

Mississippi Man Denies Buying Appointment As Rural Mail Carrier

Maybe His Bad Foot Helped, But the Town Is Buzzing

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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 lay 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.

crooks avoid trap, but don't get loot

Crooks who carefully laid out 24 tires for easy handling failed to return for them last night. Good for them they didn't.

The owner of the tires and two policemen had set a blind and were waiting in ambush.

Robert Watson, 815 E. 27th St., manager at Strickland Motors, Inc., 1220 N. Meridian St., checked the office late last night and found the front door jimmied. He called police and together they found 14 tires taken from the garage and stacked neatly in the rear of a used car. Ten others were piled nearby, ready to be loaded. Six batteries and three other tires were gone.

Mr. Watson and the officers figured the crooks would return, so they watched. They watched publicity director of Michigan Pictures, Mr. Lafontaine, who also was advertising and all night—and it was cold—but Artists, died yesterday after an emergency brain operation.

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. Hollyfield, 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



FEATHERED TOPPER—The blond head of three-year-old Kenny Feijns, of Genesee Park, Wis., is a favorite perch for his two pet orioles. The birds were found, newborn, last summer by Kenny's father, Stanley Feijns. Mrs. Feijns put them in a team and kept them in a warm oven as an incubator. They grew rapidly to full maturity and now are permanent residents of the house.

Studio Executive Dies

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 12 (UPI)—Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Louis S. Lifton, 51, advertising and publicity director of Michigan Pictures. Mr. Lifton, who also was advertising and all night—and it was cold—but Artists, died yesterday after an emergency brain operation.

Mr. Watson and the officers

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 60,000 miles by air across country since last May, says a great spiritual awakening is taking place among young people and laymen.

Dr. Hugh I. 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 "bursting the walls," 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.

One of their black and white cruiser cars, equipped with two-way radio, was stolen at suburban Cedar Hill. They found it abandoned and undamaged, a half hour later "just over the hill" from where it was stolen.

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Hoosier's Accuser Retracts Story

Says Brubaker Didn't Drive Coed Death Car

By United Press

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Mar. 12—Farmhand Valorus Mattheis, on trial for the rape-slaying 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 Pikkkaart said today.

The 22-year-old Vicksburg, Mich., youth's retraction—his fifth since his arrest with Rae Olson for the snowstorm murder—ended the state's attempt to have Robert Brubaker of Churubusco, Ind., returned to Michigan.

Mattheis had accused Brubaker, his cousin, of driving the death car last Oct. 26. Brubaker confessed and implicated Orville Minnick of Elwood, 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. Pikkkaart said he notified Whitley County, Indiana, Prosecutor James Blide that he would not ask Michigan warrants against Minnick and Brubaker. But Defense Attorney James Tolhuizen has asked that the two Indiana men be indicted as defense witnesses.

Mr. Rauch was killed when a car driven by her husband collided with one driven by Charles Hawkins, 33, Brownsburg. Others

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.

Crashes Into Tree

The Hodgen infant was killed when his parents' car crashed into a tree near Elwood. His mother, Mrs. Minta Hodgen, suffered a fractured skull and was in critical condition in an Elwood hospital. Also injured slightly were his sister, Carolyn Sue, 8, and brother, Stephen, 3.

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In the cars escaped serious injury. This accident took place on Ind. 67, one mile south of the other.

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