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Blind Victim Dies Fire To Self Lighting Flame

An angry fire brought a death to an aged helpless woman here Sunday afternoon in one of the worst tragedies to visit Columbia for many years.

Progressives Pick Candidates For 1952 Slate

NEW YORK—Vincent Hallinan, outstanding west coast progressive attorney and prominent defender of civil liberties, and Mrs. Charlotte Bass, of New York, leading Negro publisher, were Friday unanimously recommended by the Candidates Committee as the Progressive Party's candidates for President and Vice President, respectively.

The Candidates Committee stated that the candidacies of Mr. Hallinan and Mrs. Bass assured American people of all political affiliations an opportunity to cast their vote for peace and against the corruption, militarism and broken promises of both Republican and Democratic Parties.

The Candidates Committee, in accordance with the minutes approved from the January 20 meeting of the Progressive Party National Committee, recommended that the Progressive Party organizations convene special meetings to vote on the candidacies.

Room For Eight More Students At Columbia Hospital

Room for eight more young women wishing to enter the Nursing School at the Columbia Hospital are available for eligible persons.

Greenville Drops Case Against Jailed Soldier

GREENVILLE — All charges against Cpl. Earl Warren of the Donaldson Air Force Base have been finally dropped, his attorney told a reporter this week.

Camden Man Shoots Wife As Intruder

CAMDEN — James Newman, hearing a noise outside his window around 3 o'clock Sunday morning, raised the window and fired at what he thought was an intruder.

Back Mr. Truman As Democratic Choice

Leaders Urge President Truman To Lead Democratic 1952 Slate

NEW YORK — President Harry S. Truman Monday was urged by a group of nationally-known leaders to stand again for election next fall.

The joint statement was released here by Elijah L. Crump, N. Y. State assembly. Among the prominent signers were Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Washington, D. C., W. H. Aiken, Atlanta, Ga., Marshall Sheppard, Philadelphia, Dowdell H. Davis, Kansas City, Mo. and the following:

John H. McCray, Columbia, S. C.; Emory Jackson, Birmingham, Ala.; Augustus Hawkins, Los Angeles, Cal.; Allan Woodard, Los Angeles, Cal.; Dr. Godfrey Nurse, NYC; William R. Hudgins, NYC; C. C. DeJoie, New Orleans; Jean M. Capers, Cleveland; J. Mitchell, St. Louis; Mrs. Dora Grant, St. Louis; Mrs. G. A. Scott, Atlanta, Ga.; John H. Bengtson, Chicago, Ill.; Edgar Hill, Richmond, Va.; J. S. Stewart, Durham, N. C.; Louis C. Blount, Detroit, Mich.; and H. M. Morgan, Tyler, Texas.

The full statement noted that the nation today is confronted with a series of critical problems, world-wide and domestic in character, which affect all Americans. It pointed out that in the main, Negro interest has emphasized the question of civil rights because it has long appeared to be the most urgent.

Informers Gave FBI Tip On Blonde's Killer

NEW YORK (CNS) — It took an informer—a dope addict himself—to break the case of the missing blonde, 16 year old Joanne Barbara Scott, who was discovered within 16 hours after the tip in a trunk on a Greenwich, Conn. estate.

Federal narcotics agents had been looking for the young wife's body for two weeks when the tip came from one who saw the girl die in the Harlem apartment of flashily dressed, Barry Robinson, a Negro seaman.

The informant, whom F.B.I. will only say was a man, told how Robinson had gotten panicky after the girl was dead, pleaded with the others in the room to remove the body and offered a half-ounce of heroin as part payment.

Dies After Legs Lost In Train Crushing

CHARLESTON — Mitchell North, 33, died here last Sunday after both legs had been amputated at Roper hospital following an accident under a freight train.

Coroner John P. DeVaux said North had attempted to crawl under a slow moving train near the west end of "E" street, near the weighing station. The Southern Railway train crushed his legs so that amputation was necessary. The resulting shock and loss of blood prevented his survival.

Segregation Forum On WMSC Program Sunday

Radio station WMSC will broadcast a forum discussion on racial segregation 4:00 to 4:45 Sunday afternoon, March 16. Members to be heard in this special broadcast are Thurgood Marshall, Chief of NAACP counsel, Marion A. Wright, president of Southern Regional Council, and A. G. Ivey, journalist.

The broadcast will be from tape recordings of a recent Harvard Law School Forum, originally broadcast by radio station WHDH, Boston, Mass. South Carolina's Clarendon county school segregation case will be discussed at length during the course of the broadcast.

Thurmond Speaks At Anniversary Of Trade School

DENMARK — Former governor J. Strom Thurmond, speaking to more than 1,000 persons at the fourth anniversary observance of the Area Trade School here last week, lauded the work being done at the institution, and expressed the wish that before long the enrollment at the school will exceed 1,000 students.

Mr. Thurmond, during the course of his speech, urged his audience to stick to American ideals and spurn those things which attack these ideals.

Senator Kearse and Rep. Brabner of Denmark County were in town visitors. Principal L. S. Dawkins presided over the program. J. M. Cherry, superintendent and business manager of the Area Trade Schools, introduced the speaker. B. R. Turner, state director of Vocational Education and President Halliburton of Voorhees Junior College, also spoke, briefly.

Following the program, Mr. Thurmond and other guests visited the campus, inspecting the various shops, classrooms and departments.

CHIPPY CHICKS CHOP OOP

A city policeman is nursing a ten-stitch knee and leg slash inflicted by one of two women he finally arrested.

The officer had moved in to halt the two from slicing each other with switchblades. During the swinging, one chopped him. Neither of the chipping chicks sustained so much as a scratch, however.



A 70 YEAR OLD blind woman, identified as Mrs. Annie Smith of 2318 Senate street, was fatally injured about 4:30 Sunday afternoon when flames from her clothing spread to consume the building pictured above. Mrs. Smith died in Columbia Hospital Tuesday night. Police think she caught herself afire while making a fire in the coal stove in her room. — (Photo by Elmore)

Open House At Allen Nursery

Formal opening of the Allen University Nursery School will commence with an open house, Sunday, March 16, from 4:00-5:00 p. m. The public is cordially invited to visit the Nursery, which is located in the Mance Teacher's Residence Hall and Laboratory school on Taylor street between Heldt and Oak streets.

McCray Speaks At Greenville

GREENVILLE — John H. McCray, editor of The Lighthouse and Informer, and state chairman of Progressive Democrats, will be the featured speaker here Sunday afternoon, March 16, 3 p. m., during a mass meeting in Bruton Temple church.

W. I. Jones and others of the sponsoring committee said the meeting is called to place more emphasis on voting this year, and enlightenment on methods and techniques which may be used.

DeAli To Speak In Greeleyville

GREELEYVILLE — Rev. E. Mohammed DeAli, news editor of the Lighthouse and Informer, a native of British Africa who recently joined the newspaper's staff, will deliver the main address here Sunday afternoon, March 16, 3 p. m., on the anniversary meeting of the local NAACP branch.

Newspapers Study South Carolina's Voting Technique

What Negro South Carolina proposes to do this year to counter Dixiecratic moves to defeat President Truman and civil rights was the interest of several outstanding newspapermen who visited Columbia last week.

Several newspaper men from the American South, who conferred with John H. McCray, editor of The Lighthouse and Informer, and state chairman of Progressive Democrats, and James M. Hinton, state NAACP president.

Mr. Hicks' mission here, and a few other places South is to learn first hand which way Negroes they may employ. He grooves will vote and what technical said that general opinion about the country was that "South Carolina has the most effective, if not the most honest and powerful leadership in the country among Negroes," and that this state is expected to set the pace for the rest of the south from the Negro side.

On Sunday, editor Louis E. Burnham, of "Freedom," a monthly newspaper published in New York City, accompanied by Mr. Chapman, visited the Lighthouse and Informer editor and conferred on possible plans this state might use this year. Mr. Burnham said he had made the trip because several state conventions of Progressive Democrats he had attended some years ago still convinced him that "Here in South Carolina is the perfect answer and machinery for the reluctant white south."

On Monday, editor M. J. Whitaker of the Weekly Review at Augusta visited with the Lighthouse and Informer editor. The two discussed several matters, among them possible political action this year in the two adjoining states.

More Than 2,000 Tested In Syphilis Drive

GREENVILLE — Each week an increasing number of persons have been tested for syphilis. The concentrated campaign against syphilis will continue another two weeks. Churches, schools, Centers have all been the scenes of stations for the blood testing programs.

Charleston Area To Get New High School Soon

CHARLESTON — Construction of a new high school building in the North-Charleston district four area, may begin within 60 days, Superintendent Charles W. Garrett said Monday.

Ray L. Mendel Rivers has notified Garrett that funds covering the entire cost, some \$900,000, has been allocated by the United States Office of Education, under a law which provides aid for areas swollen by defense workers. Recently, Charleston was designated a "critical defense" area by the government.

The new building is to have 18 classrooms. It will supplement the present Bond-Wills elementary and high school built four years ago. The latter had 69 students when first opened. Today it has more than 900.

Benedict Choir Gives Recital

CHARLESTON Alumni Club of Benedict College presented the choir of 40 voices of the college in recital at Central Baptist Church last Wednesday night.

Among those appearing on the program were: Rev. A. H. Clark, Rev. E. E. Riley, dean of Benedict College, Rev. J. C. Dunbar, Emmett I. Wroten was pianist and director.

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Donaldson had been booked by local police on charges of resisting arrest and driving while under the influence of an intoxicant. A six-man police court jury had found him guilty on the first charge in a six hour trial Tuesday night but had split on the second.

MEN'S WEEK Committee at Claflin College: Discussing the theme "The College Man in a Changing World" of the first annual Men's Week, March 17-23 at Claflin College, Orangeburg, are: (left to right) Julius Green, Madison Smith, William C. Evans; Counselor of Men George H. Greene, Chester Smith and Reverends Charles Smith and James Gadsden. (Robert Howard photo)