

George Stinney, Who Killed Two Little Girls, Dies Calmly

COLUMBIA, June 16. —(P)—A fourteen-year-old negro boy, George Junius Stinney, Jr., youngest person ever to be executed in South Carolina, went calmly to the electric chair this morning with a Bible under his arm to pay with his life for the crime of murder of which he was convicted in the death of an 11-year-old white girl.

HARD TO STRAP BOY

Guards had difficulty strapping the boy's slight form into position in the wooden chair built for adults as fathers of two girls he was indicted for killing watched. Stinney made no comment when asked if he had anything to say before the switch was closed.

He was followed to death by George Bruce Hamilton, 21-year-old Savannah, Ga., negro, convicted of criminal assault in Spartanburg county, who died protesting his innocence and saying he would "meet in heaven whoever caused me to sit in this chair. I ain't done it."

Stinney never denied that he had beaten to death with a 14-inch railroad spike two white girls aged eight and 11, and on several occasions during his past week in the death house had repeated the story of the killings to reporters and state officials.

The girls, he said, were picking flowers when he came upon them. The next day their bodies were found in a water-filled ditch, with a bicycle thrown over them.

NEGRO GIRLS WITNESSES

Two young negro girl sociology students witnessed the executions, through special permission of penitentiary officials, to report to their criminology class at Allen university here.

Stinney's execution had been protested by individuals and white and negro organizations during the past week, and it had been the subject of controversy in many letters to editors of South Carolina newspapers, as his imminent death was protested because of his youthfulness.