

Blind And Armless Vet Passes Bar Examinations In Louisiana

WASHINGTON, D. C. A blinded and armless veteran who studied law by listening to assignments read to him by fellow-students has just been admitted to the bar for the practice of law in Louisiana, Veterans Administration reported today.

The veteran, 30-year-old James L. Womack of Baton Rouge, graduated this summer from Louisiana State University in the upper tenth of his class. He was elected to the Order of the Coif, the law school equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic society.

Womack attended school under Public Law 16, the Vocational Rehabilitation Act for disabled veterans.

Unable to take notes or read textbooks, the veteran learned by listening to the voices of readers, in a special alcove in the college law library which had been set aside

for his use. His readers, law students with above-average grades, found that they benefited from their contact with Womack.

Their grades rose still higher, as a result of Womack's barrage of searching questions and demands for facts and more facts.

Unable to write, Womack had to take his examination apart from his class. Faculty members would quiz him and he would record the answers on his recording machine. If a written record of a test was necessary, the school's office staff would transcribe the answers from his machine.

Born in Sikes, La., Womack joined the Army at 18. Serving with the Infantry in Germany, he was wounded in action by an enemy mine explosion in March, 1945. Both arms were amputated, and multiple wounds in his face left him blind.

Married to a high school sweetheart, he is the father of a three-year-old adopted son, Michael. Despite his heavy schedule, Womack has managed to keep up his hobbies of bee-raising and mathematics. He also hopes to get a license as a "ham" radio operator.

ASSOCIATION IN 85TH SESSION

The New Hope Missionary Baptist Association will hold its 85th Annual Session with the First Baptist Church, Mebane, Oct. 5-6. Meeting with the Association, the Women's Auxiliary will convene in its 21st Annual Session. Rev. T. D. Walker will be the host pastor.

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Principal Rejects Attempt Of White Father To Enroll Children

GREENSBORO An attempt to enroll two white pupils in Florence Elementary School here recently was rejected by the principal, Victor Blackburn, according to Guilford schools superintendent, E. D. Idol.

Blackburn rejected two applications submitted by the father of the children. The first an oral application was properly declined and a second in writing met the same fate, Idol stated.

The name of the father, David Neave, was at first kept secret by Idol who claims that he did so for human reasons. But later, the County Superintendent evidently felt such reasons to be invalid as he revealed the parent's identity.

Principal Blackburn stated that he could not recall the name as he had made no record of it.

According to Idol, Neave was one of 34 persons who recently signed a letter to the Board of Education asking that "if and when" Negro pupils applied individually for ad-

mission to Guilford (white) school, they should be accepted.

In rejecting the application, Blackburn was evidently in line with the ruling of the Board of Education; for said Idol, according to that ruling the principal could not have admitted the two white children.

In the meanwhile, segregation of the races goes on in the rural school district while a board-authorized special study of integration is in progress.

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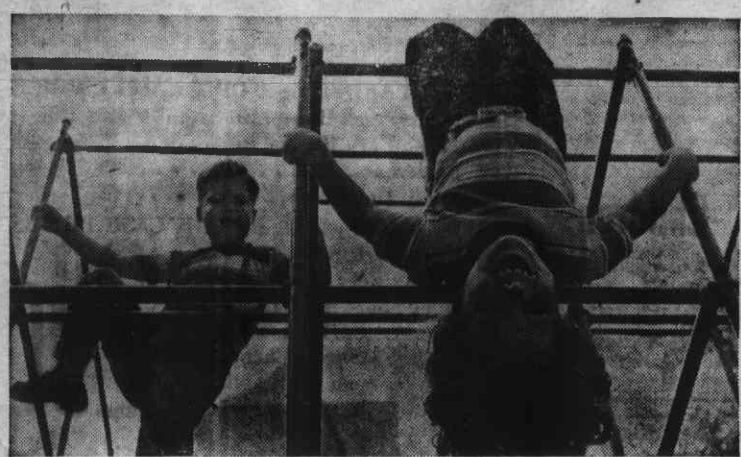


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