

RAILROAD ABOLISHES JIM-CROW CARS UNCSUED BY APPLICANTS

Law Students File Suit In U. S. Courts

(Staff Correspondence)

GREENSBORO — Two North Carolina College law school students, Harold T. Epps and Robert D. Glass, filed suit Tuesday in Middle District Court against the University of North Carolina charging that their exclusion from the university's law school constitutes a violation of their constitutional rights.

The suit was filed by NAACP Attorney C. O. Pearson of Durham representing the two young men. Named as defendants in the action were William D. Carmichael, Jr., acting president of UNC; Henry P. Brandis, Jr., dean of the law school; LeRoy Wells Armstrong, director of admissions; Arch T. Allen, secretary to the board of trustees; and the University as a corporate body.

Epps, a native of Asheville, was present for the filing of the suit and was accompanied by his attorney and Kelly M. Alexander, president of the North Carolina Council of NAACP Branches.

The plaintiff declared that he was filing suit "after exhausting all administrative remedies."

The first attempt to secure admission to a UNC law school was made by Epps in 1948 along with James E. Walker of Statesville and James E. Thomas of Wilmington.

At that time the board of trustees declared that it was "premature" to consider the application of "any Negro student" pending determination of the individual

RACIAL SEATING ORDERED ENDED ON PENNSYLVANIA

NEW YORK (AP) — Negro passengers may not travel from New York to points south of Washington without being shunted into jim-crow coaches before crossing the March-Dewey line.

The Pennsylvania railroad last week announced segregation of Negroes in coaches, Pullmans or dining cars, as published, effective immediately.

The railroad's statement, released jointly with the New York State Commission Against Discrimination, said: "The Pennsylvania Railroad has agreed to make seats available immediately in any part of these trains to all passengers as they apply.

Former segregation of Negroes in

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JAIL SLUGGING COPS

Name Woman's College Head



Beaten By ABC Men Claims Prisoner

SCOTLAND NECK — Two Halifax County ABC enforcement officers charged with handcuffing of a Negro prisoner to a tree and beating him until he divulged the names of his companions in the operation of a still will be given a hearing Monday at 8 p.m. before Magistrate Wm. Howard.

The two enforcement officers, S. E. Ewell and W. A. Kibpatrick, were placed under bonds of \$250 each on Tuesday on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, a charge made from a beating allegedly given Lee Hill, a 22-year-old tenant farmer.

The charges were lodged against the two officers by Hill following his arrest on charges of operating a still near Scotland Neck. Two men who were reportedly with Hill when the enforcement officers found the still made good their escape.

According to Hill's story, he was captured on Friday night by a racing party consisting of Ewell, chief enforcement officer in the county, Kibpatrick and two other officers. (Continued on page 8, this section)

Dr. Player Named Head Of Bennett

GREENSBORO (Special) — Dr. Willis B. Player, for-
mer Bennett College registrar who is currently co-ordinator of instruction-admissions was named acting president of Bennett College, according to an announcement from Dr. W. C. Jackson, chancellor of Greensboro's executive committee, will be during the absence of President Jones who is "on vacation."

No indication was given as to the expiration of President Jones' vacation. The educator was available for comment on the acting president's selection. A notable public source said, however, Dr. Player's appointment met President Jones' approval.

Dr. Player first came to Bennett in 1936. She is a native of Akron, Ohio.

The new Bennett acting president holds degrees from Oberlin College and the University of Greenville, France. She received the doctor's degree in education in curriculum and teaching from Columbia in 1948.

At the time of Dr. Player's selection, announcement was also made of the election of Miss Daphne Lawson of Greensboro as director of alumni public relations, and of Mrs. Mamie B. McLaurin, also of Greensboro, as associate director.

Dr. Jackson, who served as chairman of the trustee's executive board meeting on the Bennett campus Monday afternoon, said the committee discussed the college's building program and the acceptance of final settlement of Jesse M. Reynolds Hall, the Student Union Building and the installation of the new heating system.

Nurses Attend First Interracial Meeting

BY C. E. YORLEY
HIGH POINT — High Point, N. C. was host to the 47th Annual Convention of the North Carolina State Nurses Association and the 31st Annual Meeting of the North Carolina League of Nurses education in their first integrated meeting during the week of October 24-27.

The theme was "Improving Nursing Service" and the meeting was at the Sheraton Hotel. Because of the large attendance, business sessions were held at the High Point Junior High School.

This week's convention was the first of the association since admission of the Negro Nurses was voted last year by that body and

approved by the Negro nurses association at their convention in Raleigh last spring.

On Tuesday afternoon the Nurses gave consideration to the Federal Aid Bill. A motion was passed at the morning session allowing Miss Dana Hudson, president of the Georgia State Nurses Association and leading opponent of the Bill to talk against the proposal.

Mrs. Alton Clark, president of the Eighth District of Greenville, N. C., voiced opposition to the Federal plan in a full page advertisement appearing in many North Carolina newspapers prior to the convention.

On Tuesday morning Mrs. Louise (Continued on back page, this section)

Davis From Council Block Move To Oust

NEW YORK (AP) — A move to oust New York City's only Negro representative from the City Council was blocked last week when a resolution to impeach Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., one of 11 convicted American Communist leaders, failed to get a unanimous vote.

The ouster resolution, introduced by Councilman Hugh Quinn also set off a name-calling debate between Republicans and Democrats. One Democrat charged Republican Councilman Stanley Isaacs with being pro-Communist and before the verbal clash could be quelled three council members, including a woman, had expressed themselves.

Davis had been elected to the council for two straight terms. In 1945 he received more than 63,000 votes, second highest of any Manhattan candidate.

Meanwhile, in Washington, D. C., Attorney General Howard McGrath declared Friday that the convictions do not mean that the Communist party has been outlawed. He said it only means the conviction of "these 11 men" for conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the government by force and



EX-SLAVE- 120, DIES NEAR ENFIELD, N. C.

ENFIELD, N. C. — Mrs. Sylvia Smith the oldest ex-slave in this section passed away at her home on the Claude Powell farm near here recently.

"Aunt" Sylvia, as she was affectionately called, was born on the old Whitaker farm in Halifax County and, during slavery, belonged to the late Dr. Ben Whitaker. Her immediate family claimed her age to be about 120 years. Members of the family which owned her during slavery state that they have records which show Mrs. Smith to be at least 110 years of age. A son who is 80 years old survives her. Mrs. Smith had a vivid recollection of her youthful days and loved to tell of her days of toil, some sad and others joyous, on the old plantation.

HOLLEY REWARDED

ALBANY, Ga. (Special) — A survey of Albany State College's facilities and plant has resulted in the recommendation of a vast program of improvement and expansion for the institution, it was revealed here this week.

Dr. Holley, president of Albany College and one of the few Negroes who supported the candidacy of Young Herman Talmadge for the governorship of Georgia, came in for sharp denunciation by Negroes in all parts of the country earlier this year for his public support of the doctrine of segregation criticism of the efforts of the NAACP and similar organizations.

The move toward the strengthening of Albany College was viewed in many circles as constituting a reward for Dr. Holley's loyal support of Talmadge.

Chancellor Harmon W. Caldwell, white, of the University System of Georgia, visited Albany last week in the company of an out-of-state survey committee headed by some of the nation's prominent educators.

Recommended as top priority improvements at Albany were: Renovated and new dormitories for men and women students, laundry, physical education plant, activities to strengthen school-community relationships, and faulty apartments.

Members of the survey committee included Dr. George Drayton Strayer; Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, former Chancellor of Oregon State, now with the U. S. Office of Education; and Dr. Frank W. Hart of California.

Regional Headache Stumps Advocates

SAVANNAH, Ga. (Special) — Governor Gordon Browning of Tennessee early pointed out the necessity of the South's educational program keeping step with the region's new economic and social pattern. The Tennessee governor said the South's graduate and professional schools should grow to fit the changing social pattern.

Ex-Governor Caldwell of Florida, however, brooding gingerly over the roads to graduate and professional education, advocated a "feasible" program which would be acceptable to the sponsors of (Continued on page 8, this section)

WHITE SLAYS BOY, 10 DRAWS LIFE TERM

SPARTANBURG, S. C. (AP) — A white man was convicted last week for killing a Negro boy in a quarrel over payment for a dozen eggs. The jury consisted of 12 white men.

A recommendation of mercy was included with the conviction. This will mean a sentence of life imprisonment. The state (Continued on page 8, this section)

FOUNDER'S DAY SPEAKER CHOSEN FOR NC COLLEGE

DURHAM (Staff Correspondence) — D. Gordon B. Honeck, widely known lecturer and author, will deliver the Founder's Day address at North Carolina College, on November 3. It was announced here this week by Dr. Helen C. Reynolds, chairman of the college's Founder's Day Committee.

A nationwide broadcast dedicated (Continued on page 8, this section)



NO SALE — The above pile of junk in a roadside ditch was all that remained of a car belonging to Charles Straus of Raleigh, Route 2, a few hours after he loaned it to Foster Byrd of Raleigh for a trial prior to a possible sale.

According to police reports of what followed, the car, apparently traveling an excessive rate of speed, got out of control, on Ruck Quarry Road southeast of the city, turned over at least twice and wound up in a ditch.

Lindsay Hunter, a passenger in the car, is still in serious condition at St. Agnes Hospital suffering from a fractured spine.

Photo courtesy of NEWS AND OBSERVER.



LANGLET SPEAKER — Thurston Marshall, principal speaker for the banquet of the NAACP, N. C. State Conference of Branches, which will be held Friday evening in the dining hall of the Main Street Christian church.

Special counsel for the NAACP Legal Committee, Mr. Marshall has won the Spingarn Medal and the Russwurm Award in recognition of his efforts at bettering the lot of the Negro in America through legal channels.

In his Friday night speech he will discuss legal aspects of the fight to secure admission of Negroes to the University of North Carolina and other state supported institutions of higher learning.

ERWIN SILENT ON DENIAL OF FUNDS

DURHAM (Staff Correspondence) — State Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin earlier this week had not answered a telegram from two Durham attorneys urging the withholding of funds for the city's white schools until facilities for Negroes are equalized here.

J. H. Wheeler and M. Hugh Thompson, Durham attorneys for Carolyn Blue et al., sent Dr. Erwin the 300 word message last Tuesday and called upon him to use his power as specified by law to deny the Durham School Board's request for alleged discriminatory conditions in white and Negro schools in the city.

The share of the \$8,000,000 school bond issue pending the correction. Dr. Erwin was in Savannah, Ga. at the time the message was received in his office. J. L. Cameron of the Board of Education's Survey Division said the message "would be referred to the superintendent when he returned."

It was believed that Dr. Erwin returned to Raleigh Saturday, but a spokesman in his office said he had speaking engagements elsewhere in the State.

Cameron told reporters last week that the Wheeler-Thompson telegram would be turned over to the State Board of Education at its November 2 meeting.

In Raleigh Friday a member of State Attorney General Harry McMullan's staff said no request for any ruling or interpretation had reached that office from Dr. Erwin.

Wheeler said in Durham Saturday that he and Thompson were "waiting to hear from Dr. Erwin." He declined to say what further steps he and Thompson planned.

The state attorneys are associated in a suit filed by parents of twenty-six Durham children to force the City of Durham to correct alleged inequalities in schools for whites and Negroes.

NEGROES ATTEND DUKE EXERCISES

DURHAM (Staff Correspondence) — Dr. C. C. Spaulding, business man and friend of education, headed a distinguished group of State Negro educators who attended the inauguration of Dr. Hollis Eddins as Duke University's 21st president here Saturday.

President Alfonso Elder of North Carolina College at Durham, President Harold L. Trigg of St. Augustine's College, Dean W. M. Strasser of the Shaw University School of Theology, representing President Robert P. Daniel of Shaw, and Dr. T. L. Hubbard, trustee of North Carolina College at Durham, were among other Negroes seen at the inauguration exercises.

Outstanding educators from all sections of the United States and several foreign countries attended (Continued on back page, this section)

POSTAL CLERK IS FIRE HERO

MARKYSVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Bud Gibson, local post office employee, was credited last week by Fire Chief William Kelly with saving the lives of 17 trapped in a blazing home for the aged.

Gibbons was working in the post office when fire broke out in a lumber yard across the alley and spread to Ybner house. He dashed into the flaming old rooming house and raced from room to room, awakening the inmates. The occupants had barely enough time to grab a few clothes and escape to the street.

According to Chief Kelly, Gibson's prompt action undoubtedly prevented wholesale loss of life in the historic rooming house. Total damage was estimated to be \$100,000.