

ROCKY MOUNT NEWS and VIEWS

By J.B. HARREN
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WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?
ROCKY MOUNT — This column is much concerned about the press reports which stated that attorneys Herman Taylor and Samuel Mitchell of Raleigh failed to perfect the appeal in time — 20 days — in the case of Weldon attorney James R. Walker, Jr., who was convicted in Northampton County Superior Court last August for allegedly assaulting a white woman registrar by pointing his finger, hand talking and failure to leave the premises of the registration booth — a store — when so ordered.

Since there was so much at stake in this case it is hard to understand how all three of the attorneys involved could slip up on the limit of time they had to file their appeal.

Reportedly, the Court said 20 days was the filing limit, but appeal was not filed until 4 months and 20 days after the trial. Judge Henry L. Stevens sent it to Jackson.

What this will do to the morale of Eastern Carolina citizens who gave of their money, earnings and efforts in the behalf of themselves and Walker, is disheartening to contemplate. To say nothing of the watchful waiting of the people which will be shattered if Walker — with their efforts, again — has to dig up \$500 and court costs.

The writer spent two days and 250 miles of driving to cover this case gratis. It is hoped that this case can, in some way, be resumed in order that the "Black Belt" counties of Eastern North Carolina may yet win their rights regarding voting, and that a promising young attorney (Walker) may yet be able to remove the stigma which is about to come against him, because there are those among us who doubt any efforts made on the civil rights and feel the workers are liars. Attorneys be on guard.

TEACHERS SHOULD SPEAK UP
 Even teachers themselves are asking why there has not come any kind of word from the leaders of the nearly 8,000 colored teachers of Tarheelia regarding the much-heralded teachers salary increase now before the General Assembly. That is a BIG question, considering how our pedagogues out-rank the blonde titans in clothes and cars, as well as social status.

Can it be that colored teachers are afraid to express themselves, and just know that whatever raise the 15 or more thousand white teachers fight for and get, will automatically come to the colored, too? If so, that is a lousy attitude and should be dispensed with once and for all. We are fighting for an even break in everything, equal benefits and equal responsibilities. We'll never be first-class citizens unless

and until we are willing to fight to obtain and support democracy, as well as ride and enjoy the fruits thereof. Teachers, write letters to your legislature or your individual legislator or congressman and tell him about your views.

Why has there not come forth for public scrutiny several messages from the NCTA official staff to augment voices of your write fellow-teachers? Stand up, speak up.

SCHOOL-FIBERONING AMONG TEACHERS, you would think would be out of the question. But just ask almost any teacher in a school where there are as many as three teachers, and privately, said teacher will tell you that there is a Judas in the group who will carry back to the "super" anything which they think will enhance their personal standing with the "office."

This is a regrettable carry-over from slavery days when Negroes were taught by the whites to "snitch" on each other and the snitchers were given better treatment in the matter of food, shelter, work and liberty than the ditch-diggers and the farm-hands. Isn't it too bad that it still prevails among our most educated group — teachers and professionals?

A prominent minister has just recalled how he championed a just cause for the race some years ago as the spokesman for a ministerial group, only to have the brethren doubleback and apologize for their part in the matter and leave him out on a limb alone.

It is indeed regrettable that most of our teachers and other professionals in Tarheelia do not have the courage to stand up for what they really believe in and want — complete equality of opportunity, and NOT on the basis of any "dual world" as some say, nor contentedly "in our present society" because we all must live IN ONE WORLD.

NEGRO SCHOOL HISTORY of Rocky Mount, going back as far as the year 1860, has been interestingly compiled by the research of C. T. Edwards, principal of Lincoln, Mrs. Ra K. Bellamy, city supervisor; Monica Davis, Pope School principal; and R. D. Armstrong, BTW High principal.

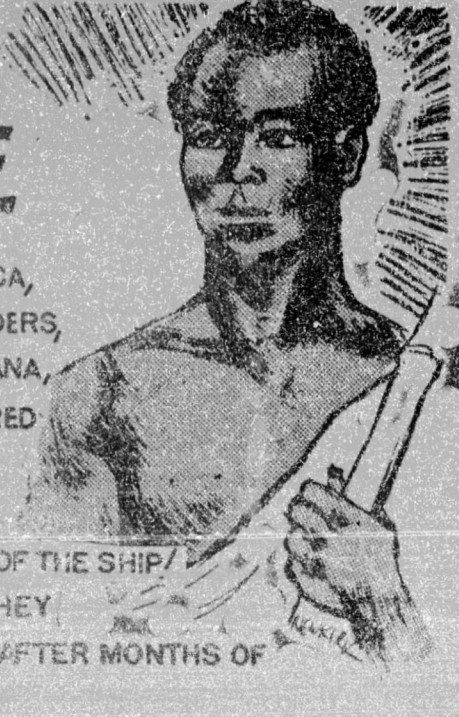
The compilation furnishes an excellent background on local Negro education which should be preserved by every citizen for posterity. The local daily (Telegram) carried almost a page of material on the colored schools and three pages were done by and for the whites.

The man who spent the longest tenure in the colored schools of the city was Prof. Oliver R. Pope, Sr., who retired after 38 years service, and is now enjoying his retirement in Philadelphia. Pope was the 4th principal here and started work in 1912. Since 1900 the colored schools have grown to require the services of a teaching and custodial staff of approximately one hundred to serve the 3,000 pupils, some of whom are now taught in double shifts in the four plants. Another elementary building is about to be erected.

ROCKY MOUNT

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

IN 1839...
Joseph CINQUE
 ... SON OF MENDI CHIEF, SIERRA LEONE, AFRICA,
 HE WAS CAPTURED BY PORTUGUESE SLAVE-TRADERS,
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 THE SHIP AMISTAD TO CARRY THEM HOME. BY
 NIGHT, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF CINQUE,
 THE SLAVES MUTINIED AND TOOK COMMAND OF THE SHIP/
 SIGHTED OFF LONG ISLAND BY THE U.S. NAVY, THEY
 WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY — MARCH 9, 1841, AFTER MONTHS OF
 TRIAL, THE SUPREME COURT FREED THEM!



HANDY SANDY — Still giving his all for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Sandy Amores slides safely into third base, during a tense moment in the recent exhibition game between the Bums and the Washington Senators at Miami, Fla. Awaiting the tardy throw from centerfield is Dick Teitelbach. Oh yes, the Dodgers lost, 7-2. (Newspress Photo).

Hopping About TARHEELIA

By Jay Bee Aytch

THE JACKIE ROBINSONS HERE MAY 19TH
RALEIGH — An official announcement from the office of N. C. NAACP Conference president Kelly Miller Alexander of Charlotte, last week said that the scheduled Mother's Day (May 12th) appearance of the noted former baseball player, Jackie Robinson, had been postponed until Sunday, May 19th, at 3 p. m.

This is the new date set to comply with the wishes of Mr. Robinson to remain at home with his family on Mother's Day, since it has been usually impossible for him to spend the day with his family for several years because of his baseball training schedule at that time.

Robinson is chairman of the NAACP national Fighting Fund for Freedom (4-F) drive with a goal of one million dollars to be raised during each calendar year thru 1963, the one hundredth anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation issued by Abraham Lincoln to free Negro slaves. The Freedom Fund is being used to break down all forms of legal and traditional barriers to the sharing of complete American citizenship benefits and responsibilities which barriers are now restraining Negroes from such rights.

The state NAACP conference is sponsoring a "Mother-of-the-Year" contest in connection with its fund-raising activities this year, with the honor going to the mother who raises the most money on the 4-F drive by May 19th, the day of the crowning of the mother to be selected from among those over the state who enter the contest. Any ambitious mothers wishing to enter and fight for the rights of nation and the youth of tomorrow may contact their nearest NAACP branch or official, or write to Charles A. McLean, Asst. Field Secretary of NAACP, 1453 Hattie Ave., Winston-Salem, N. C., or Kelly M. Alexander, 323 So. Brevard St., Charlotte, N. C.

REV. SHIRLEY INSTALLED
 The Cape Fear Presbytery met in an adjourned session at Davie Street Presbyterian Church last week for the express purpose of setting up and making official the call of the Rev. Robert Shirley from the New Jersey Presbytery to Cape Fear and the moderator of the Davie Street Presbyterian Church which has been pastor-less since the brief sojourn and departure of the Rev. Wm. Gillespie to work in St. Louis, Mo.

FROM ROCKY MOUNT last week, the Rev. J. H. Costen was accompanied to the Catawba Synod's Presbytery Men's Council meeting in Charlotte by Robert Brewer, Joseph Bullock, Marvin A. Hawkins and J. B. Harren. Also Charles Lyvin of Raleigh accompanied them. Cape Fear Presbytery sent 24 representatives to the Council meeting.

MRS. MARTHA CASTILE INTERRED
 Funeral rites were said from Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, March 20th for Mrs. Martha Battle Castile, daughter of Mrs. Elvan Battle of Penna. and Virginia Streets.

Mrs. Castile had been ill for some time, even before returning home from Dee Cee. The deceased who had been active in local religious and fraternal circles prior to her residence in Washington, is survived by the following close relatives in addition to her mother: a sister, Mrs. Bessie B. Ford, Rocky Mount; brothers, John Battle of Dee Cee and Willie, Jack and the Rev. Kemp P. Battle of Rocky Mount. The Rev. Battle is president of the N. C. IBPO Elks Association and a grand lodge officer of note.

Mrs. Laura Pittman Cooper of Battleboro highway is showing improvement from a recent illness which has slowed her pace during the last few weeks.

We would like to tell you that a popular high school librarian from the Twin City returned down for the weekend, but she told us not to mention her name, so we won't. Jerry Dickens, a long-time resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., is vacationing with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dickens of Whitakers, and other relatives. Jerry says he is going to turn to being a "private eye" when he returns to NYC.

It is the practice in East Carolina courts where a few Negro prospective jurors appear on the panel in a case involving the two races, to ask them if they are members of the NAACP. If anything like an affirmative answer is given or indicated, they are promptly dismissed. It has been noted that queries have not been given white would-be jurors regarding Patriots or Citizens Council membership in similar cases.

OPERATION SOUTHERN STORY
 During the month of April NAACP will conduct a speaking tour of several southern NAACP state presidents in a mass attempt to get the true story of the hardships being undergone by southern Negroes fighting for desegregation. Glister Current, NAACP branch director calls the tour, "Operation Southern Story", which will give reports from those workers in the field and on the firing line facing rabid anti-integrationists.

The speakers lists include the following: Kelly M. Alexander, Charlotte; Mrs. Dorothea Combre, Louisiana; C. R. Darden, Mississippi; Mrs. Daisy Bates, Arkansas; the Rev. J. F. Grimmett, Tennessee; Father Theodore Gibson, Miami, Fla.; the Rev. C. K. Steele, Florida; Dr. E. B. Henderson, Virginia; and James A. Crumlin of Kentucky.

The Detroit, Mich. NAACP, which has several times been a

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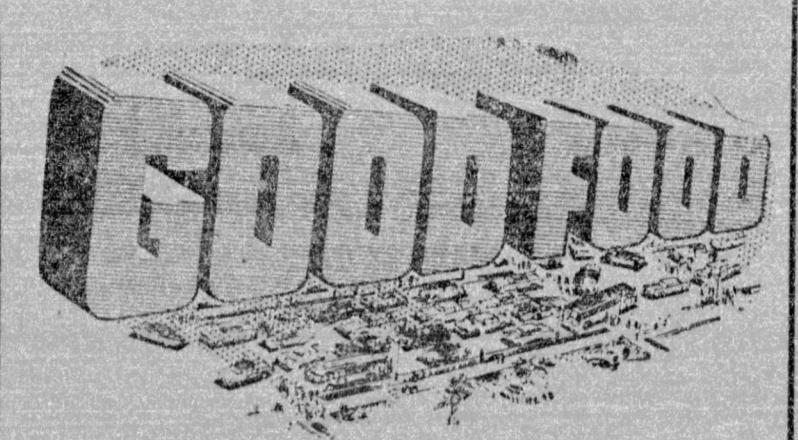
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Distinguished Women Slated To Lead AKA Regional Meet

DURHAM — Dr. Marjorie Parker, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Elma Spaulding, Durham and Mrs. Edna Over Campbell, Baltimore, are among the distinguished women scheduled to speak and lead discussions at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority that meets at Durham's North Carolina College from April 5 to 7.

Some 200 delegates and guests from 42 chapters with an aggregate membership numbering over 1,000 in eastern West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina are expected for the meeting. Dr. Rose Browne, Durham, General Chairman, stated that programs and discussions will focus on the theme "The Role of Alpha Kappa Alpha in Times of Transition."

A highlight of the three-day meet will be a public address by Mrs. Edna Over Campbell, past National President, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Sunday, April 7 on the conference theme. Mrs. Elma Spaulding, who recently accompanied her husband to the UNESCO meetings in New Delhi, India, will discuss "Culture in India" at the luncheon meeting on April 6.

The morning session on April 5 will feature Dr. Marjorie Parker, Professor of Education, Wilson Teachers College, Washington, D. C., while Miss Grace Matthews, Richmond, Virginia, Regional Director, will lead socio-drama exploration of the topic, "Know Your Sorority."

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