

# PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DIES

## Political Pot Boils In Wilmington

### GRATIFIED AT VICTORY FOR SEABEES

New York — Expressing himself as "highly gratified" over the honorable discharges won by 14 Seabees, Thurgood Marshall, Special Counsel of the NAACP, said: "This was one of the toughest fights of the NAACP in recent years."

Marshall recalled that in October of 1943, the colored sailors who had been dishonorably discharged because they availed themselves of an invitation by their commander to "speak frankly" to the record, came to the NAACP for help. The late Frank Knox, then Secretary of the Navy, refused to take any action in spite of extended correspondence and conferences between Marshall and Navy officials, but the NAACP persisted and later was joined by other groups. Finally Marshall, representing 11 of the men, and other lawyers representing the other 4, appeared and brought the case before a Naval Board of Review last December.

The men contended that their discharges were unfair and unjust, and that they were in civilian life.

In addition to securing a change in these discharges, the NAACP also secured a reinstatement of an undesirable discharge given Geo. Uendahl, formerly with the 2689 Special Seabee Battalion. Uendahl was represented by James O. Dedmon, Jr., Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the NAACP in Washington Bureau.

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GEO. W. ALLEN, editor of the Carolina Times and president of the State Industrial and Commercial Association.



BEN McGHEE, produce dealer in Wilmington, is a candidate for the city council of Wilmington. McGehee is the first Negro to file in New Hanover County for public office in over fifty years.

## G. Allen, Second Negro, Enters Political Race

### GOV. CHERRY TO SPEAK AT OXFORD

Durham, (C) — Gov. E. M. B. Austin, editor of the Carolina Times and president of the State Industrial and Commercial Association, will deliver the main address at the largest Negro audience since assuming the governorship, will deliver the main address.

Austin said he had contacted T. A. Hamme, ordinance superintendent, who assured him that all arrangements had been made for a capacity crowd at the orphanage Sunday.

### WHITE RETURNS FROM PACIFIC WAR THEATRE

San Francisco — Walter White, NAACP secretary arrived here April 5 in a B-24 plane after a 31 1/2 hour trip from Australia. Mr. White who has just returned from a four months trip as New York Post war correspondent, observing the treatment and role of Negro soldiers in the Pacific, is expected to make a first-hand report to the Board of Directors meeting in the national office Monday afternoon, April 9.

Since his departure from the States last December 4, the NAACP secretary has visited Hawaii, Johnston, Kwagalein, Guam, Saipan, the Philippines and Dutch Guinea, and has conferred with high army and navy officials.



FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

## Nation's Leader Succumbs As San Francisco Delegates Arrive On Eve Of War GREAT ADVANCEMENT MADE BY NEGROES UNDER FDR

### BY NEGROES UNDER FDR TRUMAN IS PRESIDENT

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt died Thursday afternoon at 3:35 o'clock, as delegates began arriving for the important San Francisco conference and as the war's end in Europe appeared imminent. Death occurred at Warm Springs, Georgia, where the president was having his portrait painted. Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said "the president slept away." Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage. Just before his death, the president had complained of a severe headache.

Vice-president Harry Truman, an ex-Missouri farm boy, was sworn into office as president at exactly 7:09 p. m. Thursday, thus becoming the 33rd president of the United States. Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone administered the oath of office. Truman has retained Roosevelt's cabinet, and he has pledged that he will carry out the policies of the late president. At press time, no vice-president had been chosen. However, the San Francisco Conference will continue.

Negroes throughout America began speculating as to Truman's attitude toward the race. Under the Roosevelt administration, Negroes have made their greatest advancement since Emancipation. Colored America began sending condolences to the White House and to Mrs. Roosevelt, who lead the fight to give recognition to the largest minority group in America. It is well known that Mrs. Roosevelt played the major role in bringing to the attention of the President the gross injustices, which have been heaped upon the Negro people of the country, and some of the most forward steps made by President Roosevelt were instigated by Mrs. Roosevelt herself.

Roosevelt's death caused a terrific furor throughout the world. Radio stations were in a turmoil for several hours. Veteran newspapermen wept. GI's were shocked. Negroes knew they had lost a great friend.

### Mitchell Resigns ABC Job; Hunt Is New Manager

Further investigation by the Wake County Alcohol Board into the case involving George Mitchell, former manager of ABC Store, No. 4 here, resulted in the acceptance of Mitchell's resignation by the board on Tuesday.

The Mitchell-Jernigan case was believed closed on March 9 when Mitchell was suspended from his job as store manager for 30 days without pay, but a letter received by the board from Carl Williamson, State ABC Manager, gave rise to a re-opening. However, any discussion on the matter forestalled by Mitchell's resignation which read:

"I beg to herewith submit my resignation as manager of Store No. 4, effective with the close of business April 9, 1945.

"I thank you for your courtesies since with you."

Chas. K. Hunt, Jr., who served as Mitchell's assistant, was promptly promoted to the management of the store by Acting Board Chairman, Chauncey Jones and Member E. C. Daniel, who are in charge of the County ABC system in the absence of Chairman Henry E. Lutenfeld, who is ill.

Mitchell was charged with selling Berlin Jernigan 38 bottles of rationed whiskey at No. 4, a quantity far in excess of the amount allowed a customer according to the State law. Furthermore, Jernigan was "blacklisted" as a customer in any ABC store since he pleaded guilty in City Court some time ago to possession of liquor for sale.

The store received ration stamps for all the whiskey, but Mitchell admitted that he failed to place cash register stickers on the bottles as required by regulations. Jernigan was allowed the liquor, Mitchell said, when he said that he was giving a barbecue supper for a large number of persons and needed additional liquor.

Jernigan was found guilty in (Continued on back page)

## Support Anti-Lynch Bill, Morris Milgram Urges

New York — (WDL) — Support by every citizen of a move to get a pending anti-lynching bill before the House of Representatives for a vote is urged in a statement issued here by Morris Milgram, national secretary of the Workers Defense League.

The bill is HR 1698, sponsored by Representative D. James Powers of New Jersey. On March 21, he submitted a discharge petition in order to take the bill out of the hands of the House Judiciary committee and bring it to the floor of the House for a vote. The petition must be signed by 214 Representatives in order to get out of the burial ground that this committee has often proved to be for progressive measures.

"There is no doubt that everybody interested in the rights of organized labor, civil rights, extending the franchise, and providing security for returning soldiers, especially Negro soldiers, should lend their support to the discharge and passage of the bill," Milgram stated. "The crime of lynching has too long gone unpunished for lack of adequate Federal legislation. It is time to take the teeth in it. Bills making up for that lack have been compromised, log-rolled, high-pressed, and filibustered to death in the past."

But with our knowledge of the fact that in the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People points out—lynchings skyrocketed after the last war, too at the victims in 1919, too many

## Rent Registration

RALEIGH — April 15 is the deadline for rent registration by owners of rental dwelling quarters in Wake County, and persons making registrations after that date, or failing to register, are subject to penalties.

It was announced Monday by George W. Jeffrey, Raleigh Rent Control Area director.

"The whole of Wake County has been declared a defense rental area and rent control is in effect throughout the county," he said.

Penalty for failure to register all rented, or offered for rent, dwelling units is \$5,000 fine or one year in a Federal prison.

## New Hope Found In Ruling Favoring Negroes

New York — (WDL) — Evidence of a change for the better—at long last—in United States Army and Navy treatment of Negroes is seen in two recent reversals of unfavorable judgments against colored personnel. Whether these are just isolated reversals brought about by publicity and pressure, or whether they are indicative of real progress, remains to be seen.

The first case is the Navy report from Washington that the discharges of 14 Negro Seabees in the Eightieth Naval Construction Battalion at Trinidad for "anti-social" or "inattentive" had been changed after review by high naval authorities to discharges under "honorable conditions." At a hearing, a Navy attorney charged that the men had attended seditious meetings and attempted sit-down strikes. Lawyers for the Seabees declared that the men were among the better-educated Negroes in the battalion and that the charges marked for discrimination. The Workers Defense League had previously asked the removal of the commanding officer of Port Hueneque, Calif., who a thousand Negro Seabees staged a two-day hunger strike against discrimination.

## Tuskegee Operates One of Two Red Cross Hospitals

Atlanta — Tuskegee has one of the two American Red Cross hospitals in the United States. The Tuskegee hospital is a 200-bed unit which is now serving Negro soldiers and their families. The other unit is at Fort Huachuca, Arizona where there is a large concentration of Negro patients.

The National Negro Leadership Conference, acts as assistant to the National Director, military and naval welfare service, and helps plan the American Red Cross hospital services for all the soldiers and injured in military hospitals in the United States.

Overseas there are many Red Cross workers of their own race, Negro Red Cross workers from men and women in the United States in New Guinea and of more than twenty camps in England, France, India, Burma, China, and the Southwest Pacific.

All over the world, however, the Red Cross nurses and the armed forces, regardless of race. From National Headquarters comes the report on Private John Jones, one of the many Negro soldiers who organization has helped through his entire army service.

Jones lost his right leg during the early days of the invasion of France. At his evacuation hospital a Red Cross worker provided him with a toothbrush, cigarettes, and many other things he needed.

Later, in an overseas general hospital, he struggled to break the news of his injury to his family at home. A Red Cross worker helped him write the letter, and encouraged him when he

## 2,000 VIEW ART EXHIBIT AT FAYETTEVILLE

Fayetteville, N. C. — During the past week almost 2,000 persons, grade school children, senior and junior high school, college students and adults, viewed the Races of Mankind Exhibit in the Library of the Fayetteville State Teachers College, Fayetteville, N. C.

The Negro schools in the city and county systems planned to send just representative groups but because of the gain made by the students first chosen the entire enrollment was extended. The privilege of seeing these 20 panels prepared by the Cranbrook Institute of Science, which gave visual presentation to significant findings about race and culture. The panel "Who are the Aryans?" brought much humor to all who took "a visual half-hour course in anthropology for the millions." Many students came the second time to see certain portions of the exhibit which struck them forcefully. Others wrote letters concerning the principles made more clear to them.

## MARRIAGE-FAMILY CONFERENCE HELD AT STATE

Durham — Thoroughgoing inquiries into wartime marriage and family problems were conducted during the fourth annual conference on the Conservation of Marriage and the Family, convened here at North Carolina college last Friday and Saturday.

The conference, sponsored by North Carolina college in cooperation with the Marriage and Family Council of Chapel Hill, was directed for the fourth straight year by Mrs. Gladys Hoagland Groves, outstanding authority on family problems and a professor of sociology in the North Carolina college graduate school.

Largely localized this year because of wartime travel restrictions, the conference attracted hundreds of Durham and nearby high school and college students as well as a considerable number of private citizens from adjoining communities.

Lectures, forums and panels were features of the sessions. Four outstanding lectures were delivered by Miss Grace Reeves, head of the Home Economics Division at Hampton Institute; Dr. Edward Stambrook, psychological consultant in the Durham courts and a professor of abnormal psychology at Duke University; Mrs. Louise Trigg, health educator of the Alabama Durham and Health Dept.; and Mrs. Venice T. Sprages, Washington correspondent of the Chicago Defender Newspapers.

Eight panel discussions were conducted during the opening sessions. High school and college students held special forum discussions of post-war marriage and family plans and problems.

## D. C. JUDGE WILMINGTON SPEAKER

Judge John D. Carr, a former resident of Wilmington and a native of nearby Rocky Mount, is now active in civic, educational, political, and inter-racial movements in various sections of the country. He is prominently identified with the Council for Human Relations for Freedom. He has headquarters in Asheville, N. C., and Boston, Mass.

A local daily paper in Springfield, Mass., carried a story on an address Judge Carr recently made to the Young People's Forum of St. John's Congregational Church, Springfield, Mass. The story is as follows:

Judge Dalton Carr of Asheville, N. C., speaking on "Negro youth" at the Young People's Forum of St. John's Congregational Church yesterday said, after commenting on the excellence of the Springfield Plan, that the white man altered, and encouraged him when he

## Build And Run First Leave Camp In England

A South Coast Port, England—Private First Class William Leggett, 27, of Lumberton, North Carolina, was among the Negro engineers of the 132nd Central Postal Directory and Quartermaster soldiers of the 32nd Quartermaster Service Company who recently completed the first leave camp in the European Theater of Operations near a south coast port in England, for soldiers furloughed from the Western Front.

The leave camp was constructed on one of the old pre-invasion staging camp sites. The two service units winterized and electrified 335 tents, using 15,000 feet of lumber from the damage piles of the docks, and created three large mess halls, one of which houses a deluxe Post Exchange handling 200 men an hour. They also laid 1,000 feet of gravel road and 700 feet of sidewalk, in transforming the mudhole into an Army camp—hotel complete with sheets and tablecloths.

Other facilities, such as theater, doughnut dugout, two large day-rooms and a barber shop are also available for the rest men.

First Lieutenant James W. Dietz of Buffalo, New York, white, commanding officer of the quartermaster company, and his first sergeant, Charles E. White, 24, 460 West 147th St., New York City, direct the handling of transportation administration, supply, and messing problems of this camp which is capable of housing 2,000 men.

## 14-Year Old Boy Knives Brother, 2 1-2

NEW YORK (C) — Because his mother accused him of petty thefts, 14-year old Louis Oliver killed his 2 1/2-year old brother with a butcher knife just to get even. Louis stabbed his baby brother while the child was asleep and then set fire to his bed. A half an hour later, he appeared at Morrisania Police Station, 10 blocks from his home and confessed to everything.

The stabbing occurred 1:30 in the morning before his mother was due home from work. At police headquarters, the boy appeared unmoved and policemen say he was the youngest to be paraded across the line-up. He was put through the same routine as adults charged with felonies.

## Press Man Entertains G.I.'s In Burma Jungle

Myitkyina, Burma, April 16 — Deton Brooks of the Chicago Defender and the Negro Press of America was one of four American war correspondents participating in a "Behind the News" program recently in the American Red Cross clubhouse "Ace of Clubs," hidden deep in the Burma jungle.

Soldiers packed the basha building, filled the crude jungle lumber benches, and literally clung to the roof when they climbed to club to hear the round-table discussion of the war in the China Burma theater.

Brooks was invited to take part at the request of Janet Schweitzer, of Newton Highlands, Mass., Red Cross program director of the jungle clubhouse, who heard that the correspondents were in the vicinity. Others who participated were Frank Martin of the Associated Press, Hugh Crumpler of the United Press, and Graham Pack of the U. S. Office of War Information.

## Hudson County Jury Swears In First Negro

JERSEY CITY, N. J. (C) — For the first time in history, a Negro was sworn in on the Hudson County Grand Jury. He is Harold S. Williamson, a commercial printer of 765 Ocean Avenue. Former deputy Attorney General Robert S. Harrover and a leading Democratic leader in Hudson County cites Mr. Williamson as the only Negro on a Hudson County Grand Jury.

## THREE LOSE LIVES IN DRAWBRIDGE ACCIDENT

WASHINGTON, N. C. — Three Swain County men—Cardell Blount, Charlie and David Spencer—plunged to their deaths on Saturday when the loaded truck in which they were riding dived from a drawbridge into the river near Leechville.

The driver of the truck, James Gibbs of Engelhard, narrowly escaped the fate of his companions by extricating himself from the wreckage with minor injuries.

According to a report from the highway patrolman, who investigated the disaster, the truck, which was traveling toward Engelhard, smashed into a highway truck parked on the bridge, knocked it into the open draw and hurled into the river over the top of it.

The truck was owned by R. L. Gibbs of Engelhard.