

RIOT TRIAL OF COLUMBIA NEGROES SHIFTED TO SOUTH TENN.

Irrated Group Oppose Transfer of Trial to Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Lawrenceburg, Tenn. — Judge Joe Ingram, District Attorney Paul Bumpus and the Klan irated group of Henry Crumley, scene of the infamous riot of the past few weeks, received an unexpected setback from white business and professional led by the late mayor of Lawrenceburg who oppose transfer of the trial of 25 Columbia Negroes to this town.

Mayor R. O. Downy backed by the town's leading figures, Negroes and whites.

Judge Ingram's headachess seem destined to increase hourly as he declines the petition. "We resent being called upon to launder it," moving the trial here.

"We conscientiously believe it would be impossible for the Negroes to receive fair and impartial treatment before a Lawrence County Grand Jury," the petition of the Negroes declared.

The Negro petitioners stated that three local Negroes who signed state affidavits stating the Columbia defendants could receive a fair trial in Lawrenceburg had been induced to do so only under duress or themselves. One Negro who signed the state sponsored affidavit retracted his earlier position and signed the Lawrenceburg petition. The mayor himself is quoted as saying, "The purpose of the change of venue is to aid the defendants but that purpose has been betrayed in Maury County Court action." He then accused Bumpus of "fixing" the record in order to send the case to Lawrenceburg (39 miles from the Alabama border). "We supported Bumpus when he ran here but we are going to have justice. If we have in fact Paul Bumpus to get it," continued the mayor.

Recent legal developments in the case reported by Maurice Weaver and Z. Alexander Looby, NAACP defense counselors revealed the continuance or postponement of the William P. Love, Lovel Kennedy case to the November term in Maury County Circuit Court. This action was granted by beleaguered Judge Ingram and his prosecution when NAACP defense counsel asked for postponement following news of illness of Thurgood J. Marshall, chief defense counsel, Marshall.

It was learned that continued by defense during the last three days of the trial in Columbia despite his illness.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in her syndicated column of July 9th stated, "I was discouraged on receiving word the other day that the trial of the Columbia, Tenn. Negroes was to be moved to a place where the tension and anti-Negro feeling is, if anything, stronger than it was in Columbia."

"Throughout this whole case I have been wondering why I could not understand that, among the men in this country there were numbers of Negro veterans. They often felt, during their war service, that there was discrimination against them. And to come home and face the difficulties of readjustment and of finding a job is as difficult for them as for white men."



ATTENDS FOLKLORE INSTITUTE — J. Mason Brewer, above, nation's foremost authority on North American Negro folklore, is attending the Folklore Institute of America at the University of Indiana this summer. Director of research at Sam Houston College, Brewer is author of many studies in the field and is completing A Guide Book of American Negro Folklore under a grant in aid from the American Philosophical Society.

Thomas Sees New Price Control Act for Masses

ATLANTA (AP) — In the south seeking Red Cross workers for assignments in Germany and Austria, Jessie O. Thomas, assistant to the vice chairman of the American Red Cross, last week felt that legislative representatives in Washington will pass a new price control act.

"The way prices and rents have gone up all over the country since the demise of OPA is clear proof of the need of effective price control," he said.

Citing examples of inflation in Europe which he visited early this year, Mr. Thomas said that the average man cannot eat and sleep in that war-torn continent because prices have gotten far out of control.

It was Mr. Thomas' belief that congress will be forced to enact a price control law more on the order of what President Harry S. Truman had in mind when he vetoed the conference passed measure which resigned OPA Administrator Chester Bowles declared full of "bobby traps."

Concerning the death of goods on the American market, it was the Washington official's opinion that source items will become more plentiful if congress passes a law for control and big business is convinced the people demand and want such legislation and safeguards. Considerable high-powered lobbying preceded the senate filibuster against passage of the bill finally submitted to the president, Thomas stated.

DELTA MAKE PRESENTATION

WASHINGTON (AP) — As an initial gift to the "woman's museum," planned by the National Council of Negro Women, Delta Sigma Theta sorority recently presented the organization with a collection of books by Negro women writers.

The presentation, made on National Archives day at a book tea held at council headquarters here, marks the first effort of a group to aid in the nationwide search for material by or about Negro women which the museum will preserve.

The program, sponsored by the National Library Project committee of the sorority, featured discussions with women writers of the district. The writers present included Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Miss Beatrice Murphy, Dr. Merze Tate, Miss Elsie Austin, Miss Lucia Pitts and Dr. Marian Wright.

Mrs. Sue Bailey Thurman, chairman of the archives committee of NAACP, received the books for her organization. Others participating in the program included Miss Annie Dunbar, who presented the books, Mrs. Mame Mason Higgins of the National Council staff, Mrs. Maudie national president of Delta Sigma Theta, and Miss Katherine Mauldin, who designed an attractive guest book for the occasion.

LITTLE TUSKEGEE OPENS IN LIBERIA

MONROVIA (AP) — The only educational institution in Liberia offering courses in subjects that prepare students to do and teach agriculture and the manual arts is Booker Washington Institute.

It is similar to Tuskegee and Hampton, except that its work is not yet on the college level. It was established at Kakata about 10 years ago by the aid of the Phelps-Stokes fund and Philanthropic American friends. Its board of trustees is in the United States, and Thomas Jesse Jones is secretary.

There is a board of managers in Liberia with the secretary of state, Gabriel Dennis, as chairman along with such distinguished American members as R. O'Hara Lamer, United States minister to Liberia; Bishop David W. Harris, Episcopal Church; Bishop Willis J. Koss, Methodist Church; and R. S. Wilson, a representative of the Firestone company.

The newly appointed principal, and first colored man to hold that position, is W. C. Wynn, formerly chairman of Florida A. and M. College. There are 40 other members of the faculty, all of whom are Liberians except Mrs. Wynn, wife of the principal, who is teacher of English and librarian. A total of 126 young male students are enrolled at the school.

CLARK TEACHER RECEIVES PH.D.

ATLANTA (AP) — A Ph. D. degree in English was awarded Mrs. Stella Brewer Brooks, chairman of the English department at Clark College here, on June 23. Her field of emphasis was American folk literature.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brewer of Austin, Texas, Mrs. Brooks is the widow of E. Luther Brooks, a former director of Clark College's Science Department. She holds an A. B. degree from Wiley College and an M. A. from the University of Michigan. She has been a member of the summer school faculties of Alabama State Teachers College and Atlanta University.

Mrs. Brooks was elected to membership of Phi Lambda Theta, a national honorary society, while at Cornell.

MAN, 97, CITES 'HARD WORK' AS ONLY FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Known to be past the age of 97, Edward Remond Wingfield, is viewed at his Mt. Meigs home near

here recently, declared his firm belief is that "hard work is youth-giving" and far more effective than any so-called scientific discovery which he mixes to lengthen life.

The father of 12 children, and aged man is known to his friends as "Uncle Ed," and he and his neighbors, has outlived four of his children and his wife by 35 years.

Residing with his son, J. R. Wingfield, 72, "Uncle Ed" rises early and is active most of the day. Retirement to his workshop in back of the farm house where he lives, he spends the day weaving corn-buck baskets, mats and chairs, and making a certain type of horse collar which he designed himself.

Mr. Wingfield's horse collar, used exclusively at the Alabama State Reform school for Negroes where his son is superintendent, is characterized by a deep hem which prevents harness parts from slipping.

Uncle Ed, who isn't really even that of his age, knows that he recalls Civil war days when he was a slave on the old Wingfield plantation at Rumer, and believes he was about 12 when Lee surrendered to Grant.

J. R. Wingfield, who seems to pattern after his father in the pursuit of hard work, is noted in the community for the fine school he has directed for 25 years. Youngsters sent to the school do all the work on the 6400 acres which the school covers, and care for the dairy of 35 cows.

PREACHER SHOTS MAN

NASHVILLE (AP) — The first casualty in this community, resulting from dropping of price controls, is thought to have occurred last week when a self-styled preacher, Albert T. Pitts, shot his landlord, Green Estmond, during an altercation allegedly over payment of rent.

Pitts, 38, wounded Estmond in the arm and side with a 12-gauge shotgun when the landlord appeared at his rented home, during the preacher's 7 a. m. prayer hour, brandishing a Winchester rifle.

A disagreement led to a struggle between the two, according to witnesses, and Pitts broke loose from Estmond slaming the door in his face. Estmond then ran around the side of the house, according to reports, and upon entering the kitchen faced Pitts' shotgun.

Participants in the workshop include in-service teachers from Kalamazoo and B'le Creek, Mich., and Cincinnati, as well as representatives from North Carolina.

LANGSTON PROF. ON INTERCULTURE PROJECT

LANGSTON, Okla. (AP) — Dr. William H. Mattie, director of the division of education, Langston University, has been appointed to the staff of a workshop in intercultural education which is being sponsored jointly by Western Michigan college, the University of Michigan and the Bureau for Inter-Cultural Education.

The workshop is being held at Clear Lake, Mich.

TWO GIFTS MADE TO GAMMON

ATLANTA (AP) — President J. W. Haywood of Gammon Theological seminary, last week announced two gifts recently received by the seminary.

The first was a grant from the department of Negro work of the Methodist church. Dr. F. A. Love, superintendent of the department, had made available a fund which will enable the seminary to establish summer internships for students in training for the ministry. The second gift is in the amount of \$2,500 and comes from a friend who wishes to remain anonymous.

S. C. SCHOOL PROTESTS

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP) — Vigorous protests against a demolition of the Booker Washington high school here were filed this week with Dr. A. C. Flara, city superintendent of education and Dr. J. Heyward Gibbs, chairman of the board of trustees for the city district.

The protests grew out of an advance report from the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary schools which said that the executive committee of this body had demoted the school from "A" to "B" at its 1946 meeting in Memphis last March. The school was rated "A" in 1933 under J. Andrew Simmons, Mr. Simmons resigned as principal last year in protest of libelous remarks made of his capability during an equal salary case here in April of 1945. John H. Whitman succeeded him.

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EDITOR CITES MINORITIES TO FOLLOW LABOR

BIRMINGHAM (AP) — "The way organized labor goes in an election is usually the way minorities should go," declared Emory O. Jackson, secretary of the Birmingham NAACP in his prepared report to the monthly meeting of the branch July 10.

Jackson presented a "rate sheet" on the six candidates in the July 30

CIO OFFICIAL SEEKS FULL COOPERATION

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C. — Mrs. Reddick of Suffolk, Va., vice-president of the National Negro Congress and International vice-president of the FTA (Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers Union of America) addressed a large group of people interested in the C. I. O. at Rocky Mount here Tuesday night.

The robust speaker began her remarks by saying "The C. I. O. has done more for Negroes than any other union. The C. I. O. has local autonomy. We believe in training leaders to run their own unions."

"I am not a Judas" said Mrs. Reddick. "I will not betray my people. I bring you the best union for the Negro."

The speaker continued, "The CIO was born in 1935. Unlike our competitor we are not a union of trade unions but a union of common laborers. We do not sign backdoor contracts. Our workers meet the boss."

"We are open and above board. We invite any A. F. of L. representative to our meetings. Anyone is free to ask questions."

"CIO Program"

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Mrs. Reddick said "You don't need a Ph.D. to join a union. God

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