



Lt. Paul Pearsey, One Of Eight Policemen Wounded By Gunman . . . Crazy Man's Body Removed. (AP Wirephotos)

Junior College Conclave Ends

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. — The annual Southeastern Junior College Work Conference closed here yesterday with the election of Prof. W. Orson Beecher of Armstrong College, Savannah, Ga., as chairman.

Beecher succeeds Dr. John C. Simpson, president of Stratford College, Danville, Va. Dean K. G. Slaggs of Florida Junior College, Marianna, Fla., was named vice chairman.

J. J. Stevenson Jr., dean of Breward College, presided over a discussion on "Inter-Institutional and Public Relations." A panel secretary of the American Assn. of Junior Colleges, Washington, D.C., ended the meeting.

SLEEPY DRIVER CRASHES INTO PARKED AUTO

A 34-year-old Charlotte driver claimed today that he fell asleep at the wheel of his car, causing his auto to cross to the left side of the street and knock a parked car into a fire hydrant.

The accident occurred about 3:30 a. m. today in the 100 block of S. Cecil St.

Patrolmen Hinson and Hagler of city police said that Harold D. Hill, 34, 3301 Cambridge Rd., suffered a slight cut on the head and was cited for speeding.

The officers said Hill's 1951 Plymouth struck an automobile parked on S. Cecil St., owned by Hubby G. Wineford, 148 S. Cecil St.

Mental Patient Killed After Wounding Nine

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — A 34-year-old man in convalescent leave from a mental hospital tonight a death duel with 200 policemen in the West Side home yesterday and wounded eight officers before he was killed.

When the gunfire finally was stilled the body of Howard Ellis lay behind a bookcase barricade riddled by 26 bullets. His dirty white frame house was splintered by thousands of rounds of ammunition.

Ellis' wife Janie, first target of his rage, suffered minor wounds in the left leg and left hand.

One patrolman, Paul White, 30, was in critical condition with wounds in the chest, neck and arm.

Two others were listed in serious condition. They were Dora Ward, 27, shot in the head, and Martin Lyon, 29, shot in the right side. Lt. Paul Pearsey, 60, was in fair condition. Four others were released after treatment for less serious wounds.

CHILDREN LEAVE HOUSE

Five foster children who had been placed in the Ellis home by the Welfare Department slipped out of the house before the shooting started and were not harmed.

Central state hospital said Ellis had been on leave for a year and a half and had been checked by monthly reports. The hospital said his June report was the most favorable since his release.

Mrs. Ellis said the trouble started when Ellis beat one of the foster children wards. She threatened to call the hospital and have him re-committed, and he chased her

from the house. She called the hospital and police from a neighbor's home, then started to return home.

That was when Ellis started shooting, wounding her. She fled again, and the first police to arrive found Ellis crouching behind a utility pole outside the house.

He wounded Pearsey. The officers held their fire because there were children in the yard.

Ellis retreated to the house and the siege began. His wife said she had no idea where he got his shotgun, rifle and huge supply of ammunition.

Ellis kept up a heavy fire. Finally an armored car roared up to the back door, and three heavily armed officers leaped through the door and ended the battle.

"It just had to be that way," Mrs. Ellis said softly when they told her at General Hospital that her husband was dead.

SC To Retain Peach Crown

ATLANTA, Ga. — South Carolina, which noised off Georgia as the nation's leader in the production of peaches last year, is expected to take the title again in 1954.

A U. S. Department of Agriculture report released here today estimated this season's South Carolina peach crop at 3,500,000 bushels. Georgia is expected to produce 3,300,000 bushels.

The 1954 estimates in South Carolina are slightly higher than 1953 production, which was 3,320,000 in bushels and 3,312,000 in Georgia.

Georgia's average production for 1942-52 was the highest in the nation. It was 3,433,000, some 130,000 over South Carolina's average.

Continental Moves To Larger Quarters

The Continental Electric Corporation has moved into new and larger quarters at 1215 E. 7th Street, it was announced today by J. Mark Robinson, president and manager of the firm.

The new location will also provide more adequate parking facilities, Mr. Robinson stated.

The firm was formerly located at 811 N. Tryon Street.

The company, which has been in continuous existence in Charlotte for more than 40 years, handles a complete line of Westinghouse household appliances.

Sisters Have Bad Luck Run

RADFORD, Va. — A Radford woman was shot and killed by her husband here late last night, police said — the second of two sisters to be slain by her husband in six weeks.

The husbands then committed suicide in each instance.

Officers said Guy Mills, 28, shot himself with a .22-caliber pistol after first killing Mrs. Lorna Faye Wurzbarger Mills. The couple's small daughter was found unharmed in the Mills home here.

On May 19, Mrs. Joe D. Howell — Mrs. Mills' sister — and her two young daughters were shot by Howell, who then killed himself, also with a .22-caliber pistol.

Andrew W. Byers

Funeral arrangements were in complete order this afternoon for Andrew W. Byers of 222 S. Cherry St., who died this morning in a local hospital.

The body is at Grier & Thompson Funeral Home pending completion of funeral arrangements.

Deaths And Funerals

W. J. Helms

W. J. Helms, 63, of Oakdale Rd., local cabinet maker, died this morning in a local hospital, after a five-month illness.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow at 3 p. m. at Thomasboro Church of the Nazarene by the pastor, the Rev. P. D. Montgomery, assisted by the Rev. Billy Smith of Freewill Baptist Church.

Place of interment will be Mount Holly Cemetery.

Mr. Helms was born May 25, 1891, in Catawba County, son of the late Frank and Polly Brotherton Helms.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Edna Black Helms; one son, Boyce Helms of North Augusta, S. C.; one sister, Mrs. Florida Brown of Sherrill's Ford; and three grandchildren.

The body will remain at McCall-Ewen Funeral Home until 2 p. m. tomorrow, and from there to the church at 2:30 p. m. to lie in state prior to services.

Mrs. W. E. Moore

Mrs. Eugenia Wingate Moore, 69, of Beatty's Ford Rd., widow of the late William E. Moore, died early this morning in a local hospital after several years of declining health.

Funeral for Mrs. Moore will be held tomorrow at 3:30 p. m. at Home by the Rev. Fred Roberts of Hutchison Avenue Baptist Church, assisted by the Revs. E. T. Farham of Robbins and the Rev. J. O. Young of Woodlawn Baptist Church. Place of interment will be Elmwood Cemetery.

Nephews will serve as pallbearers. The body will be taken to the home of Mrs. A. L. Frazier, a daughter, at 5 p. m. today to remain until 2 p. m. tomorrow when it will be brought back to the funeral home for services.

She was born in Mecklenburg County daughter of the late Richard Jackson and Jane Lawing Wingate. Date of her birth was Sept. 26, 1884. She had lived here all of her life and at the time of her

death, she resided with her daughter, Mrs. Frazier on Beatty's Ford Rd.

She was a member of Southside Baptist Church.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. E. J. Baker, Mrs. J. S. Gulley, Mrs. J. R. Mullis, all of Charlotte and Mrs. W. Earl Austin of Kingsdon; two sons, W. E. Moore Jr. and George Moore of Charlotte; three sisters, Mrs. Onie Wingate, Mrs. Annie Wingate and Mrs. Mary Howard, all of Charlotte; and nine grandchildren.

Robert Hollingsworth

SPARTANBURG, S. C. — Robert Morris Hollingsworth Jr., seven-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hollingsworth of Kinston, died in a hospital here Wednesday.

The child's parents are formerly of Charlotte. Mrs. Hollingsworth is the former Margaret Hurrell who was of one time church secretary at Moore Park Methodist Church.

In addition to the parents, other survivors are the paternal grandmother, Mrs. A. M. Hollingsworth of Spartanburg, and the maternal grandparents, Mrs. John B. Hazlett of Beaufort, N. C.

Funeral services were held at the residence in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Charlotte at 4 p. m. today. Dr. C. C. Herbert officiated.

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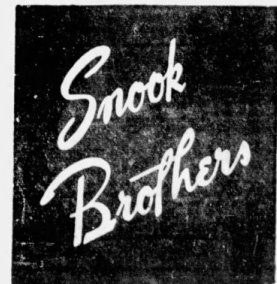


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