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Charlotte Postmaster And Negro Employes May Face Federal Court

Supreme Court Refuses To Review Norfolk Teachers - Salary Case

NORFOLK, Va., (Special) — The Supreme Court of the United States on Monday denied petition of the Norfolk School Board for a review of the Melvin Alston equal salaries case and ordered it back to the United States District Court here for trial on its merits.

In effect, the nation's highest tribunal concurred in an opinion handed down by the Fourth United States Circuit Court of Appeals on June 18 last in which the differential in salaries of white and colored teachers in the Norfolk Public School system was characterized as "discriminatory" and a violation of the due process clause of the fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

The case, in which Mr. Alston, an instructor in the Booker T. Washington High School and of the Norfolk Teachers Association are plaintiffs, was appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals after Judge Luther B. Way had dismissed the plaintiff's plea in Federal District Court on the grounds that Mr. Alston had waived his constitutional rights



PASSES

ROBERT L. VANN, founder and editor of the Pittsburgh Courier who succumbed to a lengthy illness last Thursday evening, Mr. Vann who was a native of Hillsdale, N. C., was 61 years of age at the time of his death. Life story of Mr. Vann on page 5, section 2.

when he voluntarily entered into a contract at a stipulated salary. Although the Supreme Court sent the case back for retrial, indication being necessary.

A hearing in Federal District Court on Monday, July 8, when attorneys for Mr. Alston and the School Board met to set a date for the trial of the case following the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Way explained that if the School Board were denied a writ by the Supreme Court and the case was remanded to his court, the City of Norfolk would not save any money by reason of the delay.

Hansberry Case Draws Star Legal Talent

Washington — Evidencing an interest seldom seen in matters legal a large group of Washington Negroes attended the Supreme Court session on Friday morning to hear the arguments in the famous Chicago segregation case, Hansberry vs. Lee.

Rows of colored attendants listened carefully to every word uttered by both the appellees and the appellants. In the audience were Attorneys Mehlinger of the department of justice, Ming of Howard University Law school, Bernard Jefferson of the same school, George Hayes, school.

When N. C. State Men Get Together



It was immediately after the N. C. College Eagles had defeated the Big Blues from Bluefield Teachers College at Winston-Salem. The team is being entertained by Rev. J. H. Tucker, pastor of the St. John CME Church of the Twin City.

Prominent Roxboro Man Passes

Roxboro — Lee Clay, prominent citizen of Roxboro died at his home near here last Thursday evening at six o'clock as the result of a paralytic stroke.

Funeral services for the well known man were held at the Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The deceased was 88 years old.

Prof. Sam Dorsey and Ralph Bunche of Howard and V. D. Johnson, treasurer at the same school.

Surviving him are his wife and nine children and many other relatives and friends. The children surviving are of his first marriage to the former Miss Ellen Brooks. The wife who survives is Mrs. Bessie Clay. The children are: Mrs. Flossie Humphrey, Mrs. Nannie Thompson, Mrs. Esther Trotter, Mrs. Lovie Humphrey, Miss Alice Clay. The sons who survive are: Bennie, Robert, Dec and George of Roxboro.

The sermon was preached by Rev. B. H. Lucas, presiding elder of the Durham district of the A.M.E. Church. Interment was at the church cemetery.

Eleven Whites And Two Negroes To Go On Trial Apr. 1

NEGRO POSTAL WORKERS INVOLVED IN POSTOFFICE POLITICAL SCANDAL IN NORTH CAROLINA—F. B. I. Post Office Inspectors, and Civil Service Commission investigation concluded—District Attorney given case. Hint indictment of Postmaster Younts, eleven whites and two Negroes, for trial before Federal Court in April... Convictions carry penalties of three years in prison, or five thousand dollars fines. Postmaster former head of National Association of Postmasters.

Charlotte — The names of political object whatever. Joseph Young, and Frank M. The law states further: "No James, Negro custodians at the officer or employee of the United States mentioned in Section 208 to 211 of this title shall be discharged, or promote, or degrade, or in any manner change the official rank or compensation of any other officer or employee, or promise or threaten so to do by giving or withholding or neglecting to make any contribution of money or other valuable thing for any political purpose."

The penalty for such violation of the provisions of Sections 208 to 211 of this title shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

Affidavits made out before postal inspectors, it is reported, have contained statements by employees of the Charlotte post office that they have been required to work in political elections, such as counting ballots, carrying voters to the polls, and checking the ballots, and the election books in various wards after the elections were over.

"The Younts machine" have Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle, Tenth District, Democrat, who named Mr. Younts to the postmastership, a total of 24,493 votes in a recent election.

It is further alleged that the getting of jobs in the Charlotte Post Office was contingent upon the willingness of the applicant to work in the elections. Negro postal workers who worked, allegedly against their wills and desires, were given five, ten and fifteen dollars, for their services, on election days, and for Negroes to the polls. However, the use of their cars, to carry escorts to get Postmaster Younts to put on Negro letter carriers met with rebuffs, despite the fact that the last case was taken to Postmaster General Farley, before his recent resignation, and despite the fact that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Alliance of postal employees, the Civil Liberties commission of the Elks Grand Lodge, the Imperial Council of Shriners, and other national bodies urged Younts to appoint

Col. B. O. Davis Appointed Brigadier General By F.D.R.; First Negro So Honored

Washington — For the first time in the history of the United States, a Negro will wear the stars of the rank of general, with the announcement from the White House and the war department that Col. Benjamin Davis, will in the future be brigadier general, to command the 2nd division of cavalry, comprising the 9th and 10th regiments. This promotion is a signal victory for the units that have been fighting for such recognition and is believed to presage the forming of an entirely Negro officered division in the army.

Announcement of the promotion of Colonel Davis followed a conference held Friday when Dr. Frederick Patterson of Tuskegee institute, Dr. Rayford Logan of Howard university and Dr. Howard Long of the public schools of the District, visited the White House and discussed with the President other possibilities for Negro participation in the national defense.

STATE DIRECTORS OF DEMOCRATIC NEGRO WOMEN



Lending her capable services to the Democratic National Campaign in her home state is Mrs. Ahwaneda P. Hairston of Williamsport, West Virginia (above) who is actively associated with the Negro Women's Activities of the strong movement to send President Roosevelt back to the White House for a third term.



Irma Lawson of Wilmington, Delaware whose capable work in helping direct the Democratic Presidential Campaign in her home state of Delaware has already given definite indications that FDR and the New Deal should sweep the state.



Margaret H. Holland, who recently attained the distinction of being the first Negro woman to be elected to a state Democratic Committeewoman's post, and is also active in the directing of the campaign for President Roosevelt's reelection in her native state of Rhode Island.



Bertha Young, of Boston, Massachusetts, energetic director of women's activities in conjunction with the Democratic campaign in her state of Massachusetts, who enthusiastically predicts the reelection of President Roosevelt.



Georgiana Jackson of South Norwalk, Connecticut, whose activities in her state division of the Democratic National Campaign are considered among the most effective factors which party leaders predict, will result in a sweeping Roosevelt victory on November 5.