

# EQUAL SALARIES FOR M.D. TEACHERS

## To Get Fifty Per Cent Raise On Aug. 1, 1938

ROCKVILLE, Md., July 30.—A settlement out of court, the board of education of Montgomery county and its attorneys agreed with attorneys of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to equalize the salaries now being paid white and colored teachers in the county.

The board will raise the colored teachers' salaries beginning August 1 and will raise the other fifty per cent August 1, 1938, at which time they will be equal to the salaries of white teachers.

This means that if a colored teacher in Montgomery county is now drawing \$400 a year and a white teacher is drawing \$900 a year for the same work, the colored teacher will be paid \$600 a year beginning August 1 and \$900 a year beginning August 1, 1938.

A total increase of \$30,000 will go into the pay envelope of Negro teachers in Montgomery county, as a result of the NAACP legal action, and \$15,000 of this amount will be paid beginning August 1. It is estimated that in the whole state of Maryland Negro teachers are receiving a total of \$500,000 less than white teachers and it is believed that the action of Montgomery county will cause other counties to raise the salaries and thus bring bigger checks to Negro teachers.

The NAACP suit in Montgomery county was brought in behalf of William B. Gibbs, Jr., who was being paid \$612 a year, whereas whites with his same experience and education were being paid \$1,125 a year.

When Thurgood Marshall and Lean A. Ransom, NAACP Attorneys, filed the suit, attorneys for the county board of education filed a demurrer to the whole proceeding, which, if granted by the court, would have dismissed the suit. But the court, after hearing the argument, refused to grant the demurrer and ordered the county board of education to answer the petition.

It was at this point that the county decided to settle out of court and equalize the salaries of the teachers. An agreement to this effect was signed July 23 by Dr. Edwin W. Broome, superintendent of schools, and William Prettyman, attorney for the board, and Thurgood Marshall and Lean Ransom acting for Gibbs.

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## CCC Program Calls For Operation Of 52 Camps In North Carolina

RALEIGH, Aug. 6.—The Civilian Conservation Corps program for the first quarter of the fiscal year, which began on July 1, provides for the operation of fifty-two camps in North Carolina, it has been announced by T. L. Grier, of Raleigh, Supervisor of CCC Selection for the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

Of this number, eighteen camps have been assigned to soil erosion control projects; thirteen to the improvement and development of national forests; five to private forest areas; four each to improvement and development of national and state parks; two to work under the supervision of the Biological Survey; two under the

Measures designed to help control erosion on farmlands in the state will be continued by a large number of the camps. Work of the forest camps includes improvement of timber resources and their protection from fire, and expansion of physical improvement to aid in administration and

development of the forest. The camps under the Biological Survey are assigned to projects important in that Bureau's migratory waterfowl restoration program.

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## Calvin's Digest

**Victoria Price**  
Victoria Price sat at a second story window and watched four of the Scottboro boys, free men, leaving Decatur. Twice before these same boys had been sentenced to death on her story. Now the State said openly it thought they were innocent, and quashed the indictments against them. This happened in Alabama.

Victoria Price, descendant of white women who have watched Negroes die because they pointed the finger at them, this time must have suffered a revulsion of feelings against her own white man who refused to credit her wild sex tale, even though it involved Negroes. Why didn't they electrocute the boys? Why didn't they vindicate white womanhood once more? Why didn't they teach Negroes again that white women are sacred?

Victoria Price doesn't understand that the world is growing wiser, even in Alabama. She does not understand the significance of the word "progress", nor the meaning of the millions of dollars being spent in education for the masses, and the meaning of the words "inter-racial relations." She doesn't understand these things. She lives in a world of ignorant, the world of the uninformed, the world of the prejudiced, the old world of the cruel and heartless, the world of the hard on the unregenerate. Many white people themselves pity Victoria's type, and anxious to do something that will make her kind become fewer in this rich country of ours. Opportunity and educational advantages, spread out to where the masses can benefit, will reach Victoria's type, and that is why the New Deal is spending so much of the Federal money, and outling so hard for "reform." It hopes to make America a better place, socially, for all the people.

For Judge Knight, father of Thomas E. Knight, the late attorney general of Alabama, there is no hope but the hope of death. This old man, as head of the State Supreme Court, would have, like Victoria, relished the death of the Scottboro boys. But fate decreed otherwise—he was able to send them to their death ahead of time. There is forgiveness and

hope for Victoria Price, because she does not understand; there is neither for Judge Knight, as there was none for his son, for they understand perfectly what they were determined to do. But thank heaven they failed.

**Negro Leadership Gains**  
Negro leadership received renewed strength upon the naming of Dr. Dwight Oliver Wendell Holmes as president of Morgan College, Baltimore. Another school of ancient and honorable lineage, for the past seventy odd years administered by a white head, now in colored hands. Morgan College, Baltimore, under the leadership of Negroes to Negroes themselves.

On the other hand, Negroes must become doubly conscious of their increasing power and prestige, and conduct themselves as befits leaders of men. Trials and tribulations come to leaders, and they must, in the midst of storm and strife, keep cool, calm and collected. Bon voyage to Morgan under Negro guidance. There is every reason to believe she is in safe hands. The success of her

course will be strong argument for additional leadership opportunity for Negroes in this field.

**Signs of Recovery**  
Although depressing reports may still be heard, there are signs in different parts of the country of real and substantial recovery. In Savannah, Ga., a new bank has been opened, the first since the depression, and the first colored bank in that city in nine years. In Newport News the Crown Savings Bank reports the largest percentage of increase in the savings department of any bank in the city. The North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company of Durham reports collections for the first half of the year of \$1,035,588.65; in Chicago three colored men, the Jones Brothers, have opened a 5, 10, 25 and \$1.00 store, giving employment to nearly 100 people; in Oklahoma City a newspaper the Black Dispatch, is installing about \$40,000 in new equipment; in Louisville, another newspaper, the Leader is moving into a fine new home; in Durham, colored bankers were invited to attend the meeting of the white bankers at Chapel Hill; in Asheville, N. C., Louis Armstrong was brought in to play for the anniversary ball of a newspaper, the South News, and so on—There are many signs of substantial recovery and return of business confidence.

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