

Mississippi Man Denies Buying Appointment As Rural Mail Carrier

Maybe His Bad Foot Helped, But the Town Is Buzzing

By CLARK PORTEOUS, Scripps-Herald Staff Writer

LITTLE ROCK, Miss., Mar. 12—Three farmers in this community are still trying to figure out whether it was really the fungus growth on Lawrence Williams' foot that cost one of them a federal Civil Service job.

There have been heated—and unsubstantiated charges—that a big political contribution was the deciding factor. But Mr. Williams says he didn't pay a cent to get on the federal payroll.

The three farmers had finished one-two-three in a civil service examination to fill a \$3100-a-year rural mail carrier vacancy. The law requires appointment of one of the top three in such tests.

All three had been credited with the extra points a World War II veteran could get in the examination—five points for being a veteran and five more as a disability allowance.

Finished Fourth

Mr. Williams finished fourth in the test. He is a veteran, but did not have the disability allowance when he took the test.

He said he didn't serve overseas, but had had foot trouble—a fungus growth—while in the service. So he got a disability claim through when he said it would be necessary if he was to carry the mail.

"I didn't pay a cent for the job, but we spent a lot of money getting that claim straightened out, checking dispensary records and so on," Mr. Williams said.

After the examination results were released, Mr. Williams' claim for the extra points was approved. That boosted him into the top three. Not long after, he got the appointment. His boss says he has been a good mail carrier.

Had Town Buzzing

All of this happened a year ago and at the time had this little town buzzing. It's up again now because of the investigation into patronage pay-off charges in Democratic Mississippi.

Here are the original top three in the test results: Charles Williams, uncle of the successful candidate, Charles has a letter from the U. S. Civil Service Commission stating that he was No. 1. He said he had been promised the job by the man who handles Democratic patronage in the county. But nothing happened.

Charles A. Holyfield, whose letter says he finished No. 2. He said there had been strong hints that he pay for the job. But he wouldn't offer to do so. "I did buy one ticket to a Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner. Guess I wasted that \$15. I didn't even go to the dinner."

Samuel Winstead, first cousin of Rep. Arthur Winstead (D., Miss.). His letter rates him as No. 3. He claims Congressman Winstead told him "whoever gets that job will have to buy it." (In Washington, Congressman Winstead said he had made no such statement.)

Lost His Power

Rep. Winstead was one of the States Rights Democrats who lost their patronage power in this state when President Truman decided to crack down on the Mississippi senators and congressmen who did not support him in 1948. There have been rumors that Lawrence Williams' mother contributed liberally to the party in order to help along her son's chances. If that's so, Mr. Williams says he can't pay her back. He said the friendship of his



Presbyterian Moderator Finds Spiritual Awakening

Dr. Evans Tells of Resurgence of Faith in S. America and Cuba as Well as in U. S.

By EMMA RIVERS MILNER, Times Church Editor

The head of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., who has traveled 80,000 miles by air across country since last May, says a great spiritual awakening is taking place among young people and laymen.

Dr. Hugh L. Evans, Dayton, O., the 1950-51 moderator of the Presbyterian Church, spoke last night to a representative audience of ministers and laymen in the First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Jean S. Milner, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, introduced the speaker.

Dr. Evans pictured a "resurgence of faith and interest in religion" in South America and Cuba as well as the United States. He recently visited Latin America.

Seminaries Overflowing Theological seminaries in the United States are running over with students, with young men preparing to preach the Gospel, he discovered. And yet Dr. Evans says these Presbyterian seminaries need better and more modern equipment, that they are finding it difficult to meet the demand on their resources.

He reported that the Presbyterian denomination increased more in membership over the past year than in any previous one. Sunday schools are filled and "bubbling with life," he declared. In Brazil, 65,000 persons belong to Presbyterian Churches, he said. And native South Americans serve as their pastors. In Cuba, also a Presbyterian center with many denominational churches and schools, pastors and teachers without exception are Cubans, not American missionaries.

Dr. Evans spoke vividly of the vast numbers of persons who turned out for mammoth worship service on Saturday in Boston.

Hoosier's Accuser Retracts Story

Says Brubaker Didn't Drive Coed Death Car

By United Press

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Mar. 12—Farmhand Valtorus Mattheis, on trial for the rape-slashing of coed Carolyn Brown, has retracted his story that an Indiana man was driver of the car in which the 18-year-old freshman was murdered. Prosecutor John Pikkaart said today.

The 22-year-old Vicksburg, Mich., youth's retraction—his fifth since his arrest with Ras Olson for the snowstorm murder—ended the state's attempt to have Robert Brubaker of Chubbuck, Ind., returned to Michigan. Mattheis had accused Brubaker, his cousin, of driving the death car last Nov. 26. Brubaker confessed and implicated Orville Minnick of Ellettsburg, Ind. Brubaker then repudiated his confession and said he had an alibi for the night the Stockbridge, Mich., girl was slain outside Kalamazoo. Minnick, arrested for questioning, was released for lack of evidence.

Mr. Pikkaart said Mattheis called officers into his cell and voluntarily repudiated his accusations against Brubaker. Mr. Pikkaart said he notified Whitley County, Indiana, Prosecutor James Blide that he would not ask Michigan warrants against Minnick and Brubaker. But Defense Attorney James Tolmisen has asked that the two Indiana men be indorsed as defense witnesses.

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4 Die in Auto Accidents, One an Indianapolis Child

Two Fatal Mishaps Occur on Ind. 67; Baby Killed When Car Hits Tree

Four persons, one an Indianapolis child, were killed in state traffic deaths yesterday. Two of the accidents took place within a mile of each other on Ind. 67 near Martinsville.

Dead are: Robert F. Black, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Claval Black, 3131 Kentucky Ave. Mrs. William Litten, 50, Bloomington. John Avery Hodgen, 5-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hodgen, Batesville.

Frank Rauch, 24, Gilford. Robert Black died of a fractured skull when his father's car was involved in an accident with a car driven by William Norich, 21, Oakland City, on Ind. 67 eight miles north of Martinsville. Others in the cars suffered minor injuries.

Mrs. Litten was killed when a car driven by her husband collided with one driven by Charles Hawkins, 38, Brownburg. Others in the cars escaped serious injury. This accident took place on Ind. 67, one mile south of the other.

Crashes Into Tree The Hodgen infant was killed when his parents' car crashed into a tree near Ellettsburg. His mother, Mrs. Minta Hodgen, suffered a fractured skull and was in critical condition in an Ellettsburg hospital. Also injured slightly were his sister, Carolyn Sue, 5, and brother, Stephen, 3.

Mr. Rauch was killed near New Alsace last night when his car ran off a road and struck a small concrete bridge near Lawrenceburg, state police reported.

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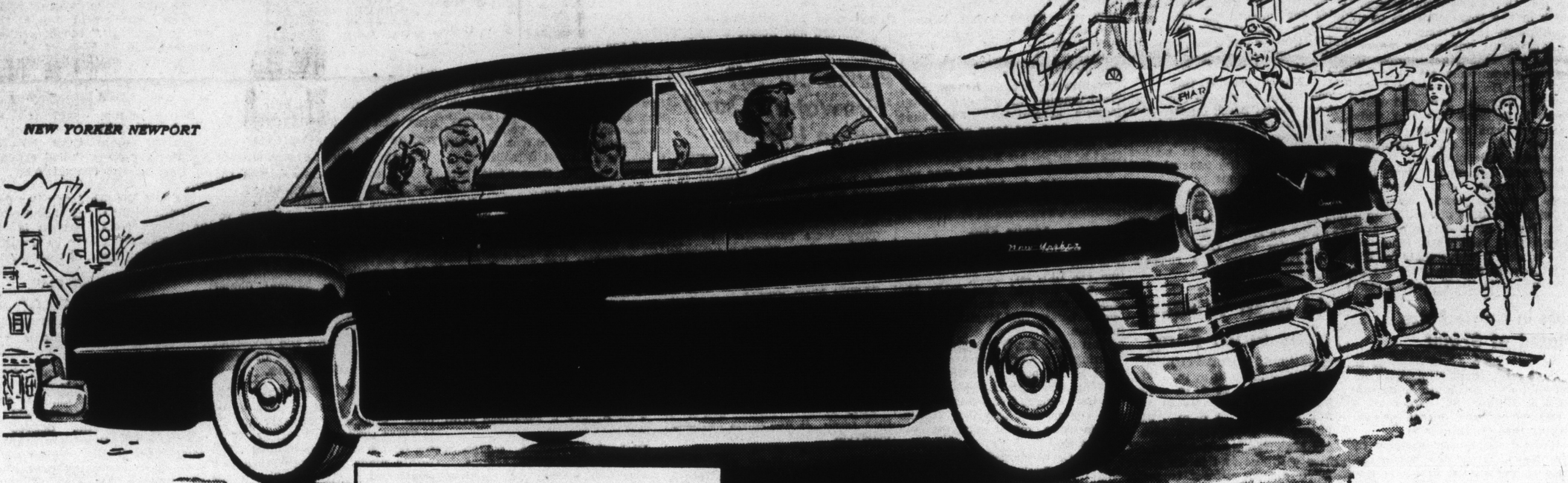
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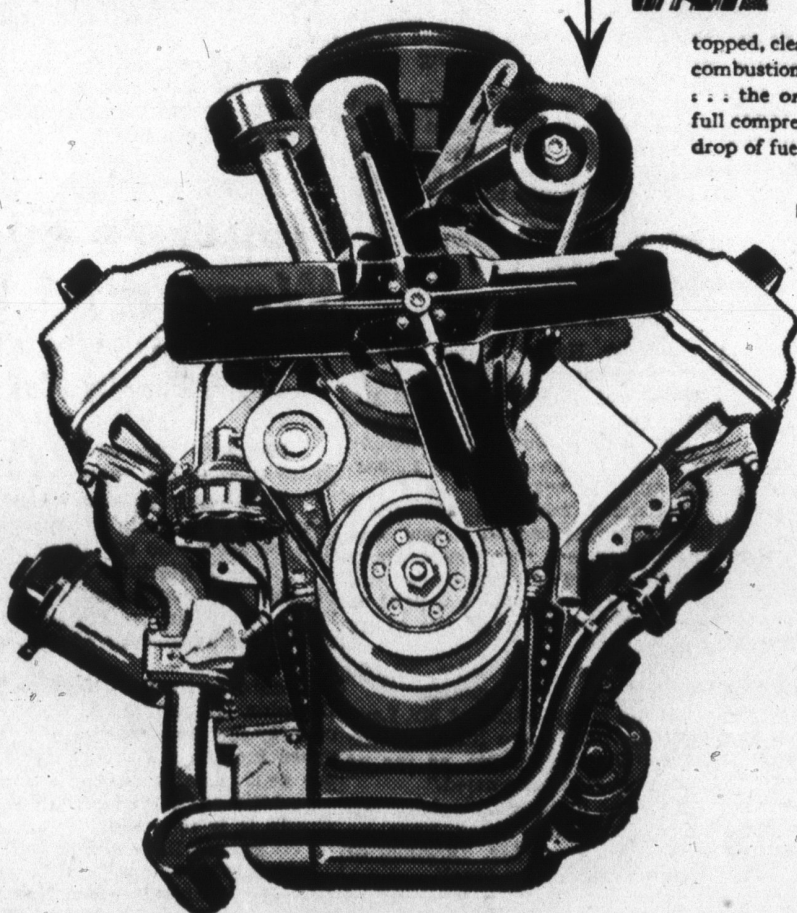
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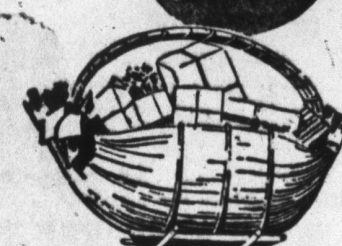
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