

# SIDAT SINGH KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

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BUY WAR BONDS

### Walter White Accused Of Starting Attack On Tuskegee

# THOMAS ALLEN FOUND GUILTY

## U.S. Supreme Court Confesses Error In Soldiers Rape Case

### Former Football Star Of Syracuse Dies When Plane Crashes In Lake

EAST TAWAS, Michigan, — Lt. Wilmeth Sidat-Singh, former football star of Syracuse University has been reported missing after his single seat pursuit plane crashed in Lake Huron near here around noon Sunday. Sidat Singh was a graduate of the Tuskegee Flying School and was considered an expert gunner.

The former football star was stationed at Selfridge Field. Officials at headquarters said witnesses had seen him ball out of his plane, but neither his body nor his chute had been found. They did discover however an oil slick on the lake, which was an indication that the plane had gone to the bottom after it crashed in the lake.

Sidat-Singh had been transferred to Selfridge Field from Tuskegee only a week ago. Officials stated he was on a routine flight at the time his plane crashed.

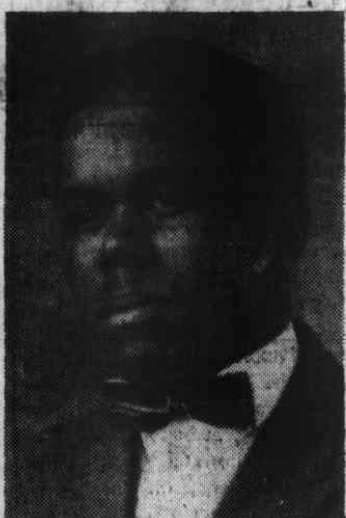
In 1937 and 1938 Sidat Singh played in the backfield for Syracuse and was the main stay in his team's offense. His stellar performance in the game against Cornell in 1938 when he heaved a trio of forward passes in the last three minutes of play that were good for touchdowns, rated him as one of the nation's greatest passers. Sport's writers all over the nation gave him credit for winning the game almost single handed.

### White Officer Urges NAACP Vigilance Of Bigotry In Army

NEW YORK, — In a letter from an intelligent young white officer stationed in a southern camp, the NAACP was urged this week to continue its fight on all fronts for the realization of democracy in America.

"Your fight is our fight — that a man has rights as a man, whether he be a Jew, Negro, Irish-Catholic or a southern demagogue," writes this officer. "I have found very little reason for encouragement in the application of democratic thoughts to race relations since entering the army. I know that I am in a bad section of the country to find any great emphasis on tolerance and justice." (Continued on Page Five)

### Succumbs



FRED SNEED, respected citizen of Durham, who was found dead in bed here Monday morning. Physicians stated that Mr. Sneed had suffered a heart attack during the night. The deceased had worked for the Jones and Frasier Jewelry Company here for more than 14 years. The management of the store stated yesterday that Mr. Sneed's service at the store had been of the highest order and that it is going to be hard to replace him.

### First Lieutenant



Lt. Haskel A. Hudson, former Durham citizen who was a visitor here last week. Lt. Hudson is a graduate of N. C. College and prior to joining the army worked for the Dunbar Realty and Insurance Company. He is now stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass.

### Local Man Found Dead In Bed Monday Morning

BY JOSEPH HOPSON

Funeral services were held Thursday May 13th, at Calvary Baptist Church, Gorman, North Carolina for Freddie Douglass Sneed, 43 year old Durham man.

He was born in Durham county in 1899 and was educated at the National Training School, now the North Carolina College for Negroes.

Mr. Sneed was found dead in bed Monday morning at 7:00 A. M. For 12 years he was employed at Jones and Frasier Company.

Interment was held in the family cemetery at Gorman, N. C.

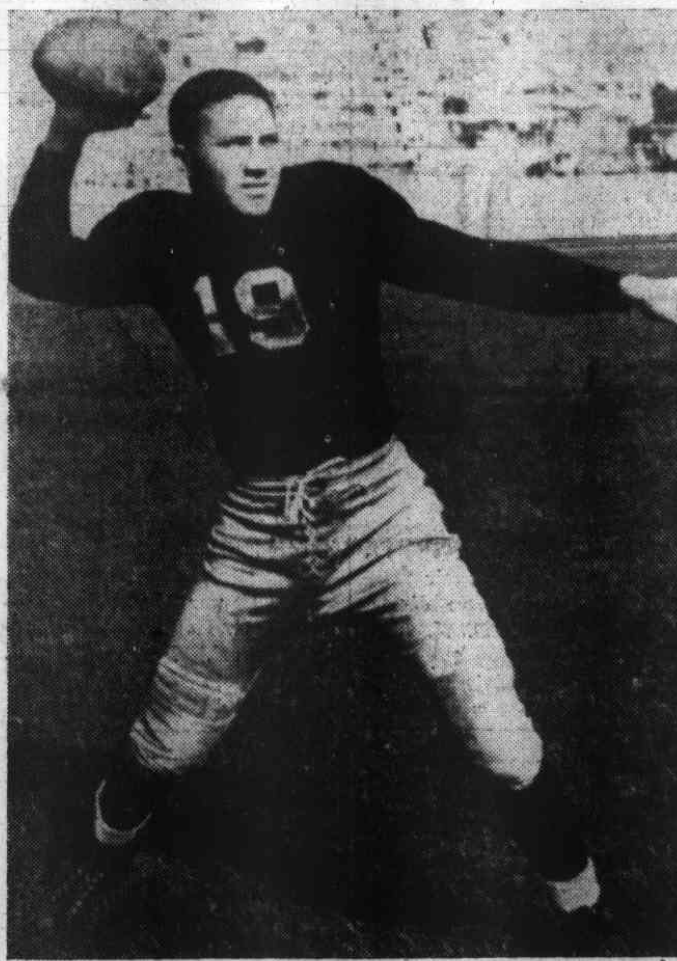
He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Willie Sneed, one son, Freddie Jr., and two daughters, Alice Constance and Willett and his mother, Mrs. Alice Sneed of Gorman.

Out of town relatives attending the funeral were his three sisters, Mrs. Essie Amey of Durham; Mrs. Virgie Thomas of Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. Odie Ammond Thomas also of Baltimore, four brothers: Floyd and Marvin of Durham, Swannie of Richmond, Va. and Eddie of Pittsburgh, Pa.

### LT. H. A. HUDSON VISITS DURHAM

Lieut. Hudson, former rental and real estate agent for the Dunbar Realty and Insurance Company of this city is a graduate of Hillside Park High School and a former senior student at North Carolina College for Negroes. He enlisted in June of 1941 and was stationed at Fort Bragg, with the famous 41st Engineers. Because of his experience in medicine and first aid gained by his long association with the Bull City Drug Store of this city, he was sent to the Medical Detachment of the 41st Engineers. There he advanced from Private to First Sergeant of the Detachment. In this grade he was accepted for

### AIRPLANE VICTIM



Sidat Singh who lost his life while flying a U. S. Army pursuit plane last Sunday is shown above when he was a football star at Syracuse University. The never-to-be-forgotten game between Syracuse

and Cornell in which the famous player hurled three touchdown passes in the last three minutes of play, stamped Sidat as one of the nation's greatest players for that season.

### Judge Borland Places \$100 Fine On Lone Negro Accused Of Inciting Riot

### TO RECRUIT 10,000 NEGROES FOR MARINES

With one unit of Negro Marines already assigned to overseas duty and others being trained in artillery, anti aircraft, communications and other fields, Marine Corps Headquarters today announced plans for recruitment of 10,000 Negroes.

Approximately 2,000 Negro Marines are now being trained in the 51st Composite Defense Battalion at Montford Point, Camp Lejeune mammoth Marine Training Reservation at New River, N. C.—and new recruits are arriving at the rate of 40 a day.

Breaking a tradition of 167 years, the Marine Corps began the enlistment of Negroes on June 1, 1942. Three months later, the first group of 1,200 volunteers from all sections of the country—began their training at the 200 square mile North Carolina camp which had been constructed at a cost of \$60,000,000.

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### VISITS DURHAM



Master Sergeant Paul Green, wellknown Durham citizen now serving in the U. S. Army, who was a visitor in the city last week. Sgt. Green has been in Alaska for the past 10 months where he helped build the now famous Alaskan highway connecting the country with the mainland. He was transferred from there to enter the officers training school at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia.

Thomas "Skeet" Allen, charged with inciting and participating in an unlawful assembly was pronounced guilty here Wednesday morning by Judge A. H. Borland after a hearing in the Recorders Court that lasted two days. A fine of \$100 and a six months suspended sentence under a five years probation was placed against the young man after one of the hardest fought legal battles in the annals of Recorders Court history.

The defendant was represented by Attorneys M. H. Thompson and C. J. Gates, prominent Negro lawyers of this city. Each day the trial was under way the courtroom was filled to capacity with spectators, most of whom were Negroes.

The charge against Allen grew out of a riot which occurred here between civilian police officers and soldiers of Camp Butler, April 10th when J. T. Bailey, ABC police officer attacked a soldier in the liquor store, located on Fayetteville Street, when the latter is said to have more than one liquor

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## Writer Says NAACP Hand Behind Fight Waged On Patterson And Tuskegee

BY ALBERT ANDERSON

NEW YORK, (ANP) — Observers here have watched with some amazement the furore which has developed over whether Tuskegee, the famous school in Alabama, should or should not accept financial aid from the state in which it is located. To those schooled in public affairs it is has been apparent that something more than ordinary public reaction was behind the considerable fuss stirred up.

A spokesman who is close to Tuskegee's trustee board gave vent to comment recently which clarifies the picture somewhat.

Tuskegee and its present administration have been the vic-

tims of a clever campaign of misrepresentation, this spokesman inferred. He declared that Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, was the principal force behind the effort which stopped little short of an attempt to smear the administration at Tuskegee. White has always fought everything connected with Tuskegee, according to this informant. In that attitude one must pay him credit for being true to NAACP traditions. The national association fought Booker T. Washington; it belittled Robert K. Moton and would hardly be running true to form if those currently in charge did not seek to undermine the present head

of the school, Dr. F. D. Patterson.

The hypocrisy behind the tears shed and the wails printed in the public press by White and his associates was merely to say the least. Evidently the group thinks that the public forgets easily. Why would Walter White and his crowd who have pilloried Tuskegee every chance they get, be concerned whether, as they said, "our most important institution is losing its moral leadership. The young men now in war will refuse to follow Tuskegee banner any longer?"

At no time was the simple truth included in their statements that Alabama's program

## GOVERNMENT JOINS DEFENSE IN URGING ADMITTANCE OF ERROR

WASHINGTON, — A rgument on the case of the three Negro soldiers convicted and sentenced to death for rape in Alexandria, La., began in the United States Supreme Court May 10.

Thurgood Marshall, NAACP Special Counsel, revealed this week that the brief filed in behalf of the United States by the Solicitor General and the Assistant Attorney General "confessed error" and completely agreed that the points raised by the defense attacking the jurisdiction of the trial court were valid. It had been charged that the court in which the soldiers were sentenced was without jurisdiction to try them.

The NAACP did not enter this case until after the three

soldiers, John Bordenave, Richard P. Adams, and Lawrence Mitchell had been sentenced. They were rushed to trial on July 27, 1942. The court appointed lawyers and the soldiers were convicted of criminal attack on a white woman in Alexandria, Louisiana.

A petition of the NAACP attorneys for a habeas corpus writ was based on the contention that the United States government had no jurisdiction over the land on which the alleged crime was committed.

As the case now stands the government has joined the defense counsel in urging the United States Supreme Court to answer the question of the federal court's jurisdiction in such a manner as to admit that the lower court was without the right to convict the men.

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