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HUGE SUGAR RACKET EXPOSED

Urges Killing Of Negroes

WDL HAILS QUICK ACTION AGAINST S. C. LYNCHERS

ASHEVILLE (WDL) — Sheriff R. H. Beardon of Greenville, S. C., received a congratulatory letter from Joe Felmet, southern field secretary of the Workers Defense League for his prompt action in rounding up the lynchers of Willie Earle, a Negro.

A local WDL investigation found the usual situation of nobody willing to talk. All but one of the 30 arrested are cab drivers, but as an Easley cab driver expressed it: "The taxi drivers are afraid to talk." It was as a suspect in the fatal stabbing and robbery of a Greenville cab driver that Earle was arrested.

The men who hang around court houses, bus stations and bars appeared glad the lynching happened. They expressed the view that Earle got what he deserved and were convinced of his guilt, even though he had not come to trial.

One man told the WDL investigator that several police officers were involved in an unsolved lynching several years ago.

Negro Sleuths Blast Lid Off Black Market

CHICAGO (ANP) — Two Negro sleuths brought here from New York by the federal government blew the lid off a huge nation-wide sugar racket which is reported to have diverted from 8,000,000 pounds of sugar from regular distribution channels and made millions of dollars in the process. Headquarters for the gang of black market dealers and counterfeiters, consisting of both white and Negroes, was located in the heart of Chicago's southside, according to the federal agents.

The operators sold the stamps at prices ranging from three cents to 30 cents, depending upon the number of middlemen involved and whether the stamps were counterfeit or legitimate. Louis Pierce was charged with stealing 8,000 No. 4 ration books from an OPA warehouse.

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S. C. RUSHES LAW SCHOOL

COLUMBIA, S. C. (ANP) — Prodded by a \$15,000 damage suit filed against the University of South Carolina Law school by veteran John H. Wright when it rejected his application, the S. C. legislature this week was rushing through a new law school at State College in Orangeburg, it was revealed this week.

Disclosure of the fact was made in letters to Wright from President M. F. Whitaker of the Orangeburg institution.

Replying to an inquiry, Mr. Whitaker wrote Mr. Wright February 12 that there was no law school at State College. Ten days later, February 22, the college prexy wrote again saying that since his first letter he had been been told the house of representatives had authorized a law school and appropriated money for it.

3 MINUTES, ONE LIFE IS CANCER TOLL IN U. S.

NEW YORK, N. Y. — If you think you are free from the chances of dying of cancer, listen to this: One American, colored and white, dies of cancer every three minutes. Of the 135,000,000 Americans now living, 17,000,000 eventually will die of it. This means one of every eight Americans living now will die of cancer. About 170,000 Americans will die this year unless the people do something about it.

CAPITAL GETS RADIO ANNOUNCER

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Reuben Brown has recently joined the staff of WQQW. He is the first Negro radio announcer in this city.

Mr. Brown was born in Kansas City, Mo., and a graduate of the University of Kansas. He studied speech while in school and has done some dramatic work in the Little Theatre in Kansas City. He was a lieutenant in the army air forces.

VIRGINIA TERMED BEGINNING, END OF DEMOCRACY

RICHMOND, Va. — Virginia is both the cradle and the graveyard of democracy, Jonathan Daniels, executive editor of the Raleigh, N. C. News and Observer, told the Virginia Retail Hardware Dealers' Association at their annual public meeting here Tuesday.

He said the poll tax in Virginia is just as ugly as it is in Mississippi and both states, because of their poll tax laws, disfranchise more southern white men than southern Negroes.

NAACP SCORES BIAS ARMY ENLISTMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Discriminatory requirements for the enlistment of Negroes in the U. S. Army were scored on February 24th by Jesse O. Dedmon, secretary of veterans' affairs, NAACP, in a letter of protest to Assistant Secretary of War Howard Peterson.

Such a policy, which would require Negro enlistees in the Regular Army to make a score of 99 per cent or higher on the Army General Classification Tests, Mr. Dedmon charged as undemocratic. In his letter of protest, Mr. Dedmon stated: "It has come to the attention of the NAACP that enlistment in the Regular Army for Negro applicants requires that they have a recorded AGCT standard score of 99 or higher, if otherwise eligible and qualified for enlistment, without regard to Military Occupational Specialty."

"Some time ago, our organization wrote to the War Department protesting the use of any restricted basis for enlistment in the Army of any personnel based on race or color. If the present policy of the War Department restricts Negro enlistments in the Regular Army to those who have an AGCT score of 99 or higher because of the fact that they are Negroes, who believe such a policy to be discriminatory and undemocratic. We request that such a policy based on race be discontinued."

Ethiopia Training Pilots

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (ANP) — Ethiopia has received from Sweden six civilian planes of the "Saab-Safer" type. The planes, which are three-seaters, were flown from Sweden to Addis Ababa, a distance of 6,000 miles, without a mishap and arrived ahead of schedule. They attracted much attention at every landing point in Europe and Africa.

Five young Ethiopian air cadets are familiarizing themselves with the flying qualities of the Safer at the Saab plant Swedish instructors at the number of 20 are acting as instructors at the Ethiopian Air Force base at Bishoftu, near Addis Ababa. The Safer is a low-winged monoplane with a 130 HP De Havilland Gipsy Major engine equipped with a tricycle undercarriage. It has a cruising speed of 130 miles an hour, a maximum speed of 145 miles an hour. Wing span is 34 feet 8 inches.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, in the in-

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Brothers Freed In Flogging Case

MONROE, Ga. (ANP) — James Verner, 36-year-old white man, was acquitted last week of charges that he and his brother, Tom, committed assault and battery on Golden Lamar Howard, 19-year-old Negro, in the Athens federal district grand jury box.

Verner was acquitted despite the fact that he openly admitted he beat Howard until his fists were bloody. The question finally resolved itself into the defense attorney's summary of pitting "this nigger's word against that of these two fine white gentlemen."

The case appeared open-shut

Newspaper Says Federal Court Upsetting South

TEACHERS FORM ORGANIZATION

Memphis, Tenn. — Meeting for the first time in what is expected to be one of the most significant organizations in the entire South, teachers, officers of state teachers and education officials of eleven states assembled here the past week-end at a conference.

The organization which this group formed is called the Conference of State Teachers and Education Association Officials. These persons represent the many thousands of teachers in the country having separate schools for colored children.

The conference declared that Negro education organizations should demand and work for the practice in America of the ideals of democracy as well as abroad. The group strongly endorsed esmvoeemRDLU Sawtekes dorse movements for equalization of educational opportunities.

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NAACP ASKS UN CONSIDER NEGRO'S PLIGHT

NEW YORK, N. Y. — Resting its case on the purpose stated in the United Nations Charter that there shall be respect "for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion," the NAACP, on February 21st presented to the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations a statement on the denial of human rights to minorities in the case of citizens of Negro descent in the U. S. and appealed to the United Nations for redress.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, in the in-

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CHILD KILLED BY AXE BLOW

KINSTON, — Coroner Raymond Fallock of New Bern Thursday was investigating the accidental death of a six-year-old daughter of George King of Kinston, Route 1, who died of an accidental axe wound inflicted by her father at their home about 6:30 Wednesday night.

King as cutting wood, and the child came too close to pick up some and got in the path of the axe, according to reports, and died before she could be rushed to a doctor. No arrest has been made.

GEORGIA STATE PREXY RESIGNS

SAVANNAH, Ga. (ANP) — Resignation of Dr. Benjamin F. Hubert as president of Georgia State College, was announced from the office of the state board of regents in Atlanta last week.

Dr. Hubert's resignation was co-incident to the annual election by the board of heads of the 18 units comprising the Georgia University system.

SENTENCE OF DEATH UPHELD BY COURT

RALEIGH — Otis Ragland, convicted of raping Mrs. Floyd Moore Martin County White woman, last fall lost his appeal to the Supreme Court and must die in the gas chamber at Central Prison here March 14, the State Supreme Court said in a digest of opinions released here Wednesday.

Evidence in the case showed that last November, a few days after Ragland had escaped from a Mar-

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ANNIVERSARY FOR GIRL SCOUTS TO BE OBSERVED

NEW YORK, N. Y. — The thirty-fifth Anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States will be celebrated on March 12th throughout the country, with more than a million girls of all races, creeds, and colors participating in the celebration. It was announced this week by the National Headquarters of Girl Scouts. The theme of the celebration is "Girl Scouts — Better Citizens Build A Better World."

Washington High School To Get Bus Service

RALEIGH — The Carolina Power and Light Company has agreed to give adequate bus service to Washington High School students from East Raleigh, according to an announcement made by a special transportation committee of the East Raleigh Civic Forum at its regular monthly meeting Sunday.

A determined crowd at Maple Temple Christian Church, heard the report of the tentative agreement reached between their committee and the bus officials in a conference Sunday. In a previous meeting Wednesday the committee reported to bus officials that the people would have better bus service for their school children even if they had to provide their own transportation.

For this tentative arrangements had already begun with person and friends owning private coaches and thousands of handbills had been circulated throughout the city asking the people for their

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HOWARD UNIV. CAMPUS QUIET

Washington, D. C. — (NNPA) — Things were quiet on the Howard University campus last week after the two demonstrations, students staged demanding the dismissal of Professors Ruggles Gates and Tate Ellinger because of their teachings of racial inferiority.

Patricia Shaw, director of the Student Assembly which was instrumental in the staging of the demonstrations, said students were too busy "boring" for coming examinations, but the fight had not been dropped.

Dr. Gates was back at the university last week after two days' absence during the demonstrations "with a severe cold." Dr. Ellinger was still absent from the campus.

CHANGES NEEDED IN CITY GOVERNMENT

RALEIGH — Raleigh, a rapidly developing city, needs many changes, but according to many local residents its greatest need is a more scientifically administered city government, a sampling of public opinion on the proposed city manager plan for the City of Raleigh revealed here this week.

Advocates of the city manager plan contend that it minimizes "petty politics" and provides more democratic representation of the interests of the city.

South Park residents point out that five city blocks, from Smithfield Street to the city lot have no bridges over or under the Southern Railroad, and that in the same area four streets running North toward the downtown section are cut off because there is no crossing over or under the Southern Railroad.

Two city block South of Bragg Street were included as part of the city several years ago on condition that the section would be

improved. Today the streets are still muddy, sewerage disposal systems have not been installed and the streets improved so that postal authorities could extend mail service to the section.

The Carolina Power and Light Company was granted a transportation franchise on the condition that it would provide service for all sections of Raleigh. Today there are not enough coaches on the South Street line and because the buses are so far apart it takes as long as an hour to travel from South Park to New Bern Avenue. South Park residents have to walk half way to town before reaching the bus line. All of the coaches in the East Raleigh and South Park sections are crowded because there are too few of them and they run too far apart.

It is contended that these conditions would not exist if the City of Raleigh had a sound, efficient government and that the city manager plan offers the best opportunity to improve conditions.

Southern Beauty Congress Maps Plans For Meet

Birmingham, Ala. — The official Congressional Tea, scheduled for 2:00 o'clock, April 13th at Masonic Temple in Birmingham, Alabama, will signal the opening of the 1947 four-day trade show of the giant Southern Beauty Congress. Outstanding features for that day will be the presentation of the country's leading Negro manufacturers of beauty products and the Craftsmanship Contest under the direction of Mrs. T. B. Boyd of Nashville, Tennessee, and Mrs. Lillian D. Robinson of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The keynote address opening the educational activities of the Congress, will be delivered at 7:30 P. M. at the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, with Mr. Lucious Harper, Executive Editor of the Chicago Defender, featured speaker. Arrangements for this particular session will be under

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URGES DEWEY TO SUPPORT AUSTIN-MAHONEY BILL

New York — The Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at its regular February meeting voted to support the Austin-Mahoney bill now in the New York state legislature, in announcing its support of the bill. The NAACP board issued the following resolution:

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Maid Held In Bondage For Nearly 30 Years

TEXANS AGAINST SEGREGATION IN SCHOOLS

HOUSTON, Texas — Condemning separate schools and calling for the end of segregation in Texas public schools, the Houston N. A. A. C. P. branch's "kick-off" meeting for its 1947 membership campaign got off to a rousing start, on February 23rd. The resolution, presented to a packed house, was greeted by enthusiastic cheers. The group also adopted resolutions calling for an anti-lynching bill and opposing both state and federal anti-labor legislation.

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TEXANS AGAINST SEGREGATION IN SCHOOLS

SAN DIEGO, Cal. (ANP) — California got its first recorded case of slavery since Civil War days when FBI agents accused a former Massachusetts white couple of holding a maid in a condition of involuntary servitude for nearly 30 years, it was revealed here last week.

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