Negro County, Home Agents Meeting Here

The annual session of the Association of Alabama Negro County and Home Demonstration Agents got underway Thursday evening in Florence with 60 agents from all parts of the state registering.

After the registration a banquet was given for the agents in the W. C. Handy cafeteria. This was a courtesy of the First National Bank of Florence.

Presiding at the program that followed the banquet was C. G. Leslie. The agents were welcomed by Mayor Walter N. Harrison and the speaker was introduced by Professor W. H. Lewis, Principal of Burrell-Slater High School.

Dr. E. B. Norton, president of FSTC, the principal speaker, commented on the work the agents were doing them and and encouraged them to do better work with the people whom they serve and to give special attention to the groups and institutions in the communities.

Highlighting the program was the presentation of a plaque to Mrs. T. B. Daly, retired home demonstration agent of Macon County, for her 38 years of agent work. Making the presentation to Mrs. Daly was L. C. Johnson, president of the association.

R. T. Thurston, Tuskegee Institute, was also presented with an award for his 25 years as a county agent in Macon County.

The group held business sessions this morning and lunch was provided for them today by the Florence Chamber of Commerce.

WEATHER BUREAU FORECAST—Showers and thunderstorms tonight will be confined to the central and upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys with a few showers in the mountains of Wyoming. It will be cooler from New England westward and continued warm in the rest of the country.—(AP Wirephoto Map).

NON-STRIKER HELD

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tion where Wright was going or had been.

Mrs. Wright said she had last seen her husband in midafternoon when a telephone call interrupted his work in a garden. She said he listened on the phone, said little then changed his shoes and started out with the remark, "I'll be back soon."

The Wrights have a daughter, Charlene, 12.

Earlier in the telephone strike, Mayor George Dempster, of Knoxville, issued shoot-to-kill orders to a special police squad and saw that the men were equipped with machine guns and tear gas.

Dempster said he would assume full responsibility for the order. "They asked for it," he said. "This has gone as far as it can."

The action followed two explosions early yesterday that wrecked two telephone cable distribution boxes in the Knoxville area. Two men were arrested for questioning in connection with the blasts.

In Atlanta, W. A. Smallwood, district director of the CWA, said in a statement:

"With accusations of a man who does his thinking with a machine gun should be called directly to the attention of the public."

The Weather

MISSISSIPPI, ALABAMA and NORTHWEST FLORIDA: Clear to partly cloudy and warm today, tonight and Saturday.

Maximum temperature during the 24 hours ending at 6:30 this morning was 90, and the minimum was 53. There was no rain. Sunrise this morning was at 6:32 and sunset this evening will be at 6:36. Pickwick Lake stage this morning at 6 was 13.36 as compared with 13.28 for Thursday morning at the same hour, a rise of .08 of a foot.

Baccalaureate Sermon Set In Cherokee

The baccalaureate sermon for the Senior Class of Cherokee Vocational High School will be held Sunday, announced William Lile Harris, superintendent.

The address will be delivered by Dr. Robert N. Broadus, professor of public speaking, David Lipscomb College, Nashville.

Friday night, May 13, at 8 o'clock graduation exercises for 65 seniors will be held. Dr. Gerald Y. Smith, assistant superintendent of city schools, Atlanta, will be the speaker. Musical numbers will be rendered by David Gibson, concert pianist from Decatur.

CWA OFFICIAL

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charged that the telephone company had deliberately provoked the Southern CWA to strike.

He declared that the union's grievances revolved around basic union principles, and the management of the phone company was unable to understand these principles.

He listed these principles as including contracts, the use of supervisors, and the no strike clause.

Regarding the violence in the strike, Mr. Van Houston declared that he knew of no violence except a case involving Birmingham police. Regarding the vandalism, he pointed out that some of the acts of vandalism were not the things a good telephone worker would have done. "And we have the best workers on strike."

The thugs hired by the company, he declared, would stand to profit most by this vandalism, since it would mean their keeping their jobs.

He added however that if working people were provoked enough they might resort to violence. If they have or do, he said, it is the fault of the telephone company for provoking them. The union has not requested it, he said.

MUSCLE SHOALS

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The commission categorically denied the Muscle Shoals Gas Co. the franchise, Mr. Carmichael said, because of Mr. Beasley's attitude, which he termed trying to force them to sell his firm the franchise.

MURDER OR SUICIDE

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driven his wife home from work only a short time before Crum's arrival.

In Mrs. Martin's purse, police found inspectors tickets which she had not yet turned in to Flagg Knitting Company, where she worked; a Sears credit card, cigarettes, keys to the house, her little boy's picture, $34 in cash, and a picture of an elderly couple, perhaps that of her parents.

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At the same time police said that the shots in the side screen door at the Martin house which neighbors had said was not there the day before was done by police when they were trying to find some way of entering the tightly-locked house Wednesday morning without breaking down the front door, which they were finally forced to do to gain entrance. Besides, they said, the door inside the side screen door was locked also.

Chief Danley said that Mrs. Crum has identified all of the handwriting involved as being that of her husband, but did not identify the revolver as being Crum's. However, he said, a nephew said the revolver belonged to Crum, and Martin has told officers that Crum had a gun in the car with him when he drove up in front of the Martin house Tuesday afternoon.

All local authorities are agreed that the Martin living room yielded no evidence of any kind to indicate that the slain pair had been drinking or doping and all have agreed that if it was murder and suicide that Crum did the shooting.

Although a total of six bullets were fired, apparently some time Tuesday before midnight, according to Coroner Chisholm, only one neighbor reported hearing one shot, which he said awakened him from his sleep. This neighbor dozed back to sleep without checking the time or attaching any particular significance to the gun's report.

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Complete funeral rites for the slain pair were published Thursday with the exception of the minister and pallbearers for Mrs. Martin.

Officiating at the funeral services today was Rev. James Doss, with Marion Davis, Homer Stevenson, Buford Killen, Almon Mason, J. C. Walker and Odell Townsend as active bearers and the following honorary bearers:

Dr. A. A. Jackson, Dr. Lance Price, Dr. T. L. Bennett, Bill O'Bryant, Walker Creekmore, John Chandler, J. E. Weaver, A. B. Matthews, Edgar Thigpen, C. H. Spann, Flex Comer, Price Davis, Marvin Thigpen, A. B. Dale, Everett Bass, Ray Richardson, Buddy Garner, D. O. Sayer, Russell Miller, Glenn Thompson, Frank Springer, Leonard Keeton, and Grady Williams.

Meantime, police said they had turned over the keys to the house to Mr. Martin and had returned Crum's car, a late model green Plymouth found parked in front of the Martin home, on Wednesday morning, to Mrs. Crum.

Natural Gas Explained To Rotary Club

"The Growth of Natural Gas" was the topic of the speaker at the Sheffield Rotary Club meeting Thursday.

Morgan Prouty, a member of the club, told of the growth in the use of natural gas and predicted even greater growth in the future. He said that natural gas was the big competitor right now with the other fuels that are used for the same purposes as it is.

High school visitors for the meeting were Jimmie Congleton, Carolyn Cox, Maxine Creekmore and Tommy Winborn.

Visiting Rotarians were Frank Cherrick, Pasadena, Tex., Joe Parker, Nashville, and L. H. Baker, Florence.

Local Bankers Attend Clinic

Four bankers of Lauderdale County attended the Bankers Farm Credit Clinic at the Tennessee Valley Sub-Station near Belle Mina Thursday.

County Agent A. H. Barnett accompanied the bankers. The group included A. D. Ray, Waterloo; W. H. Buchanan, Florence; Cris Moore, Florence; and J. H. Belew, Bank of Lexington.

Seven counties in this section of the state were represented at the clinic. Invited were bankers from 33 banks and county agents from the seven counties. Mr. Barnett said the group studied the financing of farm and home development programs, reviewed latest work of the sub-station and visited a farm family to study its operations.

Among those on the program were John Boseck, Sub-Station superintendent; Ben Lanham, Foy Helms, D. R. Harbor, and Miss Stella Mitchell, all of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute; Allen Beasley, Athens banker; and S. K. Agee and Mrs. Emma Joe Lindsey, County and Home Agent of Limestone County.

Guaranty Savings Insurance Company Holds District Meet

The Guaranty Savings Life Insurance company of Montgomery is holding a sales clinic for its North Alabama sales representatives today in the Reeder hotel, Florence.

Representatives from Birmingham, Anniston, Gadsden, Bessemer, Tuscaloosa, Russellville, and Florence are attending the conference.

Florence Mayor Walter N. Harrison gave the welcome address this morning, while Dr. E. B. Norton of Florence State Teachers College gave the luncheon address.

A business session was held this afternoon. Several of the, local stockholders were present.

Florence Curb Market To Be Open Saturday

The Florence Curb Market will be open Saturday from 6:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

Features will be strawberries, African violets, greens, poke salad, onions, radishes, dressed hens, eggs, butter, buttermilk, flower and vegetable plants, cut flowers, and shrubbery.

The market had 12 sellers Tuesday, with proceeds of $142.27.

Market Reports

H. L. Reeder Cotton Company

Middling	33¼
Strict Middling	34

Shoals Cheese Corporation

Premium Sour Cream	41

Florence Packing Company

Steers & Heifers		Veals	
Choice	20.00	Choice	22.00
Good	17.00	Good	18.00
Commercial	13.00		
Utility	11.00	Utility	10.00
Cutter	9.00	Cutter	6.00
Cows		**Bulls**	
Commercial	12.50	Commercial	14.50
Utility	11.00	Utility	11.00
Cutter	9.00	Cutter	9.00
Canner	6.00	Canner	7.00
Hogs			
180-230			16.50
235-280			15.25
285-300			14.50
305-400			13.75
405-up			13.25
160-175			15.25
130-155			14.25
125-down			13.00
Sows 350 down			13.25
Sows 350-485			12.75
Sows 500-up			12.00

J. R. Pounders Dies Today In Richmond, Va.

James Reece Pounders, 58, native and resident of Florence for a number of years, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pounders, Limestone Street, Florence, died this morning at 12:45 o'clock at Memorial Hospital in Richmond, Va., after an illness of some length.

Mr. Pounders was educated in the local schools, graduate of Coffee High School. He was a member of the Sherrod Avenue Church of Christ.

He had lived in Florence much of his life and for a time worked at the Florence Post Office. Later he was with the United States Supreme Court at Washington as an accountant before returning to the Shoals for a time when he became associated with the Reynolds Metals Company.

He has been located with that company at St. Louis, Chicago and Richmond since that time and was manager of the systems department at Richmond at time of his death.

Surviving in addition to his parents, of Florence, are his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Curtis Pounders and three sons, Bobby, Jimmy and Roger Pounders, all of Richmond, Va.; four brothers, Harold T., Charles, Maurice and Conrad Pounders, all of Florence, and a step-brother, Buford Jackson, of Luverne, Ala., and a number of more distant relatives.

The body is being shipped to Brown Service Funeral Home in Florence and funeral arrangements will be announced Saturday.

CLARIFICATION

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tion to Sheffield, and one asking for election on annexation to Tuscumbia, which were filed at the same meeting of City Commission, was read at Tuesday night's meeting.

It, in effect, said that an election should be held on the petition which was filed first. Then, if it failed to pass, an election on the second petition should be called.

The opinion stated that, in the attorney general's opinion, both elections could not be held simultaneously, on the grounds that it was theoretically possible for the voters to decide in favor of both petitions.

However, Mr. Carmichael admitted, this possibility did not rule out the possibility of including both petitions on the same ballot.

Signers of the petition to merge with Sheffield have indicated that they will seek action through the courts if their election is not called.

SHOALS LIFE

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ordinary life insurance for sale, but will branch out into combination insurance later on.

Actual selling of insurance will begin this month, with initial operations all over Northwest Alabama, which operations will be extended over the entire state as fast as the sales and service organization can be perfected.

Once Alabama is well covered, Mr. Williams said the company will branch out into other states as circumstances justify.

Insurance company records indicate that in organizing the new company by himself that Mr. Williams has performed an unheard of feat. Records indicate that no other insurance company has come into being in such a manner.

Dogs Now Being Inoculated

As required by the Alabama state law all dogs three months of age or over must be inoculated against rabies each year. A penalty will be charged after September first. Dr. A. D. Sherrill, Rabies Inspector, announces his schedule for Sheffield and Tuscumbia, which begins Monday, May 9th and which is carried elsewhere in this paper. Inoculations at the veterinary hospital will be given any time between 8 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. except Thursday afternoons.

Lauderdale Post To Meet Tonight

The Florence-Lauderdale American Post No. 11 will hold its regular meeting tonight at 8 p.m.

Topics for discussion will be representatives for Boys State, junior baseball, and the annual post inspection.

OBSERVE MUSIC WEEK—These 51 piano students of Miss Emily Webber (seventh from left), assistant professor of music at Florence State, observed Music Week Thursday by presenting a recital. A varied program of folk tunes and hits from opera, ballet, the theatre and the concert stage was offered. Twenty of the students are music majors or minors.

51 Take Part In Music Recital At FSTC Thurs.

"Music Making Enriches Life" and a capacity crowd is ready to endorse that theme after hearing 51 of Miss Emily Webber's piano students in a music recital Thursday in Wesleyan Auditorium at Florence State. The recital, a varied type program, was held in celebration of Music Week.

"Prelude" was given by the beginning piano class composed of Anne Allison, Richard Brock, Bill Cofield, Christine Garrison, Jack Lindsay, Sandra Smith, Leona Howard, Charles Polk and Joe Stanley.

A sextet made up of Nancy Banks, Helen Lile, Geraldine Berryman, Lenita Sockwell, Mary Shrader and Marjorie Hester played the Alma Mater with the audience singing.

Playing familiar tunes and folk tunes, were Margie Slate and Janie Barker, Barbara Hinkle and Betty Blackburn, Patsy Mitchell and Ruth Horton, Gloria Powell, Sammie Nell Sims, Dana Lemons, Joan Dorris, Dot Miller and Carolyn Cole.

Hit tunes from opera, ballet, theatre and concert stage were rendered by the following quartets: Marcie Balch, Martha Crumpton, Jane Branum and Lillian Grund; Philip Scoggin, Sallye Bryan, Dexter Montgomery and Glennis Bailey. Also playing in this section were these duets: Betty Blackburn and Betty England, Barbara Hinkle and Elizabeth Houston, Max Williams and Phillip Anderson, Bernita Rice and Rachel Ann Carter, and Carolyn Cole and Dot Miller.

Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 2 was a fitting conclusion for the recital. This fine number was played by the quartet composed of Oliver Brazelle, Philip Scoggin, Wayne Vaughan and Dexter Montgomery.

At least 20 of the students appearing on the program are music majors or minors.

The ushers were Shelby Parvin, Shirley Hollingsworth and Tommy Parrish.

FLORENCE STATE

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gagements at Hackleburg High, May 6; Holly Pond High May 21; and Gurley High, May 27.

The head of the music department, Dr. Wayne Christeson, will give the commencement address at Phillips high, Bear Creek, May 6.

Lawrence County high of Moulton has invited Dr. Hoyt Brock, head of the education department, to speak May 5.

STRIKER SERIOUSLY

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The detectives said they placed no charges against Braswell because he was protecting his family property at the time of the shooting.

Police arrested two of Nichols' companions and charged them with conspiracy. Scheduled to appear in police court today are B. F. Webster, 30, and Samuel L. Turner, 31.

SHRINERS PLAN

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Featured in the parade will be Shriners and Shrine musical and other units from all over North Alabama.

The proceeds of the event will go principally toward carrying out Shrine objectives in the Muscle Shoals area, including the building of a Shrine home in the Tri-Cities, exact location of which has not been determined to date.

However, a portion of the net profits will be handed over to the Alabama Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

The Belk-Hudson Company is having 5,000 programs printed which will be sold for a dime each at Fair Park only.

The public is invited to patronize this three-day program which will feature some of the best riders and tricksters in the business.

Florence Census Is Started

Work began on the Florence census this morning with the arrival of T. Walter Hughes, Special Census Supervisor.

Mr. Hughes said he would begin going over the applications today and would probably interview some of the applicants today and Saturday. He said that he hoped to begin testing the interviewees Monday and start training them Tuesday.

The supervisor said that he did not know how many applications that had been turned in, but that he would probably need around 40 persons for the census taking. "We are going to have to have qualified persons and persons who are willing to work," he stated.

"All the work has to be done by personal contact and we will not do any canvassing over the telephone," Mr. Hughes also said.

He said that Mayor Walter N. Harrison would sign the contract later on today and that the whole program would last about three weeks, with the actual census taking lasting about two weeks.

He stated that the city would be divided into segments and that each enumerator would be assigned to a segment, which would have about 1,000 persons in it.

Mr. Hughes' office is in Room 213 of the Municipal Building.

Grand Larceny Charges Placed Against Man

MOULTON (Special) — Grand larceny charges have been placed against James Wright, 26, Wolf Springs resident.

Wright was taken into custody Wednesday by Sheriff Franklin Smith's forces, charged with the theft of three wheels and tires from a car in the sheriff's custody.

Sheriff Smith said the wheels and tires were taken from the car while it was parked alongside a road about five miles south of Hatton.

The car, which is owned by Jack Long, was under the sheriff's custody as he had arrested several occupants in the car over the weekend for public drunkenness.

Lawrence Board Of Education To Hold Public Meeting

MOULTON (Special)—A public meeting will be held by the Lawrence County Board of Education at 9 a. m. Tuesday, May 10, in the county board of education office in the courthouse.

Superintendent Clyde G. Horton announced that the meeting, which is required by law, is open to the public for any matter a patron or teacher desires to bring before the board.

DEAD PAIR

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my right mind and don't let anyone tell you that if you do what I am doing is crazy for they are not.

(Signed) E. H. Crum"

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No. 3—(This note was found under the rocking chair near the bodies and was written on a large piece of tablet paper which bore some figures which appeared to have been previously placed on it by a child)—

"Thoo said she don't want to die"

* * *

This note was not signed.

Classified Ads Get Results!

Kiwanis Directors To Meet Today In Tuscumbia

A directors meeting of the Tuscumbia Kiwanis Club will be held today at 5 p.m. at the Morris Service Station, Tuscumbia.

The announcement was made at the meeting Wednesday when J. H. Murphy of the Soil Conservation Department spoke. Mr. Murphy told the members about the importance of conserving small watersheds and how federal aid can be obtained in the watershed program.

Dave Gardner introduced Mr. Murphy and Dewey Wilson, president of the club, presided over the business session.

Guests for the meeting were R. W. Gamble, Louis Hardcastle, Larry Dye, A. M. Christopher, John Whittleman, Dan Davis, Lewis Hirsfatal, Jim Gregory, Bill Rowis and Bruce Wideman.

Decatur Child Killed, Another Hurt In Mishap

DECATUR, Ala. (AP)—Two small boys riding a bicycle were in a collision with an automobile yesterday, killing one of the youngsters and injuring the other seriously.

John Nelms, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denton Nelms, died in the accident. Marvin Allen Eaton, 10, suffered a broken hip, broken pelvis and fractured right arm. Both families live in Decatur.

The collision occurred on the Moulton highway just outside the city limits.

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