

# 23 ADMIT PART IN LYNCHING OF HOLDUP-MURDER SUSPECT

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# FRANCIS GETS PAROLE

## Ga. Governor Fight To Supreme Court

### State's Highest Tribunal To Hear Issues March 6

### LAWYER FACES DISBARMENT FOR ATTACK

NEW YORK (ANP) — Homer L. Loomis, Sr., Wall Street lawyer, faces disbarment in this state for his attack last week on Jews and Negroes during the trial of his son, secretary and organizer of the Columbians, Inc., in Atlanta for beating a Negro.

Herman Hoffman, president of the New York County Criminal Bar association, revealed that he has asked Georgia solicitor Gen. Ernest E. Andrews for a transcript of Loomis' remarks with the intent of seeking disbarment proceedings against the man, whose son was sentenced to 1 month in a work camp after he tried vainly to sway the all-white jury by race baiting Young Loomis is now free (Continued on back page)

ATLANTA (ANP) — The Georgia Supreme court will hear argument on all three cases now pending in the gubernatorial dispute on March 6. It was announced last week. This is in advance in date of March 10-12 previously slated.

Attorney for Governor Talmadge, Acting Gen. M. E. Thompson and the Fulton National bank of Atlanta agreed that 23 points of the issue could be joined into a single hearing.

Fulton Judges Walker C. Hendrix and Bond Almond have ruled that Herman Talmadge is the legal governor of Georgia, while Judge Claude Porter, of Rome, ruled that M. E. Thompson is the governor.

In ruling that Talmadge is the legal governor, Judge Almond concurred in Hendrix' decision. The ruling was on a suit of the Fulton National bank which had enjoined both governor claimants from acting on the exclusive times until it was instructed who was legal governor.



JOINS DC PRESS CLUB — Pictured above is James L. Hicks, staff writer and assistant chief of the NNPA News Service, who has been officially accredited by the Secretary of State as a Correspondent of the State Department and becomes the first colored newspaperman officially admitted to the State Department Correspondents' Association.

APRIL 6-12 DECLARED NATIONAL BAR ASS'N WEEK — Chicago — (NNPA) — Earl B. Pickens, president of the National Bar Association, in a proclamation issued last Monday declared the week of April 6 to 12 "National Bar Association Week."

### S. C. LYNCHERS FACE MURDER WARRANT

GREENVILLE, S. C. — Warrants charging 31 Greenville white men with murder in the lynching of Willie Earle last Monday have been sworn out, Sheriff R. H. Bearden reported here Thursday night.

Thirty of the 31 persons were in custody, he said, and the remaining defendant expected to be taken into custody "in an early date."

Thursday's developments climaxed an intensive investigation opened by federal, state, county and city officials shortly after Earle's body which was still warm was found in Greenville County early Monday morning, February 17, after he had been seized in the Pickens County Jail at Pickens by an armed mob after he had been confined on charges of stabbing and robbery.

T. W. Brown, white Greenville taxi driver, taken across the Pickens County line and lynched.

Sheriff Bearden said he had signed a confession of 23 of the men in the mob, and that the case may be re-opened in the March term of Superior Court.

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### Offered Another Straw Of Hope In Fight For Life

BATON ROUGE, La. (ANP) — Willie Francis, 17-year-old convicted robber-slaver of a white drug, was offered another straw of hope in his fight to escape the electric chair for the second time, when the Louisiana State Parole board agreed to conduct a hearing on his case. It was revealed here last Saturday.

Francis, who escaped on his first visit to the state's portable electric chair last May because of some failure in the "hot seat" working mechanism, recently lost a second appeal to the U. S. Supreme court by a 3 to 4 decision. This high court decision placed the case back into the hands of the Louisiana state authorities.

In Chicago, a group of prominent religious, civic and business persons immediately began agitation for commutation of the death sentence, headed by Clarence W. Harding Jr., an official of the Congress of Afro-American People, the group descended upon the governor's office here in Baton Rouge and presented petitions and pleas in an effort to save Francis from undergoing a second ordeal of death.

Arriving before word of the high court's first decision was published, Harding and his group were successful in obtaining a 10-day stay of execution pending a second appeal, which was subsequently denied. The group has taken up headquarters at the Hotel Ever Ready and working in conjunction with Atty. LeBlanc of New Iberia, La., is carrying the fight further.

Many local leaders, white and colored, have joined in the fight for commutation of sentence, together with several Catholic priests.

### N. C. NAACP CONFAB BACKS WAGE BILL

RALEIGH — Senator Allsbrook and others introduced in the Senate a Minimum Wage and Maximum Hour Bill (SB 118). This bill, if enacted into law, would mean higher standards of living for a large number of workers in North Carolina.

In substance, the Bill states that "every employer shall pay to his employee a wage not less than forty (\$40) cents an hour." Further, no employer shall employ any male employee more than forty hours a week, nor more than six days a week, unless he is paid at a rate of one and one-half times the regular rate.

The North Carolina Conference of NAACP, says T. L. Spraggins, the legislative chairman of NAACP, is endorsing the Bill that Senator Allsbrook and others have presented, because "there are a large number of workers in the State who are getting less than forty cents an hour a week."

Hence, the NAACP feels no greater injustice exists than the plight of these men and women who work hard yet receive so little for their labor that they can barely keep body and soul together.

This segment of our laboring force, who are working for less than 40 cents an hour, cannot get enough food to fill them. The golden gate of opportunity is closed to them and their children.

The NAACP does not feel that forty cents an hour, is the desirable wage a worker should get, but the group is pleased to learn that the Senators desire to put a floor under wages and a ceiling over hours of work for the State of North Carolina so that when the depression comes there will be a stopping point for the amount of wages that can be paid to workers.

### SCHOOL HITS \$1,000 MARK IN "Y" DRIVE

The Y drive at Myers Street School has reached fever heat as the deadline draws near for its conclusion.

Teachers and pupils have worked consistently to attain the goal of one thousand dollars which they set up at the beginning of the drive. On Thursday evening of this week the program ending the drive will be held in the school library and predictions are that the school will pass a goal of one thousand dollars.

At this concluding program, Mr. (Continued on back page)

### PRESIDENT TRUMAN TO VISIT VI'S

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA) — President Harry S. Truman will visit St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and be the guest of Governor William H. Hastie, former dean of the Howard University Law School, on March 13. Charles G. Ross, Presidential press secretary, told reporters last Tuesday.

The visit to the Virgin Island will take place during Mr. Truman's trip to the Caribbean for the Atlantic Fleet maneuvers in March. It was said.

### VA AIDE PRAISES UNITED VETS

CHICAGO (NNPA) — Praising the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America for its election to give colored veterans Joseph Albright, special adviser to General Omar N. Bradley, recently told HINAVAY, Chicago Area Council here recently that the task which the veterans organization has cut out for itself carries with it the weight of great responsibility.

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## Discriminatory Note Mailed Job Applicants

By JAMES L. HICKS, NNPA Staff Writer  
Washington, D. C. — Documentary evidence of discrimination against colored job applicants in the Agriculture Department made public by the United Public Workers of America last Tuesday.

## POLICE SEARCHING FOR TRIGGER MAN OF S. CAROLINA MOB

GREENVILLE, S. C. (ANP) — Sined confessions from 25 out of 25 taxi cab drivers rounded up by law enforcement officials in connection with the Feb. 17 lynching of a holdup-murder suspect have been secured. It was disclosed here Wed. by Sheriff R. H. Bearden.

The lynch victim, Willie Earle, 25, was being held in Pickens County jail on a charge of fatally stabbing T. W. Brown, white Greenville taxi cab driver two days before. Brown was found unconscious from knife wounds along a roadside in Pickens county, 500 yards from his cab. He had been robbed of \$40, a watch and a ring. He died two days later.

Earle was arrested because officials said they had traced his footsteps from Brown's cab to his mother's home. This evidence and the alleged discovery of a bloody knife on Earle's person brought a coroner's jury verdict that he was the slayer. Earle protested his innocence.

According to Jailer J. E. Gilstrap, an unimpressed mob of about 25 to 30 forced him to release the prisoner to their custody early the morning of Feb. 17. Gilstrap, who is 62, said the hapless man was taken from the jail and driven out of Pickens in a motor car owned by T. W. Brown. His body was found beside a country road in Greenville county, approximately four miles from here. He had been stabbed five times and had a sin-

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## Divine May Own Part Of Cornell University Dorm

NEW YORK (ANP) — If the New York State courts uphold the will made by the late Mrs. Lyons, wealthy white woman, Father Divine becomes part owner of a dormitory at Cornell University, the New York State land grant college.

Cornell, founded by the late Ezra Cornell, is one of the richest of all land grant colleges and its wealth has been considerably increased from time to time by gifts from wealthy white alumni.

However, it was disclosed recently by George Reagan, counsel for Dr. William Hills Sheldon, brother of the deceased Mrs. Mary H. Sheldon Lyons, that the old lady left Father Divine a half interest in Sheldon court, a Cornell dormitory, named after Mrs. Lyons' father. The state, Mr. Reagan said, recently sued from students occupying the building.

If Divine wins the contest now in the courts, he will therefore, through the two "heavens" become a Cornell property owner. (Continued on page 8)

## Columbians President Gets Three Years Imprisonment

ATLANTA, Ga. (NNPA) — Superior Court Judge Carl Crow last Friday sentenced Emory Burke, race-baiting president of Columbians, Inc., to imprisonment for three years for usurping police authority with his brown shirted troopers.

A twelve-man, all-white jury last Thursday found him guilty on three misdemeanor counts and, by direction of the court, sentenced him on two other counts. Judge Crow gave him twelve months on each count, the sentences to run consecutively. His counsel immediately entered a motion for a new trial.

In imposing sentence Judge Crow told Burke that "we live under a government of constitution and law, constitutional authority, and the duty of every person is to (Continued on back page)

## Man 70, Held For Rape Of Eleven Year-Old Girl

### HONOR HEROES

NEW YORK — Launching of the publication NEGRO HEROES, a new magazine of the National Urban League designed for teenagers, will be marked by an unusual program in the East Room of the McAlpin Hotel, 34th Street and Broadway, on Friday, February 28, from 4:00 to 6:00 p. m.

In keeping with the colorful and youth-appealing format of NEGRO HEROES, Friday's program will feature one of the "heroes" Matt Hennessy, Mrs. Frances Ullman and Neil David, as special guests.

Mr. Hennessy, now 81 years old, was co-discoverer with Admiral Peary of the North Pole. Mrs. Ullman is editor of CALLING ALL GIRLS, a magazine having the largest circulation among teen-age youths. Six-year old Neil David is the son of Coast Guardsman Charles David.

BALTIMORE (ANP) — Unique discovery of pregnancy in a 11-year-old girl, admitted to John Hopkins Hospital last week, lead to the arrest of a 70-year-old man on charges of rape and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. It was disclosed here Friday.

The child, unidentified, was admitted to the hospital for treatment of another condition. One of two attending physicians, Dr. Jeannette McLaughlin, said that examination revealed the pregnant condition of the girl, "the youngest I have heard of in this part of the country."

The man charged with being responsible for the girl's condition gave his name as "Emir Khan of Afghanistan," to arresting officers. Police-woman Caroline Robinson notified in police court that he had taken "candy, fruit and baby clothes" to the girl who had been moved to the obstetrical ward. He is being held without bail.

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## Barber Examiners Accused Of Accepting \$500 Bribe

### HOLD RITES FOR MRS. A. L. FLEMING

RALEIGH — Funeral services for Mrs. Alverda L. Fleming were held at St. Paul's AME Church on Sunday, February 28, at 4:30 p. m., with the minister, Dr. T. P. Duhart, officiating. She was the widow of the late Dr. H. L. Fleming, local dentist who died last August. Her survivors include a daughter, Althea, a janitor at Hampton Institute, two sisters, Mesdames Clinton Ligon and Ruth Walker of Raleigh, two brothers, James A. Boyer of Raleigh and Daniel Chase Boyer of New York City.

Mrs. Fleming died at St. Agnes Hospital on February 23, after a protracted illness.

RALEIGH — One of the many Resolutions presented to the General Assembly was one introduced by Representative Robert Moseley of Guilford to investigate the activities of the Board of Barber Examiners. This Resolution is of particular interest to Negroes, because of the large number of barbers in the State.

At the hearing in the Resolution many Negroes spoke requesting that an investigation be made of the undemocratic and dictatorial manner which the Board was issuing permits to barbers and licenses to operators of Colleges.

Woods Morgan, Sr., told the committee that he paid J. M. Chesek, Chairman of the Board \$500 as protection against being forced to give up a barber college. Questioned by the Committee members, Chesek (Continued on page 8)

### HOEY OPPOSES MOVE TO END FILIBUSTER

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA) — Hearings were closed last Tuesday by a Senate Rules subcommittee after Senators Walter F. George and Clyde B. Hoey of North Carolina, both Democrats, had appeared in opposition to proposed changes in Senate rules to break up filibusters.

If the existing rule is amended more than to give a motion for cloture precedence over motions (Continued on back page)

## Howard Students Ask Resignation Of Professor

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NNPA) — Students at Howard University last week staged two mass demonstrations demanding the resignation of two white professors, who are accused of racial bias in their writings and were joined in their demand by a petition signed by eighteen members of the faculty.

Following a mass meeting last Monday, a student committee called on President Medical W. Johnson and urged him to request the resignation of Dr. R. Huggles Gates of the Zoology Department on the grounds that he is "writing for several publications" has demonstrated that he considers colored people inferior to whites and that he has held this view in his classroom.

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They also asked Dr. Johnson to advise Dr. Tapp Ellinger of the Zoology Department who, they charge, was instrumental in the firing of Dr. Gates and who has previously been charged with having written articles derogatory of colored people.

Dr. Johnson is reported to have advised the students of the proper steps to be taken in initiating charges for dismissal of professors. He is said to have told the students that the charges must be made in writing that a copy of the charge must be given the instructor, that he must be given a hearing before a committee selected by the faculty, and that any final decision would be reached by the University.

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### RACISM BLAMED FOR HIGH RACE HOMICIDE RATE

CHICAGO (ANP) — A Negro may expect leniency when he kills another Negro, but he is almost certain to get the full extent of the law when he kills a white man.

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### CIVILIANS NEEDED FOR AIR FORCE

Civilians, who possess certain skills used by the United States Army Air Forces, may be enlisted in non-commissioned officer grades, regardless of whether or not they have had previous military service, according to a statement issued today by Lt. Jewel M. Pate, Commanding Officer of the U. S. Army Recruiting (Sub) Station of the Army Recruiting Service located at 109 W. Main St., Raleigh, N.C.

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