EDITORIALS

SUPREME COURT HEWS TO LINE

The decision of the State Supreme Court, the effect of which is to grant Wilbert Johnson and Charles Primus, Jr., a new trial in the charge of rape against a white woman, is one which may be applauded as in the interest of justice. The Supreme Court arrested the judgment of the Wake County Court on the ground of a defective indictment. This means that the whole trial procedure must be gone through the second time from the very beginning, as there must be a second presentation of evidence to the grand jury before a proper indictment in the case can exist.

In capital cases particularly every pre caution should be taken to guarantee that no injustice is visited against the accused; and more especially should these precau tions operate when a Negro is under accusation of rate of a white woman. The defendants in such cases have everything against them at best.

No defense is offered here for rapists: it is unquestionable that cape is one of the st heinous and least defensible crimes in the catalogue. But just because it is. and because of the deep-rooted attitudes of long standing which surround any inter-racial alleged manifestations of sex. every Negro accused of such a crim-should have the benefit of all legal safeguards against miscarriages of justice.
For some years North Carolina has been

moving toward a more rational attitude in such cases. Lynching has been practically eliminated. The Supreme Court is to be congratulated on seeing to it that in this particular case the accused are to be granted the protection to which they are entitled under the rules o legal procedure.

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The Democratic Party is on the way out of power whenever such a doctrine is accepted. The real definition of a Deniocrat is: One who supports the platform of the party and backs up, at least in es sentials, the leadership of the party heads. A ten per cent Democrat does this only r cent of the way. That obviously means he is 90 per cent something other than Democrat. And 90 is a lot of per cent.

One of the real weaknesses of the Democratic Party is that a large proportion nominal membership in Congress from the South is hardly more Democratic than Senator Taft, insofar as subscribing to the fundamental and basic principles of the party is concerned. Very many of them are "Democrats" ony in the sense that the word 'democrat' is traditionally synonymous with the word 'southern' in the southern section of the country.

Very many of these Congressmen are Democrats in the sense of being against William Tecumseh Sherman; but they are not for the policies of Roosevelt or Truman or other party leaders. They are antilabor, anti-free suffrage, anti-social security, anti-living wage, anti-minorty group - in short, anti-everything fundamental ly associated with their patry except their own office-holding under its name

Speaker Rayburn may be kidding himself and the titular southern Democrats but to everyone else his pronouncement is just so much boocy. Of course the Reblicans don't mind hearing that kind of thing from the Democratic speaker of

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the House, for they know that such propa ganda won't hurt the Republicans any in the elections this year in those states out side the Solid South.

WE'LL WAIT

The change of position by the Daughters of the American Revolution in permitting the Tuskegee Choir's appeara in Constitution Hall for the Negro College Fund may be only for this special occasion, so it is too early for hurrahs. Things may be done for Tuskegee and in the name of Booker T. Washington which woud not otherwise be done, so that those in power among the patriotic ladies may feel justified in making an exception in this particular instance, only to revert to their previous high principles once

Booker has been properly honored.

Mrs. Talmadge's reaction to Represen tative Luce's letter about the use of the hall bodes no good and does not necessar ily show any change of heart. She called Mrs. Luce's representations "threats," and in turn threatened the congresswoman that if she did not watch her step even Tuskegee, the College Fund and the shades of B. T. himself might not avail to swing upon the doors of the so aptly named Constitution Hall. Further, Mrs. Talmadge, in reminding Mrs. Luce that when you want something some has you had better be nice, (in this case the key to the hall,) characterized the congresswoman's stand as "un-Amer-

The CAROLINIAN hopes the DAR has really changed, and wishes to be the first to felicitate that organization on a real change of front. But until further evidence is in, the felicitations are post

A TRAGEDY OF NEGLIGENCE

The terrible death by suffocation of four inmates of the Scotland Neek jail serves to re-emphasize a type of dangerous and criminal negligence which recurs from time to time. It was a grisly warning against the always inexcusable prac-tice of locking up people and leaving them locked in an unattended building. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred no harm will result; but it should always be shored that an emergency may oc-

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Not so long ago some children perished in a fire when the mother left them locked in while she went on a short errand. It can happen in homes as well as in jails. But the practice of leaving prisoners locked in and unattended is fairly common. It should not under any cir cumstances be permitted. Men whose of fense was trivial paid the death penalty in Scotland Neck in a form more h than if they had been murderers of rap-

No place into which human beings can be locked is absolutely proof against the hazard of fire or other emergencies. Merwho are locked up by law are due to the full protection from all hazarads from which they by the nature of the circumstances cannot protect themselves. The disaster at Scotland Neck should be a vivid reminder of the responsibility assumed by those who put anyone under lock and key at any time and at any

UNINVITED

Negro individuals and groups in New York ty seem especially addicted to organizing messectings, launching movements and promoting lifes. There seem to be always at least two coments in these activities. One is a slogan, and to other is a fee, or admission charge, or some her monetary consideration by which the rank and the may be permitted to contribute to the odd work. It no issue presents itself in the imigeliate neighborhood, the leaders can usually also more good project somewhere else. There always the South, where something is usually olding to which the promoters can hitch onto do for which or about which a "mammoth" ass meeting can be called in Madison Square arden or one of the Harlem casinos. Admission large, of course.

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By C. D. HALLIBURTON

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESS ON By Rev. M. W. Williams

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BETWEEN THE LINES

By DEAN B. HANCOCK FOR AND

THE NAACP LIMITED

on was directing the NAACP campaign A few years ago I had be privilege of working with this great woman here in Richmond here is grave doubt as to whether the Negtoes of this country now how much they owe Daisy Lampkin, the campaign genus I the NAACP. Today the Richmond campaign is in full swing, his writer took advantage of the 1200 Easter attendants at Moore treet Baptist church to lay upon their hearts the accred obligation at was theirs to individually and severally put over the Richmond campaign.

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The almost tragic thing is that year after year we have to impaign for members for the NAACP, an organization whose poort should be a part of every Negro's religion. The increasing popert which it is annually gathering is one of the happy augustes for day. Negroes are waking up notwithstanding their slowth the grave matter.

Well may the NAACP feature its appeal with the recent summer court decision on the question of suffrage. But it is just that supreme court decisions can be a superior of the proposed o

appainted by a "ballot hox complex" grave complications are sure to follow.

What is true of Negroes in Richmond and Virginia is too generally true wherever Negroes have voting privileges. Thy NAACP is strictly limited when Negroes do not take the fullest advantages of its hard-won victories. The NAACP is also limited in the field of job-getting and "job-petting." Negroes in this country could learn much from the lowly Europeans who have learned the finerit of "job-petting." meaning handling a job with the tenderest care. The NAACP cannot help a situation made by Negroes who lay off after pay day on their periodic drunks and apress. The NAACP cannot help the situation made by the Negro's refusal to take available jobs until they can find others better. The NAACP cannot save the economic situation if Negroes refuse to become interested in vocational and technical education the sine qua non of financial security of tomorrow.

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