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**CROWD AGAINST JIM CROW EDUCATION LAUNCHED**

The State of Texas is to provide adequate educational facilities for Negro citizens. When Mr. Sweet made his application to the University of Texas, it was referred to the Attorney General who ruled that the State of Texas was required to furnish separate but equal school facilities for Negroes, but did not have to do so until there was a demand for such facilities. Mr. Sweet has taken the position that qualified Negro students are entitled to admission to existing law school facilities, and are not required by law to apply for the establishment of separate but equal facilities for them. It is expected that the case will be set for hearing early in June.

**NEGRO VET HARROLED TO DEATH HOUSE**

A chief state evidence was an oral reputation by Chief of Police Albert Gibson and two named detectives of an alleged written confession by Benton of the crime. Benton denied making the confession, stating he signed a paper after police threatened to "cut my throat" and refused to give him food.

Benton was convicted by an all-white jury, which stood 7 to 1 against conviction from 5:30 p.m. April 12 until 10 a.m. April 13. The "guilty" verdict came after Benton had pleaded guilty and pleaded the jury for failing to reach a decision.

No Negroes have ever been on a jury in the Richmond County Courthouse. Benton testified he was dragged to a clump of bushes near the Community Center and raped around 9:30 Christmas Eve by a man who "choked" her and threatened to kill her if she talked.

"I didn't see the man that assaulted me any more after that, and I had never seen him before to my knowledge," said Mrs. Free. She said she told the State Solicitor to describe the assailant.

"The man that assaulted me was a colored man," she told the court. "I couldn't tell now, but he was because it was dark and raining."

Q. Did he appear to be a black Negro or a light colored one?  
A. Well, he had a cap on a hat on his head and it was pulled down over his eyes, but I couldn't tell much about his color; he was a little taller than I am, as well as I could tell. I was frightened. Well, no, I don't have any opinion as to his size.

Chalking a description of the alleged assailant, Mrs. Free told the court: "I just knew he was a man and took it to be a colored man."

The record of the trial offers no positive identification of Benton as the assailant of Mrs. Freeman.

Mrs. Anna Leadbetter and Mrs. Elizabeth Gould, local Negro housewives, testified Benton was in the Leadbetter home along with two other persons, far from the scene of the alleged rape, at the time the crime was said to have been committed. I visited these women in their homes and they repeated their story of Benton's visit.

The court record also shows Benton denied under oath he had committed the crime. But he was not given the right to present this testimony to the jury. His testimony was given through the argument between counsel and the state solicitor on admissibility of the alleged confession. He was not put on the stand again when the jury returned to the fact that Major Benton was tried by a Jim Crow jury and denied the right of trial by a jury of his peers, as guaranteed by the U. S. Constitution, was revealed by my extensive investigation of jury service methods in Richmond County Courthouse, Rockingham.

There were no Negroes on the April jury panel, from which the Benton jury was chosen. The County Clerk and officials of the Sheriff's office told me no Negro taxpayer ever served or was called to serve on a Richmond County jury.

**NAACP BOARD MEMBER HITS WASHINGTON CLAGHORNS**

Over enough Republicans to prevent adequate appropriations for the FEPC and to prevent this far passage of a permanent FEPC bill.

**PURPOSE HIGH SCHOOLS FOR JUNIOR COLLEGES**

The president asked that in seeking a solution to this problem of veteran education, the state consider the New York plan, which he said, was providing a State Veterans University to be known as the Dewey University. Col. Harrellson of the N. C. State College of Raleigh, also asked that the government consider the New York Plan.

Another suggestion was that the state take over camp sites, Butler, Bragg and others and provide teaching personnel and equipment to give instruction to the veterans in these camps. Chancellor House of the University of Chapel Hill, said that his experience with the veterans at the University had convinced him that the G. I.'s were tired of anything like a camp, and that if they were going to college it had to be on a college campus.

Dr. Frank Porter Graham, President of the University suggested that the high schools in the state be made junior colleges and in that way, he said, the freshman enrollment would be greatly reduced, for the next two or three years.

**To Appoint A Committee**

It was finally agreed to appoint a committee of the various educational organizations together with the state machinery to work out a definite plan. President Frank Atkins of Winston-Salem Teachers College asked that in appointing this committee the Negro college conference be given consideration. The Governor agreed to include a Negro in his appointment.

Dr. J. W. Seabrook of Fayetteville State Teachers College and Dr. S. D. Williams of Elizabeth City Teachers College were present at the conference.

**LYNX SPIRIT STILL LIVES IN TENNESSEE, A TORNEYS**

an chief, has been treated with a watery end in Columbia's Duca Pond. Mr. Weaver, Southern, though he is, has "severed his country in a war to end foxes' intolerance, and the terror of intolerance of minorities, regardless of their color, religion, or any other differences," said Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Looey, a veteran NAACP attorney from Nashville, said that Columbia was only seventy-five miles from the Klan's original home in Pulaski and that mob spirit had already been shown there. He declared that Columbia Negroes had been three particularly sadistic lynchings, and in one the body of the victim had been proudly exhibited, hanging from the courthouse window in the main square.

"The time has come when we are going to hide the Stephenson boy," said Looey, "the effect notified them that the law will give no protection."

Walter White, NAACP Secretary and Secretary of the Committee, urged that appear before the Attorney General Clark to Washington to urge justice to all concerned.

**NAACP CONTINUES FIGHT TO PREVENT AND EXECUTION**

and inhuman punishment or violation of federal rights involved in the case, declaring that there were no legal grounds for granting the relief asked for. A petition was immediately filed with the State Board of Pardons of Louisiana requesting a recommendation to the Governor for a commutation of sentence for Willie Francis. The petition pointed out that:

"Petitioner further represents that he has undergone the process provided by law for his execution, and that by the Providences of Almighty God his life was spared; and that to inflict upon him the further ordeal of going through the process of electrocution would be cruel and unusual and which is prohibited by Article I, section 12, of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana.

"Petitioner further represents that the primary object of his execution is to deter other persons from the commission of crime and not for the sole purpose of his punishment; that to subject him again to the physical and mental agony of death, incidental to a second attempt to execute him, would be cruel and inhuman."

**2 KILLED, 40 HURT AS TORNADO STRIKES RINNSTON**

destroyed, six state-buses destroyed or seriously damaged, one garage store completely demolished and 26 houses, 12 barns and 23 out-buildings damaged or destroyed.

The twister first struck in the Southwest Section where two tenant families were left homeless. Then it jumped the Neuse River to the West edge of the city at Fairfield where two service stations were demolished, one dwelling raised and a new home under construction lifted from its foundation.

Cutting a path 200 yards wide wherever it hit, the tornado then jumped northward and destroyed the Stanley Baker home on the Ely Perry farm and dipped on the Snow Hill Road and razed four dwellings, piece by piece, on the swampy lands near the residence and reduced to debris numerous tobacco barns.

**PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL TO INCREASE POST OFFICE PAY**

consideration, and passage. If it does pass, as it is expected, five of the Raleigh Negro carriers will be eligible for immediate retirement, and Frank Watson, who was appointed in 1923, with more than one year's military service will be eligible next year. With the retirement of these men, only Charles L. Williams, an appointee of 1940 will remain.



As a climax to its 50th anniversary celebration, Atty. Arthur W. Mitchell of Petersburg, Va., a member of congress from 1934 to 1943, will deliver the commencement address at Fort Valley State College Monday, June 3, during his years in congress.

**TEACHERS FOR NEW YEAR '46-'47 ANNOUNCED**

RALEIGH - Names of teachers and principals who have been approved to serve as faculty members of the Raleigh public school during the 1946-47 school year were announced by Supt. of Schools Jesse O. Sorenson here Monday.

Retirements and resignations will become effective on June 12 and of the current school year, but only three persons - J. L. Leavitt, Mrs. Heenan Senter and Mrs. Ronald V. Wilson - will retire.

Teachers and principals continued by the school board to serve in the various schools are:

Washington High School - M. W. Atkins, principal, J. H. Brown, Jr., Margaret B. Bugg, Mrs. Ethel L. Clark, Etta E. Doren, Mrs. Minnie B. Eaton, Melba E. Elliott, Mrs. Gertrude Harris, Jeanette Hicks, M. C. Hill, H. T. Johnson, Mrs. Alberta Livingston, J. C. Livingston, Maye Edna Ligon, Mrs. L. L. Perry, Mrs. Elsie Hunt Perry, Mrs. Susie V. Perry, W. W. Smith, Mrs. Ida Evans Washington, P. H. Williams, Effie M. Yeatman, and R. H. Toole.

Leilei Hunter School - J. W. Eaton, principal, Mrs. Lucille Bryant, Mrs. Eliza Allen Davis, Mrs. Marion Esterling, Mrs. Nan P. Frazier, Mrs. Augusta H. Gray, Mrs. Ora B. Hardie, Mrs. Gila S. Harris, Mrs. Alice Jones, Mrs. Mrs. Mozelle Lane, Dorothy Lane, Mrs. Lucille Ligon, Mrs. Addie G. Logan, Rachel McCauley, Mrs. Mattie Mitchell, Mary Phillips, Mrs. Henri Stradwick, and Mrs. Collin J. Warham.

Oberlin School - Margaret Harris, principal, Mrs. Lucille Campbell, Mrs. Margaret T. Haywood, Mrs. Mattie M. Kelly, Amanda B. Rhine, and Katherine Young.

Washington Elementary School - James H. Baker, Mrs. Geneva Brown, Mrs. Ruth D. Catheart, Helen B. Davis, Mrs. Lucy P. Eaton, Mrs. Gloria K. Green, Mrs. Martha Jackson, Mrs. Mildred T. James, Doris Louise Larkin, Mrs. Carrie M. Prather, Mrs. Gwendolyn V. Red, Fannie J. Sims, Mrs. Wiley Louise Williams, and Pearl Louise Wortham.

Crosby-Garfield School - M. D. Williams, principal, Mrs. Mattie F. Alms, Marie T. Brooks, Mrs. Bertha A. Butler, Clarine E. Christmas, Mrs. Mary Culler, Annie E. Cunniff, Blanche E. Elliott, Mrs. Mary A. Elmer, Mrs. Marie Gorham, George M. Hayes, L. D. Haywood, Mrs. Ethel H. Hunt, Mrs. Nura E. Lockhart, Mrs. Addie H. Logan, Mrs. Margaret Roberts, Gertrude P. Rogers, Mrs. Mary E. Watson, Mrs. Garnelle Watts, Effie M. W. Baker, and Mrs. Alma T. Williams.

**600 Pupils Get Paid at WIS**

RALEIGH - A total of 600 pupils of the Washington High School were relieved of their school debts by the WIS. Mr. Williams, executive secretary of the Wake County Tuberculosis Association, announced here Wednesday.

**ROBESON KILLER GIVEN PARDON**

RALEIGH - Booker T. Williams of Robeson County, saved from the electric chair by executive intervention in 1927 after he was convicted of first degree murder, received his freedom here Saturday after 20 years of "honorable conduct."

**RALEIGH MAN GETS REPRIEVE**

RALEIGH - Bob Stewart, 45, of Raleigh, scheduled to die in the gas chamber at Central Prison Friday, was granted a 30-day reprieve by Governor Cherry in order to allow attorneys to gather and present all of the facts in the case, it was announced here Monday.

Stewart was sentenced to the January term of the Wake County Superior court for the fatal shooting of Tech. 4 Ernest Jones here December 15, but the 30-day reprieve automatically expires June 12 and his execution is set for the third or four Friday thereafter, June 28.

According to testimony in the case, he shot Jones following an argument between the two regarding another man whom the defendant claimed had been "keeping company" with his wife.

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**Harlem's Oldest Methodist Church Burns Mortgage**

New York (AP) - A long-burning ceremony was held at Mother AME Zion church, regarded as the oldest and largest Methodist church in Harlem, Sunday.

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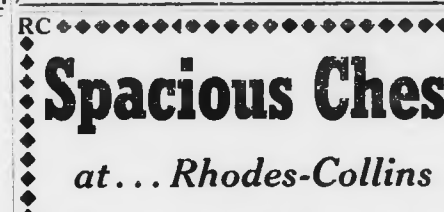
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