

## COLORED POSTMASTER, REMINI, S. C., PASSES

### 30 YEARS IN SERVICE

#### WORTHY OF TRUST

A Man Of Sterling Qualities—A Gentleman Of The Old School, Who Lived A Clean Life

On Wednesday evening, as the king of day was disappearing behind the western hills, W. M. McKnight, Postmaster at Rimini for more than thirty years, received his summons to appear before the Courts of Glory, and Rimini lost one of its most useful citizens. This fact was evidenced by the many heart-touching eulogies of laymen and ministers, by the many resolutions which were read by representatives of the church and the various societies of which he was a member and by the presence of his many friends who assembled at Antioch A. M. E. church on Thursday p. m., to pay to his remains their last tribute of respect. He was in his seventies which tells us that he was born a slave. The fact that he ushered into existence a number of years before the chains of slavery fell from the ankles of his race, yet acquired intellectual qualification sufficient to secure the postmastership of Rimini, tells that he must have been a man of genuine steel. He was a Christian gentleman, as good as ever mortals be. No man who ever held a position of public trust was more faithful in the performance of his duty than was Mr. Billy McKnight, as his friends and acquaintances called him. He was married twice, but both wives preceded him in the inevitable march to the tomb. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mary D. McFadden and Mrs. Eleanora Nelson, by three sons, Sampson P. McKnight, Julius L. McKnight and Manning McKnight, and by two brothers, Mr. S. J. McKnight, who was assistant Postmaster and Mr. Francis McKnight.

The following ministers were present and took part in the ceremonies: Rev. A. C. Sumpster prayed, Rev. M. J. Sumpster read the Scripture Lesson, Rev. Edwin Wells, a former pastor of the deceased preached the funeral. Eulogies were delivered by Revs. M. Warley and George C. Johnson. The former is the Presiding Elder over the Wateree District; the latter is the ex-Presiding Elder of the Wateree District, in which District stands Antioch, the church in which the deceased held his membership. The following laymen spoke: Mr. W. E. White, mail carrier at Rimini, spoke of the deceased as Postmaster; Mr. Preston Hampton spoke of him as a churchman and Mr. Dennis Singleton spoke of his faithfulness to his duties as devolved upon him by his connection with the secret societies of which he was a member. Prof. C. G. Garrett was present and was requested by the Master of Ceremonies to speak, which he did paying a glowing tribute to the man who shuffled off mortality.

Rev. George Ulmer, the present Pastor of Antioch acted as Master of Ceremonies.

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## WHITE COLLECTOR KILLS COLORED WOMAN

### EX-SLAVE STORY-TELLER DIES AT 125 YEARS HELD BABY

#### VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR

#### REARED IN SOUTH

Auburn Has Lost One of Its Most Vivid Living Reminders of The Stirring Days of Civil War

Auburn, N. Y., Sept.—Perry Williams, perhaps one hundred and twenty-five years old, is dead at his home here. In his passing Auburn has lost one of its most vivid living reminders of the stirring days of the Civil War, for he was a veteran of that great struggle. He was one of the few residents of central New York born and reared as a slave in the South.

He was known as a teller of tales of the Civil War and antebellum days, recounting to any who might care to listen how he spent his early life in the Carolina hills; his weary days in the cotton field and his long nights in his plantation shack. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he entered the service as a cook in the officers' mess of the Ninth Light Artillery, Union Army.

He had spent many years, trying to convince the Federal Government, that he should receive a pension as a Civil War veteran but died without having accomplished his ambition.

#### FLORIDANS BUY MANY CARS.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept.—The large number of automobiles owned by our people in this city has led to the opening of a new field for members of the Race, other than as workmen and mechanics. It is unofficially stated that Negroes in Jacksonville own more cars than Negroes in any other city. The proportion of cars to white and colored here is rated 3 to 1, there being one car to every seven Negroes. The management of the Medlin-Buick Co., looking at it from a business point of view and realizing that colored people would patronize their own, appointed a very wide-awake and lively Race man as salesman here. This followed the appointment of R. L. Butler, another Race man with the Oldsmobile Company. As a result of the appointment of these two men as salesmen, several motor agencies have appointed colored men as salesmen. The Oldsmobile and Buick people treat their colored salesman the same as if he were white, with all privileges accorded salesmen. Others give special consideration. The Buick salesman since his appointment six months ago has disposed of over forty-two new cars at prices from \$3,000 down. The colored people here are only buying cars which Negroes sell, and the venture has proven profitable for the automobile people as well as for the young men of the Race who can qualify as salesmen. If our people would buy only from stores which employ colored men, opportunities would be open to our people.

#### EIGHT (8) TO DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

#### MASONIC GRAND MASTER KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

#### EXPRESSED FEAR OF MOTOR ACCIDENTS

WAS 65 YEARS OLD AT DEATH

Born January 12, 1859 in Kent County Maryland. Came to Pennsylvania when about 20 Years of Age

(By The Associated Negro Press.)

Philadelphia, Pa.—William G. Butler, one of the best known men in this section, was killed in an automobile accident, on the Lincoln Highway, two miles east of Coatesville, late Friday night.

He died of a fractured skull and internal injuries. He had been in Oxford on official Masonic business and was returning to his home by way of West Chester he missed the last trolley back to Coatesville. He was invited to take a ride in a friend's car, which in attempting to pass the automobile of another, became wheel-locked, resulting in Mr. Butler's being thrown from the car.

#### HAD LIVED IN COATSVILLE LONG TIME.

William G. Butler was 65 years old, having been born January 12, 1859 in Kent County, Maryland. He came to Pennsylvania when he was about twenty years of age, living for several years in Philadelphia. He then moved to Coatesville, where he had lived for about twenty-five years. He was married in 1884 to Miss Priscilla Smith, of Boston, Mass. He found employment as coachman for A. F. Hutson, in whose employ he served continuously up to the time of his death.

He had often expressed fear of accidents, and travelled in a carriage from Hayti, his home to Coatesville.

#### ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN MEN IN SECTION.

Mr. Butler was one of the best known colored men in this section of the State. He had an active part in the erection of the Masonic Hall at Seventh and Lumber streets, being chairman of the building committee. He was concerned in religious and civic welfare work.

#### ACTIVE IN MASONIC FRATERNITIES.

He was elected Grand Master of the Pennsylvania Masons last December, and for many years had been an active and prominent figure in this Order. He was a member of the Knights Templar, a Patron of the Eastern Star and was connected with other branches of the Masonic Fraternity.

#### NOTICE.

All patrons of Waverley Union Graded School are hereby notified that the term 1925-26 begins Monday, Sept. 14th.

C. A. JACKSON, Prin.

#### BURLEIGH PRAISES SOUTHERN SINGER.

MRS. NELL HUNTER SOPRANO

A Graduate From Chicago Musical College Plans A Trip South then Back North to New York City

(By The Associated Negro Press.)

Durham, N. C., Sept.—Mrs. Nell Hunter, Durham's popular lyric soprano whose singing has been a sensational triumph wherever she has appeared since graduating from the Chicago Musical College, announces through her manager W. Gomez, plans for a tour beginning November first, which will take her as far south as Tuskegee and up east by way of Nashville to New York.

Mrs. Hunter has been praised by press and public of both races wherever she has appeared. Harry T. Burleigh wrote her on one occasion: "The more I think about it, the surer I am that you will become one of our great artists. You have brains, voice, heart, intelligence, aptitude, temperament, ambition, application and a magnificent physical equipment."

The Musical Critic of the Raleigh, (N. C.) News and Observer says she has a voice "combining a faultless purity of tone, power with utmost smoothness, technical assurance without loss of natural beauty, clear as a soprano and soft as a contralto."

Mrs. Hunter has just signed an agreement to appear as a feature one evening during the N. C. State Fair which is probably the largest gathering of the kind in the state and is an unusual achievement for a colored artist. While on tour her schedule includes a number of broadcasting engagements and the climax of her tour will be reached in New York where she is to fill a number of important engagements including the making of some records of Negro Spirituals for one of the larger phonograph corporations.

#### SCHOOLS OPEN AT GREENVILLE.

Piedmont City Schools Expect To Enjoy Good Year—Mrs. J. C. Martin Makes Address At Opening Of High School.

Greenville, S. C., Sept. 12.—The Greenville city schools opened last Monday morning, and now the little folks are all at their desks for nine months of ment of the principal of the Uhard work, if we take the station High School, Mrs. J. C. Martin. In a lengthy talk Monday morning in the auditorium, principal Martin sounded the key note for hard study and good marks in every class room.

The enrollment this year is larger than ever, and many new faces are seen in the high school faculty.

#### ALL TO DIE IN THIS MONTH

#### EIGHT IN DEATH HOUSE

Four May Escape, But The Other 4 Have Little Chance to Escape—All are Negroes

(By The Associated Negro Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. The electric chair in the state prison here will flash eight times during the month of September and each time a life will be snuffed out in payment for one already taken. The death toll will begin Friday when Fred Jones will be executed. There is a possibility that three of the eight men will escape the chair by appeals that are being made for them and a fourth on account of insanity. The other four, however, have little chance to escape the fatal current. All of the men now occupying the death cells are Negroes.

#### COLORED BOY BEATEN, SHOT AT, FATHER LYNCHED IN GEORGIA, IN 1915

Colored Boy, In Jail 10 Years, On Life Sentence, Seeks Release.

A Georgia lynching 10 years old, in connection with which an innocent colored boy, in jail under life sentence, seeks release has been reported to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue. The lynching was not hitherto recorded. The imprisoned colored boy, Ulysses Goolsby, is being aided by the Rome Georgia Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. Court testimony given at the original trial shows the following facts:

A white man, H. J. Villipigue, while driving along a country road near Blakely, Georgia, met Ulysses Goolsby, a young Negro driving a buggy in an opposite direction, having with him a young girl whom he was taking to an entertainment. Goolsby testified he drove as far to one side as the road would permit, nevertheless the white man Villipigue got down from his buggy, after ordering the Negro to get out of his way, and, holding a pistol in one hand, whipped Goolsby with a buggy whip, striking him in the face, Goolsby making no resistance nor protest. The white man even struck with his whip the young colored girl accompanying Goolsby.

Goolsby's father, Granderson Goolsby, determined the next day to call upon Villipigue, with his son and to make reparation for any offense which might have been alleged as justifying the brutal attack upon the boy. On the way, they asked Charlie Givens to accompany them and show the way to Villipigue's house.

Villipigue when called upon, came out of his house. "Is that Continued on page 2.

#### BABE 7 MONTHS OLD

Collector 18 Years Old, Claims That the Woman Had A Knife—Detective Says She Did Not

(By The Associated Negro Press.)

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept.—When our people learn not to have white collectors come to their homes, and demand that Negroes be employed as collectors, such tragedies as happened here the other day will not happen. There is seldom any punishment given white men for killing Negroes, and our people should realize they have little or no protection.

A. D. Thompson, white 18 year old collector for a local credit clothing store, shot and killed Mrs. Bessie McIntosh of 1735 Smith street, Monday morning, while the woman had a seven months' old baby in her arms. Thompson declared that the woman had a knife in her hands and threatened his life. County Detective Fred King, who investigated, declared that she did not have a knife and that she held a No. 3 shoe in her hand when she came to the door in answer to his knock.

The coroner's jury freed him at the inquest as usual and, of course, there is no redress. Colored people should demand Race collectors just the same as they demand colored salesmen with the local automobile agencies. When they do this and when the white people realize that our people will not buy from them, it will cease.

#### COLORED CITIZENS TO CARRY POSTMAN'S FIGHT INTO ENEMY'S CAMP.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, today announced that colored citizens of New York are organizing to carry into the enemy's camp the fight of Samuel A. Browne, colored Staten Island postman, whom it was sought to oust from his home by terrorism.

A monster mass meeting has been planned for 3:30 on Sunday afternoon, September 20, in the Abyssinian Baptist Church, at 132 West 138th Street, with Rev. A. Clayton Powell, Pastor of the church, presiding and speaking.

Mr. Browne, the postman who stood his ground, will tell the thrilling story of his victory over the Staten Island mob spirit, culminating in the indictment of his wealthy white neighbor, M. M. Robinson. Walter F. White Assistant Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will outline the campaign for civil suit for damages against the white mob. And other speakers are to appear, among them Mrs. Drusilla Poole, President of the Woman's Political Union, and John P. Quander.