with \$30,000 worth of new and modern machinery and last year, report that they did a gross business of \$50,000. As a designer of special bedroom, dining room and parlor furniture of artistic design, Mr. Heflin has won recognition and has had orders from a number of big figures in the movie industry who have commissioned him to do special individual designs for their personal use. Mr. Heflin points out that a great future lies before the business and says that even at present he is only hampered by lack of facilities for doing more business. He plans, he said, to expand and build a new factory.

FISK ALUMNI TO RAISE \$25,000.00.

Chicago, Ill., Sept.—Plans were formulated at the meeting of the Allied Fisk Clubs, held at the Wabash Ave., Y. M. C. A., whereby the alumni of Fisk University is expected to raise \$25,000 of the \$100,000 deficit of the million dollar endowment fund. This amount must be raised by December 31st and to insure the success of the drive Miss Sophia B. Boaz, class of 1911, and a practicing lawyer and brilliant social worker of Chicago, has been designated as the executive secretary of the drive to travel throughout the country among the alumni in the interest of the Tennessee institution.

The plan further embodies the division of the country into seven regional districts with the following regional chairmen: Dr. H. H. Proctor, New York; Dr. J. M. Gandy, Petersburg, Va.; Jas. Robinson, Cincinnati, Ohio; Dr. F. A. Stewart, Nashville, Tenn.; and Mrs. M. S. Josenburger, Fort Smith, Ark.

Many of the alumni present at the meeting pledged large sums toward the fund, among whom were Dr. H. H. Proctor, \$1,500; Dr. M. Boute \$1,000; Dr. M. McClellan \$500 cash, and many others pledged fifty and one hundred dollars. Asst. Dean Ambrose Caliver and Trustee W. H. Baldwin attended the meeting.

BEING HELD IN \$5000 BAIL

Is a Graduate of Cairo High School, Where he Played on the Foot Ball Team.

A well known white boy of Cairo, Illinois, college student and graduate of the Cairo High School, where he played on the football team, is held in \$5,000 bail charged with the murder of Frances Cherry, a young colored woman who disappeared from her room on July 28 and has not been heard from since then. The warrant charging murder has been sworn out by the mother of the girl. The boy admitted taking out an auto on the night the girl disappeared and blood stains were subsequently found on the car, which the boy explained by saying he cut his head trying to lower the windshield. He denies ever having known the girl, but conflicting stories he has told of his whereabouts on the night of the crime are being investigated by the police.

The Cairo branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has employed an attorney to act in behalf of the girl's mother, and has offered a reward of \$100 for information leading to recovery of the girl's body, in addition to \$200 reward posted by the County Commissioners.

CITY STUDENTS FOR BENEDICT ASKED TO REGISTER WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7th.

Will all city students please register this next week September 7th, any time from 9-12, any day, in order that out-of-town students may register on September 14th, 15th and 16th. All recitations will begin on Thursday, September 17th.

N. A. A. C. P. REBUKES EDITOR FOR INCITING TO VIOLENCE

Editor of The Springfield Missouri Leader, Threatens "An Extension of the Lynch Law."

New York, Aug. 28.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, today made public a letter written to the editor of the Springfield, Missouri, Leader, rebuking him for an editorial in which he threatened "an extension of the lynch law" if the N. A. A. C. P. did not cease its activities. The N. A. A. C. P. letter is as follows:

"I have before me your editorial of August 10th on Missouri's Lynching, in which you criticize the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for asking the prosecution and conviction of the ruffians who publicly murdered a man of Excelsior Springs. Since the lynching we have received reliable information that not only did the mob's victim fail to confess his guilt, but that he asserted his innocence to the last;

and from conflicting accounts of the lynching and crime that were published, there is grave doubt whether the assault of which the man was accused was ever committed. However, no one can pass on the innocence or guilt of the victim since the mob made it impossible legally to establish his guilt or innocence.

"I do wish most emphatically, however; to protest against your unwarranted and vicious innuendo that this Association is in sympathy with criminals. Our 15-year record is one of opposition to lawlessness in every form. We have especially opposed incitements to lawlessness such as the one contained in your editorial which threatens the extension of lynch law if such organizations as the National Association for the

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DR. J. C. WHITE WRITES TO THE BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD

He Tells Them About The National Baptist Affairs, And States His Position Unequivocally.

To the Baptist Brotherhood and Sisterhood of South Carolina:

I have in my possession a letter from one of the strongest ministers of this state, and who holds among the best pastorates of this state, one who is a true and tried friend of mine, whose name I refuse to divulge because I have not his consent. In this letter (which I have not answered) the writer states that it is rumored over the state that I am about to desert the Boyd Wing of the National Baptist Convention, and go over and join the Morris' Wing of the National Baptist Convention. The letter further more deprecates the idea that I would destroy the confidence imposed in me by the hundreds of loyal friends of this state; and then it closes with a reminder of how hard the brethren worked for me at Laurens to be made the President of the State Sunday School and B. F. Y. P. U. Convention, and ends with

an invitation that I join the South Carolina delegation to the National Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo., this month.

I am taking this means of replying to that very friendly letter of my old friend, and at the same time to incidentally address the entire Brotherhood, and to state in terms unmistakably and without evasion my position on the National Baptist Convention issue.

First of all, I am not about to desert the Boyd Wing of the National Baptist Convention and go over to the Morris Wing. In 1900 when Drs. R. H. Boyd and Vann came to this state and met our State Convention, which was in session at Georgetown, and presented the claims of the National Baptist Publishing Board as against the American Baptist Publication Society our State almost unanimously voted to ally itself with the National Baptist Convention. From that

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